

NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

Shown are station positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

This map displays the current weather across the United States. Temperature bands are shown as color-coded regions, with colors corresponding to the high temperature for the day. Precipitation is indicated by various symbols: rain (vertical lines), showers (dashed lines), and storms (asterisks). Weather systems are marked with 'H' for high pressure and 'L' for low pressure. Major cities are labeled with their current temperature and high/low range.

City	Current Temp	High/Low
Seattle	86	60
Billings	85	54
Winnipeg	74	58
Montreal	89	69
Toronto	91	68
Detroit	90	67
Chicago	88	65
New York	95	78
Washington	92	78
Atlanta	91	74
Miami	91	78
Monterrey	98	69
Chihuahua	90	63
El Paso	95	73
Denver	84	57
Kansas City	84	66
Minneapolis	81	64
Houston	99	78
Los Angeles	87	69
San Francisco	82	59

Legend:

- Temperature Bands: -10s, -0s, 0s, 10s, 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, 100s, 110s
- Precipitation: showers (vertical lines), t-storms (asterisks), rain (vertical lines), flurries (dashed lines), snow (snowflakes), ice (ice crystals)
- Weather Systems: cold front (blue line with triangles), warm front (red line with semicircles), stationary front (blue and red line with triangles and semicircles), high (H), low (L)

National Summary: As heat and humidity peak in the Northeast today, the South will stay steamy this morning. Storms will drench Florida and extend from Texas to Michigan. Late day

A map of Oregon showing the locations of various cities and their current weather conditions. Each city is marked with a blue dot and accompanied by its name and a temperature range (high/low). The word "HOT" is written in large, bold, orange letters across the central part of the state. Sun icons are placed near several cities, indicating sunny weather. The cities and their temperatures are as follows:

City	High/Low
Aberdeen	78/55
Astoria	78/57
Corvallis	99/58
Eugene	100/58
Medford	104/64
Klamath Falls	92/51
Bend	89/52
Albany	98/60
Salem	98/62
Portland	95/62
Longview	90/58
Olympia	89/52
Tacoma	86/53
Seattle	86/60
Yakima	97/57
Moses Lake	94/57
Wenatchee	96/65
Spokane	89/60
Pullman	88/54
Lewiston	95/62
Enterprise	86/47
Pendleton	95/61
La Grande	89/46
John Day	89/57
Burns	87/43
Ontario	89/52
Caldwell	89/51
Hermiston	97/56
Kennewick	97/55
Walla Walla	96/67

UV INDEX TODAY

8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.
1	4	7	7	4	1
0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme					

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

NATIONAL CITIES													
	Today			Thur.				Today			Thur.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	84	65	t	84	65	t	Louisville	93	72	pc	88	67	s
Atlanta	91	74	t	90	74	pc	Memphis	98	79	s	92	72	pc
Atlantic City	86	75	s	85	74	t	Miami	91	78	t	92	76	t
Baltimore	93	73	s	92	70	t	Milwaukee	84	64	s	85	66	s
Billings	85	54	s	90	56	s	Minneapolis	81	64	s	84	67	s
Birmingham	93	76	t	93	73	pc	Nashville	93	77	pc	90	68	pc
Boise	89	59	s	95	64	s	New Orleans	95	79	t	93	77	pc
Boston	88	73	pc	90	72	pc	New York City	95	78	s	90	76	t
Charleston, SC	91	73	t	91	74	pc	Oklahoma City	96	73	s	93	70	t
Charleston, WV	90	73	pc	87	64	t	Omaha	86	63	s	89	68	s
Chicago	88	65	pc	87	66	s	Philadelphia	94	77	s	92	75	t
Cleveland	91	70	pc	84	65	s	Phoenix	102	86	t	106	90	t
Dallas	100	80	s	101	79	pc	Portland, ME	86	65	pc	82	64	t
Denver	84	57	pc	88	60	pc	Providence	91	72	s	89	72	pc
Detroit	90	67	t	87	64	s	Raleigh	87	72	s	91	73	t
El Paso	95	73	pc	96	74	t	Rapid City	84	53	s	88	55	s
Fairbanks	71	54	pc	68	51	pc	Reno	95	62	s	98	65	s
Fargo	82	60	pc	85	60	s	Sacramento	106	65	s	103	67	s
Honolulu	91	78	s	90	78	pc	St. Louis	93	69	t	89	68	s
Houston	99	78	s	100	80	pc	Salt Lake City	87	59	s	92	61	s
Indianapolis	89	66	pc	84	65	s	San Diego	79	71	t	81	72	pc
Jacksonville	90	73	t	90	72	t	San Francisco	82	59	s	78	62	pc
Kansas City	84	66	t	85	65	pc	Seattle	86	60	s	89	60	s
Las Vegas	104	81	s	104	82	t	Tucson	94	78	t	97	79	t
Little Rock	80	68	pc	94	71	s	Washington, DC	92	78	s	94	76	t
Los Angeles	87	69	pc	90	70	pc	Wichita	86	69	t	84	69	t

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Oregon's lack of sales tax and lucrative property tax breaks have made it an attractive site for large data centers. Companies can save several million dollars each year because they don't have to pay taxes on the hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of computers that run the server farms.

When a state Supreme Court ruling threatened some of those tax savings last year, Oregon lawmakers voted to reinstate them. The measure had overwhelming bipartisan support, passing 28-2 in the Senate and 52-2 in the House.

Amazon has multiple buildings in Morrow County, and Apple and Facebook both have large server farms in Prineville.

Officials say Amazon and Apple are considering expanding their Oregon sites as well.

PORTLAND — Three years after the first arts tax payments arrived in the mail, nearly 200,000 Portlanders either haven't paid their first bill or filed paperwork claiming they are exempt from paying the \$35 tax, according to a city audit released Tuesday.

Administrative costs are also higher than projected and expected to stay that way, according to auditors, who looked at the \$35 income tax approved by voters in 2012 to pay for arts teachers and programs.

The tax applies to Portland residents who are at least 18 and have at least \$1,000 in annual income. Federal and state benefits, such as social security and Oregon's public pension system, don't qualify as taxable income.

The compliance rate was roughly 72 percent for the 2012 tax year, far below the 85 percent originally estimated. Compliance was even lower for 2013, at 68 percent, and 2014, at 61 percent. But auditors said compliance continues to increase for previous years after more efforts at collection.

Revenue climbed to \$10.5 million for the 2014 tax year, however, up from \$7.2 million for 2013 and \$7.8 million for 2012. All three years are still short of the original estimate of \$12 million a year.

Revenue from the tax pays for arts and music teachers in Portland elementary schools, and generates millions of dollars for the Regional Arts & Culture Council to make arts programs available in underserved communities.

The city is still collecting the tax for the first three years, and it's ramping up collection efforts and late fees. Next year, the city is expected to refer scofflaws to collection services.

The original ballot measure said administration costs would run no more than 5 percent over five years. Auditors found average administrative costs of 5.9 percent, not including \$600,000 in startup costs.

Now, auditors wrote, the City Council must decide whether to increase the 5 percent limit; provide money for the costs from the city's general fund; or cut administrative expenses by doing less.

Drummond Kahn, director of the Audit Services Division, said it's unclear how much the Revenue Bureau spends to collect the tax because the bureau doesn't track it. Bureau Director Thomas Lannom wrote in his formal response that closely tracking the costs would have "limited practical use."

But City Auditor Mary Hull Caballero disagreed. "Voters deserve a better accounting of how arts tax funds are spent and tax collection is managed," she said in a statement.

SALEM (AP) — Oregon Gov. Kate Brown is ordering state agencies to cut back on their water use.

Brown issued an executive order Tuesday setting a goal of reducing water consumption by 15 percent on average for state-owned property.

The order suggests that agencies evaluate their landscaping, fountains and

window-washing. It says agencies should consider a moratorium on new landscaping that uses water and suggests placing signs that remind employees to reduce non-essential water use. Brown's executive order also directs agencies to update plans for managing water shortages.

The governor has declared drought emergencies in 23 of Oregon's 36 counties in response to severely diminished rain and snowfall this year.

BEND (AP) — A man is facing a murder charge in the shooting death of his friend at a Bend duplex.

The Bend Bulletin reports that 34-year-old Daniel Norquist appeared in court Monday.

Police responded to the duplex Saturday and found 30-year-old Andrew Cordes dead in a unit he had reportedly rented to Norquist.

Alex Anteau is the daughter of Jason Anteau, the Hermiston volunteer firefighter who died Friday. The *East Oregonian* misreported her in a Tuesday story.

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