

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<b>HIGH 48°</b>	<b>LOW 27°</b>	<b>50°</b> <b>30°</b>	<b>51°</b> <b>29°</b>	<b>46°</b> <b>29°</b>	<b>51°</b> <b>29°</b>	<b>41°</b> <b>27°</b>	<b>43°</b> <b>26°</b>
Some sun	Clear to partly cloudy and colder	Intervals of clouds and sun	Cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Sunny to partly cloudy	Mostly sunny

### ALMANAC

Bend Municipal Airport through 5 p.m. yesterday.

TEMPERATURE			
Yesterday	Normal	Record	
High 51°	41°	62°	in 1929
Low 44°	24°	-15°	in 1963

24 hours through 5 p.m. yesterday Trace Record 1.55" in 1912  
Month to date (normal) 0.01" (0.69")  
Year to date (normal) 0.01" (0.69")  
Barometric pressure at 4 p.m. 29.91"

### SUN, MOON AND PLANETS

Rise/Set	Today	Thu.
Sun	7:38am/4:51pm	7:37am/4:52pm
Moon	8:23am/5:28pm	9:05am/6:39pm
Mercury	8:35am/6:00pm	8:35am/6:05pm
Venus	6:33am/3:25pm	6:35am/3:27pm
Mars	11:38am/1:32am	11:35am/1:31am
Jupiter	8:20am/5:48pm	8:16am/5:46pm
Saturn	8:11am/5:35pm	8:08am/5:32pm
Uranus	11:56am/1:49am	11:52am/1:45am

Jan 20 Jan 28 Feb 4 Feb 11  
Tonight's sky: The Great Square of Pegasus is high in the west.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

### OREGON WEATHER

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

**EAST:** A morning rain or snow showers, the mostly cloudy in the afternoon. Partial clearing at night.

**CENTRAL:** A morning rain or snow shower, then partial clearing in the afternoon. Clearing tonight with areas of fog.

**WEST:** A shower or two in the morning, then some afternoon sunshine. Partly cloudy at night with areas of fog.

### OREGON EXTREMES YESTERDAY

High: 61° at Roseburg  
Low: 22° at Rome

### TRAVEL WEATHER

NATIONAL				INTERNATIONAL			
City	Yesterday	Today	Thursday	City	Yesterday	Today	Thursday
	Hi/Lo/Prec.	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		Hi/Lo/Prec.	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Ablene	46/25/0.02	60/40/5	59/31/5	Mecca	81/61/0.00	87/68/pc	87/71/pc
Akron	29/25/0.00	43/32/pc	42/35/c	Mexico City	72/46/0.00	72/49/c	74/50/c
Albany	31/23/0.02	34/26/c	36/25/c	Montreal	32/28/0.24	33/28/c	35/24/c
Albuquerque	47/17/0.00	50/31/c	53/31/pc	Moscow	12/10/0.24	14/3/c	5/3/s
Anchorage	27/21/0.02	27/20/sf	29/24/sf	Nairobi	73/61/0.00	77/58/pc	80/59/s
Atlanta	43/40/0.06	51/32/c	55/41/s	Nassau	81/58/0.28	79/69/pc	83/58/pc
Atlantic City	46/25/0.00	49/39/s	54/38/s	New Delhi	61/44/0.00	65/42/pc	65/45/pc
Austin	51/23/0.00	63/37/s	69/37/s	Osaka	44/34/0.01	48/37/s	51/34/pc
Baltimore	49/23/0.00	50/30/s	52/34/pc	Oslo	25/3/0.13	21/13/sf	15/9/s
Billings	57/35/0.00	54/32/c	40/26/s	Ottawa	34/28/0.09	32/27/c	35/25/s
Birmingham	38/34/Tr	48/31/c	57/41/s	Paris	48/39/0.56	50/46/r	51/37/r
Bismarck	52/24/0.00	51/31/c	38/22/sf	Rio de Janeiro	90/77/0.23	84/75/pc	84/74/pc
Bismarck	43/29/0.05	48/27/sf	42/25/s	Rome	50/32/0.00	53/36/s	57/59/pc
Boston	42/27/0.00	42/30/c	43/30/pc	Santiago	88/54/0.00	87/55/pc	85/54/pc
Bridgeport, CT	41/24/0.00	40/32/pc	45/33/pc	Sao Paulo	86/72/0.27	80/70/r	80/68/r
Buffalo	32/30/0.07	39/35/c	40/35/c	Sapporo	33/12/0.31	36/19/sf	28/22/sf
Burlington, VT	35/28/Tr	34/29/c	35/23/pc	Seoul	50/10/0.15	45/17/s	41/26/pc
Caribou, ME	32/25/0.04	29/20/c	31/15/pc	Shanghai	34/20/0.00	60/36/pc	61/42/c
Charleston, SC	53/46/0.04	59/38/pc	62/39/s	Singapore	83/77/0.11	82/76/sf	82/76/sf
Charlotte	57/40/0.15	55/33/pc	55/36/s	Stockholm	26/25/0.32	32/24/sf	26/16/c
Chattanooga	49/38/Tr	51/28/pc	55/40/s	Sydney	89/68/0.00	84/71/s	85/73/pc
Cheyenne	50/21/0.00	53/23/pc	31/18/pc	Taipei City	58/48/0.00	65/54/s	72/58/s
Chicago	37/27/0.00	43/34/pc	44/30/c	Tel Aviv	61/56/0.00	79/49/pc	62/48/r
Cincinnati	34/23/Tr	45/31/pc	45/35/pc	Tokyo	42/36/0.10	51/40/s	56/40/s
Cleveland	32/25/0.00	43/34/pc	43/35/c	Toronto	30/28/0.04	38/31/c	39/34/c
Colorado Springs	49/14/0.00	57/32/s	40/17/pc	Vancouver	52/46/0.45	47/36/s	45/38/pc
Columbia, MO	54/28/0.00	53/37/s	45/30/c	Vienna	34/14/0.17	37/30/pc	33/28/sf
Columbia, SC	52/41/0.46	55/33/c	59/34/s	Warsaw	34/25/0.18	33/28/sf	30/18/sf
Columbus, GA	47/43/0.01	52/30/c	58/41/s				
Columbus, OH	30/23/0.00	44/30/pc	43/35/c				
Concord, NH	41/15/0.00	37/21/pc	39/20/c				
Corpus Christi	46/35/0.00	62/39/s	74/41/s				
Dallas	53/28/0.00	59/40/s	62/38/s				
Dayton	32/24/0.00	44/31/pc	43/35/c				
Denver	54/17/0.00	59/30/pc	39/20/s				
Des Moines	44/24/0.00	45/35/pc	40/29/sf				
Detroit	33/25/0.00	40/31/c	41/33/c				
Duluth	30/25/0.00	34/26/c	31/26/sf				
El Paso	53/19/0.00	58/33/c	66/33/s				
Fairbanks	3/-5/0.00	3/-8/0	2/-5/0				
Flag	37/15/0.00	37/31/c	33/24/pc				
Flagstaff	45/20/0.00	55/24/s	52/24/s				
Grand Rapids	33/26/Tr	38/31/c	39/33/c				
Green Bay	49/38/Tr	46/31/pc	36/29/c				
Greensboro	55/35/Tr	53/33/s	54/33/s				
Harrisburg	43/21/0.00	47/33/pc	49/34/pc				
Hartford, CT	39/16/0.00	39/28/pc	41/26/pc				
Helena	49/15/0.01	49/32/r	38/19/s				
Honolulu	79/69/0.00	83/69/pc	81/70/pc				
Houston	52/32/0.00	61/40/s	69/41/s				
Huntsville	41/31/0.00	48/30/pc	55/39/s				
Indianapolis	42/22/0.00	45/30/pc	44/30/c				
Jackson, MS	50/32/0.00	52/34/c	62/39/s				
Jacksonville	61/55/0.00	60/38/pc	63/39/s				

### UV INDEX TODAY

10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.
2	2	2	0

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection. 0-2 Low, 3-5 Moderate, 6-7 High, 8-10 Very High, 11+ Extreme.

### ROAD CONDITIONS

For web cameras of our passes, go to [www.bendbulletin.com/webcams](http://www.bendbulletin.com/webcams)

**I-84 at Cabbage Hill:** Rather cloudy Wednesday with a few rain and snow showers.

**US 20 at Santiam Pass:** Morning rain and snow showers, then some afternoon sun.

**US 26 at Gov't Camp:** Rain, snow showers Wednesday morning, then afternoon sun.

**US 26 at Ochoco Divide:** Light rain and snow showers into early Wednesday afternoon.

**ORE 58 at Willamette Pass:** Rain and snow in the morning, then partial clearing in the afternoon.

**ORE 138 at Diamond Lake:** A little rain mixed at times with wet snow Wednesday.

### NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are today's noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

**NATIONAL EXTREMES YESTERDAY** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
National high: 79° at Tamiami, FL  
National low: -38° at Antero Reservoir, CO  
Precipitation: 3.00" at Crescent City, CA

### SKI REPORT

In inches as of 5 p.m. yesterday

Ski resort	New snow	Base
Anthony Lakes Mtn	0	45-45
Hoodoo Ski Area	1	56-58
Mt. Ashland	0	38-48
Mt. Bachelor	0	69-72
Mt. Hood Meadows	0	88-129
Mt. Hood Ski Bowl	0	24-45
Timberline Lodge	0	99-99
Willamette Pass	0	0-36
Aspen / Snowmass, CO	0	23-36
Mammoth Mtn. Ski, CA	0	27-40
Squaw Valley, CA	0	39-62
Park City Mountain, UT	0	24-27
Sun Valley, ID	0	35-42

Source: OnTheSnow.com

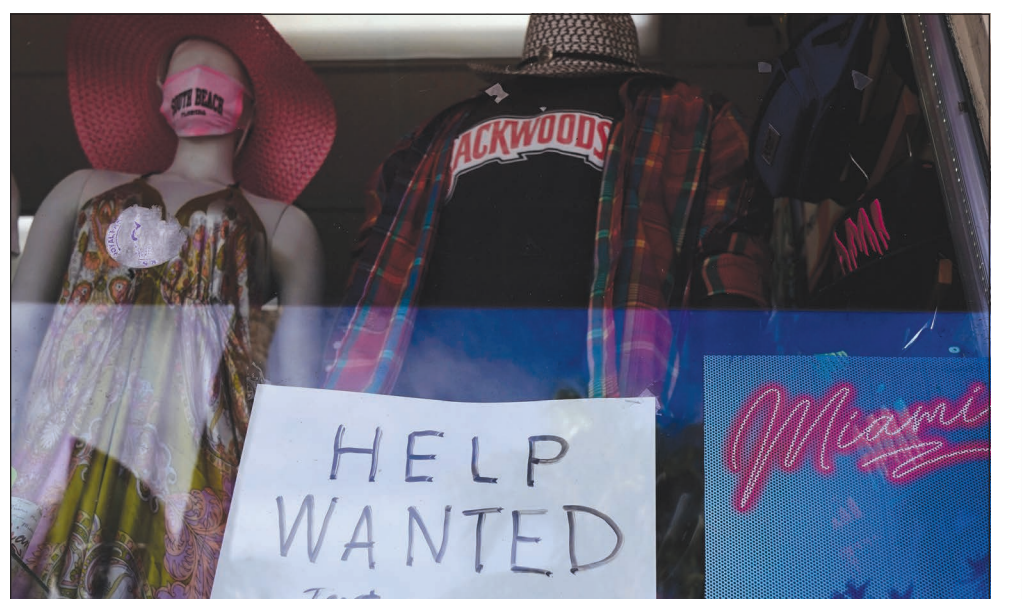
## Jobs

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The economy is likely to grow at a healthier pace later this year, economists forecast, as vaccines are more widely distributed and recent government stimulus provides more money for Americans to spend. The faster growth should boost hiring, but most employers for now appear to be in wait-and-see mode.

On Friday, the Labor Department said employers cut 140,000 jobs in December, the first time the nation has shed jobs since April when U.S. infections began to surge. The unemployment rate was stuck at a still-high 6.7%, the first time it hasn't declined since April. Jobs lost according to that report were also highly concentrated in fields like educational services and film production, as well as already suffering restaurants and hotels.

Tuesday's report, known as the Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey adds more details about hiring and firing by businesses and government



A "Help Wanted" sign is shown in the window of a souvenir shop on Thursday in Miami Beach, Florida. Layoffs spiked in November compared with the previous month, and the number of job openings slipped, a sign the job market has stalled as the resurgent coronavirus has forced new shutdowns of restaurants and bars and discouraged consumer spending.

agencies. The data on open jobs provides insights into whether companies expect business to improve enough in coming months to justify additional hiring.

Last week, job postings website Indeed said that while

companies listed more jobs in December, the pace had slowed from previous months.

While layoffs have been concentrated in mostly lower-paying jobs, Indeed's data shows that job postings have declined by a larger amount

for the highest paying one-third of positions, and by the least for the lowest-paying third. That also suggests firms are still uncertain about the business outlook and reluctant to commit to hiring higher-paid employees.

## Gym

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Gyms in counties classified as extreme risk for COVID-19 spread have not been allowed to conduct indoor operations since late November under Gov. Kate Brown's new framework for COVID-19 restrictions. The new regulations came after Brown mandated that gyms shut down entirely for two weeks in early November in an effort to slow the spread of the virus.

Oregon OSHA issued Courthouse Club Fitness four penalties totaling \$90,000 in November for continuing to operate its facilities during Brown's two-week freeze. The state issued the hefty fines after the gym continued operating, even after Oregon OSHA posted Red Warning Notices that require businesses to cease all actions that violate public safety rule. The state issued citations at four Courthouse Club facilities and the company appealed all of them.

Oregon OSHA conducted another inspection at one of those same four facilities on Dec. 9 in response to multiple complaints and once again found Courthouse Club Fitness to be willfully disregarding public health orders and state notices to close the facility. That prompted the agency to issue the gym its maximum allowable fine.

However, it is unclear whether the state can or will

compel the gym to shut down.

"We understand that this employer is attempting to do a number of things to keep employees safe without shutting down, but that does not allow them to substitute their judgment for that of the public health authorities," Oregon OSHA Administrator Michael Wood said in a statement.

While a handful of vocal objectors have made headlines for refusing to follow the state's public health orders, the vast majority of businesses appear to be complying with Oregon's restrictions and closure orders.

During the pandemic, Oregon OSHA has also rarely issued fines and citations to businesses not in compliance with coronavirus restrictions, focusing instead on education.

Since the start of the pandemic, Oregon OSHA has issued 12 citations to employers for deliberately disregarding COVID-19 health restrictions. In eight of those cases, the employers continued to disregard those restrictions even after receiving Red Warning Notices.

"It is our expectation that employers follow well-founded health regulations that are directly intended to protect workers from a genuine hazard," Wood said. "And while we have been able to use engagement and education to resolve most COVID-19 complaints involving employers, we will also continue to bring our enforcement tools to bear as needed."

## Relief

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"The worst thing we can do is try to rush this out," Buehler said. "We've learned from other programs we've run, it's better for everyone if we take a little bit of time to think through how to smartly run this."

In its request to lawmakers, Business Oregon said that grants would go to small businesses with fewer than 100 full-time employees that are headquartered in Oregon and have struggled to pay rent due to the impact of the state's coronavirus restrictions. Money would be distributed regionally, in proportion to each area's population.

The proposal indicated that grants could go only to cover past due rent and must be used to bring tenants current on their rent obligations, meaning that landlords would likely be asked to forgive a

portion of outstanding rent in order for their tenants to access the funds. Landlords would also be required to forgive penalties and late fees.

However, lawmakers raised concerns over many of the aspects of the proposal. Rep. David Gomberg, D-Otis, questioned why the grants would be limited to five months of rent when some businesses have been struggling to pay rent for double that time.

Buehler said the details of the program, including the grant cap, were not yet set in stone and that Business Oregon would meet with property owners, tenants and other stakeholders before finalizing the requirements.

Along with the \$100 million for commercial rent relief, lawmakers allocated \$5 million to Business Oregon for purchasing personal protective equipment to distribute to small businesses, \$2

million for providing technical assistance to underserved businesses and \$3 million for administrative fees. The programs are being funded through \$93.8 million in general fund money and \$16.2 million in leftover funds from a program meant to stabilize rural hospitals.

Sen. Lynn Findley, R-Vale, and several other lawmakers expressed concerns about redirecting money away from rural hospitals, especially as the state is in the process of distributing coronavirus vaccines. But Buehler said the rural hospital relief program had run its course and had no additional need for funding.

"We've worked with rural hospitals throughout the state and the ones that wanted to use our program have," Buehler said. "There was more money in that program than demand for it."

Oregon lawmakers voted in

December to extend the state's residential eviction moratorium through June for renters experiencing hardships, but the state has not had a commercial eviction ban in place since the end of September.

Businesses have until March 31 to pay back their outstanding nonpayment balances. That may have prevented an onslaught of commercial evictions in the months since the moratorium expired.

Many Oregon businesses have been struggling for their survival over the last 10 months as they've tried to navigate state coronavirus restrictions. Certain businesses, including gyms, restaurants and bars, in counties classified as extreme risk for coronavirus spread have been banned from conducting indoor operations since Brown announced her new framework for coronavirus restrictions in mid-November.

## Homes

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"It's a moving target," Birtola said. "You have to set up your buyer to win. And it's a moving target for sellers."

In Redmond, the median sales price in December was \$375,000, up \$50,000 from the same time the year before. Redmond traditionally has a more stable housing market, Montagner said.

The Beacon Report uses the median sales price, which is the midpoint value of all transactions in a month.

"Bend just doesn't have the inventory," Montagner said. "That seems to be the biggest issue is inventory."

"There's a diversity of product in Bend, and Bend is more attractive."

In December, the median single-family home sales price was \$635,000 in Sunriver, \$392,000 in Sisters and \$325,000 in La Pine, according to the report.

"Bend is the hub and it's always been attractive because of the diversity of everything: restaurants and culture."

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