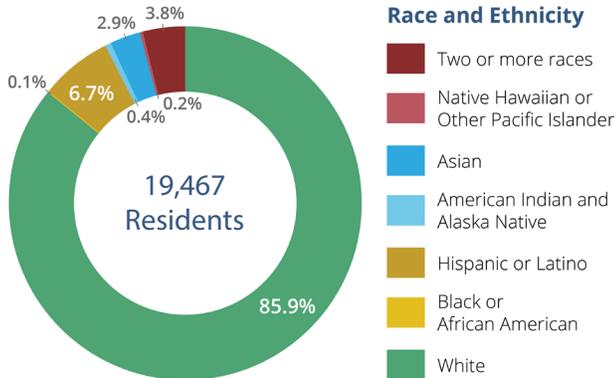




# Strong Community, Culture and Heritage

To discuss the future of Sherwood's strong community, culture and heritage, we need a shared understanding of how as it exists today.

## Sherwood's Community



33% of Sherwood residents are younger than 18



3.31 Average family size



78% of Sherwood households are family households

47% are with children under 18 years of age

## Sherwood's Heritage

Prior to the arrival of immigrants, the Sherwood area was inhabited by the Atfalati band of the Kalapuya nation, who ranged across the valley in a hunter-gather style. By 1870, many settlers had moved into the area we now call Sherwood. Sherwood's main industry was originally a brickyard that supplied bricks for most of

Portland's early development. Most of Sherwood's commercial buildings were built at this time. When the brickyard closed, the city diversified to include a fruit and vegetable cannery and tannery which supported Sherwood until 1971. Today, the city's main industries are retail, service and manufacturing.

## Sherwood's Growth Story

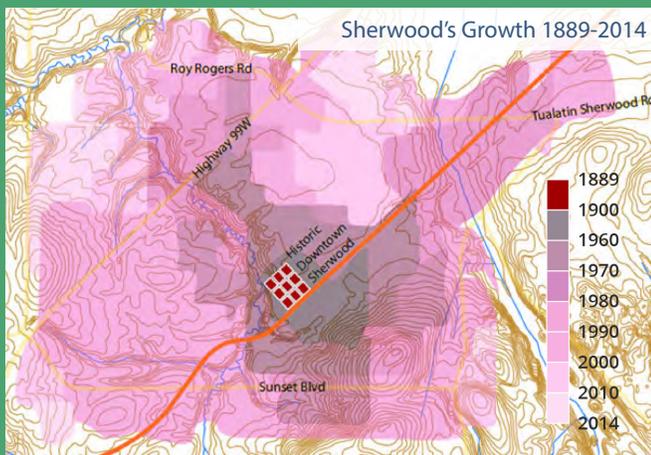


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During its short 125 years of urbanization, Sherwood has experienced significant growth in both population and physical size. In 1911, Sherwood's city limits were one square mile, and a population of 350. Over the next century, Sherwood's population and footprint grew dramatically as the city attracted newcomers and the automobile encouraged more dispersed settlement patterns.

Today, Sherwood's population is 19,467 and the city limits have expanded to four and a half square miles, but the city has managed to maintain the small-town charm and friendliness that defines this community.

## Popular Community Events

Sherwood Saturday Market  
 Center for the Arts Film Series  
 Sherwood Robin Hood Festival  
 Music on the Green  
 Movies in the Park  
 Cruisin' Sherwood Classic & Custom Car Show  
 Sherwood Wine Festival & Artisans Fair

## Community Spaces

Center for the Arts  
 City of Sherwood Public Library and City Hall  
 Community Garden  
 Family Resource Center (SHARE)  
 Field House  
 Marjorie Stewart Community Center  
 YMCA  
 Water Features at Snyder Park and Cannery Square

## Let's play ball!

Sherwood is home to great sports teams and facilities that connect friends and neighbors throughout the year.

In July, the Robin Hood Festival hosts an International Archery Tournament, which draws participants from around the world.



The Sherwood Public Library has a total local collection size of 52,084—including books, periodicals, movies, music, electronic games, Library of Things, and more. Library patrons have access to 1.7 million items countywide!

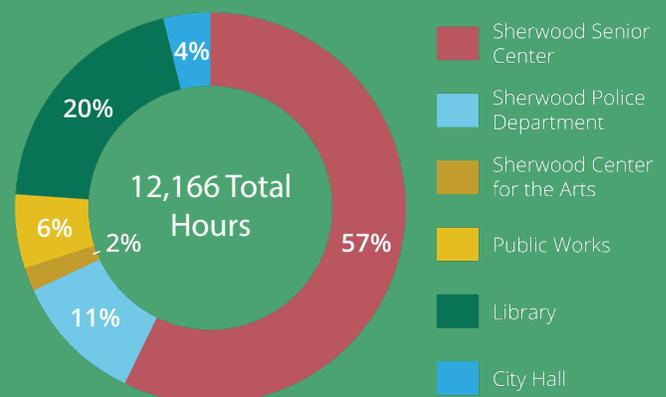
In 2018-19, the Sherwood Center for the Arts welcomed 32,278 community members for classes, events rentals and other activities—over 5,000 more from the year before!

## Sherwood's Spirit of Service

Sherwood has a strong spirit of volunteerism! In 2018, the City documented a total of 12,166 volunteer hours in six departments and at a variety of events including Trashpalooza, tree plantings and other family-friendly events. The City celebrates their service during the annual Volunteer Appreciation Week in April.

The Sherwood community is also very active in many other civic groups, such as the Rotary Club and the Boy and Girl Scouts, as well as churches, clubs and associations.

Sherwood Volunteer Hours, 2018



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