

AccuWeather.com Forecast

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Intervals of clouds and sunshine	A thick cloud cover	A quick afternoon shower	Mostly cloudy with a shower	Cloudy with a bit of rain
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
61° 43°	60° 47°	66° 48°	63° 53°	64° 47°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
64° 43°	62° 42°	65° 46°	65° 51°	69° 46°

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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	56°	50°
Normals	61°	38°
Records	88° (2003)	16° (1911)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.

Month to date	0.15"
Normal month to date	0.69"
Year to date	9.45"
Last year to date	5.89"
Normal year to date	9.67"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	57°	53°
Normals	63°	37°
Records	87° (2003)	19° (1928)

PRECIPITATION

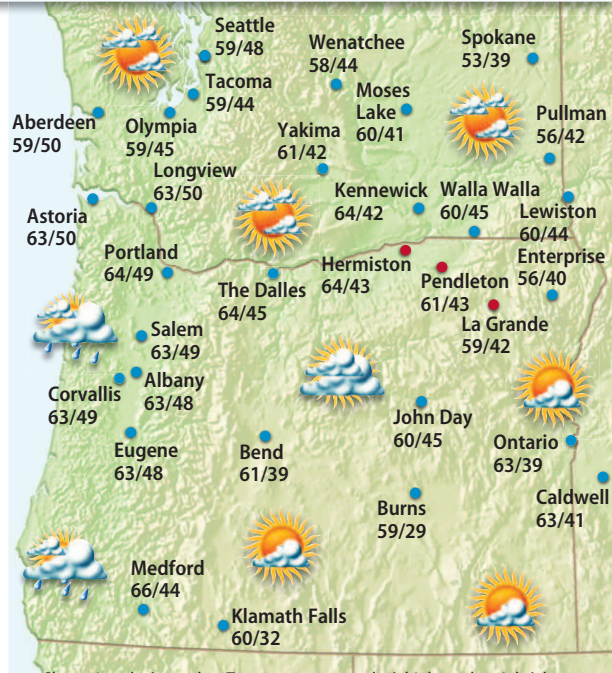
24 hours ending 3 p.m.

Month to date	1.19"
Normal month to date	0.40"
Year to date	6.63"
Last year to date	3.71"
Normal year to date	6.99"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:21 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:57 p.m.
Moonrise today	none
Moonset today	2:08 p.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Oct 22	Oct 30	Nov 7	Nov 14



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: A little rain today; any time across the north, in the afternoon in central parts.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Clouds and sun today, but more clouds in central parts; pleasant in the south.

Western Washington: Clouds and sun today; a morning shower in spots, then a little rain at the coast.

Eastern Washington: Partial sunshine today; patchy morning fog near the Idaho border.

Cascades: More clouds than sun today.

Northern California: Partly sunny today; pleasant in central parts.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	63	50	r	62	51	c
Baker City	57	33	c	61	39	c
Bend	61	39	c	60	43	c
Brookings	60	51	pc	59	53	r
Burns	59	29	c	62	36	c
Enterprise	56	40	c	62	44	c
Eugene	63	40	pc	58	48	c
Heppner	61	40	pc	61	46	c
Hermiston	64	43	pc	62	42	c
John Day	60	45	c	65	47	c
Klamath Falls	60	32	pc	59	39	c
La Grande	59	42	c	65	47	c
Meacham	57	40	c	63	47	c
Medford	66	44	c	63	47	c
Newport	61	50	r	58	51	r
North Bend	64	53	r	62	54	r
Ontario	63	39	pc	67	44	c
Pasco	63	41	pc	61	42	c
Pendleton	61	43	pc	60	47	c
Portland	64	49	pc	61	50	r
Redmond	63	36	c	61	42	c
Salem	63	49	pc	60	48	c
Spokane	53	39	pc	55	44	c
Ukiah	59	38	c	63	44	c
Vancouver	63	49	pc	59	50	r
Walla Walla	60	45	pc	60	48	c
Yakima	61	42	pc	59	44	pc

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	57	41	c	58	38	s
Hong Kong	84	78	c	84	78	pc
Jerusalem	74	59	s	74	57	s
London	57	43	pc	57	47	c
Mexico City	70	51	pc	74	53	pc
Moscow	38	30	c	39	27	pc
Paris	55	40	pc	58	51	sh
Rome	68	55	pc	69	58	pc
Seoul	70	55	pc	61	46	c
Sydney	67	52	r	65	53	pc
Tokyo	67	59	c	70	55	pc

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Sunday
Boardman	SSW 3-6	NE 3-6
Pendleton	NW 4-8	NNW 4-8

UV INDEX TODAY

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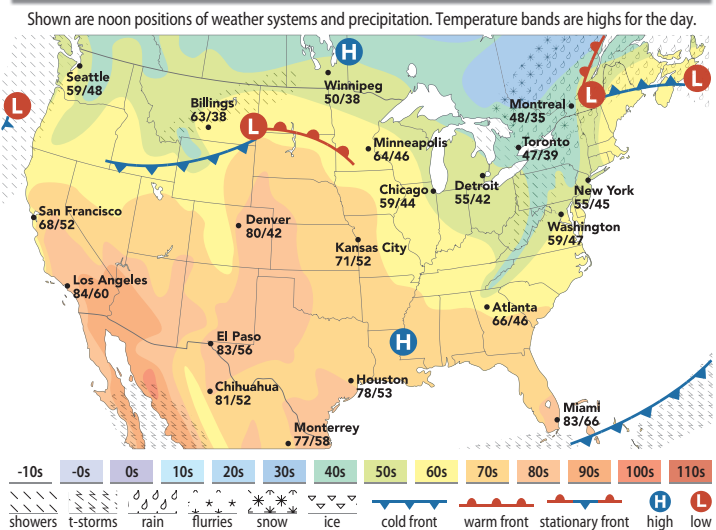
8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

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: Much colder air will pour into the Northeast today with lingering rain showers and some high-elevation snow. Rain showers will dot Montana and North Dakota, and from coastal northern California to Washington.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 98° in Gila Bend, Ariz. **Low** 7° in Antero Reservoir, Colo.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sun.				Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	77	50	s	79	52	s	Louisville	63	47	pc	75	53	s
Atlanta	66	46	s	77	53	s	Memphis	70	50	s	78	54	s
Atlantic City	56	45	pc	65	56	s	Miami	83	66	s	81	70	s
Baltimore	58	42	pc	66	50	s	Milwaukee	58	44	pc	64	42	s
Billings	63	38	pc	63	43	pc	Minneapolis	64	46	pc	59	37	s
Birmingham	70	45	s	79	50	s	Nashville	65	44	s	77	50	s
Boise	64	46	pc	71	50	s	New Orleans	77	59	s	83	64	pc
Boston	65	44	sh	58	46	pc	New York City	55	45	r	62	48	s
Charleston, SC	71	46	s	74	52	s	Oklahoma City	76	53	s	80	54	s
Charleston, WV	56	41	c	69	50	s	Omaha	71	48	s	72	41	s
Chicago	59	44	pc	68	42	s	Philadelphia	55	44	sh	64	51	s
Cleveland	52	45	c	67	47	c	Phoenix	97	70	s	96	72	pc
Dallas	78	55	s	82	63	pc	Portland, ME	64	39	sh	53	37	pc
Denver	80	42	s	73	42	s	Providence	66	41	sh	59	44	s
Detroit	55	42	pc	65	44	pc	Raleigh	63	43	s	69	51	s
El Paso	83	56	pc	86	56	s	Rapid City	73	36	s	61	38	s
Fairbanks	21	4	c	23	4	s	Reno	71	45	pc	70	46	pc
Fargo	61	40	pc	55	34	s	Sacramento	74	48	pc	73	49	pc
Honolulu	85	74	pc	85	74	pc	St. Louis	69	54	s	77	50	s
Houston	78	53	s	83	63	pc	Salt Lake City	71	48	pc	77	56	pc
Indianapolis	58	45	pc	69	47	s	San Diego	60	65	s	78	67	c
Jacksonville	73	47	s	75	49	s	San Francisco	68	52	pc	68	56	pc
Kansas City	71	52	s	75	46	s	Seattle	59	48	pc	60	50	r
Las Vegas	89	64	s	84	63	c	Tucson	95	65	s	92	65	pc
Little Rock	71	47	s	76	52	pc	Washington, DC	59	47	pc	68	55	s
Los Angeles	84	60	s	78	62	pc	Wichita	77	50	s	78	50	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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OSU, EOU see growth in online programs

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In 2002, Oregon State University's distance education program looked sort of like a Blockbuster video store.

The school had a storage room in Corvallis with lectures on VHS tapes, which staff would mail to students enrolled at OSU who rarely set foot on the main campus.

Today, OSU's so-called "Ecampus" is a juggernaut, routinely recognized on national lists as one of the best online curriculums in the country. If the program itself were a university, it would be the fourth-largest in Oregon. More than 5,000 full-time OSU students take classes exclusively online, compared with 24,500 students on campus.

Enrollment at Eastern Oregon University is smaller, with about 1,200 students on campus, but another 800 study exclusively over the internet.

Students take courses from the same professors who would lecture in Corvallis or La Grande and have easy access to advisers and other campus services. Both schools target students who started college but never finished.

Flexibility is the name of the game in the online classroom.



EO file photo

Eastern Oregon University has 1,200 enrolled full-time students on campus with another 800 students enrolled online.

For the most part, the education is on-demand. Students can watch videos of recorded lectures at their leisure and participate in interactive assignments from home. Both schools give students the option of taking finals in person but at locations off-campus.

Oregon State expects online enrollment to more than double in the next decade, while creeping up roughly 15 percent on the ground in Corvallis.

OSU sees the online program as a way to expand its brand and visi-

bility nationally. Currently, nearly three-quarters of its online-only students live outside Oregon.

"We're not just a land grant for Oregon," said Steve Clark, OSU's spokesman of the university's roots as a university with a footprint in every county in the state. "We think of ourselves as a land-grant for the world."

Eastern Oregon University, the state's smallest public school situated in rural La Grande, is also all-in for online education.

Roughly the same number of

students take classes full-time at Eastern online as in person. "I see it as a major part of our strategic growth," President Tom Insko said, "as well as our service mission as an institution."

Eastern began teaching distance education courses in 1979. Despite the localized branding, it has offices dispersed across the state — from Gresham, to Roseburg, to Ontario.

The university says it's a hybrid model, where students can go to one of the 11 centers for some coursework if they desire, or to meet face-to-face with faculty or staff, depending on the location or program.

More than half of the faculty members teaching classes this fall have at least one course online.

Insko said the school, which has endured enrollment declines and numerous leadership changes, is trying to offer more options for students to finish degrees. The state wants 40 percent of Oregonians to hold at least a bachelor's degree by 2025.

OSU, too, says it is helping fulfill the state's graduation goals. A record 692 completed one of the university's more than 45 online degree options last year.

Lisa Templeton, the Ecampus executive director, said online

learning is not for everyone.

"You have to be self-motivated," she said, "It's definitely not easy."

The online program employs 65 designers, developers and administrators. Coursework is vetted through the same academic process as other classes, and instructors go through training with Templeton's staff to develop online curriculum.

Oregon State classes online cost more than on campus. A full course load of 15 credit hours for an undergraduate student online is about \$4,200, some \$750 more than for on-campus Oregon students.

But the online program is a bargain for out-of-state students. Whereas on-campus tuition is higher for non-Oregonians, online classes cost the same regardless of where a student lives. Non-Oregonians can save more than \$5,400 per term by taking courses at home rather than in Corvallis.

Templeton said OSU can continue to grow because there will always be students who want to take a class or finish a degree, but can't uproot their whole lives to do it.

"They might have a job, they might have kids," she said, "and getting to Corvallis at 10 a.m. on a Tuesday for class just isn't in the picture."

SUBMIT PHOTOS OF YOUR FELINE FRIENDS

National Cat Day is Saturday, Oct. 29. A special article is planned featuring your feline friends. Submit a high-resolution photo of your cat and include your first and last name, your cat's name, age, sex and some of their quirky or fun behaviors. Send to: community@eastoregonian.com or drop off to the attention of Tammy Malgesini at 333 E. Main St., Hermiston, or Renee Struthers at 211 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton. Call 541-564-4539 or 541-966-0818 with questions. **Submissions must be received Wednesday by noon.**

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