

Press Release
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Oregon's Population Increases by More than One-half Million in the 1990s

Oregon's population increased from 2.84 million in 1990 to 3.37 million in 2000, or 520,000, according to the latest population estimates released by Portland State University's Population Research Center. Most of the state's population growth in the 1990s was due to net migration, with about 360,000 net migrants moving into the state. About one-third of the overall increase was due to more births than deaths.

Population growth continued to slacken in the last two years of the 1990s, with an estimated net migration into the state of about 20,000 from July 1, 1999 to July 1, 2000. Combined with an excess of about 17,000 more births than deaths, Oregon's population grew by about 37,000 last year.

Population estimates for July 1, 2000 also include an adjustment of about 28,000, based on the Population Research Center's estimate that 2000 census figures will improve the state's housing count compared to the 1990 census. The U.S. Census Bureau will release population counts for the United States and all states at the end of December. Once final 2000 census numbers are released for cities and counties by the U.S. Census Bureau in early 2001, the Population Research Center will certify new July 1, 2000 population figures for Oregon, according to Qian Cai, the Population Research Center's population estimates manager.

Oregon was the tenth fastest growing state in the United States during the 1990s, increasing more than 18 percent. Seven of the ten fastest growth states are in the West, with Oregon ranked behind Nevada, Arizona, Idaho, Utah, Colorado, and Washington.

Oregon's fastest growing counties in the 1990s were scattered throughout the state. Deschutes was the state's fastest growing county, increasing 46 percent during the decade. Two neighboring counties, Jefferson and Crook, also grew faster than the state's average. Washington was the second fastest growing county, increasing 37 percent. Also in the top ten counties, ranked by percentage increase in the 1990s, were Morrow, Yamhill, Marion, Polk, Jackson, and Hood River.

Population growth in five counties accounted for almost two-thirds of the overall state's population change during 1990 to 2000. In the metropolitan Portland area, Washington accounted for 22 percent of all population increase in the 1990s; Multnomah for 13 percent; and Clackamas for 10 percent. Eleven percent of the state's population increase was in Marion and 7 percent in Lane.

Barry Edmonston, the Population Research Center's director, noted that an older population in several of Oregon's rural counties has led to increases in the number of deaths in the 1990s, sometimes exceeding the number of births. During the 1990 to 2000 period, ten counties experienced more deaths than births: Baker, Coos, Curry, Gilliam,

Josephine, Lincoln, Sherman, Tillamook, Wallowa, and Wheeler. Except for small net out-migration for Sherman, however, there was sufficient net in-migration to offset the excess of deaths over births – producing population growth for all Oregon’s rural counties in the 1990s except for Sherman.

Population increases occurred in almost all of Oregon’s 240 incorporated cities and towns. Population declines took place in only 7 smaller towns. Sherwood was the fastest growing city in the 1990s, increasing by 250 percent from 3,093 in 1990 to 10,815 in 2000. Granite was second fastest, increasing from 8 to 25. And Fairview was third fastest, growing from 2,391 to 6,885. Among cities greater than 10,000 population in 1990, Bend was the fastest growing area, increasing by 160 percent during the decade and reaching 53,000 in 2000. The next most rapidly growing larger cities, in order of percentage increase in the 1990s, include Hillsboro, Oregon City, Tualatin, Keizer, West Linn, McMinnville, Newberg, Albany, and Woodburn.

Ranked by the amount of population change during the decade, Portland ranked number one with a population increase of about 75,000. Hillsboro was second (with 35,000), Bend was third (with 33,000), Eugene was fourth (with 24,000), and Salem was fifth (with 24,000). Overall, about one-half of the overall state’s population increase was in the ten urban areas with the largest population gains.

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POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR OREGON, ITS COUNTIES, AND INCORPORATED CITIES, JULY 1, 2000			
Area	Population July 1, 2000	Population April 1, 1990	Percentage Growth 1990 – 2000
OREGON	3,365,900	2,842,321	18.42%
BAKER	16,700	15,317	9.03%
BENTON	77,950	70,811	10.08%
CLACKAMAS	332,850	278,850	19.37%
CLATSOP	35,250	33,301	5.85%
COLUMBIA	43,200	37,557	15.03%
COOS	61,700	60,273	2.37%
CROOK	18,150	14,111	28.62%
CURRY	21,200	19,327	9.69%
DESCHUTES	109,600	74,958	46.22%
DOUGLAS	100,900	94,649	6.60%
GILLIAM	2,050	1,717	19.39%
GRANT	8,000	7,853	1.87%
HARNEY	7,600	7,060	7.65%
HOOD RIVER	20,400	16,903	20.69%
JACKSON	179,050	146,389	22.31%
JEFFERSON	18,600	13,676	36.00%
JOSEPHINE	74,850	62,649	19.48%
KLAMATH	62,800	57,702	8.84%
LAKE	7,400	7,186	2.98%
LANE	318,100	282,912	12.44%
LINCOLN	43,850	38,889	12.76%
LINN	103,000	91,227	12.91%
MALHEUR	31,200	26,038	19.82%
MARION	284,000	228,483	24.30%
MORROW	10,050	7,625	31.80%
MULTNOMAH	653,800	583,887	11.97%
POLK	61,200	49,541	23.53%
SHERMAN	1,900	1,918	-0.94%
TILLAMOOK	24,200	21,570	12.19%
UMATILLA	69,000	59,249	16.46%
UNION	24,500	23,598	3.82%
WALLOWA	7,200	6,911	4.18%
WASCO	22,750	21,683	4.92%
WASHINGTON	427,500	311,554	37.22%
WHEELER	1,600	1,396	14.61%
YAMHILL	83,800	65,551	27.84%

Incorporated Places			
Area	Population July 1, 2000	Population April 1, 1990	Percentage Growth 1990 – 2000
Adair Village	570	554	2.89%
Adams	320	223	43.50%
Adrian	155	131	18.32%
Albany	41,000	29,540	38.79%
Amity	1,325	1,175	12.77%
Antelope	65	34	91.18%
Arlington	535	425	25.88%
Ashland	20,085	16,252	23.58%
Astoria	10,075	10,069	0.06%
Athena	1,300	997	30.39%
Aumsville	3,045	1,650	84.55%
Aurora	700	567	23.46%
Baker City	10,420	9,140	14.00%
Bandon	2,940	2,224	32.19%
Banks	1,580	563	180.64%
Barlow	125	118	5.93%
Bay City	1,195	1,027	16.36%
Beaverton	70,230	53,307	31.75%
Bend	53,040	20,447	159.40%
Boardman	3,400	1,387	145.13%
Bonanza	390	323	20.74%
Brookings	5,625	4,400	27.84%
Brownsville	1,500	1,281	17.10%
Burns	2,945	2,913	1.10%
Butte Falls	440	252	74.60%
Canby	13,170	8,990	46.50%
Cannon Beach	1,430	1,221	17.12%
Canyon City	725	648	11.88%
Canyonville	1,360	1,219	11.57%
Carlton	1,620	1,289	25.68%
Cascade Locks	1,130	930	21.51%
Cave Junction	1,440	1,126	27.89%
Central Point	12,230	7,512	62.81%
Chiloquin	810	673	20.36%
Clatskanie	1,900	1,629	16.64%
Coburg	805	763	5.50%
Columbia City	1,735	1,003	72.98%
Condon	850	635	33.86%
Coos Bay	15,995	15,076	6.10%
Coquille	4,395	4,121	6.65%
Cornelius	8,715	6,148	41.75%

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Corvallis	52,215	44,757	16.66%
Cottage Grove	8,480	7,403	14.55%
Cove	690	507	36.09%
Creswell	3,380	2,431	39.04%
Culver	865	570	51.75%
Dallas	12,960	9,422	37.55%
Dayton	2,015	1,526	32.04%
Dayville	185	144	28.47%
Depoe Bay	1,190	870	36.78%
Detroit	380	331	14.80%
Donald	755	316	138.92%
Drain	1,165	1,086	7.27%
Dufur	625	527	18.60%
Dundee	2,955	1,663	77.69%
Dunes City	1,315	1,081	21.65%
Durham	1,570	748	109.89%
Eagle Point	5,130	3,022	69.76%
Echo	695	500	39.00%
Elgin	1,785	1,586	12.55%
Elkton	180	172	4.65%
Enterprise	2,050	1,905	7.61%
Estacada	2,200	2,016	9.13%
Eugene	136,800	112,733	21.35%
Fairview	6,885	2,391	187.95%
Falls City	1,045	818	27.75%
Florence	6,885	5,171	33.15%
Forest Grove	17,130	13,559	26.34%
Fossil	555	399	39.10%
Garibaldi	990	886	11.74%
Gaston	620	563	10.12%
Gates	555	499	11.22%
Gearhart	1,255	1,027	22.20%
Gervais	1,545	992	55.75%
Gladstone	12,020	10,152	18.40%
Glendale	775	707	9.62%
Gold Beach	2,165	1,546	40.04%
Gold Hill	1,260	980	28.57%
Granite	25	8	212.50%
Grants Pass	21,775	17,503	24.41%
Grass Valley	185	160	15.63%
Greenhorn	3	3	0.00%
Gresham	86,430	68,249	26.64%

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Haines	480	405	18.52%
Halfway	345	311	10.93%
Halsey	775	667	16.19%
Happy Valley	4,345	1,519	186.04%
Harrisburg	2,935	1,939	51.37%
Helix	190	150	26.67%
Heppner	1,510	1,412	6.94%
Hermiston	12,425	10,047	23.67%
Hillsboro	72,630	37,598	93.18%
Hines	1,535	1,452	5.72%
Hood River	5,315	4,632	14.75%
Hubbard	2,285	1,881	21.48%
Huntington	580	522	11.11%
Idanha	370	289	28.03%
Imbler	330	299	10.37%
Independence	6,375	4,425	44.07%
Ione	335	255	31.37%
Irrigon	1,625	737	120.49%
Island City	945	696	35.78%
Jacksonville	2,270	1,896	19.73%
Jefferson	2,565	1,805	42.11%
John Day	2,015	1,857	8.51%
Johnson City	620	586	5.80%
Jordan Valley	340	364	-6.59%
Joseph	1,280	1,073	19.29%
Junction City	4,620	3,692	25.14%
Keizer	31,220	21,884	42.66%
King City	2,125	2,060	3.16%
Klamath Falls	19,365	17,737	9.18%
La Grande	12,555	11,766	6.69%
Lafayette	2,240	1,292	73.37%
Lake Oswego	35,305	30,576	15.47%
Lakeside	1,715	1,437	19.35%
Lakeview	2,625	2,526	3.92%
Lebanon	12,895	10,950	17.76%
Lexington	335	286	17.13%
Lincoln City	7,045	5,903	19.35%
Lonerock	25	11	127.27%
Long Creek	255	249	2.41%
Lostine	230	231	-0.43%
Lowell	1,105	785	40.76%
Lyons	1,125	938	19.94%

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Madras	5,230	3,443	51.90%
Malin	780	725	7.59%
Manzanita	810	513	57.89%
Maupin	490	456	7.46%
Maywood Park	770	781	-1.41%
McMinnville	25,250	17,894	41.11%
Medford	62,030	47,021	31.92%
Merrill	870	837	3.94%
Metolius	760	450	68.89%
Mill City	1,670	1,555	7.40%
Millersburg	730	715	2.10%
Milton-Freewater	6,690	5,533	20.91%
Milwaukie	20,250	18,670	8.46%
Mitchell	205	163	25.77%
Molalla	5,720	3,637	57.27%
Monmouth	8,310	6,288	32.16%
Monroe	550	448	22.77%
Monument	160	162	-1.23%
Moro	340	292	16.44%
Mosier	365	244	49.59%
Mt. Angel	3,030	2,778	9.07%
Mt. Vernon	670	549	22.04%
Myrtle Creek	3,695	3,063	20.63%
Myrtle Point	2,750	2,712	1.40%
Nehalem	230	232	-0.86%
Newberg	18,275	13,086	39.65%
Newport	10,715	8,437	27.00%
North Bend	10,270	9,614	6.82%
North Plains	1,780	972	83.13%
North Powder	560	448	25.00%
Nyssa	3,075	2,629	16.96%
Oakland	895	844	6.04%
Oakridge	3,375	3,063	10.19%
Ontario	11,025	9,394	17.36%
Oregon City	24,940	14,698	69.68%
Paisley	365	350	4.29%
Pendleton	17,320	15,142	14.38%
Philomath	3,995	2,983	33.93%
Phoenix	4,145	3,239	27.97%
Pilot Rock	1,670	1,478	12.99%
Port Orford	1,025	1,025	0.00%
Portland	513,325	438,802	16.98%

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Powers	750	682	9.97%
Prairie City	1,245	1,117	11.46%
Prescott	60	63	-4.76%
Prineville	8,205	5,355	53.22%
Rainier	1,835	1,674	9.62%
Redmond	13,705	7,165	91.28%
Reedsport	4,850	4,796	1.13%
Richland	175	161	8.70%
Riddle	1,225	1,143	7.17%
Rivergrove	310	294	5.44%
Rockaway Beach	1,285	970	32.47%
Rogue River	2,000	1,759	13.70%
Roseburg	20,955	17,069	22.77%
Rufus	310	295	5.08%
Salem	131,385	107,793	21.89%
Sandy	5,655	4,154	36.13%
Scappoose	5,270	3,529	49.33%
Scio	655	623	5.14%
Scotts Mills	315	283	11.31%
Seaside	6,220	5,359	16.07%
Seneca	225	191	17.80%
Shady Cove	2,420	1,351	79.13%
Shaniko	30	26	15.38%
Sheridan	5,250	3,979	31.94%
Sherwood	10,815	3,093	249.66%
Siletz	1,205	992	21.47%
Silverton	6,800	5,635	20.67%
Sisters	850	708	20.06%
Sodaville	280	192	45.83%
Spray	165	149	10.74%
Springfield	53,700	44,664	20.23%
St. Helens	9,450	7,535	25.41%
St. Paul	355	322	10.25%
Stanfield	1,875	1,568	19.58%
Stayton	6,935	5,011	38.40%
Sublimity	2,580	1,491	73.04%
Summerville	150	142	5.63%
Sumpter	175	119	47.06%
Sutherlin	7,145	5,020	42.33%
Sweet Home	8,085	6,850	18.03%
Talent	5,160	3,274	57.61%
Tangent	1,080	556	94.24%

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The Dalles	12,175	11,021	10.47%
Tigard	38,835	29,435	31.93%
Tillamook	4,270	4,006	6.59%
Toledo	3,680	3,174	15.94%
Troutdale	14,300	7,852	82.12%
Tualatin	22,535	14,664	53.68%
Turner	1,365	1,281	6.56%
Ukiah	245	250	-2.00%
Umatilla	4,410	3,046	44.78%
Union	2,070	1,847	12.07%
Unity	165	87	89.66%
Vale	1,655	1,491	11.00%
Veneta	2,940	2,519	16.71%
Vernonia	2,460	1,808	36.06%
Waldport	1,970	1,595	23.51%
Wallowa	865	748	15.64%
Warrenton	4,310	2,681	60.76%
Wasco	415	374	10.96%
Waterloo	270	191	41.36%
West Linn	23,380	16,389	42.66%
Westfir	300	278	7.91%
Weston	695	606	14.69%
Wheeler	385	335	14.93%
Willamina	1,875	1,748	7.27%
Wilsonville	13,615	7,106	91.60%
Winston	4,785	3,773	26.82%
Wood Village	2,915	2,814	3.59%
Woodburn	17,840	13,404	33.09%
Yachats	715	533	34.15%
Yamhill	980	867	13.03%
Yoncalla	1,095	919	19.15%