

Oregon gets 6th congressional district

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SALEM — Oregon will have a sixth congressional seat up for grabs in 2022 under the once-a-decade shuffling of Congress, the U.S. Census announced Monday.

Where in Oregon the new seat will be located won't be known until autumn.

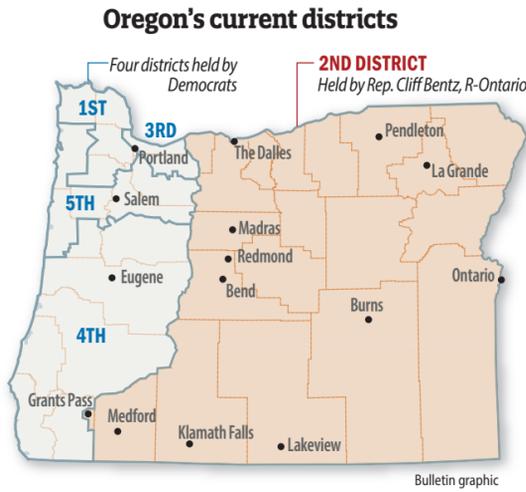
The additional seat also gives Oregon an additional Electoral College vote, which is based on House seats plus U.S. Senate seats. Oregon will have eight votes for choosing the president in the 2024 election.

Oregon will also receive several billion dollars more in federal aid for medical services, schools and affordable housing that is based on a formula using the number of House districts to determine each state's share.

Gov. Kate Brown said the strong turnout in Oregon to answer the census ensured that Oregon's voice will be amplified in federal decisions.

Brown released a statement praising the "great news" of the additional seat.

"Thanks to everyone who



Bulletin graphic

participated in the 2020 Census to make sure you were counted," Brown said.

Oregon's new seat was in apportionment, the reassignment of the 435 congressional seats after each census.

The census reports Oregon's 2020 population is just under 4.24 million, up from 3.83 million in 2010.

Oregon's 10.6% increase was

well above the national population growth of 7.4%, the slowest rate since the 1940 Census that came after the Great Depression.

Bend had the largest population growth in Oregon — about 25% — over the past decade.

The other largest concentration of growth was the ring of suburbs around Portland, with

Gresham, Troutdale, Sandy, Estacada, Beaverton, Tigard, Newberg and St. Helens all posting strong growth.

The U.S. population in 2020 was just under 331.5 million.

Census officials said a falling birthrate, slowing immigration and deaths of an increasing number of the large post-World War II baby boom generation were the reasons for the tepid growth.

The 6th Congressional District is the first new seat for Oregon since the 1980 Census.

Five other states received additional seats. Texas gets two more seats. Colorado, Florida, Montana, North Carolina each received one.

California lost a seat for the first time in state history. It will still have the largest delegation, with 52 seats.

Also losing a seat were New York, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

In an announcement that has political leaders promising to take action against the count, New York fell just 89 people short of keeping all its seats.

PET OF THE WEEK



Meet Max, a 3-year-old "bully breed" dog looking for a home. He was brought to the shelter because his previous owner could no longer care for him. He was described as fine with cats but he thinks chickens are fun to chase. He is friendly with all humans and loves to be with people. He would benefit from a bit more basic training to refine his manners. Max may do best as the only dog in the home or with a calm female dog. For more info, call BrightSide Animal Center at 541-923-0882.

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City offers free personal protective gear at drive-up

The City of Redmond will hold a free personal protective equipment (PPE) drive-up and pick-up event in the rear parking lot of City Hall, 411 SE 9th Street Thursday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Business owners or their representatives are encouraged to get supplies needed to keep staff and customers safe, according to a press release.

Supplies are limited and include masks, hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray, thermometers, gloves, wipes, and face shields.

The event is part of the COVID response effort created over a year ago called Redmond Rallies.

The project led by the City of Redmond, in collaboration with local partners, works to help centralize pandemic information and resources.

For more information on the event call Chuck Arnold, Urban Renewal Program Manager at -541-923-7761.

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