

## AccuWeather.com Forecast

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
54° 36°	54° 38°	54° 40°	53° 39°	57° 48°

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST  
 54° 36° 54° 38° 54° 40° 53° 39° 57° 48°  
 HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST  
 53° 37° 53° 39° 53° 41° 56° 39° 59° 45°

### ALMANAC

**PENDLETON**  
 through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	50°	27°
Normals	45°	29°
Records	73° (1996)	-20° (1929)

**PRECIPITATION**  
 24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"  
 Month to date 0.22"  
 Normal month to date 0.40"  
 Year to date 1.73"  
 Last year to date 1.47"  
 Normal year to date 1.78"

**HERMISTON**  
 through 3 p.m. yesterday

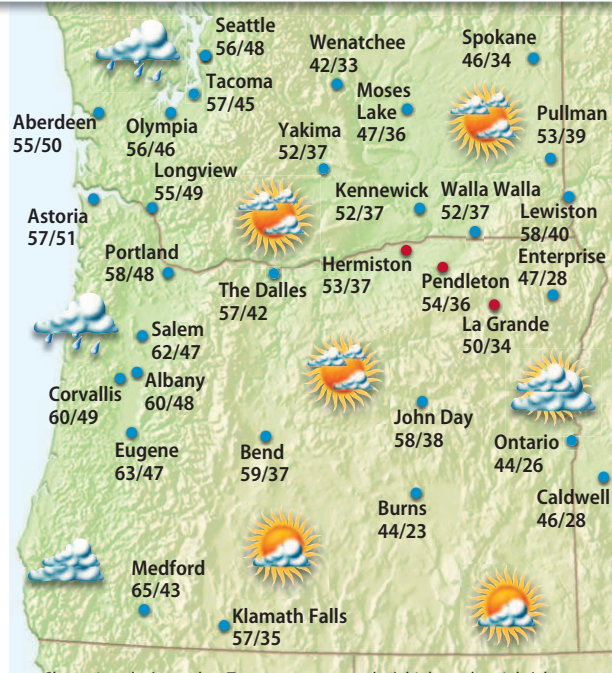
TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	50°	26°
Normals	46°	29°
Records	70° (1996)	-24° (1929)

**PRECIPITATION**  
 24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"  
 Month to date 0.05"  
 Normal month to date 0.31"  
 Year to date 1.15"  
 Last year to date 1.04"  
 Normal year to date 1.59"

**SUN AND MOON**

Sunrise today	7:06 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:14 p.m.
Moonrise today	8:12 a.m.
Moonset today	8:13 p.m.

First Full Last New  
 Feb 14 Feb 22 Mar 1 Mar 8



### REGIONAL FORECAST

**Coastal Oregon:** Variable cloudiness today; a little rain across the north.

**Eastern Washington:** Patchy fog in the morning; otherwise, clouds and sun today.

**Eastern and Central Oregon:** Some sun today; however, low clouds and fog banking in the upper Treasure Valley.

**Cascades:** Mild today with variable cloudiness. Mostly cloudy tonight.

**Western Washington:** Cloudy today. A little rain; arriving in the afternoon across the south.

**Northern California:** Clouds and sun today. Mostly cloudy tonight. Intervals of clouds and sun tomorrow.

### REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	57	51	r	58	51	r
Baker City	44	25	pc	45	30	pc
Bend	59	37	pc	60	39	pc
Brookings	61	50	c	62	51	c
Burns	44	23	pc	47	25	pc
Enterprise	47	28	pc	48	32	pc
Eugene	63	47	c	62	50	c
Heppner	56	37	pc	55	38	pc
Hermiston	53	37	pc	53	39	pc
John Day	58	38	pc	59	39	pc
Klamath Falls	57	35	pc	59	34	pc
La Grande	50	34	pc	51	39	pc
Meacham	50	35	pc	51	39	pc
Medford	65	43	pc	68	44	c
Newport	58	51	c	59	51	r
North Bend	64	52	c	65	53	c
Ontario	44	26	pc	45	29	pc
Pasco	51	34	pc	54	39	pc
Pendleton	54	36	pc	54	38	pc
Portland	58	48	c	58	49	r
Redmond	63	36	pc	64	38	pc
Salem	62	47	c	61	50	r
Spokane	46	34	pc	48	40	c
Ukiah	54	34	pc	54	34	pc
Vancouver	56	48	c	57	49	r
Walla Walla	52	37	pc	54	43	pc
Yakima	52	37	pc	52	41	c

### WORLD CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	52	31	s	49	35	sh
Hong Kong	68	63	pc	69	65	c
Jerusalem	51	38	sh	51	38	pc
London	47	32	pc	46	33	pc
Mexico City	63	36	pc	69	37	s
Moscow	34	24	c	30	27	pc
Paris	46	34	pc	45	34	sh
Rome	58	43	s	55	45	sh
Seoul	47	29	s	56	41	c
Sydney	84	68	s	82	69	pc
Tokyo	49	38	s	50	42	s

### WINDS

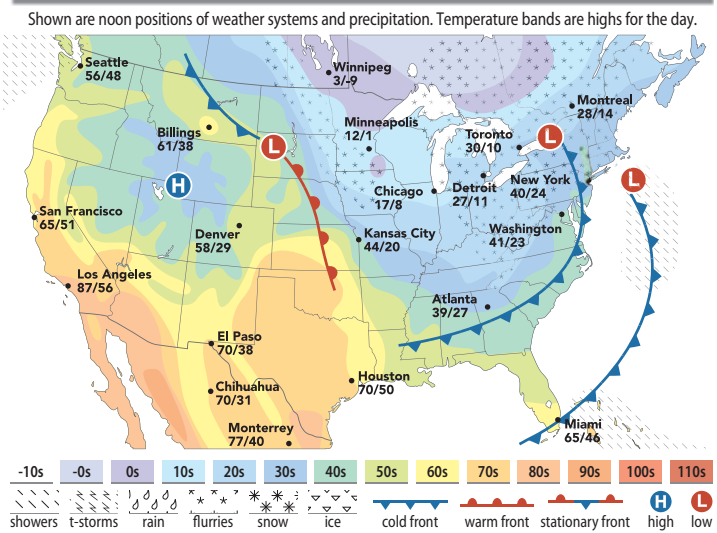
(in mph) Today Thursday  
**Boardman** VAR 2-4 NNE 4-8  
**Pendleton** SW 3-6 E 3-6

### UV INDEX TODAY

0 1 2 1 0 0  
 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:** A broad area of flurries with embedded pockets of moderate snow will extend from the northern Plains to the coastal Northeast amid the chilly air today. Unusual warmth will continue in the West.

**Yesterday's National Extremes:** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
 High 92° in Fullerton, Calif. Low -11° in Gunnison, Colo.

### NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thur.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	63	32	s	65	33	s
Atlanta	39	27	s	53	32	s
Atlantic City	40	26	pc	30	19	sf
Baltimore	39	22	pc	30	13	pc
Billings	61	38	pc	61	36	pc
Birmingham	41	27	s	57	31	s
Boise	48	31	pc	51	33	pc
Boston	37	23	sn	32	11	sf
Charleston, SC	46	26	s	52	35	s
Charleston, WV	25	13	sf	26	11	c
Chicago	17	8	pc	23	12	s
Cleveland	25	13	sn	22	12	sf
Dallas	73	48	s	69	39	s
Denver	58	29	s	54	35	s
Detroit	27	11	sf	25	15	pc
El Paso	70	38	s	72	37	s
Fairbanks	4	-5	pc	18	3	pc
Fargo	15	-1	sn	17	1	c
Honolulu	81	66	s	81	70	s
Houston	70	50	sf	77	55	s
Indianapolis	21	8	pc	25	11	s
Jacksonville	52	27	s	60	45	s
Kansas City	44	20	s	36	24	pc
Las Vegas	71	46	s	72	46	s
Little Rock	51	32	s	54	29	s
Los Angeles	87	56	s	86	56	s
Louisville	26	16	c	33	18	s
Memphis	42	31	s	51	28	s
Miami	65	46	pc	67	54	s
Milwaukee	16	7	pc	20	10	s
Minneapolis	12	1	s	17	6	pc
Nashville	33	25	pc	42	21	s
New Orleans	57	46	s	75	55	s
New York City	40	24	sn	30	16	sf
Oklahoma City	72	36	s	57	31	s
Omaha	29	16	sf	28	24	c
Philadelphia	42	25	pc	29	17	sf
Phoenix	84	52	s	85	52	s
Portland, ME	34	22	sf	30	5	c
Providence	37	21	sn	31	9	sf
Raleigh	42	21	s	40	23	pc
Rapid City	58	25	s	49	33	pc
Reno	63	32	pc	66	34	pc
Sacramento	73	45	pc	72	46	pc
St. Louis	29	18	sn	32	20	pc
Salt Lake City	42	26	pc	46	28	s
San Diego	83	54	s	78	54	s
San Francisco	65	51	pc	64	51	pc
Seattle	56	48	r	57	50	r
Tucson	82	44	s	84	45	s
Washington, DC	41	23	pc	32	20	pc
Wichita	64	29	s	49	30	pc

**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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# Legislature has plenty of requests for more money

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**SALEM** — State economists will provide an update Wednesday morning on the outlook for Oregon's economy and government revenue.

Just over a week into the short legislative session, lawmakers have received plenty of requests for more money. The ability for lawmakers to tackle budget shortfalls and look for efficiencies was among the reasons supporters of annual legislative sessions cited in 2010, when voters approved a measure requiring lawmakers to meet annually in Salem. The state is seven months into a two-year budget that extends through mid-2017.

Some of the funding requests this session are routine from agencies with fluctuating human services caseloads. For example,

the Department of Human Services will ask the Legislature for an additional \$71.7 million to plug a budget hole caused by increased costs for certain types of cases, changes in caseloads and increased personnel costs, according to a budget presentation.

The Oregon Health Authority also asked lawmakers for more money from the state general fund, although for a less routine reason. Budget documents show the agency asked for \$84.4 million, and communications director Robb Cowie said most of the request stems from higher-than-anticipated enrollment in Medicaid since the program was expanded under the federal Affordable Care Act.

Other budget requests are tied to natural events. The Oregon Department of Forestry is asking the Legislature for an additional \$77.4 million to cover firefighting

costs during the remainder of the biennium, after severe wildfires burned through the agency's budget in 2015. "In 2015, we depleted that large fire fund," said Rod Nichols, a spokesman for the Oregon Department of Forestry.

The Oregon Department of Transportation is asking the Legislature for authorization to spend an additional \$6.2 million to repair roads, guardrails and other infrastructure damaged by fires, but agency spokesman Tom Fuller wrote in an email that the agency expects to be reimbursed by the federal government and other state agencies.

There are also anticipated budget issues that could affect the state in a few years, but which might not be addressed in hearings or legislation this session.

In late January, the Legislative Fiscal Office released a report that analyzed the cost to state government,

during a two-year period, of increasing the minimum wage immediately to \$13.50 or \$15 per hour. Analysts estimated the wage hike could cost the state more than \$140 million during the next biennium.

However, the office ultimately found the cost to the state of specific legislation moving through the Legislature would be "indefinite" because analysts did not know how many state employees would be working for minimum wage as the increases were phased in over seven years. As a result, a three-tier minimum wage bill was not referred to the budget writing Joint Committee on Ways and Means and there is currently no plan to cover the costs to the state.

That did not sit well with House and Senate Republicans.

"Our members are deeply concerned it's not going to Ways and Means," House

Republican Office communications director Preston Mann said on Wednesday.

Sen. Tim Knopp, R-Bend, agreed the Legislature should discuss the potential state budget impact of a minimum wage increase.

"My biggest concern is that the Legislature is actually adding costs to the budget for this biennium and next biennium without actually increasing any revenue," Knopp said. "And so my point is that the minimum wage, if it's passed, is going to have a significant impact on the state budget as well as local budgets — school districts, park districts and so on — and there hasn't been any study of that or review of that in Ways

and Means at this point, which I think is pretty disturbing."

Spokespeople for Democrats in the House and Senate did not respond to requests for comment Tuesday.

Knopp, who sponsored a bill aimed at trimming public employee pension costs, said he was also disappointed lawmakers likely will not address the looming pension shortfall this session.

"I think that's what the short session was intended for," Knopp said of the pension liability and other long-term budget issues. The unfunded liability in the state pension fund has continued to grow, with the latest projection surpassing \$21 billion over the next couple decades.

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