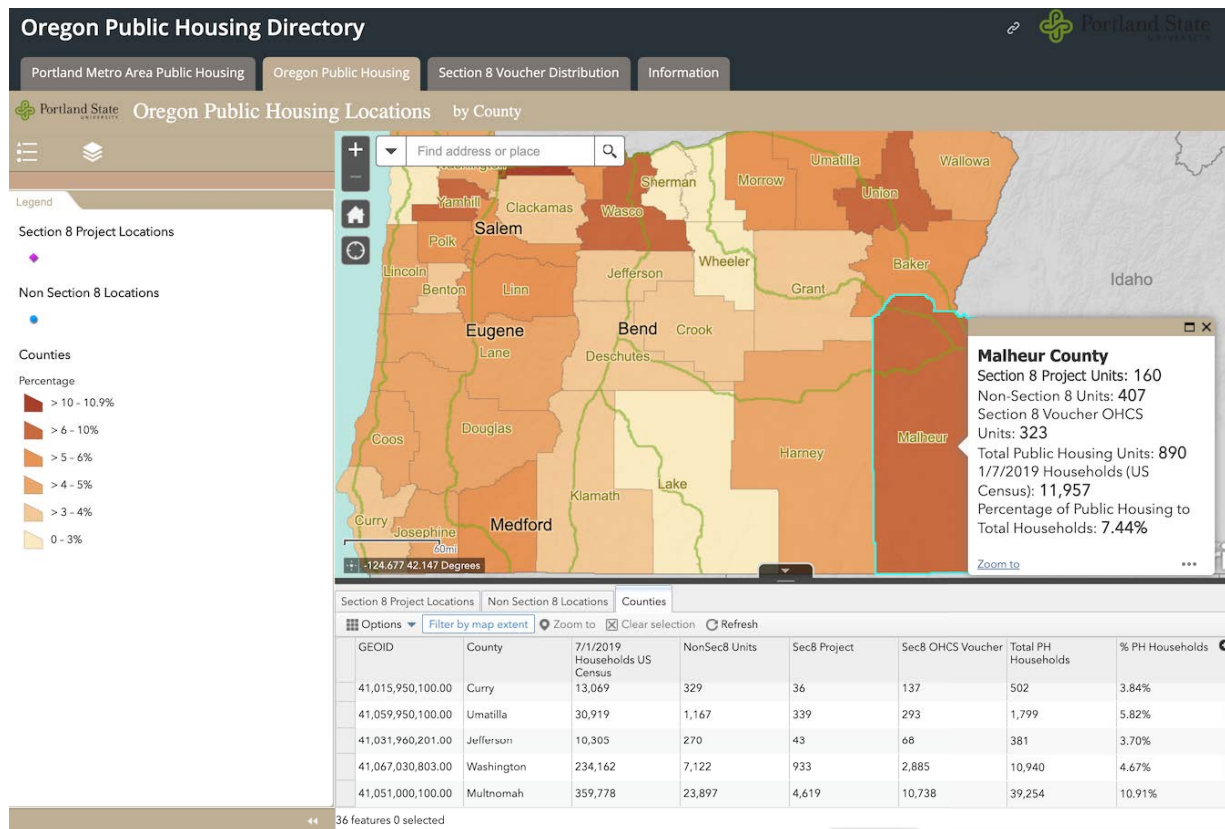


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Hi Fellow Oregonians:

On behalf of the *Metro/Oregon Public Housing Location Maps* team*1 at Portland State University I am proud to announce the *Public Housing Location Maps*, the first of its kind in Oregon and the United States of America. It is a set of interactive maps showing the types, numbers, percentages and locations of Public Housing Units in every county in Oregon. Click on the map image below or [here](#) to access.



The purpose of this map is to provide a *common touchstone* of Public Housing Location Data. Elected officials and all Oregonians can use these maps to discuss, debate and decide on the best, reasoned, defensible, equitable policy decisions related to Public Housing *locations* in Oregon.

We can NOT have a credible, fact based public debate with defensible

arguments for or against any Public Housing Policy without **credible data**. Now we Oregonians, all of us, have it. In fact, it gets better than that. We also have easy to understand interactive maps that visually tell us the story of Public Housing Locations within *every county* in our Oregon.

The Oregon Housing and Community Services department and other county housing authorities have identified approximately 107,385 Public Housing households connected to Public Housing Authorities and related agencies in the state of Oregon. **All** of these households meet the following criteria: PUBLIC HOUSING i.e. **a class of housing** defined as, Means Test ($\leq 80\%$ MFI) + Government Subsidy (any government any type) + Rental Agreement.

There is no publicly available evidence that any of these 107,385 Public Housing households are currently occupied by households that meet the following criteria: AFFORDABLE HOUSING is a **mathematical construct** defined as, Rent/Mortgage + Insurance + Taxes + Utilities $\leq 30\%$ Household Income.

Research has revealed that *most Public Housing is NOT Affordable Housing*.

Government is in the Public Housing business NOT the Affordable Housing business.

Metro/Oregon Public Housing Location Maps Enable Equity, Parity, NIMBY Debate

Equity. Parity. NIMBY. These terms can and should be considered with every decision to spend public funds on Public Housing throughout Oregon. **Where Public Housing is located** has not been a consideration in the placement of Public Housing because there was no authoritative source that all parties could use as a common factual basis. The *Metro/Oregon Public Housing Location Maps* will make conversations and decisions possible.

We hope that after examining the *Metro/Oregon Public Housing Location Maps* and the included data files you will ask these questions:

A. Which policy is more dominant among and within Oregon counties, **Equitable** Distribution of Public Housing or Targeted, UNLIMITED neighborhood/city/county concentration of Public Housing?

B. Do you see **parity** of Public Housing *locations* among Oregon's counties, the Metro Regional Government counties and Multnomah county neighborhoods?

a. How do we explain/justify the percentage range of Public Housing units to total housing units within Multnomah county neighborhoods from zero to 100%?

b. How do we explain/justify the percentage range of Public Housing units to total housing units within Metro's three counties from 3.25 to 10.91%?

c. How do we explain/justify the percentage range of Public Housing units to total housing units within all Oregon counties from 0.11 to 10.91%?

C. Is your county/city/neighborhood **overloaded** or **underserved** with Public Housing?

Please feel free to copy and past the map image above or this URL, <https://www.goodgrowthnw.org/maps>, to public jurisdiction web sites or other places where interested citizens can easily find it.

Thank you for your interest. Enjoy the exploration.

Send comments to Richard Ellmyer<ellmyer@pdx.edu>

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