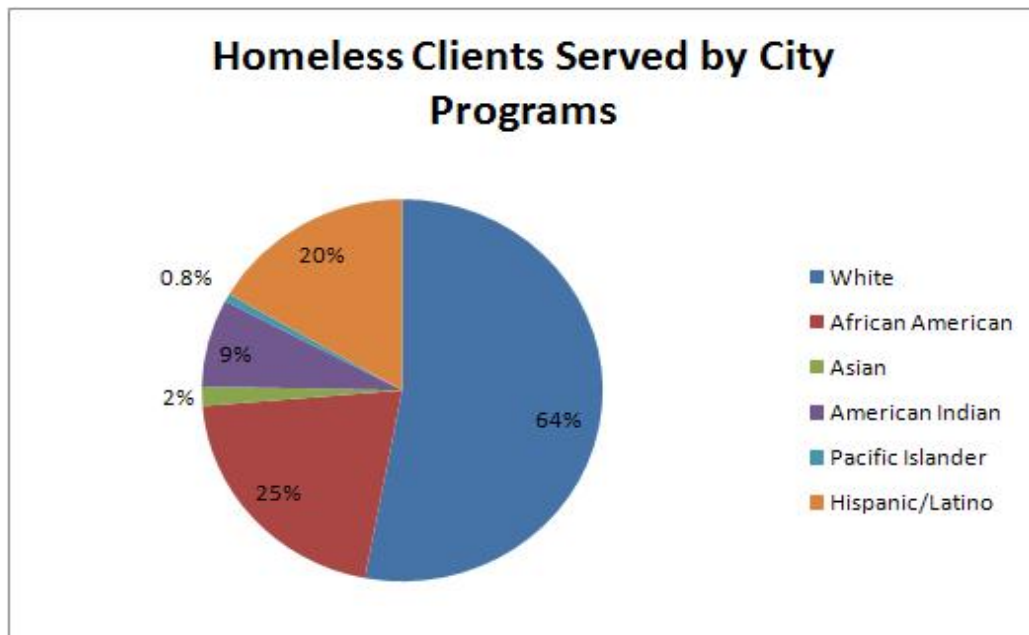


FY 2009-10 Snapshot of Housing and Homeless Program Outcomes by Race and Ethnicity

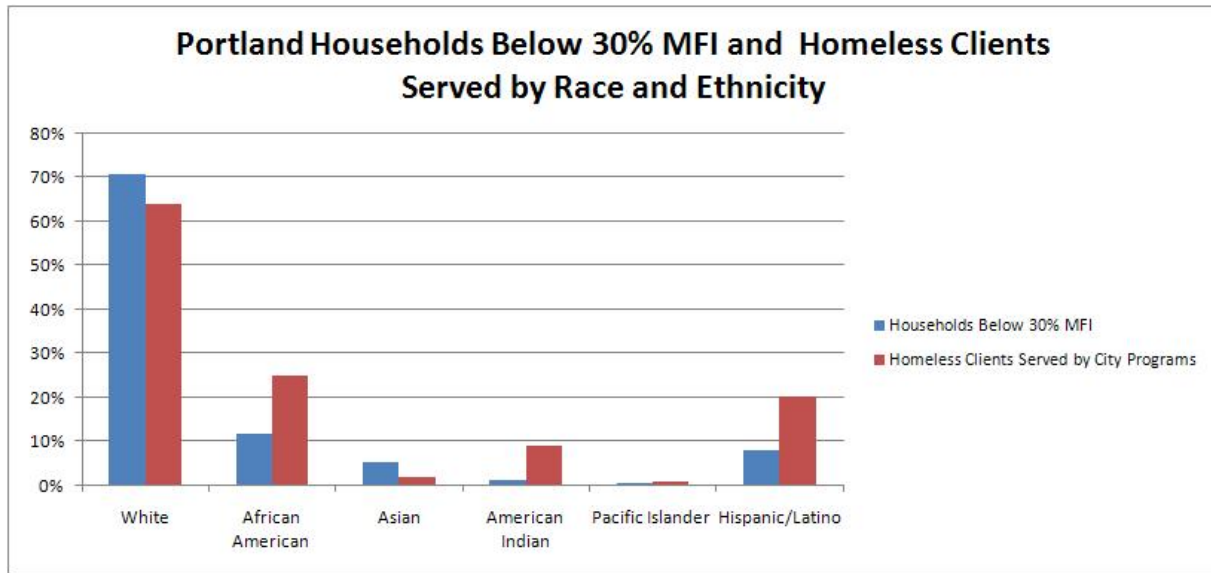
The Portland Housing Bureau's funds through the Ending Homelessness Initiative serve a diverse population of people experiencing homelessness. The following two charts summarize and depict the racial and ethnic backgrounds of people served. Chart A shows the race and ethnicity of all individuals receiving services in the year, as reported in the community's Homeless Management Information System over the last fiscal year, while Chart B compares the percentages of low-income households below 30% MFI (Median Family Income) with the percentages of households experiencing homelessness by race and ethnicity.

CHART A: Race and Ethnicity of All Clients Served



* Hispanic category includes people of all races with Hispanic backgrounds.

CHART B: Race and Ethnicity of Households Below 30% MFI and Homeless Households



*All clients served by City Homeless programs FY 09/10. Data source City of Portland Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and 2009 CHAS Data. CHAS data is special tabulation data provided to the Department of Housing and Urban Development by the Census Bureau. The data undercounts low-income people, children, and minorities. The undercount is of particular concern for PHB in establishing the need for services in our community. As community verified population counts are available, they will be used by PHB to assist in establishing need.

A closer look at the chart and table above indicate that several racial and ethnic groups, including African Americans, American Indians, Pacific Islanders, and Hispanic/Latinos, receive homeless services at disproportionately higher rates than their representation in the low-income population. There are multiple factors that directly and indirectly influence this finding, however it can be inferred from the data that several households of color experience homelessness in higher rates than White households. A further analysis in Table A shows the race and ethnicity of households receiving assistance through the specific program areas of: Supportive Housing Rent Assistance, Short-Term Rent Assistance, Transitional Housing and Emergency Shelter.

TABLE A: Race and Ethnicity of Individuals Receiving Services¹

	White		Black or African American		Asian		American Indian or Alaskan Native		Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		Hispanic/Latinos ²	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Emergency Shelter	1,289	73%	363	21%	27	2%	76	4%	3	1%	178	10%
Supportive Housing Rent Assistance	624	64%	255	26%	17	2%	69	7%	7	1%	126	13%
Short-Term Rent Assistance and Homelessness Prevention (new and ongoing)	2,448	57%	1,255	29%	99	2%	434	10%	77	2%	1,511	35%
Transitional Housing	256	70%	80	22%	10	3%	17	5%	1	0%	14	4%

1) Count is of **individuals** "alone or in combination with other races, with or without Hispanics." Persons who are multi-racial may appear in more than one category. The minor over-counting that this creates is offset by the undercounting that exists within our administrative systems.

2) Hispanic category includes people of all races with Hispanic backgrounds.

FY 2009-10 Snapshot of Homeownership Program Outcomes by Race and Ethnicity

A close look at Table B below indicates that several racial and ethnic groups, including African Americans, American Indians, Pacific Islanders, and Hispanic/Latinos attend homeownership fairs and receive homebuyer education at higher rates than their representation in the general Portland population. This same rate, however, is not reflected in the households successfully purchasing their first homes or receiving loans. There are multiple factors that directly and indirectly influence this finding, however it can be inferred from the data that several households of color experience barriers to homeownership in higher rates than White households.

Table B shows a high percentage of Asian borrowers represented through the Bureau's indirect programs which include tax exemptions and SDC waivers.

TABLE B: Race and Ethnicity of Individuals Receiving Services¹

	White		Black or African American		Asian		American Indian or Alaskan Native		Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander		Hispanic/Latino ²	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Homebuyer Education and Counseling	1568	78%	263	13%	118	6%	48	2%	16	1%	232	12%
Attending Homebuyer Fairs	206	42%	90	18%	82	17%	109	22%	4	1%	106	22%
Purchasing Homes ³	535	80%	43	6%	58	8%	27	4%	3	0%	72	10%
Homeowner Loans and Grants – Home Repairs	90	81%	9	8%	10	9%	2	0%	0	0%	8	7%
Small Scale Home Repair Projects	1292	94%	57	4%	18	1%	11	1%	1	0%	464	34%
Limited Tax Exemptions	110	45%	11	4%	109	44%	2	1%	0	0%	11	7%
System Development Charges (SDC) Waivers	79	35%	8	4%	120	53%	2	1%	1	0%	15	7%

- 1) Count is "alone or in combination with other races, with or without Hispanics." Persons who are multi-racial may appear in more than one category. The minor overcounting that this creates is offset by the undercounting that exists within our administrative systems.
- 2) Hispanic category includes people of all races with Hispanic backgrounds.
- 3) PHB funds a small numbers of loans for direct financial assistance. This number represents households who received homebuyer education or counseling and went on to purchase a home.