

Evicted in Oregon

Lane County Eviction Profile

2022-2023

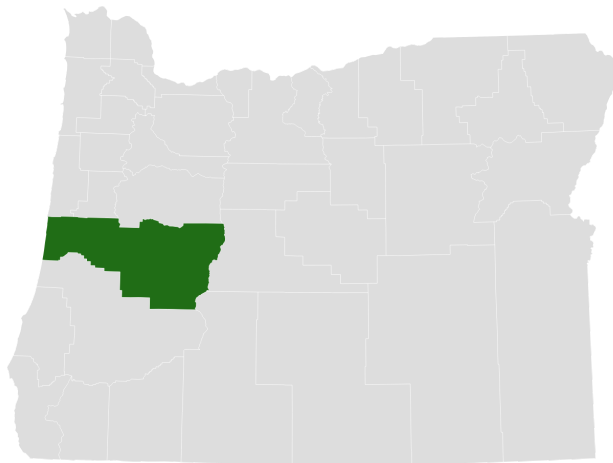


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LANE COUNTY AT A GLANCE

Population: 383,189

Oregon: 4,246,155

Median Age: 40.5

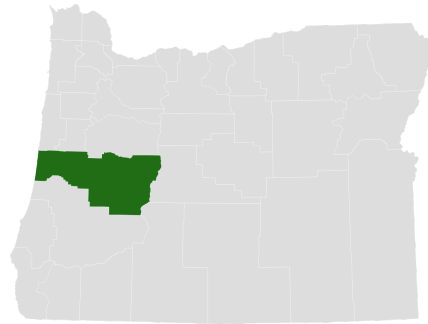
Oregon: 40.1

Poverty Rate: 14.3%

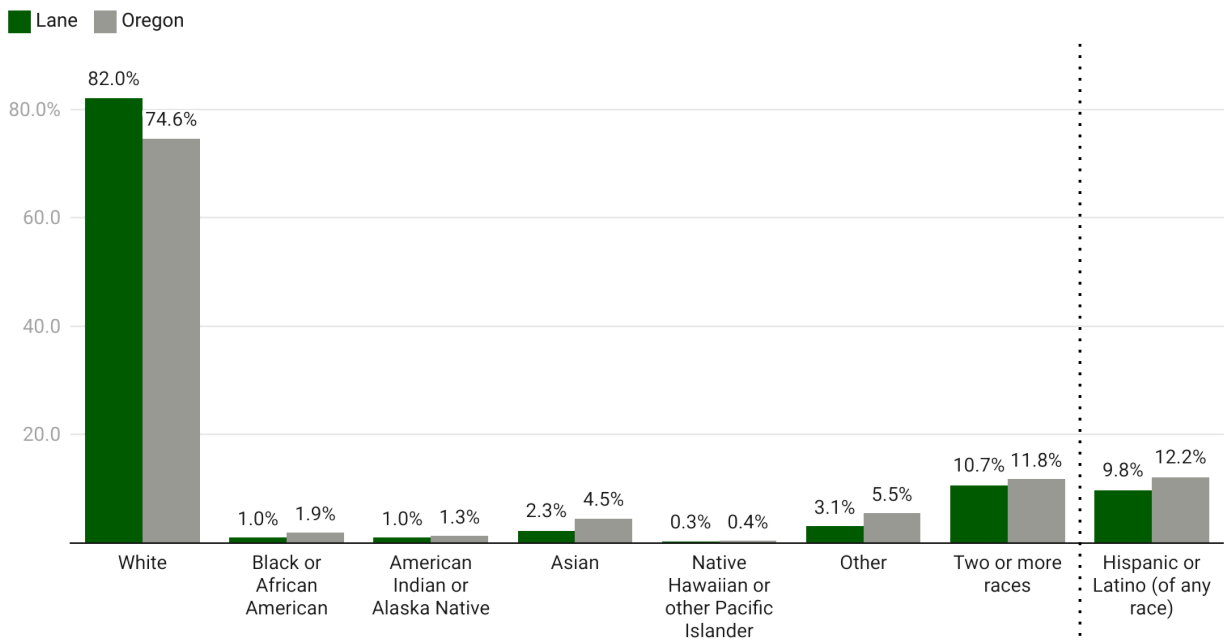
Oregon: 12.2%

Median Household Income: \$61,712

Oregon: \$71,562



Race and Ethnicity:



Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2021 • Created with Datawrapper

RENTING IN LANE COUNTY

Renter Occupied Units: 62,640 (39% of all occupied units)

Oregon: 616,569 (37% of all occupied units)

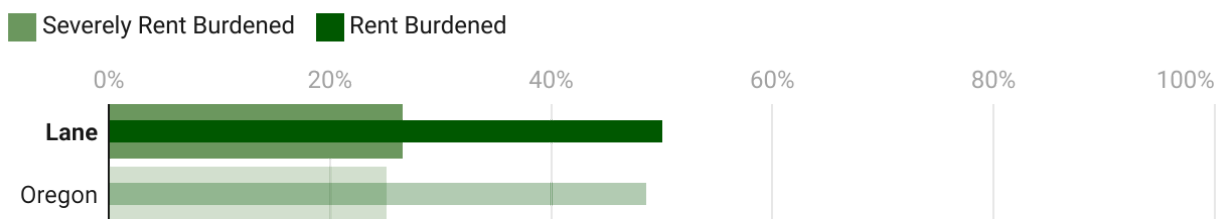
Median Rent: \$1,131

Oregon: \$1,282¹

Affordability:

50.2% of Lane renters (32,034 households) are **rent-burdened**, meaning they spend **30% or more of their income on rent**

26.7% of Lane renters (17,013 households) - over half of all rent burdened households - are **severely rent-burdened**, meaning they spend **50% or more of their income on rent**²



Source: Housing Needs Assessment Report, Housing Solutions Lab at NYU Furman Center • Created with Datawrapper

Point-in-Time Homeless Count (2023):

2,824 people

2,110 unsheltered

640 in shelter

74 in transitional housing³

EVICITION COURT IN LANE COUNTY



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Lane County processes evictions through both the Lane County Circuit Court and the Lane County Justice Court. **The court data in this report represents eviction cases filed in the Lane County Circuit Court only.**

Lane County Circuit Court

125 E 8th Ave
Eugene, OR 97401

Lane County Justice Court

900 Greenwood St.
Florence, OR 97439

EVICITION COURT PROCEDURAL PATHS

For every eviction complaint filed in Oregon, a *first appearance* will be scheduled and a *final judgment* will be issued. The case begins at the first appearance hearing and is disposed of at that hearing, through an agreement, or at trial.

1. Concluded at First Appearance

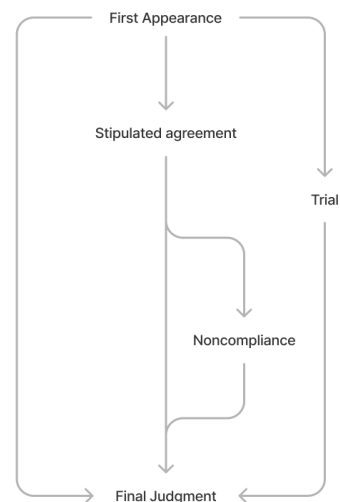
A judge issues a final judgment at the first appearance hearing. Includes *default judgments of eviction* (when a tenant misses a court appearance) and *dismissals* requested by the plaintiff.

2. Stipulated Agreement is Reached

A *stipulated agreement* is a court-enforced agreement between the tenant and the landlord. Common terms include a payment plan, a move-out date, and/or changes in behavior. The case may remain open until a final judgment of dismissal or eviction is issued.

3. Goes to trial

Trials are where a judge hears and considers evidence and testimony regarding the complaint and defenses from the tenant. At the conclusion of the trial, a final judgment—either a *dismissal* or a *judgment of eviction*—is issued.



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All data from this section—with the exception of the causes listed on eviction notices—were drawn from Oregon Judicial Department court records. Data tables were generated in February 2024. You can find the most recent eviction data on [Evicted in Oregon’s website](#).

Eviction Filings

	2022		2023	
	Lane	Oregon	Lane	Oregon
Cases filed	1,642	18,812	2,041	22,470
Cases filed per 100 rental units	2.6	3.1	3.2	3.7

Causes Listed on Eviction Notice⁴

Data on the causes listed on eviction notices is provided by the Oregon Law Center.

	2022		2023	
	Lane	Oregon	Lane	Oregon
Nonpayment	68% (1,117)	75% (14,132)	78% (1,589)	81% (18,257)
No cause	5% (77)	3% (581)	3% (57)	2% (539)
For cause	19% (314)	15% (2,868)	13% (266)	10% (2,278)
Landlord reason	3% (51)	3% (480)	1% (16)	1% (220)
Tenant notice	2% (32)	1% (239)	2% (32)	1% (206)
Others	3% (51)	3% (512)	4% (81)	4% (970)

Eviction Cases with a First Appearance Hearing

2022

	Lane	Oregon
Cases with first appearance hearing	1,639	18,738

2023

	Lane	Oregon
Cases with first appearance hearing	2,036	22,436

Percentages shown in the tables below are calculated based on cases that have had a first appearance hearing.

Legal Representation in Landlord-Tenant Court⁵

2022

	Lane	Oregon
Landlord has a lawyer or agent	41%	54%
Tenant has a lawyer	7%	9%

2023

	Lane	Oregon
Landlord has a lawyer or agent	44%	57%
Tenant has a lawyer	5%	6%

Eviction Case Outcomes

Outcome data below is organized based on the year cases were filed (not the year cases received a judgment).

2022

	Lane	Oregon
Eviction judgment	44% (714)	36% (6,723)
Dismissed	56% (912)	61% (11,486)
Final outcome unknown	1% (13)	3% (529)

2023

	Lane	Oregon
Eviction judgment	32% (652)	27% (6,161)
Dismissed	52% (1,066)	55% (12,359)
Final outcome unknown	16% (318)	17% (3,916)

ENDNOTES

1. US Census Bureau, American Communities Survey 2021
2. Housing Needs Assessment, Housing Solutions Lab at NYU Furman Center
3. Lane County, [2023 PIT Count Data](#)
4. For an explanation of the different types of causes listed in termination notices, see <https://www.evictedinoregon.com/causes-listed-on-notice-of-termination>.
5. For the latest data on legal representation rates in eviction court, see <https://www.evictedinoregon.com/disparity-in-legal-representation>.

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MORE INFORMATION

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