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Portland police release the booking photos of the people arrested Saturday during protests downtown. The names of those arrested were Ruben A. Delahuerge, Hannah R McClintock, Gary Fresquez, Betsy Toll, Brittany N. Frost and Elizabeth L Cheek.

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Police Again Confront Protests

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interfering with a peace officer: Brittany Frost, 35; Elizabeth L. Cheek, 33; Ruben A. Delahuerge, 25; Betsy Toll, 68; and Gary Fresquez, 52. Fresquez was also charged with disorderly conduct and the sixth person arrested, 19-year-old Hannah R. McClintock, faces a harassment charge.


Portland Police Chief Danielle Outlaw released a statement shortly after the protests:

“The Portland Police Bureau spent considerable time planning for today’s demonstration and counter demonstration,” Outlaw said. “We used significant resources and attempted to keep opposing groups apart, both when they were in the parks and as they traveled through downtown. Our goal was to keep all people in the community safe.”

The demonstrations came on the heels of a decision by City Council to reject a proposed

emergency ordinance from Mayor Ted Wheeler, and backed by Outlaw, that would’ve given Wheeler the power to dictate time, place, and manner regulations for demonstrations when there is a threat of violence and other special circumstances.

“The ordinance would have allowed for more tools for use outside of a park that don’t already exist in code,” Wheeler Tweeted as the demonstrations were winding down Saturday.




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Student Homeless Count High

This Thanksgiving holiday, nearly 22,000 Oregon students don’t have a place to call home, leaving them struggling behind their classmates and reducing their chances for success in the future according to a new annual count of homeless children in the state’s school system released by the Oregon Department of Education.

Only 60 percent of homeless students are on track to graduate, compared to 85 percent of students overall.

Since 2012, when ODE first started reporting this data, there has been a 20 percent increase in the number of homeless students. While there was a small dip statewide in that number, it comes after years of increases.

Beaverton has the most homeless students in the state with nearly 1,800 students adrift, which is just over 4 percent of enrollment. Medford has the second highest number of homeless students in the state, even higher than more populated areas such as Portland, Salem and Eugene.

Schools with higher percentage

children of color were particularly hard hit by displacement.

“Oregon children continue to bear the brunt of our state’s housing crisis and it’s time for state lawmakers to take action,” says Alison McIntosh of the advocacy group Stable Homes for Oregon Families. “No cause evictions and steep rent spikes are driving too many families out of their homes with no place to go.”

Homelessness has a devastating impact on a student’s chance for success in school and in life as measured by academic performance and attendance. The data shows homeless students are less than half as likely to meet or exceed standards in math, half as likely for science and dramatically less likely for English and language arts. They are also much less likely to attend school on a regular basis than their peers.

A recent investigation by the Oregonian early this year found that students churning through schools because of evictions and rent increases disrupts not only their lives, but the entire school.