

Portland Facts

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)

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 Oregonian (daily), The Portland Tribune (semiweekly), Willamette Week (weekly)

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.

AIR SERVICE

Portland International Airport ([PDX](#)); 503.460.4040

http://www.pova.com/visitors/portland_profile.html#facts

For more information, read City Smart Portland by Linda Danielson (\$14.95), available at Powell's City of Books, 1005 W. Burnside, or call 503.228.4651.