

POINT of view

THE DAILY ASTORIAN // QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Question: What does the Fourth of July mean to you?



"Freedom, liberty and to celebrate our soldiers who fight for what America is all about."

Amy Gambino, Astoria



"I think it means freedom. And I can't help thinking about what the generations before us did to give us the freedom, like World War II."

Charles Santora, Bay Area, California



"To me it means a day of celebrating our nation's birth and remembering all those who sacrificed to keep it a nation of freedom."

Nathan Amrine, Astoria

Asians are Oregon's fastest growing demographic

Six percent of state population

By ANNIE MA
The Oregonian

PORTLAND — Oregon's Asian population has surpassed Hispanics as the state's fastest growing demographic, new census figures show.

Since the 2010 Census, the Asian population increased 26 percent, according to 2016 population and housing estimates. Asians now make up 6 percent of the state's population, up from 5 percent in 2010.

The Asian population notably increased throughout the Willamette Valley, from Corvallis and Eugene to Yamhill and Marion counties as well as in the Portland metro area.

Oregon's Latino population also grew significantly since 2010, but at a slower pace than in the early 2000s and more slowly than Asians

in recent years, census figures show.

Growth for both groups follows a long-standing trend: Oregon's population is growing quickly and diversifying even faster. The population has increased by about 255,000 residents since 2010. While whites make up approximately 88 percent of the state's population, they only accounted for 67 percent of the population increase.

Those who identified as Asian accounted for 19 percent of the state's growth, while those who identified as Hispanic accounted for about 28 percent.

"None of it surprises me," said Charles Rynerson of Portland State University's Population Research Center.

National trend

Rynerson noted that Oregon's growth rate was in line with national trends. In the past six years, the United States' Asian population has grown 20 percent.

He added that Oregon's growth rate among Asians is slightly higher because the state's overall population is increasing faster than other regions'. And as Oregon's economy continues to grow, Asians, who on average are more well educated than other demographic groups, continue to help fill those openings.

"People are coming here for jobs, and we're adding jobs that require a college education," Rynerson said.

Statewide, sectors like healthcare, engineering, science and finance saw large increases in the number of Asian employees between 2010 and 2015, Census data from the American Community Survey shows.

But service occupations like custodial and food service work had the second-largest increase in the number of Asian employees, just behind business and outpacing engineering and healthcare.

"For every (Asian person) who comes here for a high-wage job, two are coming for a low-wage one," said Joseph Santos-Lyons, executive director of the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon.

H1B visas are given to highly skilled immigrants whose employers show they must hire from abroad to fill job requirements, and many are known to go to immigrants from China, India and other countries with highly educated residents. But Santos-Lyons said such immigrants are the exception, not the rule, among Asians relocating to Oregon.

"Most are outside the H1B visas going to high-paying jobs, taking jobs in the fields and service worker positions once they move here," he said.

Portland metro area

The Portland metro area — consisting of Washington, Multnomah and Clackamas counties — saw the biggest increase, both in percent

change and absolute increase in the number of Asian residents. Washington County saw its Asian population grow by 29 percent, or more than 16,000 residents, in the past six years.

But the growth was not limited to Portland. Since 2010, Lane, Marion, Benton, Deschutes and Jackson counties have seen their Asian populations increase by at least 1,000, with growth rates in the mid-20 percent range.

Jackson County borders California, which Rynerson said is one of the largest sources of domestic migration to Oregon. About 17 percent of California's population identifies as Asian.

Lane, Marion, Benton and Deschutes counties are home to universities, which Rynerson described as likely and sizable employers of those with college degrees. Those who move for jobs typically bring their families, further driving population growth.

Family reunification is another driver of population growth, Santos-Lyons said. Family elders are likely to move from other states or abroad to join Asians already living in Oregon.

"The consistent story we hear is that folks are coming here because they have a family member here," Santos-Lyons said. "Oregon is seen as a great place to raise a family, and Asian families tend to live intergenerationally."

Between 2000 and 2010, Oregon's Hispanic population was the fastest growing — 63.5 percent over 10 years, compared to 46 percent for the Asian demographic. Santos-Lyons said the reversal might be surprising to some.

"One reason Asians have been overlooked are the myths and stereotypes," he said. "We're relatively invisible to the public, in elected and civic life and the model minority myth creates a sort of minimizing effect on our public voice."

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA AccuWeather.com

TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
53	66 54	66 53	69 53	68 53
Partly cloudy	Mostly sunny	Low clouds followed by sunshine	Sunny to partly cloudy	Times of clouds and sun

ALMANAC
Astoria through Tuesday.

Temperatures
High/low 66°/47°
Normal high/low 66°/52°
Record high 84° in 1915
Record low 45° in 2012

Precipitation
Tuesday 0.00"
Month to date Trace
Normal month to date 0.19"
Year to date 49.57"
Normal year to date 36.10"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 9:09 p.m.
Sunrise Thursday 5:31 a.m.
Moonrise today 6:10 p.m.
Moonset today 3:19 a.m.

Full Last New First
July 8 July 16 July 23 July 30

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: The Big Dipper will be in the northwest with the handle above the bowl.

TOMORROW'S TIDES
Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Time	Low
1:09 p.m.	6.8 ft.	6:50 a.m.	-0.3 ft.
none		6:28 p.m.	2.7 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	92	74	pc	91	73	pc
Boston	79	63	s	79	64	pc
Chicago	86	66	pc	91	70	pc
Denver	97	63	s	97	61	pc
Des Moines	90	69	pc	95	69	s
Detroit	85	62	pc	88	69	pc
El Paso	102	75	pc	100	74	pc
Fairbanks	78	57	c	82	60	pc
Honolulu	86	75	s	86	74	pc
Indianapolis	84	68	pc	81	67	pc
Kansas City	82	64	pc	90	70	s
Las Vegas	110	87	pc	111	89	s
Los Angeles	86	65	s	88	68	s
Memphis	84	73	t	86	73	t
Miami	92	81	sh	91	80	sh
Nashville	87	72	t	84	71	t
New Orleans	89	77	pc	89	76	pc
New York	82	66	s	76	68	pc
Oklahoma City	98	67	pc	92	68	s
Philadelphia	86	68	pc	78	69	t
St. Louis	83	71	t	89	75	pc
Salt Lake City	105	75	s	102	74	s
San Francisco	68	54	pc	69	54	pc
Seattle	84	58	s	84	57	s
Washington, DC	84	73	c	84	74	t

REGIONAL WEATHER
Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	95	51	s	95	53	pc
Bend	94	55	s	95	57	s
Brookings	60	52	pc	62	52	pc
Eugene	87	53	s	86	52	s
Ilwaco	63	53	pc	62	54	pc
Klamath Falls	89	49	s	91	50	s
Medford	98	63	s	99	62	s
Newberg	88	56	s	87	57	s
Newport	62	52	s	62	53	s
North Bend	63	54	pc	63	53	pc
City <th>Today</th> <th>Thu.</th> <th>W</th> <th>Hi</th> <th>Lo</th> <th>W</th>	Today	Thu.	W	Hi	Lo	W
Olympia	87	51	s	85	51	s
Pendleton	98	63	s	100	67	pc
Portland	90	60	s	89	60	s
Roseburg	88	58	s	87	56	s
Salem	90	57	s	88	56	s
Seaside	65	53	pc	64	53	s
Spokane	95	66	s	99	68	s
Springfield	88	54	s	87	53	s
Vancouver	88	58	s	87	57	s
Yakima	100	62	s	102	66	s

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER
Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

Amtrak train derailed on special section of track near Tacoma

Associated Press

SEATTLE — The Amtrak train that derailed Sunday was traveling through a section of track that contains a switch that will nudge a train off-course if the draw-span on the approaching bridge is open.

The Seattle Times reported it's not known if that switch caused the derailment.

Officials continue to investigate how the Amtrak Cascades 506 went off-track with 267 people aboard. Some suffered minor injuries.

Sunday's train was heading north from Oregon when it derailed 50 to 100 yards before the Chambers Bay drawbridge south of Tacoma, Washington.

That span crosses Chambers Creek.

On either side are switch-like devices known as "derails" between the twin rails. They're used nationwide. They could prevent a catastrophe if a train were hurtling toward a partly or fully opened draw-span.

Amtrak has declined to comment on possible causes.



Peter Haley/The News Tribune
Crews put a derailed Amtrak locomotive back on the tracks Monday in Steilacoom next to the bridge over Chambers Creek, Wash.

ON THE RECORD

DUII

- At 7:32 p.m. Tuesday, Chelsey Marie Dodson, 24, of Hammond, was arrested by the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office on U.S. Highway 101 Business near Clover Road and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants.
- At 12:26 a.m. today, Joseph Spencer

Williams, 32, of Warrenton, was arrested by the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office on U.S. Highway 101 Business near Southeast 12th Place and charged with DUII.

At 1:46 a.m. today, James Arnold Johnson, 73, of Seaside, was arrested by the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office on U.S. Highway 101 in Seaside and charged with DUII.

MEMORIALS

Saturday, July 8

GILLUM, Paul Reid — Memorial at 11 a.m., Lewis and Clark Bible Church, 35082 Seppa Road, followed by a potluck lunch reception at the church and an opportunity for those who wish to share memories and stories.

SWEENEY, Jacqueline Lavae' — Service at 11 a.m., Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 320 First Ave., in Seaside, followed by a reception at the Seaside American Legion, 1315 Broadway in Seaside.

KOCH, Eugene "Gene" C. Jr. — Memorial at 1 p.m., Seaside Elks Lodge, 324 Avenue A in Seaside; graveside service at 4 p.m. at Ocean View Cemetery in Warrenton.

Sunday, July 9

NORDSTROM, Ronald Oscar — Family and friends are invited to a remembrance from noon to 3 p.m., Peninsula Senior Center, 21603 O Lane in Ocean Park, Washington.

WEBER, Kayla Lynn — Celebration of life from 3 to 6 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A in Seaside.

DEATHS

Tuesday, July 4, 2017

SOUKKALA, Rilla Colean, 78, of Warrenton, died in Portland. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Monday, July 3, 2017

ABBOTT, Joyce G., 72, of Clatskanie, died in Longview, Washington. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of arrangements.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY
Gearhart City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 698 Pacific Way.

Authority Board, 10 a.m., Gable Park Apartments, 2544 Gable Road, St. Helens.
Seaside Parks Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

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