

Deschutes County sees biggest population increase in state

PORTLAND (AP) — New estimates put Oregon’s population at 4.1 million.

An annual report from Portland State University’s Population Research Center says the population increased by nearly 65,000 residents last year. People migrating to the state accounted for 88 percent of the jump while 12 percent was due to an increase in births over deaths.

The tri-county Portland metropolitan area saw the largest gains in population from 2016 to 2017.

Multnomah and Washington counties each added more than 12,000 residents, and Clackamas County added just over 8,000. Portland gained more residents than any other Oregon city, and its population now stands at 639,100.

Deschutes County in Central Oregon had the largest increase by percentage — 3.6 percent.

Its largest city, Bend, added 3,265 residents to reach a population of 86,765.

Pollard concludes XC season at BorderClash 19

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Senior runner and Oregon 4A runner-up Jordan Pollard concluded his successful senior season of cross-country at the annual Nike BorderClash held Saturday, November 18, at the Nike World Campus in Beaverton.

BorderClash, in its 19th year, pits the best high school cross country runners from Oregon against Washington’s best in a battle for Northwest bragging rights. Top runners from each of Oregon’s OSAA classifications based on performances at the state meet determine the field of runners from Oregon.

Pollard placed 47th among the 79 finishers and 17th

among Oregon runners in the 5,000-meter race with a time of 16:42. He was just six seconds behind John Kavulich of Scappoose, who won the 4A State title ahead of Pollard two weeks earlier.

The race winner, James Mwaura, of Lincoln High School in Tacoma, Washington, destroyed the rest of the field by over 26 seconds with a time of 15:32. Mwaura is the two-time 3A Washington state champion and is undefeated for the season. Evan Holland of Ashland High School, who finished second in the 5A race at the OSAA State Meet, was the top Oregon finisher in 15:59.

Pollard, who will be joining the U.S. Marine Corps upon graduation, finished his

cross-country career at Sisters High School among the most decorated in school history. His second-place finish at state equals the highest finish ever by a Sisters Outlaw.

The race is epic in the way that it begins. The two teams start on a field opposite one another, like two armies going to battle. A replica of a Civil War-era cannon signals the start with a tremendous boom.

“The start was awesome,” said Pollard. “You could see the sparks from the lit fuse burning down and then ‘Boom!’” he said. “The start was faster than any race that I have ever been in,” he said. “I think I went through the first mile in 4:44.”

Washington once again

dominated the team results, sweeping the top three places on their way to a decisive win in the boys race. The Washington girls also won the team title.

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Sisters Head Coach Josh Nordell accompanied Pollard to the event. “What a fun way to wrap up the season,” he said.

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