

## AccuWeather Forecast

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TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Clouds giving way to some sun	Cooler; a shower in the morning	Mostly sunny and chilly	Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy with a little rain
<b>PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST</b>				
62°	38°	47°	28°	47°
<b>HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST</b>				
65°	38°	50°	28°	48°
				32°
				51°
				23°

### ALMANAC

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

**TEMPERATURE**

HIGH	LOW
Yesterday 61°	42°
Normals 45°	29°
Records 65° (2015)	-19° (1929)

**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"  
Month to date 0.26"  
Normal month to date 0.32"  
Year to date 1.85"  
Last year to date 1.90"  
Normal year to date 1.70"

### HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

**TEMPERATURE**

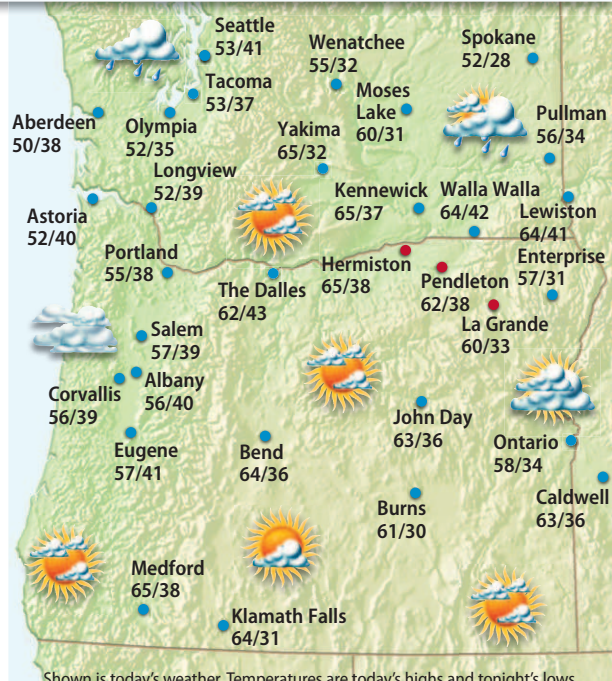
HIGH	LOW
Yesterday 57°	47°
Normals 46°	29°
Records 68° (2015)	-25° (1929)

**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. Trace  
Month to date 0.14"  
Normal month to date 0.24"  
Year to date 1.24"  
Last year to date 1.73"  
Normal year to date 1.52"

### SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:08 a.m.  
Sunset tonight 5:11 p.m.  
Moonrise today 1:31 a.m.  
Moonset today 11:40 a.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Feb 15	Feb 22	Mar 1	Mar 9



### REGIONAL FORECAST

**Coastal Oregon:** A shower across the north today; some sun in central parts. Mostly sunny in the south.

**Eastern and Central Oregon:** Some sun today; cloudy in the morning, then some sun across the north in the afternoon.

**Western Washington:** Low clouds today; a shower in spots at the coast.

**Eastern Washington:** Mostly cloudy today; a couple of showers in the mountains.

**Cascades:** Mild today with intervals of clouds and sun.

**Northern California:** Mostly sunny today. Mainly clear tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow.

### REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	52	40	c	49	35	pc
Baker City	60	31	c	48	22	pc
Bend	64	36	pc	52	23	pc
Brookings	64	46	s	60	42	pc
Burns	61	30	pc	49	21	pc
Enterprise	57	31	c	42	21	sf
Eugene	57	41	pc	53	30	pc
Heppner	52	33	c	46	26	pc
Hermiston	65	38	pc	50	28	c
John Day	63	36	pc	47	25	pc
Klamath Falls	64	31	pc	59	23	pc
La Grande	60	33	c	45	24	c
Meacham	57	31	c	41	22	r
Medford	65	38	pc	60	32	pc
Newport	51	40	c	50	36	pc
North Bend	55	43	pc	53	37	pc
Ontario	58	34	c	54	27	pc
Pasco	65	35	pc	53	28	c
Pendleton	62	38	pc	47	28	c
Portland	55	38	c	51	32	pc
Redmond	65	32	c	54	23	pc
Salem	57	39	c	53	32	pc
Spokane	52	28	c	40	22	c
Ukiah	57	29	pc	41	21	pc
Vancouver	54	40	c	49	32	pc
Walla Walla	64	42	pc	50	30	c
Yakima	65	32	pc	53	28	pc

### WORLD CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	39	18	pc	40	14	pc
Hong Kong	63	59	pc	67	61	pc
Jerusalem	69	53	c	69	51	pc
London	45	40	c	42	30	pc
Mexico City	70	47	pc	69	48	pc
Moscow	18	14	pc	24	17	c
Paris	33	22	s	35	28	sn
Rome	56	38	pc	56	38	pc
Seoul	33	18	s	41	29	pc
Sydney	84	70	s	84	71	pc
Tokyo	46	35	pc	49	38	s

### WINDS

(in mph)

	Today	Friday
Boardman	WSW 10-20	WSW 4-8
Pendleton	WSW 8-16	W 4-8

### UV INDEX TODAY

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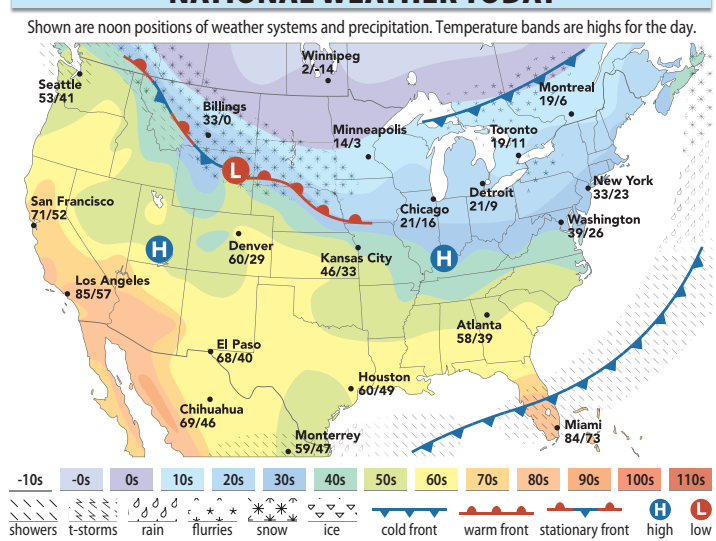
8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

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:** Snow showers will dot the Great Lakes, while rain showers dampen the Florida Peninsula, South Texas and parts of Washington state today. Moderate snow is forecast to extend from Montana to Iowa.

**Yesterday's National Extremes:** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
High 87° in Fullerton, Calif. Low -24° in Poplar, Mont.

### NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.				Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	61	33	s	64	36	s	Louisville	39	31	s	57	41	pc
Atlanta	58	39	s	59	49	sh	Memphis	51	38	s	60	49	s
Atlanta City	36	25	pc	41	37	pc	Miami	84	73	pc	82	74	pc
Baltimore	35	21	s	44	35	pc	Milwaukee	22	15	c	26	9	sn
Billings	33	0	sn	7	4	sn	Minneapolis	14	3	pc	11	-6	pc
Birmingham	58	39	s	64	54	sh	Nashville	46	34	s	63	50	s
Boise	63	38	c	53	29	pc	New Orleans	62	54	c	72	64	sh
Boston	32	18	s	33	30	s	New York City	33	23	s	35	34	pc
Charleston, SC	60	40	pc	67	55	sh	Oklahoma City	58	33	s	64	24	s
Charleston, WV	37	23	pc	56	38	pc	Omaha	29	15	c	17	3	sn
Chicago	21	16	c	28	18	sn	Philadelphia	34	23	s	40	37	pc
Cleveland	25	13	sf	28	27	sn	Phoenix	83	52	s	83	52	s
Dallas	60	44	s	70	51	s	Portland, ME	30	12	s	29	26	pc
Denver	60	29	pc	38	16	pc	Providence	34	18	pc	35	30	pc
Detroit	21	9	c	27	15	sn	Raleigh	51	30	s	57	45	s
El Paso	68	40	s	75	46	s	Rapid City	23	1	sn	7	-3	sn
Fairbanks	-3	-18	s	-1	-18	s	Reno	65	35	s	68	33	s
Fargo	4	-12	c	5	-8	s	Sacramento	73	44	s	74	45	s
Honolulu	80	67	pc	79	67	pc	St. Louis	43	34	pc	52	27	c
Houston	60	49	pc	65	57	c	Salt Lake City	63	44	pc	61	34	pc
Indianapolis	30	23	pc	47	24	c	San Diego	76	53	pc	70	55	s
Jacksonville	67	51	c	70	57	c	San Francisco	71	52	s	68	51	s
Kansas City	46	33	pc	33	13	c	Seattle	53	41	c	48	36	pc
Las Vegas	75	51	s	78	51	s	Tucson	82	49	s	84	49	s
Little Rock	51	30	s	57	44	pc	Washington, DC	39	26	s	47	39	s
Los Angeles	85	57	s	78	54	s	Wichita	60	32	s	42	15	c

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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## Audit: State tracking, licensing system for pot needs improvement

By CLAIRE WITHYCOMBE  
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Oregon's systems for licensing and tracking recreational marijuana have weaknesses that could allow illegal activity to fly under the radar, state auditors say.

The recreational marijuana program also lacks important security measures that could protect sensitive information and IT infrastructure from being compromised.

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission helps regulate the recreational marijuana program, including issuing licenses to producers, retailers and others in the recreational marijuana business. The agency also runs the "seed-to-sale" tracking program that is intended to track marijuana on its journey to market.

Among other issues auditors found, data in the cannabis tracking system is self-reported by cannabis businesses, raising auditors' concerns about its reliability.

There aren't enough trained compliance inspectors to adequately keep an eye on recreational marijuana activity. And auditors also found that the OLCC lacks an overall IT security management plan for the agency and a disaster recovery plan for its information.

Wednesday's audit report comes as there's renewed attention on marijuana,



AP Photo/Andrew Selsky, file  
**In this Sept. 2016 file photo, different strains of marijuana are displayed in West Salem Cannabis, a marijuana shop in Salem.**

especially in states that have legalized the substance.

In early January, Attorney General Jeff Sessions issued guidance to U.S. attorneys in states that have legalized marijuana saying they may use their discretion when it comes to prosecuting marijuana cases. Marijuana remains illegal under the federal Controlled Substances Act.

U.S. Attorney for Oregon Billy Williams said at a marijuana conference he hosted last week that Oregon produces far more marijuana than Oregonians can consume, and that product is leaking into the black market.

Oregon voters approved recreational marijuana in a November 2014 ballot measure. Recreational marijuana became legal on July 1, 2015.

The popularity of the program is greater than state officials had expected.

Through November 2017, the state had collected about \$115.5 million in state marijuana taxes since retail sales began in January 2016, according to Wednesday's audit.

OLCC Executive Director Steve Marks said in a written response to the audit that the agency "is actively following up on all aspects of the audit" and wants to get more money to "move forward" on the technology issues raised by the audit.

## Oregon lawmaker accused of harassment says he won't resign

By ANDREW SELSKY  
Associated Press

SALEM — An Oregon state lawmaker accused of groping women defied calls to resign Wednesday after telling investigators his behavior was "instinctual" and hard to change.

Sen. Jeff Kruse, a Republican who represents the former timber town of Roseburg, was away from work as

Gov. Kate Brown and other Democratic lawmakers urged him to step down a day after an investigative report detailed several allegations that he subjected two female senators to unwanted touching and gave lingering hugs to many women.

The report included video showing him leaning in closely to a colleague and touching her in a Senate committee room.

"I have no plan to do anything different than what I'm currently doing," Kruse told his hometown newspaper *The News-Review*. "We're still in a

formal process here. I have significant issues with the report."

Kruse didn't return an email seeking comment from The Associated Press. Sen. Jackie Winters, the Senate Republican leader, has not called for him to go.

The investigation is one of many in statehouses nationwide following a wave of sexual misconduct allegations against men in power since an October expose of movie mogul Harvey Weinstein by the *New York Times*.

On Feb. 1, Republican Arizona Rep. Don Shooter became the first state lawmaker in the U.S. to be expelled since the #MeToo movement gained steam.

Kruse is accused of harassment but generally not of a sexual nature, though the investigator found that he touched and hugged women more than men, and the people who complained were women.

Kruse told the investigator that he believed his behavior was "instinctual"

and that although he wanted to change, "It's not easy to change when you have been doing something for 67 years."

Sen. Sara Gelsler, one of the accusers, "did not think that Senator Kruse's actions were sexual, just overly familiar and unwanted contact," the report said.

The four-member Committee on Conduct is slated to consider the investigative report on Feb. 22 and must make a recommendation that Kruse be reprimanded, censured, expelled, or that no action be taken, committee chairman Sen. Mark Hass told Kruse, Gelsler and Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, the other senator who made a formal complaint.

"You may submit documents, physical evidence and suggest witnesses to testify," Hass, a Democrat from the Portland suburb of Beaverton, said in a letter Tuesday. Besides Hass, two Republicans and one other Democrat sit on the committee.

The 51-page investigative report was written by investigator and employment law attorney Dian Rubanoff.



Kruse

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