



Central City

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Note: The data below are intended for discussion purposes only. The demographic data are estimates for 2009, based on Census tracts within the Central City liaison district boundary. This boundary area is somewhat broader in scope and differs slightly from the more detailed subdistricts of the Central City Plan. In early 2010, more detailed Central City Subdistrict Profiles will be available online.

41,000 residents (about 7 percent of city's population)

21 percent of population is non-white (26 percent of population is non-white citywide)

35 median age (37 citywide)

27,000 households (about 11 percent of all households citywide; in the Central City, about one-in-three are owner-occupied households and two-in-three are renter households)

4,400 families (about 3 percent of families citywide)

1.39 average household size (2.28 citywide average)

\$483,400 median home value (\$268,600 median home value citywide)

\$34,000 median household income (about 37 percent lower than \$54,100 citywide median)

\$37,000 per capita income (about 25 percent higher than \$29,700 citywide average)

10,400 businesses (about 43 percent of businesses citywide)

144,400 workers (about 40 percent of workers citywide)

56 percent drove alone to work (2009 resident survey; 68 percent citywide average)

10 percent commuted by bicycle (2000 Census; 3 percent citywide average)

8 percent reported bicycling as main way of commuting (2009 resident survey; 7 percent citywide average)

5 percent zoned for single-family dwelling units (42 percent citywide)

16 percent zoned specifically for multi-family dwelling units (10 percent citywide; note, though, that about 60 percent of area is zoned mixed-use, which also allows dwelling units)

8+ designated main streets or commercial corridors (93 designated commercial segments citywide)

90 average "walk score" (citywide average 66 out of 100)

22 accessible neighborhood parks with basic amenities such as playgrounds, open green space or seating

9 percent zoned open space; highest in the city (18 percent citywide)

1 public high school; Lincoln (13 high schools citywide)

0 community centers (15 community centers citywide)

POPULATION DIVERSITY		2009 Estimates		2000 Census	
	White	79.2%		82.7%	
	Black	5.5%		4.8%	
	Native American	1.4%*		1.5%*	
	Asian	7.2%		5.6%	
	Pacific Islander	0.3%		0.2%	
	Some Other Race	2.6%		1.8%	
	Two or More Races	3.8%		3.4%	
	Hispanic Origin (Any Race)	6.7%		4.6%	
<i>*Native America population may be as high as 6% based on community-validated population count reported by Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA) and the Native American Rehabilitation Association of the Northwest, Inc. (NARA, NW). This highlights a significant undercount in the 2000 Census, which reported between 6,785 and 14,701 American Indians and Alaskan Natives.</i>					
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE	Lincoln 94.6% (–1.7% since 02–03)				
<i>2007–08 NCES Graduation Rate (%) as reported by Oregon Education Department</i>					
NATURAL AREAS & WATERSHEDS	11% of Central City-Northwest; 35% of Central City-Downtown/University; 15% of Central City-Eastside The Central City district lies in the Willamette Rivers watershed.				
<i>Includes all high riparian value and high wildlife value but not Special Habitat Areas; all wetlands, rivers, and streams are high value riparian</i>					
TREE CANOPY	Central City-Northwest 21%, Central City-Eastside 4%, Central City-Downtown/University 5%				
ACCESS TO PARKS	22 accessible neighborhood parks with at least a minimum level of park service, such as open green space, playground, picnic or seating area, walking path, or similar feature are located here. Nearly all neighborhoods have good access to a neighborhood park or open space. No Parks & Recreation designated community center in the Central City.				
ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD Within half mile of full-service grocery store	Nearly all neighborhoods in Central City have good access to a full-service grocery store.				
SENSE OF SAFETY Percent who responded positively to sense of safety in neighborhood	Sense of safety reported by survey respondents is relatively high. Only the downtown area reported lower than 90% positive sense of safety in the neighborhood (85%). All others reported 93% or higher.				
REPORTED CRIMES	5,500 (November 2008 to October 2009) 25% of crimes reported in the city Downtown 8%, Lloyd District 4%, Old Town/Chinatown 4%, Northwest District 3%, Buckman (which includes portions of the Central City Eastside) 3%, Pearl 2 %, Hosford-Abernethy (which includes portions of the Central City-Eastside) 1%, Goose Hollow 1%				
<i>Includes assault, homicide, drug laws, larceny, robbery, prostitution, sex crimes, simple assault, vandalism—crimes likely to influence the feeling of safety in a neighborhood.</i>					
VOTER TURNOUT	Voter participation in the 2008 election ranged from 81% or greater in most of the Central City. Turnout was highest in the precincts in the hills of the Northwest District. Precincts in the Pearl, Chinatown and south end of downtown showed 86% to 90% participation rates. In Goose Hollow and the downtown area just south of Burnside showed 81% to 85% participation rates.				
WALKABILITY Walk score is based on distance to various amenities from each address in a neighborhood. The closer an address is to a range of amenities, the higher the score. For more detail, please see www.walkscore.com	District average walk score: 90 out of 100 City average: 66 out of 100 Central City neighborhoods have walk scores above 86. HIGHER walk scores: Pearl 99, Old Town 98, Downtown 96 LOWER walk scores: South Waterfront 61				
COMMUNITY CHARACTER	The Central City is Portland's most intensely urbanized area; has largest concentration of tall buildings and high-density residential development. Notable for its small blocks, network of urban parks, and concentration of cultural institutions. Central City districts such as the Pearl, South Waterfront, Lloyd, and the industrial Central Eastside, each have their own unique characteristics that add to the rich diversity of the area's urban form.				
NEIGHBORHOOD AFFORDABILITY Average rent for 2 bedroom/2 bath unit	Downtown Portland, \$1,800 per month Southwest, \$914 per month; North/Northeast Portland, \$745 per month; Southeast, \$895 per month Lower-income households, however, still spending more than 60% of income on housing and transportation in this district and throughout the city.				
<i>Housing Affordability Report; NAI Norris Beggs and Simpson, Portland Metro Area Market Summaries. Q1, 2009. Housing and Transportation Cost Study, May 2009.</i>					
RANGE OF HOUSING OPTIONS	Central City Residential Building Permits, 2004–2008 Approximately 6,000 new housing units: 12 Single Family Residences; 6 Duplexes; 13 Rowhouses; n/a Townhouses; 5 accessory dwelling units (ADU) 410 dwelling units in less-than 5-story buildings (multi-family); 5,574 dwelling units in more-than 5-story buildings (multi-family)				
HOW GET TO WORK Commute mode split		Central City		City	
		2000 Census	2009 Resident Survey	2006–08 ACS¹	2009 Resident Survey
Drove alone to work		39%	56%	62%	68%
Rode transit		20%	11%*	12%	10%*
Carpooled		6%	6%	10%	7%
Walked		27%	17%	5%	5%
Commuted by bicycle		5%	5%	6%	7%
Worked from home		4%	n/a	6%	n/a
<i>May not add up to 100% due to rounding. * In 2009, an additional 4 percent of survey respondents in the Northwest + Downtown combined districts and 3% citywide reported a combination of driving and riding transit to work. ¹ 2006–2008 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates, Portland city, Oregon.</i>					
VEHICLE USE Daily vehicle miles of travel per capita	Central City 13, (Central City sub-districts: Central Business District 10; River District 9; Lloyd District 26; Central Industrial Eastside District 16; North Macadam 14; Goose Hollow 21); Citywide (weighted) average 16				
<i>Vehicle miles of travel per capita in 2005. Figures are from Bureau of Transportation travel model calculations.</i>					