Portland, the largest city in Oregon, is known as the City of Roses because of its abundance of rose gardens. The city is divided by the Willamette River, which runs north through the city center and separates the east and west sections of the city before veering slightly northwest to join with the Columbia River (which separates the state of Washington from the state of Oregon) a short distance north of the city. Most of Portland is situated in Multnomah County, although a portion of it lays in Washington County to the west and Clackamas County to the south.

**Portland’s Neighborhoods**

Downtown Portland is home to Pioneer Courthouse Square, which has a semicircle of approximately two dozen steps that serve as seats when the square is used for musical performances or other events. In addition, it is known for two public art installations: Seward Johnson’s Allow Me, a bronze statue of a man in a business suit holding an umbrella, and The Weather Machine, a sculpture which reveals the following day’s weather at noon each day. Other downtown sites include the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, Portland Art Museum (PAM), the Portland Opera Repertory Theatre, the Oregon Historical Society (OHS), and the Governor Tom McCall Waterfront Park.

Portland has nearly 100 neighborhoods. Many residential neighborhoods are in close proximity to the downtown, including the Pearl District, Old Town/Chinatown, Eliot, Goose Hollow, and the Hawthorne District. Some of these neighborhoods are characterized by historic homes in the Victorian or Craftsman styles and others by warehouses converted into loft-style condominiums. Further from the downtown, neighborhoods such as Eastmoreland feature larger classic Tudor- and Colonial-style homes built in the 1930s–1940s. Others, such as Hazelwood and Roseway, have modest ranch- or Cape Cod-style homes built in the 1950s–1960s, as well as a few original older homes and new townhouses and row houses. Newly constructed single family houses are also available in and around Portland, with some builders specializing in “green” construction.

**Parks and Recreation**

Although Portland’s neighborhoods have many parks, the larger citywide parks include Forest Park, Washington Park, Hoyt Arboretum, International Rose Test Garden, Japanese Garden, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park, World Forestry Center, and the Oregon Zoo.

The Rose Garden is the main indoor sports complex in Portland and is the home to the Portland Trailblazers of the NBA, the Portland Winter Hawks of the WHL, and the Portland LumberJax of the NLL. This arena also hosts other sports events, special events, shows, and concerts.

One of the nation’s top ten science museums, the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, is a world-class tourist attraction and educational resource.

**Education**

Portland Public Schools serves students from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade at 85 regular school buildings. Alternative schools, charter schools, and educational services for students with special needs are also available. Some schools are neighborhood-based, but others draw students from across Portland for their special programming, such as language immersion.

Portland is home to many colleges and universities, including Portland State University, Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU), Lewis & Clark College, Portland Community College/Sylvania, University of Portland, and Reed College.

**Health Care**

The city of Portland is served by 7 hospital systems comprising about 3,500 licensed acute care beds in 11 hospital facilities. Three hospitals serve children and one is a long-term acute-care facility. In addition, Oregon State Hospital is the state’s primary state-run psychiatric facility for adults.

Oregon Health & Science University has schools of medicine, nursing, dentistry, science and engineering, and pharmacy and is the State’s only academic medical center.

**Portland City Stats**

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