

# Portland Factoids

**POPULATION**

538,180; 1.95 million  
in the metropolitan area

**AREA**

130 square miles

**ELEVATION**

173 feet above sea level

**LONGITUDE**

40 miles east of the 122nd meridian west

**LATITUDE**

30 miles north of the 45th parallel north

**MILES TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN**

78

**MILES TO A GLACIER**

65 (Mount Hood)

**AVERAGE TEMPERATURES**

33.5° (January); 79.5° (July)

**WEATHER INFORMATION**

503.275.9792 or 503.225.5555, access code 8051

**AVERAGE PRECIPITATION**

37" (less than Atlanta, Baltimore,  
Houston or Seattle - and without that nasty humidity)

**ACRES OF PARKS IN METRO AREA**

37,000 including the 5,000-acre Forest Park

**NEWSPAPERS**

The daily paper is *The Oregonian*. Free weekly tabloids include *Our Town*, *Portland Mercury*, *The Portland Tribune* and *Willamette Week*.

**TIME**

All of Oregon is on Pacific Standard Time, except for the Ontario city area in Eastern Oregon, which is on Mountain Standard Time. Daylight Savings Time is observed from the first Sunday in April until the last Sunday in October.

**DRIVING**

The speed limit is 55 miles per hour on most highways. Where posted, the freeway speed limit is 65. Oregon law calls for drivers and passengers to buckle up for safety in both the front and back seats. The fine for each unbuckled person is \$89. Oregon law also requires that drivers carry proof of insurance.