

AccuWeather.com Forecast

| TODAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|----------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| | | | | |
| Mostly cloudy with a bit of snow | Cloudy | Mainly cloudy, flurries; chilly | Chilly with some sun | Cloudy and cold |
| PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST | | | | |
| 42° | 30° | 40° | 26° | 35° |
| HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST | | | | |
| 45° | 31° | 42° | 26° | 38° |
| 31° | 21° | 34° | 23° | 32° |
| 21° | 21° | 21° | 21° | 25° |

ALMANAC

PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

| TEMPERATURE | |
|--------------------|-------------|
| HIGH | LOW |
| Yesterday 43° | 33° |
| Normals 39° | 25° |
| Records 68° (1933) | -15° (1983) |

| PRECIPITATION | |
|------------------------|--------|
| 24 hours ending 3 p.m. | Trace |
| Month to date | 2.03" |
| Normal month to date | 1.10" |
| Year to date | 9.84" |
| Last year to date | 12.33" |
| Normal year to date | 12.57" |

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

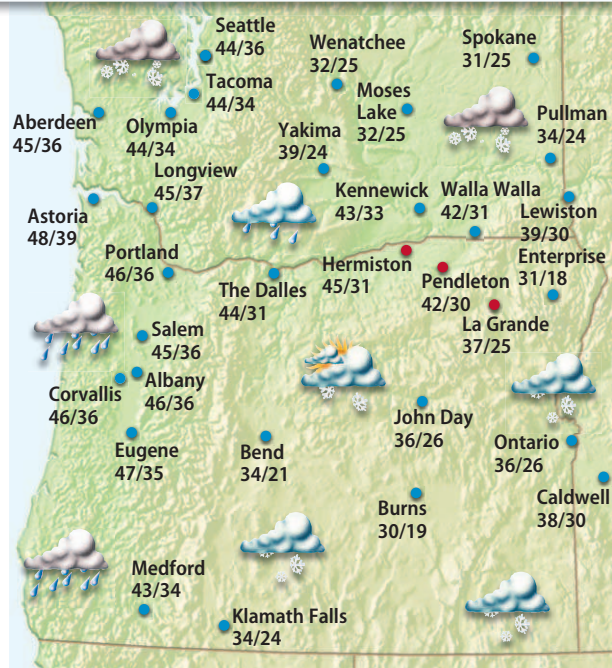
| TEMPERATURE | |
|--------------------|-------------|
| HIGH | LOW |
| Yesterday 46° | 37° |
| Normals 38° | 27° |
| Records 70° (1933) | -13° (1983) |

| PRECIPITATION | |
|------------------------|-------|
| 24 hours ending 3 p.m. | 0.01" |
| Month to date | 1.51" |
| Normal month to date | 1.07" |
| Year to date | 6.90" |
| Last year to date | 7.00" |
| Normal year to date | 9.54" |

SUN AND MOON

| | |
|----------------|-----------|
| Sunrise today | 7:34 a.m. |
| Sunset tonight | 4:15 p.m. |
| Moonrise today | 3:18 p.m. |
| Moonset today | 5:20 a.m. |

| Full | Last | New | First |
|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| | | | |
| Dec 25 | Jan 1 | Jan 9 | Jan 16 |



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Periods of rain today. Periods of rain, some heavy tonight. Periods of rain tomorrow.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Variable clouds today; a snow shower, except a bit of snow across the north.

Western Washington: Mostly cloudy today with showers, most numerous along the coast. A few showers tonight.

Eastern Washington: Mostly cloudy today; a bit of snow, accumulating up to an inch in the north and east.

Cascades: Snow, heavy at times today with accumulations of 6-12 inches. Additional snow tonight.

Northern California: Snow showers mountains today; spotty showers at the coast. Increasing rain coast tonight.

REGIONAL CITIES

| | Today | | | Thu. | | |
|---------------|-------|----|----|------|----|----|
| | Hi | Lo | W | Hi | Lo | W |
| Astoria | 48 | 39 | r | 45 | 35 | sh |
| Baker City | 34 | 18 | sn | 30 | 14 | sf |
| Bend | 34 | 21 | sf | 32 | 15 | c |
| Brookings | 46 | 38 | r | 45 | 33 | r |
| Burns | 30 | 19 | sf | 28 | 9 | c |
| Enterprise | 31 | 18 | sn | 28 | 12 | sf |
| Eugene | 47 | 35 | sh | 43 | 32 | r |
| Heppner | 39 | 27 | c | 36 | 22 | c |
| Hermiston | 45 | 31 | c | 42 | 26 | c |
| John Day | 36 | 26 | sf | 34 | 18 | c |
| Klamath Falls | 34 | 24 | sf | 30 | 17 | sn |
| La Grande | 37 | 25 | c | 34 | 18 | sf |
| Meacham | 35 | 25 | c | 33 | 18 | c |
| Medford | 43 | 34 | sh | 40 | 28 | sn |
| Newport | 46 | 38 | r | 45 | 37 | r |
| North Bend | 49 | 39 | r | 48 | 36 | r |
| Ontario | 36 | 26 | sf | 34 | 19 | sn |
| Pasco | 44 | 31 | c | 41 | 24 | c |
| Pendleton | 42 | 30 | c | 40 | 26 | c |
| Portland | 46 | 36 | sh | 43 | 35 | sn |
| Redmond | 39 | 22 | sf | 35 | 16 | c |
| Salem | 45 | 36 | sh | 43 | 33 | r |
| Spokane | 31 | 25 | sn | 32 | 18 | c |
| Ukiah | 34 | 22 | c | 32 | 18 | c |
| Vancouver | 44 | 36 | sh | 42 | 34 | sn |
| Walla Walla | 42 | 31 | c | 40 | 25 | c |
| Yakima | 39 | 24 | c | 35 | 19 | c |

WORLD CITIES

| | Today | | | Thu. | | |
|-------------|-------|----|----|------|----|----|
| | Hi | Lo | W | Hi | Lo | W |
| Beijing | 45 | 20 | pc | 41 | 17 | s |
| Hong Kong | 74 | 68 | c | 74 | 61 | c |
| Jerusalem | 55 | 37 | s | 54 | 37 | s |
| London | 52 | 48 | pc | 53 | 42 | sh |
| Mexico City | 70 | 42 | pc | 74 | 42 | pc |
| Moscow | 42 | 39 | r | 42 | 32 | c |
| Paris | 55 | 47 | c | 55 | 45 | pc |
| Rome | 59 | 41 | pc | 59 | 39 | pc |
| Seoul | 48 | 27 | pc | 40 | 22 | pc |
| Sydney | 75 | 66 | pc | 75 | 66 | pc |
| Tokyo | 51 | 47 | r | 58 | 49 | pc |

WINDS

| (in mph) | Today | Thursday |
|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Boardman | SW 8-16 | SW 4-8 |
| Pendleton | WSW 10-20 | SW 4-8 |

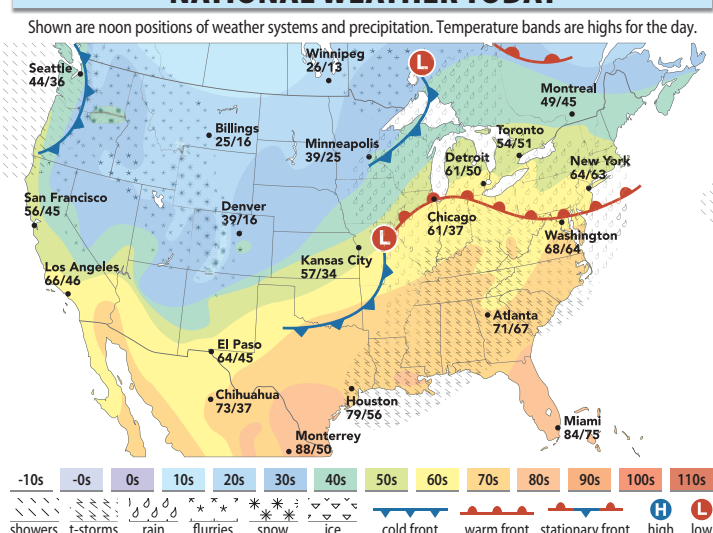
UV INDEX TODAY

| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|----------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------|--------|
| 8 a.m. | 10 a.m. | Noon | 2 p.m. | 4 p.m. | 6 p.m. |
| 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.

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



National Summary: Areas of rain and fog will affect the East today with locally severe storms over the Ohio and lower Mississippi valleys. Coastal rain with mountain and inland snow will affect a large part of the West.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 85° in Fort Myers, Fla. **Low** 8° in Poplar, Mont.

NATIONAL CITIES

| | Today | | | Thur. | | | | Today | | | Thur. | | |
|----------------|-------|-----|----|-------|-----|----|----------------|-------|----|----|-------|----|----|
| | Hi | Lo | W | Hi | Lo | W | | Hi | Lo | W | Hi | Lo | W |
| Albuquerque | 50 | 29 | c | 46 | 32 | c | Louisville | 70 | 59 | t | 68 | 52 | pc |
| Atlanta | 71 | 67 | r | 76 | 66 | c | Memphis | 74 | 59 | t | 75 | 59 | pc |
| Atlantic City | 62 | 60 | r | 68 | 60 | pc | Miami | 84 | 75 | pc | 84 | 76 | pc |
| Baltimore | 66 | 61 | r | 76 | 59 | t | Milwaukee | 57 | 34 | r | 42 | 29 | pc |
| Birmingham | 74 | 67 | r | 77 | 67 | c | Minneapolis | 39 | 25 | sn | 29 | 23 | c |
| Boise | 36 | 27 | sf | 35 | 21 | sn | Nashville | 72 | 61 | t | 75 | 58 | pc |
| Boston | 54 | 51 | r | 68 | 56 | c | New Orleans | 80 | 68 | r | 79 | 68 | t |
| Charleston, SC | 77 | 67 | r | 79 | 64 | pc | New York City | 64 | 63 | r | 73 | 59 | c |
| Charleston, WV | 71 | 64 | t | 70 | 54 | sh | Oklahoma City | 63 | 36 | s | 57 | 36 | s |
| Chicago | 61 | 37 | r | 45 | 31 | pc | Omaha | 44 | 28 | r | 40 | 28 | sn |
| Cleveland | 63 | 57 | c | 60 | 41 | pc | Philadelphia | 67 | 65 | r | 77 | 59 | t |
| Dallas | 75 | 53 | s | 70 | 50 | s | Phoenix | 65 | 50 | pc | 66 | 48 | sh |
| Denver | 39 | 16 | sf | 32 | 14 | pc | Portland, ME | 49 | 43 | pc | 60 | 48 | sh |
| Detroit | 61 | 50 | c | 54 | 37 | pc | Providence | 58 | 54 | r | 67 | 55 | c |
| El Paso | 64 | 45 | s | 63 | 41 | s | Raleigh | 74 | 67 | r | 78 | 66 | c |
| Fairbanks | -4 | -20 | sf | -15 | -25 | s | Rapid City | 32 | 9 | pc | 35 | 11 | pc |
| Fargo | 28 | 14 | sf | 21 | 14 | pc | Reno | 42 | 29 | c | 38 | 23 | sn |
| Honolulu | 83 | 73 | pc | 83 | 73 | sh | Sacramento | 56 | 39 | c | 53 | 34 | r |
| Houston | 79 | 56 | c | 78 | 68 | c | St. Louis | 69 | 47 | r | 58 | 40 | c |
| Indianapolis | 64 | 47 | r | 56 | 41 | pc | Salt Lake City | 33 | 20 | sf | 34 | 20 | c |
| Jacksonville | 82 | 67 | c | 82 | 64 | pc | San Diego | 65 | 53 | pc | 64 | 53 | pc |
| Kansas City | 57 | 34 | sh | 46 | 32 | pc | San Francisco | 56 | 45 | c | 52 | 43 | r |
| Las Vegas | 58 | 38 | pc | 56 | 41 | pc | Seattle | 44 | 36 | sh | 42 | 34 | c |
| Little Rock | 74 | 52 | t | 71 | 54 | s | Tucson | 66 | 48 | pc | 66 | 43 | c |
| Los Angeles | 66 | 46 | pc | 62 | 46 | c | Washington, DC | 68 | 64 | r | 77 | 61 | t |
| | | | | | | | Wichita | 53 | 34 | s | 50 | 33 | s |

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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In this 2011 file photo, inmates walk past correctional officers at the Washington Corrections Center in Shelton, Wash. Gov. Jay Inslee said Tuesday that more than 3,000 prisoners in Washington have been mistakenly released early since 2002 because of an error by the state's Department of Corrections.

More than 3,000 Washington prisoners mistakenly freed early

By RACHEL LA CORTE
 Associated Press

OLYMPIA — More than 3,000 prisoners in Washington have been mistakenly released early since 2002 because of an error by the state's Department of Corrections that resulted in wrongly calculated sentences for about 3 percent of the prison population.

At a news conference announcing the error Tuesday, Gov. Jay Inslee said he has ordered immediate steps to correct the longstanding computer glitch.

"Frankly, it is maddening," Inslee said.

Authorities say a July 2002 state Supreme Court ruling required the Corrections Department to apply good-behavior credits earned in county jail to state prison sentences. However, the programming fix ended up giving prisoners with sentencing enhancements too much so-called good time credit.

Sentencing enhancements include additional time given for certain crimes, like those using firearms or those committed near schools. Under state law, prisoners who get extra time for sentencing enhancements cannot have that time reduced for good behavior.

An analysis showed as many as 3,200 offenders were released early, and another 3,100 who are still incarcerated had inaccurate release dates.

Inslee's general counsel, Nicholas Brown, said most

of the errors were 100 days or less. In some cases, inmates were released just a few days early, but at least one person who is still incarcerated had a release date that was off by about 600 days.

Based on a prior Supreme Court ruling, most of the affected offenders won't have to go back to prison. But officials have identified at least seven prisoners who were freed but haven't reached their corrected release date yet, and they will need to return to prison. Five of them have already been re-incarcerated.

The Department of Corrections was first alerted to the error in December 2012, when a victim's family learned of a prisoner's imminent release. The family did its own calculations and found he was being credited with too much time.

A timeline provided by the governor's office shows the agency consulted with attorneys regarding the error the same month and scheduled a fix for the program. However, the coding fix was repeatedly delayed, and the governor says he didn't learn of the issue until last week, when corrections' officials notified his staff.

"For reasons we still don't yet fully understand, that fix never happened," Brown said. Corrections Department Secretary Dan Pacholke, who took over as head of the agency in October and just learned of the error last week, also said he couldn't yet explain what happened.

"How that did not rise up in the agency to the highest

levels is not clear to me," he said.

Brown said officials don't yet have a complete list of prisoners affected. The Corrections Department and governor's office have not released the names of those inmates who have been sent back to prison, or the name of the family who alerted the agency to the problem.

When asked if any of the prisoners who were released early committed additional crimes, Brown said, "We don't have the answer to that."

Inslee told corrections officials to stop releasing prisoners affected by the glitch until a hand calculation is done to ensure the offender is being released on the correct date. A broad fix to the software problem is expected to be in place by early January.

The governor said two retired federal prosecutors will conduct an independent investigation to figure out why it has taken so long to correct the problem.

"I have a lot of questions about how and why this happened, and I understand that members of the public will have those same questions," Inslee said.

Pacholke said he welcomed the external investigation.

"The agency should be held accountable for this breach," he said.

Republican state Sen. Mike Padden said the Law and Justice Committee he chairs will convene hearings on the early releases when the Legislature returns to the Capitol in early January.

Audit cites evidence testing backlog at OSP labs

By PARIS ACHEN
 Capital Bureau

SALEM — A backlog of untested forensic evidence at Oregon State Police laboratories has ballooned by 90 percent since 2005, fueled by increased demand, inefficient practices and staff shortages and vacancies, according to a Secretary of State's audit.

On average, the agency's Forensics Division takes about twice as long to test forensic evidence than national standards, the audit showed.

"The quality and reliability of forensic testing is extremely important to the criminal justice system," the auditors wrote. "If the best evidence is not submitted in court, the guilty may go unpunished or an innocent person may lose their liberty."

Auditors said the Forensics Division has already taken steps to

increase efficiency with technology investments and process changes. They recommended additional strategies to enhance the flow of casework and to eliminate duplication of work. For instance, they recommended more strategic planning such as using data to manage workloads and project needs for additional resources.

OSP laboratories take an average of 65 days to test evidence, according to the audit. The National Institute of Justice standards call for evidence to be tested within 30 days. But auditors also noted that backlogs also are a problem in other parts of the nation.

Oregon's backlog now stands about 3,700 cases. In 2014, OSP received 29,500 requests for testing. The demand for testing has surged by 31 percent since 2005 with only "marginal" staff increases, the audit stated.

The audit was "substantially complete before allegations were publicly reported" that a forensic analyst in the division had tampered with evidence, auditors wrote. They said employees had disclosed no criminal behavior during the audit.

A criminal investigation into the allegations is underway. Nika Larsen, a forensic analyst in OSP's Bend office, has been identified as a suspect in the case.

Gov. Kate Brown also has appointed a work group to review the division's practices and procedures for evidence control.

The division has 127 employees, five laboratories in Bend, Central Point, Clackamas, Pendleton and Springfield and a biennial budget of \$35.8 million.

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