

Local Trends in Homelessness for Older Adults

Senate Committee on Housing and Development

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NWPP Services to Low-Income Older Adults



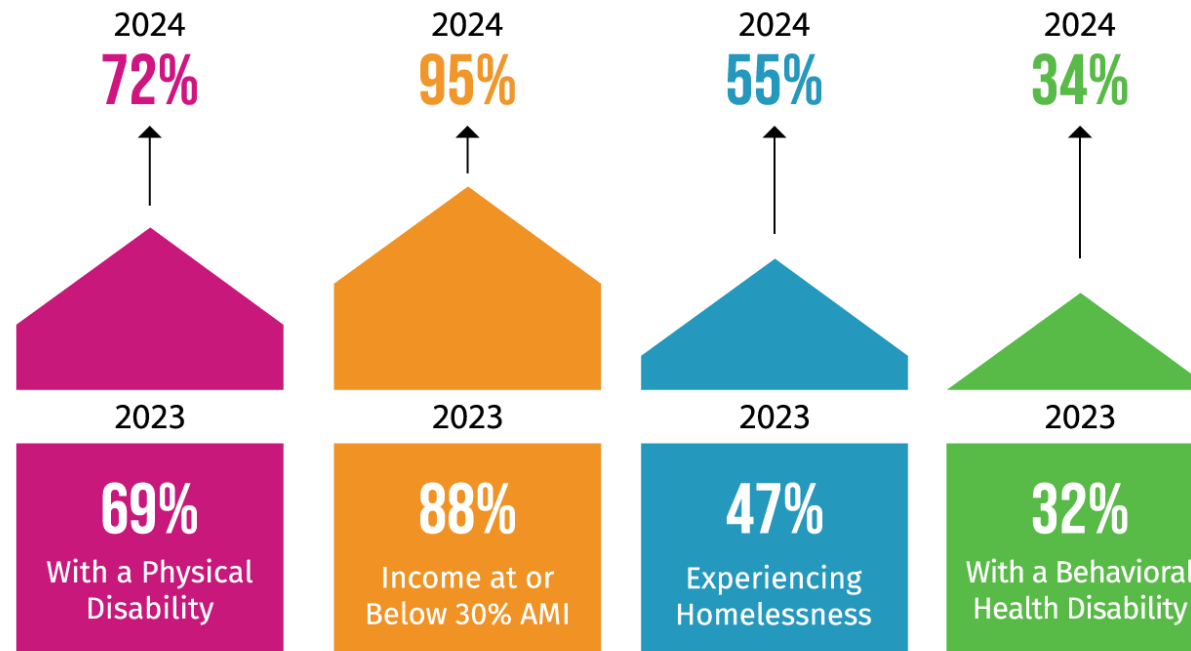
- The population of adults age 55+ living in Multnomah County is growing
- Local Counts show older adults make up **25%** of the homeless population
- This past year, NWPP assisted **over 1,000 individuals** with housing related services.

This crisis will require more collaboration amongst service providers, housing providers, health systems and government entities.

Data Trends Amongst NWPP Clients

NWPP Services Offered:

- Housing Assessments and Resource Sharing
- Rent assistance
- Connections to Transitional Housing
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Housing Retention Support



Key Focus Areas:

- **Cross-Sector Case Conferencing :** Working with Health Health Share and Mult. Co. on Health and Housing Integration
- Permanent Supportive Housing and Housing Retention
- Addressing the crisis in in-home care and support services

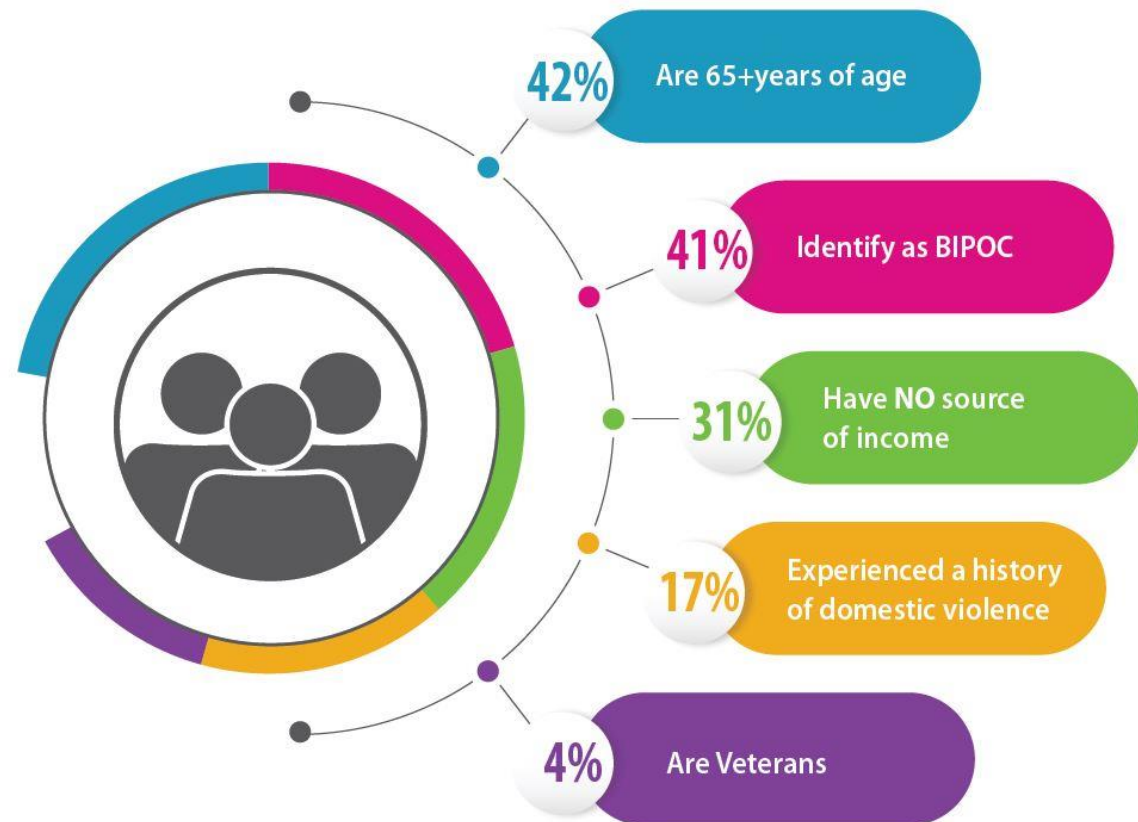
2024 Client Demographics

- NWPP has seen a **40% increase** in clients age 62+ over ten years

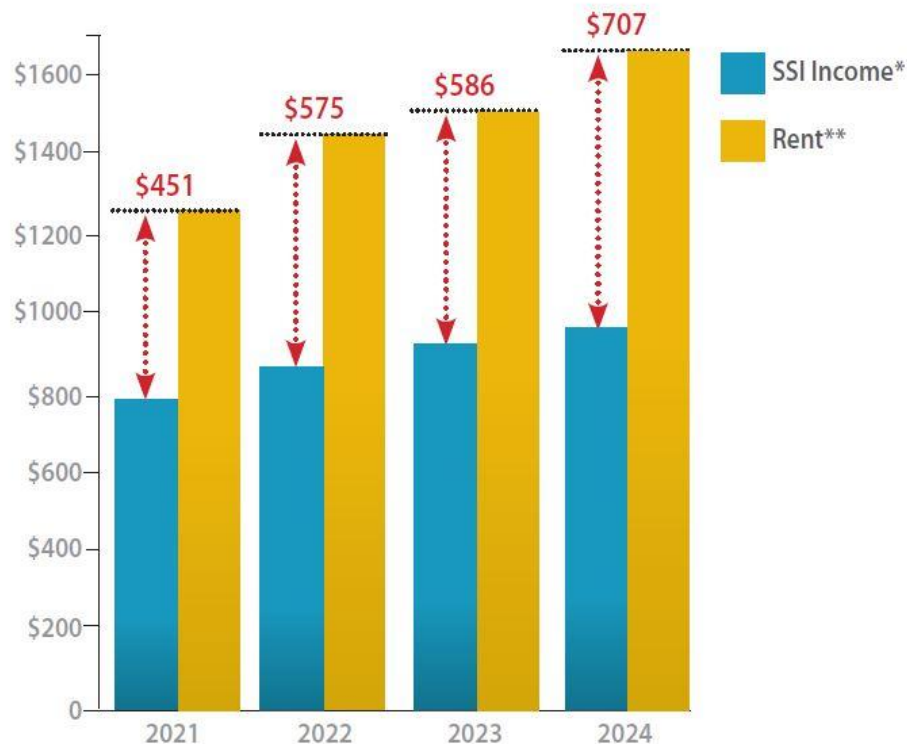
It is critical to adjust services to better meet the needs of older adults

Our organization alone cannot keep up with a senior population that is growing exponentially

More system-level collaboration needed to address the shortage of services for behavioral health, physical health and in-home services



More Affordable Housing is Key



The gap between typical NWPP clients' income and average studio rent in Portland Metro

Specialty services alone will not solve this crisis

Older-adults living on fixed incomes simply cannot afford housing unless it is subsidized

The affordable housing stock and shortage of rent assistance are insufficient to meet needs of current adults population

*SSI Supplemental Security Insurance

**FMR Fair Market Rent

Source: Social Security Insurance (SSI) from Social Security Administration, Fair Market Rents (FMR) from HUD

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