

NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

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Map showing mean positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

Key locations and temperatures (High/Low):

- Seattle: 49/36
- Billings: 35/18
- Montreal: 40/27
- San Francisco: 57/44
- Denver: 52/28
- Chicago: 42/28
- Washington: 54/40
- Los Angeles: 60/52
- El Paso: 63/39
- Houston: 77/55
- Chihuahua: 65/38
- Monterrey: 77/52
- Atlanta: 71/43
- Miami: 86/67
- Minneapolis: 36/16
- Kansas City: 51/27
- Detroit: 41/28
- Toronto: 38/29
- New York: 56/42

Weather systems and precipitation:

- Low pressure system (L) off the West Coast.
- High pressure system (H) in the central US.
- Low pressure system (L) off the East Coast.
- Precipitation: rain (blue), snow (white).

Temperature bands (Highs):

- 10s
- 0s
- 0s
- 10s
- 20s
- 30s
- 40s
- 50s
- 60s
- 70s
- 80s
- 90s
- 100s
- 110s

Weather symbols:

- showers
- t-storms
- rain
- flurries
- snow
- ice

Front types:

- cold front
- warm front
- stationary front

High/Low pressure:

- high
- low

National Summary: Rain and localized flooding are in store from the Ohio Valley to part of the mid-Atlantic coast today as gusty storms erupt in the Southeast states. A potent storm will spread rain and snow along the West coast.

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

City	High/Low	Weather
Aberdeen	45/35	Cloudy with rain
Astoria	46/34	Cloudy with rain
Corvallis	45/33	Cloudy with rain
Medford	48/31	Cloudy with rain
Klamath Falls	37/17	Cloudy with snow
Bend	41/23	Cloudy with snow
Eugene	46/33	Cloudy with rain
Albany	47/34	Cloudy with rain
Salem	49/35	Cloudy with rain
Portland	49/36	Cloudy with rain
Longview	47/36	Cloudy with rain
Olympia	48/33	Cloudy with rain
Tacoma	49/33	Cloudy with rain
Seattle	49/36	Cloudy with rain
Yakima	51/30	Cloudy with sun
Moses Lake	45/30	Cloudy with sun
Wenatchee	43/28	Cloudy with sun
Hermiston	50/34	Cloudy with sun
The Dalles	51/32	Cloudy with sun
Kennewick	51/35	Cloudy with sun
Spokane	40/30	Cloudy with snow
Pullman	41/31	Cloudy with snow
Walla Walla	50/36	Cloudy with snow
Lewiston	50/34	Cloudy with snow
Enterprise	50/34	Cloudy with snow
Pendleton	46/32	Cloudy with snow
La Grande	43/31	Cloudy with snow
John Day	45/25	Cloudy with snow
Burns	40/18	Cloudy with snow
Ontario	46/32	Cloudy with snow
Caldwell	45/33	Cloudy with snow

WINDS		
(in mph)	Today	Friday
Boardman	SSW 4-8	SW 7-14
Pendleton	W 7-14	SSW 7-14

UV INDEX TODAY

8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.
0	1	1	1	0	0
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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Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states) High 93° in McAllen, Texas Low -11° in Bodie State Park, Calif.									
NATIONAL CITIES									
	Today				Fri.				
	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W		
Albuquerque	57	31	s		63	35	s		
Atlanta	71	43	t		61	37	s		
Atlantic City	53	42	r		44	38	r		
Baltimore	53	37	r		44	33	r		
Billings	35	18	pc		37	23	pc		
Birmingham	68	42	t		61	37	s		
Boise	44	34	c		43	22	sn		
Boston	56	38	c		41	35	r		
Charleston, SC	80	52	pc		68	40	s		
Charleston, WV	60	33	r		46	25	c		
Chicago	42	28	r		42	27	s		
Cleveland	48	30	r		38	27	sf		
Dallas	66	39	s		67	43	s		
Denver	52	28	pc		64	35	s		
Detroit	41	28	r		41	23	pc		
El Paso	63	39	s		74	45	s		
Fairbanks	9	-2	s		16	7	sn		
Fargo	29	10	s		34	25	c		
Honolulu	82	74	s		82	72	pc		
Houston	77	55	pc		75	51	pc		
Indianapolis	56	30	r		45	26	pc		
Jacksonville	84	61	pc		76	43	pc		
Kansas City	51	27	pc		54	35	s		
Las Vegas	62	47	c		63	45	c		
Little Rock	64	36	pc		58	33	s		
Los Angeles	60	32	pc		59	50	r		
Louisville	61	35	r		51	29	s		
Memphis	65	40	pc		58	35	s		
Miami	86	67	pc		87	65	pc		
Milwaukee	43	29	sn		40	20	s		
Minneapolis	36	16	sf		40	27	pc		
Nashville	62	38	r		57	31	s		
New Orleans	84	59	pc		73	54	pc		
New York City	56	42	r		44	36	r		
Oklahoma City	56	30	s		60	37	s		
Omaha	46	25	s		51	35	s		
Philadelphia	56	42	r		44	34	sn		
Phoenix	69	47	pc		74	50	s		
Portland, ME	51	34	c		42	31	sn		
Providence	61	42	c		44	35	r		
Raleigh	65	45	t		54	32	s		
Rapid City	37	22	s		53	26	pc		
Reno	46	26	sn		37	23	sn		
Sacramento	55	37	r		53	38	sh		
St. Louis	52	30	pc		51	31	s		
Salt Lake City	46	42	sn		52	37	sh		
San Diego	62	51	pc		65	56	r		
San Francisco	57	44	r		54	43	sh		
Seattle	49	36	r		47	34	r		
Tucson	70	41	s		77	44	s		
Washington, DC	54	40	r		49	35	s		
Wichita	54	29	s		61	38	s		

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SALEM — The Oregon House of Representatives has overwhelmingly approved a bill to require pharmaceutical manufacturers to disclose reasons for steep increases in the cost of prescription drugs.

With a bipartisan vote of 46-to-14 Wednesday, the legislation now proceeds to the Senate for consideration.

Rep. Rob Nosse, D-Portland, who spearheaded development of the proposal, said House Bill 4005 is “a first step” toward unraveling the complicated reasons for the country’s expensive health care system.

“This legislation will help us take the first step, a step we need to take to begin to get at the fastest growing expense we have in health care — prescription drug costs,” Nosse said. “Oregonians deserve to have transparency in something as vital to good health as prescription drugs. My hope is that this legislation will set us down a path to making health care more affordable for everyone.”

When the price of a prescription drug increases greater than 10 percent, the bill requires the manufacturer to report the reasons to the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services, including information related to the cost of production, marketing and research. Manufacturers face civil penalties of up to \$10,000 per day for noncompliance.

The proposed program is modeled



after one recently approved in California.

With federal inaction on drug prices, several other states have sought the power to monitor drug prices and enhance transparency around pricing. Among them are California, Maryland, Nevada, New York and Vermont, according to a report by the Washington Post.

Some other states that are considering or debating versions of the Oregon legislation, including at least Colorado and Illinois, said Jesse Ellis O'Brien of the Oregon State Public Interest Research Group.

"The prescription drug market is a dysfunctional, with manufacturers operating with big payers held hostage to profiteering," said Rep. Andrea Salinas, D-Lake Oswego. "House Bill 4005 won't send prescription drug prices plummeting, but it will help us unveil the truth behind the cost drivers when drug manufacturers set the initial price."

Rep. Ron Noble, R-McMinnville,

said the bill would help shed light on the price of pharmaceutical drugs.

“Sunshine is the best disinfectant,” he said.

Between 2013 and 2015, national spending on prescription drugs increased by about 20 percent and accounted for an estimated 17 percent of health care spending, according to researched published in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Unlike most industrial countries, the United States does not negotiate the price of prescription drugs with manufacturers. As a result, Americans pay more for most drugs.

GOP gubernatorial candidate Rep. Knute Buehler of Bend, who is a surgeon by profession, voted for the bill but called it “thin soup.”

“I am not confident that this is going to solve the problem,” said Buehler, who is a surgeon by profession.

He said some pharmaceutical companies would likely resist transparency by claiming information about pricing are trade secrets. Trade secrets may remain confidential under state law.

Debbie Gehlken of Newport, who has diabetes, testified during committee hearings earlier this month that the price of her insulin is more than double than in Canada.

“I am grateful that lawmakers stood up for us against the powerful pharmaceutical companies and voted to finally bring transparency to steep drug price increases,” she said in a statement.

Groups want in on case of Washington state coal terminal

SEATTLE (AP) — BNSF Railway and five environmental groups are seeking to intervene on opposing sides of a lawsuit brought against Washington state by developers of a blocked export terminal that would send U.S. coal to Asian markets.

Utah-based Lighthouse Resources, which operates coal mines in Montana and Wyoming, sued Washington state officials in federal court in Tacoma in November. The lawsuit alleges state officials violated federal laws in denying permits for its \$680 million Millennium Bulk Terminals-Longview project.

The terminal aimed to move up to 44 million tons of coal by train through a terminal in Longview, Washington, for export to Asia. Environmentalists and Indian tribes have opposed the plans because of concerns about global warming, coal dust pollution and potential damage to fisheries on the river.

Last fall the Washington Department of Ecology denied the project a key water-quality permit. And a local hearing examiner also has denied the project two shoreline permits.

On Tuesday, the Washington Environmental Council, Columbia Riverkeeper and other groups that actively opposed the terminal filed a motion seeking to intervene on behalf of the state in the case.

The groups say the range and extent of harmful impacts from the single project is staggering and they have a deep interest in what happens in the case.

In a separate filing Tuesday, BNSF Railway asked a federal judge to let it intervene as a plaintiff.

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