

= Wilsonville , Oregon =

Wilsonville is a city primarily in Clackamas County , Oregon , United States . A portion of the northern section of the city is in Washington County . Originally founded as Boones Landing due to the Boones Ferry which crossed the Willamette River at the location , the community became Wilsonville in 1880 . The city was incorporated in 1969 with a population of around 1 @, @ 000 . The population was 13 @, @ 991 at the 2000 census , and grew to 19 @, @ 509 at the 2010 census . Slightly more than 90 % of residents at the 2000 census were White , with Hispanics as the largest minority group .

Located within the Portland metropolitan area , the city also includes the planned community of Charbonneau on the south side of the river . The city is bisected by Interstate 5 and includes I @- @ 5 's Boone Bridge over the Willamette . Public transportation is provided by the city 's South Metro Area Regional Transit , which includes Wilsonville Station on the Westside Express Service operated by TriMet . Students in public schools attend schools in the West Linn @- @ Wilsonville and Canby school districts , including the only traditional high school , Wilsonville High School . Clackamas Community College and Pioneer Pacific College both have campuses in the city .

Wilsonville has a council @- @ manager form of government and operates its own library , public works , and parks department . Fire and police protection are contracted out to other regional government agencies . The city is home to several technology companies including Mentor Graphics , along with Stream Global Services , the largest employer in the city . Wilsonville contains many distribution and manufacturing buildings adjacent to Interstate 5 such as regional distribution facilities for Coca Cola and Rite Aid . Retail centers include Argyle Square on the north and the Town Center Shopping Center to the south . Media in Wilsonville consists of the Portland area broadcast stations , regional newspapers , and the local Wilsonville Spokesman newspaper .

= = History = =

Alphonso Boone , the grandson of Daniel Boone , settled in what would later become Wilsonville in 1846 and established the Boones Ferry across the Willamette River in 1847 . The ferry gave rise to the community of Boones Landing , which eventually grew into Wilsonville . Originally , the area was part of what became Yamhill County , but was transferred to the current Clackamas County in 1855 . The first post office was established in 1876 with the name , Boones Ferry .

Wilsonville became the name of the community on June 3 , 1880 , named after the first postmaster , Charles Wilson . That same year the first school , Wilsonville Grade School , was opened as a single @- @ room building . By 1890 , the railroad had reached town and the community contained depot , several hotels , a saloon , a tavern , a bank , and several other commercial establishments . In 1897 , the twelve school districts in the vicinity of Wilsonville up to Lake Oswego merged to create a single district . A railroad bridge was built across the river for the Oregon Electric Railway beginning in 1906 . The bridge was completed the next year and service from Wilsonville south to Salem began in 1908 .

A new Methodist church was built in the community in 1910 , which was used until 1988 and is still standing . Two years later , a new two @- @ room school replaced the old one @- @ room school , which in turn was replaced by a modern school in the mid 1900s , all on the same property . In 1939 , the wooden trestle part of the railroad bridge across the Willamette caught fire and burned . Boones Ferry was decommissioned after the Boone Bridge opened in 1954 carrying what was then the Baldock Freeway , and is today Interstate 5 .

In 1961 , the Dammasch State Hospital mental hospital opened on the west side of the community . Gordon House , the only house in Oregon to be designed by architect Frank Lloyd Wright , was built in 1963 near what became Charbonneau and moved to the Oregon Garden in 2001 . Wilsonville was flooded in 1964 and the first fire station was built in 1966 . Wilsonville was incorporated as a city in 1969 with a population of about 1 @, @ 000 . In 1971 , the planned community of Charbonneau on the south side of the river was annexed into the city the year after development began .

Tektronix built a campus in the city beginning in 1973 , which was later sold to Xerox . The following

year Wilsonville 's city hall relocated from Tauchman House at what is now Boones Ferry Park to a trailer and the next year the first city manager was hired . A standalone post office was built in 1976 at Boones Ferry and Wilsonville roads , with city police protection added in 1979 . In 1980 , the city reached a population of 2 @, @ 920 , and in 1982 the library was opened . The next year , a new city hall was opened , replacing a trailer that had served as city hall since 1975 .

In 1988 , the city opened their first library building , which replaced the one @-@ room library located in space leased from the school district . The population grew to 7 @, @ 106 at the 1990 census , and in 1991 the Town Center Shopping Center along Wilsonville Road opened . Due to growth in the West Linn @-@ Wilsonville School District , the school board approved building a new high school to be located in Wilsonville in 1992 .

Author Walt Morey owned an estate in Wilsonville and after his death in 1992 , his widow sold the property to a developer . The housing development built on that property , Morey 's Landing , bears his name as does the children 's section of the Wilsonville Public Library . Walt Morey Park , a bear @-@ themed park located in Morey 's Landing , contains a life @-@ size 8 @-@ foot @-@ tall wooden statue of Morey 's most famous literary creation , Gentle Ben .

Living Enrichment Center , a New Thought Church with as many as 3 @, @ 000 members , was headquartered in Wilsonville from 1992 until 2004 . The church closed that year after problems that including money laundering by the church leaders led to the bankrupting of the church .

In 1995 , Dammasch State Hospital was closed by the state of Oregon , and the site was then proposed as a location for what became the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility , which opened in 2001 at a different site to the north of the old hospital grounds . In protest of the construction of the prison , specifically the effect on property values , Larry Eaton began erecting school buses on his property . The former grounds of the state hospital are , as of 2009 , under development as Villebois , a primarily residential complex . Also in 1995 , Wilsonville High School opened as part of the West Linn @-@ Wilsonville School District , the first high school in the city 's history . In 1998 , lack of an adequate long @-@ term water supply forced the city to suspend adding any new developments to the city . A new water treatment plant on the Willamette River opened in 2002 to address this need .

The Wilsonville Public Library was expanded to nearly four times the size of the 7 @, @ 500 @-@ square @-@ foot ( 700 m<sup>2</sup> ) 1988 building with an expansion finished in 2002 . Wilsonville Primary School was closed in June 2001 , and later sold with the property and turned into a shopping center , anchored by an Albertsons supermarket . In September 2006 , Wilsonville opened a new \$ 9 @. @ 9 million , two @-@ story brick and steel city hall after a controversy concerning its location led to unsuccessful attempts to recall several elected officials in the city , including the mayor .

= = Geography = =

Wilsonville is located on the southern edge of the Portland metropolitan area sitting at an elevation of 154 feet ( 47 m ) above sea level . Primarily in the southwestern part of Clackamas County , the northern section is in Washington County . It is located on the north side of the Willamette River around where Alphonse Boone established the Boones Ferry . Neighboring cities are Tualatin on the north , Sherwood to the northwest , and Canby and Aurora to the southeast . Newberg in Yamhill County is approximately 14 miles west along Wilsonville Road . The Willamette separates the majority of the city from Charbonneau , a planned community and neighborhood within the city limits , on the south .

According to the United States Census Bureau , the city has a total area of 7 @. @ 42 square miles ( 19 @. @ 22 km<sup>2</sup> ) , of which , 7 @. @ 21 square miles ( 18 @. @ 67 km<sup>2</sup> ) is land and 0 @. @ 21 square miles ( 0 @. @ 54 km<sup>2</sup> ) is water . Waterways in addition to the Willamette River include Arrowhead Creek , Meridian Creek , Basalt Creek , Seely Ditch , Boeckman Creek , and Coffee Lake Creek . The Boeckman and Coffee Lake creeks account for 85 % of the runoff in Wilsonville . Coffee Lake Creek is on the west side of the city and includes Coffee Lake and the Coffee Lake Wetlands . The foothills of the Chehalem Mountains lie to the west of Wilsonville , with most land within the city on level ground .

Wilsonville divides the city into 16 neighborhood groups , designated A through P. Within each of

these planning areas are individual neighborhoods , and occasionally a neighborhood spans several of these groups . For instance the Villebois development covers areas D through G. Individual neighborhoods include Charbonneau , Wilsonville Meadows , Canyon Creek North , Town Center , RiverGreen , Frog Pond , and Old Town to name a few . Wilsonville ' s Old Town neighborhood , the oldest of the neighborhoods , is located south of Wilsonville Road along Boones Ferry Road adjacent to the landing of the old Boones Ferry and contains the original portions of the town .

#### == Climate ==

Wilsonville , as part of the Willamette Valley , is within the Marine west coast climate zone . Summers in Wilsonville are generally warm , but temperatures year @-@ round are moderated by a marine influence from the Pacific Ocean . Wilsonville receives most of its precipitation during the mild to cool winter months , with the wettest period from November through March . July and August are the warmest months with an average high temperature of 81 ° F ( 27 ° C ) , while December is the coolest month with an average low of 34 ° F ( 1 ° C ) . December is also on average the wettest month with 6 @. @ 62 inches ( 168 mm ) . The highest recorded temperature , 105 ° F ( 41 ° C ) , has occurred on August 11 , 1981 ; August 13 , 1977 ; August 18 , 1977 ; and September 3 , 1988 . Wilsonville ' s lowest ever recorded temperature was ? 15 ° F ( ? 26 ° C ) on December 23 , 1998 .

#### == Demographics ==

The city has a significant population of families that use Wilsonville as a halfway point between jobs in different cities , mainly Salem and Portland . Wilsonville incorporated with an estimated 1 @, @ 000 residents in 1969 and grew to 2 @, @ 920 people at the 1980 Census , and to 7 @, @ 106 in 1990 . In 2000 , the census placed the population at 13 @, @ 991 , which rose to 19 @, @ 509 in 2010 . Of those counted , approximately 1 @, @ 500 are inmates at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility that opened in the city in 2001 .

#### == 2010 census ==

As of the census of 2010 , there were 19 @, @ 509 people , 7 @, @ 859 households , and 4 @, @ 658 families residing in the city . The population density was 2 @, @ 705 @. @ 8 inhabitants per square mile ( 1 @, @ 044 @. @ 7 / km<sup>2</sup> ) . There were 8 @, @ 487 housing units at an average density of 1 @, @ 177 @. @ 1 per square mile ( 454 @. @ 5 / km<sup>2</sup> ) . The racial makeup of the city was 85 @. @ 3 % White , 1 @. @ 5 % African American , 1 @. @ 0 % Native American , 3 @. @ 8 % Asian , 0 @. @ 4 % Pacific Islander , 4 @. @ 8 % from other races , and 3 @. @ 2 % from two or more races . Hispanic or Latino of any race were 12 @. @ 1 % of the population .

There were 7 @, @ 859 households of which 29 @. @ 9 % had children under the age of 18 living with them , 45 @. @ 3 % were married couples living together , 10 @. @ 0 % had a female householder with no husband present , 4 @. @ 0 % had a male householder with no wife present , and 40 @. @ 7 % were non @-@ families . 32 @. @ 9 % of all households were made up of individuals and 11 @. @ 8 % had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older . The average household size was 2 @. @ 28 and the average family size was 2 @. @ 93 .

The median age in the city was 36 @. @ 2 years . 22 % of residents were under the age of 18 ; 8 @. @ 8 % were between the ages of 18 and 24 ; 32 @. @ 2 % were from 25 to 44 ; 23 @. @ 8 % were from 45 to 64 ; and 13 @. @ 3 % were 65 years of age or older . The gender makeup of the city was 46 @. @ 6 % male and 53 @. @ 4 % female .

#### == 2000 census ==

As of the census of 2000 , there were 13 @, @ 991 people , 5 @, @ 937 households , and 3 @, @ 775 families residing in the city . The population density was 2 @, @ 085 @. @ 3 people per square mile ( 805 @. @ 1 / km<sup>2</sup> ) . There were 6 @, @ 407 housing units at an average density of 954 @. @

9 per square mile ( 368 @. @ 7 / km <sup>2</sup> ) . The racial makeup of the city was 90 @. @ 5 % White , 2 @. @ 2 % Asian , 0 @. @ 7 % African American , 0 @. @ 7 % Native American , 0 @. @ 2 % Pacific Islander , 3 @. @ 2 % from other races , and 2 @. @ 7 % from two or more races . Hispanic or Latino of any race were 6 @. @ 9 % of the population .

There were 5 @, @ 937 households out of which 30 @. @ 4 % had children under the age of 18 living with them , 51 @. @ 5 % were married couples living together , 8 @. @ 3 % had a female householder with no husband present , and 36 @. @ 4 % were non @- @ families . 28 @. @ 3 % of all households were made up of individuals and 9 @. @ 7 % had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older . The average household size was 2 @. @ 34 and the average family size was 2 @. @ 89 . Median home cost was \$ 200 @, @ 972 in 2000 and had grown to \$ 316 @, @ 400 by 2006 .

In the city the population was spread out with 24 @. @ 6 % under the age of 18 , 9 @. @ 4 % from 18 to 24 , 31 @. @ 4 % from 25 to 44 , 20 @. @ 2 % from 45 to 64 , and 14 @. @ 4 % who were 65 years of age or older . The median age was 35 years . For every 100 females there were 94 @. @ 5 males . For every 100 females age 18 and over , there were 91 @. @ 7 males .

The median income for a household in the city was \$ 52 @, @ 515 , and the median income for a family was \$ 65 @, @ 172 . This income level is higher than the county , state , and national median income levels . Males had a median income of \$ 43 @, @ 480 versus \$ 28 @, @ 395 for females . The per capita income for the city was \$ 29 @, @ 786 . About 3 @. @ 0 % of families and 5 @. @ 6 % of the population were below the poverty line , including 3 @. @ 7 % of those under age 18 and 8 @. @ 2 % of those age 65 or over .

= = Economy = =

Wilsonville has often had more jobs in the city than residents due to its location along Interstate 5 . This location has led to the city becoming headquarters for several major local and national companies , as well as home to facilities of several national companies . Companies with their headquarters in the city include design software maker Mentor Graphics ; imaging systems manufacturer FLIR Systems ; and shoe retailer Solestruck . G.I. Joe 's , a sporting goods and automotive parts retailer was based in Wilsonville until bankruptcy in 2009 , as was drugstore chain Thrifty PayLess until it was bought by Rite Aid in 1996 , and video rental retailer Movie Gallery and its subsidiary Hollywood Video were as well until bankruptcy in 2010 .

Copier and printer manufacturer Xerox operates a large facility in Wilsonville , and is the city 's largest employer . The company acquired the color printing and imaging division of Tektronix corporation in 2000 . Xerox , Mentor Graphics , and FLIR are all adjacent to each other north of Boeckman Road along Parkway Avenue . Projector maker InFocus was headquartered in the city until December 2009 and was located next to FLIR . InFocus and Mentor were both founded by former employees of Tektronix .

Wilsonville is home to many other business located in industrial parks straddling Interstate 5 that are filled with manufacturing and distribution facilities . Xerox and Mentor Graphics are the city 's two largest employers as of 2006 , the only two to employ more than 1000 people . Other large employers in the city are Tyco Electronics ( Precision Interconnect ) , Sysco , Rockwell Collins , and Rite Aid . Additionally , Coca @- @ Cola operates a bottling plant in the city . Nike had one of its U.S. distribution centers for footwear in Wilsonville until closing it in 2009 .

Retail in Wilsonville is concentrated mainly along Wilsonville Road near the Interstate 5 interchange . This includes the Town Center Shopping Center and related developments along Town Center Loop , which includes Fry 's Electronics , one of the largest employers in the city . Fred Meyer opened a 145 @, @ 000 @- @ square @- @ foot ( 13 @, @ 500 m<sup>2</sup> ) store along with space for 20 other businesses at their Old Town Square where Boones Ferry and Wilsonville roads meet . At the north end of town is the 42 @- @ acre ( 17 ha ) Argyle Square shopping center that opened in 2003 , which includes a Target store , Office Depot , and Costco as anchor tenants . South of the Willamette River , Charbonneau has a small commercial center with about 10 shops .

= = Culture = =

Media in Wilsonville consists of the 28 radio stations and 7 television stations broadcast in the Portland media market , regional newspapers such as The Oregonian , and the local paper , the Wilsonville Spokesman . The Spokesman is published once a week on Wednesdays and has a circulation of 3 @, @ 176 . There is a single movie theater operated by Regal Cinemas , which contains nine screens . The theater opened in 1996 and featured the first stadium style seating in the Northwest .

Wilsonville Public Library , founded in 1982 , is a member of Library Information Network of Clackamas County and had an annual circulation of 493 @, @ 000 in 2006 to 2007 . The library is located adjacent to Wilsonville Memorial Park , the largest and oldest of the city 's 12 parks . Memorial Park includes a water feature , athletic fields , and the Stein @-@ Boozier Barn used as meeting space , among other amenities . Town Center Park also has a water feature along with a visitor 's center operated by the Clackamas County and the Oregon Korean War Memorial . Other parks in the city are River Fox Park , Park at Merryfield , Montebello Park , Hathaway Park , Courtside Park , Tranquil Park , Willamette River Water Treatment Plant Park , Willow Creek / Landover Park , Canyon Creek Park , and Boones Ferry Park located on the Willamette River at the landing for the defunct Boones Ferry .

The Wilsonville Community Center holds classes and community programs as well as community meeting space . Wilsonville holds an annual arts fair each May called the Wilsonville Festival of Arts . Another annual event , Wilsonville Celebration Days , started in 2000 and replaced Boones Ferry Days . A farmers ' market started in 2009 at the Villebois development , held on Sundays from May into October . Charbonneau Golf Club is the only golf course in the city , with Langdon Farms and Sandelie just to the south and east respectively . Wilsonville also is along the Willamette Greenway series of open spaces and trails . Wilsonville is the setting for the 2008 film Wendy and Lucy .

= = Government = =

Wilsonville has a home rule charter and is a council @-@ manager governed municipality where the unelected city manager runs day @-@ to @-@ day operations . The current city manager is Bryan Cosgrove . The mayor and four @-@ person city council are elected to four @-@ year terms , with Tim Knapp as mayor ( term ends 2017 ) and council members of Julie Fitzgerald , Scott Starr , Charlotte Lehan and Susie Stevens .

Both fire protection and police protection are contracted to other area governmental agencies . Fire services are provided by Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue , and that agency operates two fire stations in the city . Police service is contracted out to the Clackamas County Sheriff 's Office , with a lieutenant serving as the chief of police and officers using vehicles marked as Wilsonville Police . The city 's Parks and Recreation Department runs 12 parks , with Memorial Park the largest at 126 acres ( 51 ha ) .

Wilsonville also provides both its own water supply and wastewater treatment . The wastewater system was built in 1972 , while the water system was upgraded with a new treatment plant in 2002 . Water is drawn from the Willamette River from the Wilsonville Water Treatment Plant built at a cost of \$ 46 million in conjunction with the Tualatin Valley Water District . Previously , the city used wells to provide drinking water , but those began to run dry in the late 1990s . The plant 's initial capacity was 15 million gallons per day , but can be expanded to 120 million gallons per day . Neighboring Sherwood will begin receiving water from the plant in 2012 .

The city has a single library branch , a 28 @, @ 677 @-@ square @-@ foot ( 2 @, @ 664 @. @ 2 m2 ) building on Wilsonville Road . The majority of the city is within the West Linn @-@ Wilsonville School District , but the Charbonneau area is part of the Canby School District . Public transit is provided by the city through SMART , though TriMet has connections via buses at the northern limits of the city and with the Westside Express Service commuter rail .

At the federal level , Wilsonville is primarily within Oregon 's 5th congressional district , represented by Kurt Schrader , but the portions lying within Washington County are in the 1st district ,

represented by Suzanne Bonamici . In the State Senate , the city is in District 13 , represented by Larry George . In the House , the city is represented by John Davis in House District 26 . In addition , Wilsonville lies within District 3 ( Carl Hosticka ) of the Metro regional government .

#### = = Education = =

Most of Wilsonville is in the West Linn @-@ Wilsonville School District ( WLWSD ) , however those portions south of the Willamette River are within the Canby School District . Areas just to the west lie within the Sherwood School District . Boeckman Creek and Boones Ferry primary schools serve K @-@ 5 students from Wilsonville in WLWSD . Students in grades 6 ? 8 attend Inza R. Wood Middle School , and high school students attend Wilsonville High School or the Arts and Technology High School ( ArtTech ) . Neither the Canby or Sherwood districts operate schools within Wilsonville .

The city is also in the Clackamas Community College District and has a satellite campus on Town Center Loop . Opened in 1992 , the campus was originally known as the Oregon Advanced Technology Center . The private , for profit Pioneer Pacific College operates a campus , their main campus , in the city along Interstate 5 near the Boeckman Road overpass .

Boeckman Creek Primary School opened in 1990 and has 649 students , with a mascot of the Bobcats . Boones Ferry replaced the old Wilsonville Primary School in 2001 ; its 809 students make it the largest primary school in the district , and are known as the Dragonflies . Wood Middle School opened in 1980 and has 699 students , known as the Wolverines . Wilsonville High has been the home of the Wildcats since the 1 @,@ 002 @-@ student school opened in 1995 . The ArtTech charter high school has 85 students , and opened in 2005 .

#### = = Transportation = =

Interstate 5 runs north @-@ south through the middle of the city and crosses the Willamette River on the Boone Bridge . Wilsonville has two interchanges with the freeway north of the river , at Wilsonville Road on the south and where Boones Ferry Road meets Elligsen Road on the north end of town . To the south of the river , the Charbonneau interchange crosses I @-@ 5 at the southern limit of the city . Boeckman Road is the only other street that crosses I @-@ 5 and links the western and eastern parts of Wilsonville . Wilsonville Road , 95th Avenue , Boones Ferry Road ( northern portion is Oregon Route 141 ) , Boeckman Road , Town Center Loop , French Prairie Drive , Elligsen Road , Parkway Avenue , and Stafford Road are the main roads in the city .

Transit service was formerly provided by TriMet , but the city decided to " opt @-@ out " and now operates South Metro Area Regional Transit ( SMART ) . SMART has connections with Salem 's transit service , Canby 's transit service , and TriMet . The Westside Express Service ( WES ) , a commuter rail line to Beaverton , began operations in February 2009 . Wilsonville Station is the southern terminus of the nearly 15 @-@ mile ( 24 km ) line operated by TriMet , and the station is the hub for SMART services .

Freight rail service is provided by the Portland and Western Railroad over the same tracks as WES , with connections to BNSF Railway . These tracks run north @-@ south and cross the Willamette over the Portland and Western Railroad Bridge . The city does not have an airport , with Aurora State Airport to the south as the closest public field and Portland International Airport 17 miles north as the closest commercial airport . Although located along the river , there are not any port facilities , though there is a marina located on the eastbank ( south side ) of the Willamette .

#### = = Notable people = =

The city has been home to a variety of notable people ranging from politicians to athletes and authors . Famous politicians to call Wilsonville home include former governor George Law Curry , Congresswoman Edith Green , federal judge James M. Burns , and former mayor and state representative Jerry Krummel . Athletes of note have included football player Derek Devine , professional golfer Brian Henninger , and baseball player and manager Del Baker . Those prominent

in the legal field are Gordon Sloan , and R. William Riggs . Others include children 's author Walt Morey , ferryman Alphonso Boone , businessman Tom Bruggere , and baseball coach Mel Krause , and actor Frank Cady .

= = Sister city = =

Wilsonville has one sister city relationship . The city established a relationship with Kitakata , in the Fukushima province in Japan in 1988 . Kitakata in the northern part of Honshu has an estimated population of around 55 @, @ 000 . Then Wilsonville Mayor Jerry Krummel visited Japan in 1994 to attend a ceremony honoring Kitakata 's 40th birthday . The mayor of Kitakata visited Wilsonville in 2008 to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the relationship .