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Point in Time reports over the past decade help to describe the hurdles faced by the homeless and why neighborhoods are ill equipped to cope with this group. By and large, the homeless are not economically displaced from permanent housing. The majority suffer from at least one disabling condition (72% in 2019). They suffer from various combinations of developmental disabilities, mental health problems, and/or chronic health issues. The majority aren't from Multnomah Co. (in 2019, 77% have re-located here from some other state). Also, about 1/3 were homeless upon arriving in the county. The two images I've attached are only the tip of the debris, trash, hoarding, and toxic waste that accompany homeless encampments along SE Powell Blvd between SE 52nd - SE82nd, and along SE Foster.

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