60 percent of housing units in Portland are single-family detached homes. Most of the rest are multi-family housing.

Monthly housing costs in Portland rose roughly 40 percent for home owners from 2000 to 2007.

The number of households in Portland is projected to increase at least 42 percent between 2005 and 2035.

Nearly 35 percent of Portland’s housing units were built before 1940.

While housing satisfies one of our most basic needs — the need for shelter — successfully providing for that need is one of the more complicated aspects of what a healthy, thriving city must do for its people. Providing adequate housing involves affordability, location, maintenance, quality, safety, and proximity to jobs, services, transportation choices and amenities. Many of the neighborhoods with the best access to jobs, transit and services also are the most expensive, pricing out lower-income households to more distant areas with higher transportation costs.