



Population growth has expanded in rural areas of Clatsop County, like the River Point neighborhood south of Astoria.

### County: Astoria has faced a gradual decline over the past several decades

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The county's fastest-growing city, Warrenton, was at 5,310 this year, up more than 2.5 percent from five years ago. As an affordable suburb of Astoria, Warrenton has grown rapidly from 2,681 in 1990 to 4,096 in 2000 and 4,989 in 2010.

Warrenton in 1991. Astoria, the county seat, shrank slightly from 9,735 in 2017 to 9,695 this year. Although it has grown by about 1 percent over the past five years, Astoria has faced a gradual decline over the past several decades, shrinking from 10,069 in 1990 to 9,813 in 2000 and 9,477 in 2010. Seaside was at 6,660 as of July 1, up from 6,620 in 2017 and 6,560 five years ago.

Warrenton in 1991. Astoria, the county seat, shrank slightly from 9,735 in 2017 to 9,695 this year. Cannon Beach's population increased by five people to 1,710. The wealthy coastal enclave has slowly grown over the decades from 1,221 in 1990 to 1,588 in 2000 and 1,690 in 2010. Gearhart grew by nearly 1.7 percent to 1,505 as of July 1. The city has grown by one-third since 1990, when it numbered just over 1,000 people.

### Taylor: 'I love being on the edge ... new things, a new life'

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Because Taylor spent much of her young adult life in Iran, moving back to the U.S. felt like a culture shock. After living in a war-torn nation ruled by rations, she remembers feeling awestruck by the sheer amount of stuff available at an American grocery or retail store. "Over there, if there was one banana you wanted to be the one to get it, so you rush in and be the one to get it," Taylor said.

plenty of stuff, I don't need to rush.' That was one of the first realizations I wasn't in the Middle East anymore." Taylor eventually decided to enroll at a vocational school, which introduced her to the idea of becoming a clerk at U.S. bankruptcy court, a job she worked for more than 31 years. Taylor enjoyed her work for the most part. In comparison with her other experiences around the world, she always found it fortunate that her home country had a system available to relieve people of their debt that wasn't debtors prison.

But one of the most difficult aspects of working for the courts was seeing the same people abuse bankruptcy, she said, repeatedly coming back to her office. "That was sad to see," Taylor said. These days, Taylor can be found volunteering with organizations like the food bank and the history center. When the weather permits, she can often be found walking along the ocean that drew her in the first place. "I'm so excited to be here," she said. "I love being on the edge ... new things, a new life."

## Shutdown: Leaders are at odds over border wall

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An estimated 42,000 active-duty Coast Guard members were working without the promise of pay since the shutdown began Dec. 22. Coast Guard Sector Columbia River is based at the Astoria Regional Airport in Warrenton. Astoria, which hosts cutters at the 17th Street Dock downtown, is a Coast Guard City. Across the Columbia River in Washington state, the Coast Guard has Station Cape Disappointment.

Lt. Russell Tippetts, a spokesman for the Coast Guard's District 13 in Seattle, said Coast Guardsmen received an email Friday from Ray explaining they would receive their normal paychecks today for the past two weeks. "He said internally the organization found a way to fund everyone through this next paycheck," Tippetts said. Ray also indicated that no further paychecks would

come until the government shutdown is resolved, Tippetts said. President Donald Trump and Democratic leaders in Congress are at odds over the president's demand for money for a wall on the southern border with Mexico.

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