

# HB 2544: Oregon's Unaccompanied Houseless Youth (UHY)



OREGON HAS THE

**1st**

HIGHEST RATE OF  
YOUTH HOUSELESSNESS  
IN THE U.S.

IN OREGON

**3,700**

UNACCOMPANIED  
HOUSELESS YOUTH IN THE  
2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

	<b>% of UHY</b>
Physically Abused at Home	<b>40-60%</b>
Sexually Abused at Home	<b>20-40%</b>
Formerly in Foster Care	<b>33%</b>
LGBTQIA+	<b>Up to 40%</b>
Black/African American	<b>34%</b>
Youth of Color	<b>51%</b>

## COVID-19 DANGERS FOR UHY

The pandemic is increasing  
the 2 main causes of UHY:

1. Family financial distress
2. Family dysfunction & abuse

HOUSELESS YOUTH ROSE

**32%**

IN OREGON DURING  
THE 2008 RECESSION

AS MANY AS

**3/4**

OF UHY LIVE WITH  
A CHRONIC MEDICAL  
CONDITION

## PATHWAY 1: EXPAND HOST HOME NETWORK

\$2.2million for host home housing that keeps youth in school – or enables youth to return to school – by providing:

1. A Home
2. Food
3. A Supportive Family



**54%**  
OREGON  
HOUSELESS  
STUDENT AVG.

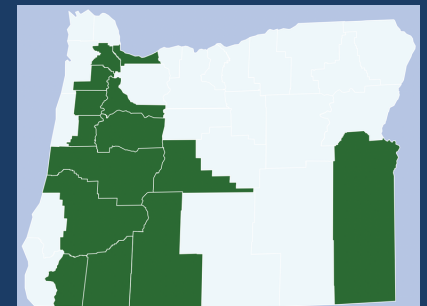


**94%**  
HOST HOMES  
(SECOND HOME)

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES

## PATHWAY 2: EXPAND SHELTER & SUPPORT SERVICES

\$2.2 million to expand or enhance existing UHY shelter facilities, outreach, culturally specific services, mental health/substance use services, other transitional housing options.



COUNTIES WITH RHY GRANTEEES

### Sources

*State Youth Houselessness Rankings:* <https://wallethub.com/edu/states-with-the-most-at-risk-youth/37280/>. UHY rates and rankings calculated 2016-17 school year data compiled from: [https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d18/tables/dt18\\_203.20.asp](https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d18/tables/dt18_203.20.asp) (public school enrollment), <https://www.usich.gov/homelessness-statistics/> (number of UHY).  
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