



# Homelessness in Oregon

*Each night 3,267 people are turned away from emergency shelter.*

Oregon recently completed their annual "One Night Shelter Counts" for 2006. On any given night, **8,242 individuals are provided emergency shelter** across the state... unfortunately, an estimated 3,267 Oregonians are left to the streets, forest roads and public right of ways.

The face of homelessness has changed. Families now comprise 72% of those being turned away and we are seeing a disturbing trend – a significant increase in the number of children who are homeless. Children currently make up 39% of those turned away.

## Oregon "One Night Shelter Counts"

Year	# of Oregonians Sheltered	# of Oregonians Turned Away
2001	5,814	1,183
2003	6,039	1,003
2004	7,014	1,653
2005	8,169	2,359
2006	8,242	3,267
2008 Projected Trend	9,672	5,954

\* Source: Oregon Housing & Community Services "One Night Shelter Counts" for March 2001, March 2003, March 2004, January 2005 and January 2006.

### Community Action Directors of Oregon (CADO) Address the Homeless Dilemma

Homelessness is not a new challenge and we are adapting to the changing population of people seeking help. Yet we must expand shelter capacity to meet the increasing demand of families, children, seniors and people with disabilities and mental illness who are currently being turned away. In real dollars, the state is currently spending less on homeless programs than it did 10 years ago.

Every \$1,000 in state funding leverages an additional emergency shelter opening. Accounting for inflation, CADO estimates it would cost \$6,132,620 to create shelter capacity for the projected 5,954 people at-risk of homelessness in the next biennium.

CADO supports the Oregon Housing Alliance Agenda of increasing \$6 million dollars in funding for the Emergency Housing Account (EHA) through an increase in the real estate document recording fee.