

Statistics - Forest Grove, Oregon

ALTITUDE: 175 feet above sea level.

ASSESSED VALUATION: \$7,700,622.00

BUILDING PERMITS: 1966 total permits \$1,811,166.00

CHURCHES: Eighteen churches serve the various denominations in the community.

CITY ADMINISTRATION: Council-Manager plan.

CLIMATE: Average annual temperature 52.3 degrees; average maximum 63.2 and average minimum 40.8 degrees. Average annual precipitation 45.70; no. days with 1/100" or more precipitation 92. No. days of growing season 164.

CLUBS and ORGANIZATIONS: 61 service, fraternal, patriotic and professional clubs and organizations are listed in the city.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES: Forest Grove Community Concert series; Forest Grove Community Orchestra; Pacific University Singers; Forest Grove Gleemen and Girls; Pacific University Little Theatre.

EVENTS: Original All-Northwest Barber Shop Ballad Contest and Gay 90's Festival occurs last week in February each year; Pacific University Music in May held each year in the month of May.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS: Two banks, one savings and loan, two finance companies. 1966 bank deposits \$17,288,798.35; Savings and Loan deposits \$3,472,129.89.

FIRE INSURANCE CLASSIFICATION: Forest Grove has a class 5 grading for fire insurance.

FIRE PROTECTION: A jointly operated City-Rural Fire Department serves the city and surrounding area. The department operates with a fire chief, four fulltime firemen and 40 volunteers. Equipment consists of 9 trucks, including 4 pumper-tank trucks, 2 pumpers, 1 tank truck, 1 100 foot aerial ladder truck, 1 rescue truck, plus a service unit.

HISTORY: One of the oldest of pioneer Oregon settlements. Township plans drawn in 1851 and incorporated in 1872. A modern city planning for progress.

HOUSING: Forest Grove is widely known for a good place to live and good rental property is in high demand. New homes, multiple dwellings and apartment units are being constructed at a rapid pace. 394 new homes have been constructed in the last twelve years. Both rental and good homes are reasonably priced and below the Northwest average.

LIBRARIES: Rogers City Library has 14,535 volumes, 5,043 registered patrons and 1966 circulation of 39,700. Pacific University's Carnegie Library contains over 60,000 volumes available to the public. New Harvey W. Scott Memorial Library at Pacific University will open in late 1967 with capacity of 275,000 volumes.

LOCATION: Forest Grove is located in the western portion of Washington County, twenty three miles west of or Portland. Oregon State Highways 8 and 47 serve the area. The blue Pacific is 52 miles to the west.

MEDICAL FACILITIES: Forest Grove Community Hospital of 48 beds; 6 physicians and surgeons; 6 osteopathic physicians and surgeons; 1 chiropractic physician; 9 dentists and 3 optometrists. Pacific University School of Optometry also conducts a clinic.

MOTELS and TRAILER COURTS: Three motels and three trailer courts serve the city.

NEWSPAPERS: Washington County News Times pub-

lishes weekly locally — two Portland dailies distribute in the city.

POLICE PROTECTION: The city has a modern police department with eight full-time officers, parking enforcement officer and three clerk dispatchers. Twenty reserve officers supplement the force.

POPULATION: The city 6630; the county 122,000. Forest Grove trade area 18,000.

POSTAL RECEIPTS: 1966 postal receipts were \$179,502.29.

OTHER PROFESSIONS: 1 certified public accountant, 1 accountant, 4 attorneys and 2 veterinarians.

RADIO STATIONS: Forest Grove is served by radio stations of the Portland Metropolitan area.

RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT: Two theatres, 1 drive-in theatre, and a 12 lane bowling alley, 2 golf courses, hunting and fishing near at hand, skiing just one and one-half hours to Cascade Mountain Playgrounds. City facilities include 3 park areas with picnic facilities, children's play facilities, sports area including softball and baseball and soccer fields, swimming and wading pools and tennis courts. City and schools have coordinated recreation program.

RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS: Forest Grove is served by some 177 listed retail and service firms offering a full "department store" selection of goods and services.

SANITATION: Served by a sewage disposal plant of six million gallons per day capacity.

SCHOOLS: Three elementary, a junior high school, a parochial school and a union high school serve the education needs in modern plants. Over 600 adults take advantage of the Adult Vocational Education evening classes at the high school each year. Pacific University established in 1849 has an enrollment of 1100 in its liberal art classes and the School of Optometry.

TAX INFORMATION: Local property taxes include county, rural school district, elementary and high school districts and city. The State of Oregon has a personal income tax and a corporation excise tax but there is no state sales tax on retail sales nor is there a state property tax.

TELEVISION: The Forest Grove area is served by 5 TV stations located in the City of Portland.

TRANSPORTATION: Two railroads with daily freight service, two bus lines, five motor carriers serve the area. A municipal airport is six miles from the city.

UTILITIES: Electric power is furnished by the City of Forest Grove Light and Power Department with ample power for present and future growth at rates among the lowest in the nation.

West Coast Telephone Company, a division of General Telephone and Electronics System, serves the area with a complete telephone service.

Forest Grove Disposal Service provides garbage disposal at a nominal rate.

Northwest Natural Gas Co. supplies natural gas to the area.

Water is furnished by the City of Forest Grove Water Department. Water plant capacity is 2080 gallons per minute with storage capacity of 5 million gallons.

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