

# TAHPDX: TEACHING AMERICAN HISTORY PROJECT

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## PORTLAND OREGON VICE & SOCIAL REFORM (1917 & 1924) METADATA

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**Description:** This dataset was created for a social studies unit on Vice and Social Reform at the turn of the century. It includes vice arrest data for the City of Portland for a period from 11/1-7 in 1917 and in 1924 as well as a fascinating map prepared by the City of Portland Police Department showing the locations of building of “questionable morality” in the year 1912. The data reveal many interesting facts about the focus on “vice” in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, the concentration of vice arrests (in Portland near the waterfront), the various “crimes” and areas that were targeted, and demographic details about individuals arrested.

### **Data Sources:**

**Filename(s):** 1912\_Vice\_Map.jpg  
1912\_Vice\_Buildings.shp

**Format:** Georectified Image  
ESRI Shapefile (point)

**Description:** Georectified Vice Map for Portland in 1912 (prepared by the City of Portland Vice Commission, showing the locations of buildings of “questionable morality”). Also includes point file of targeted buildings in Oldtown.

**Source:** City of Portland Archives.

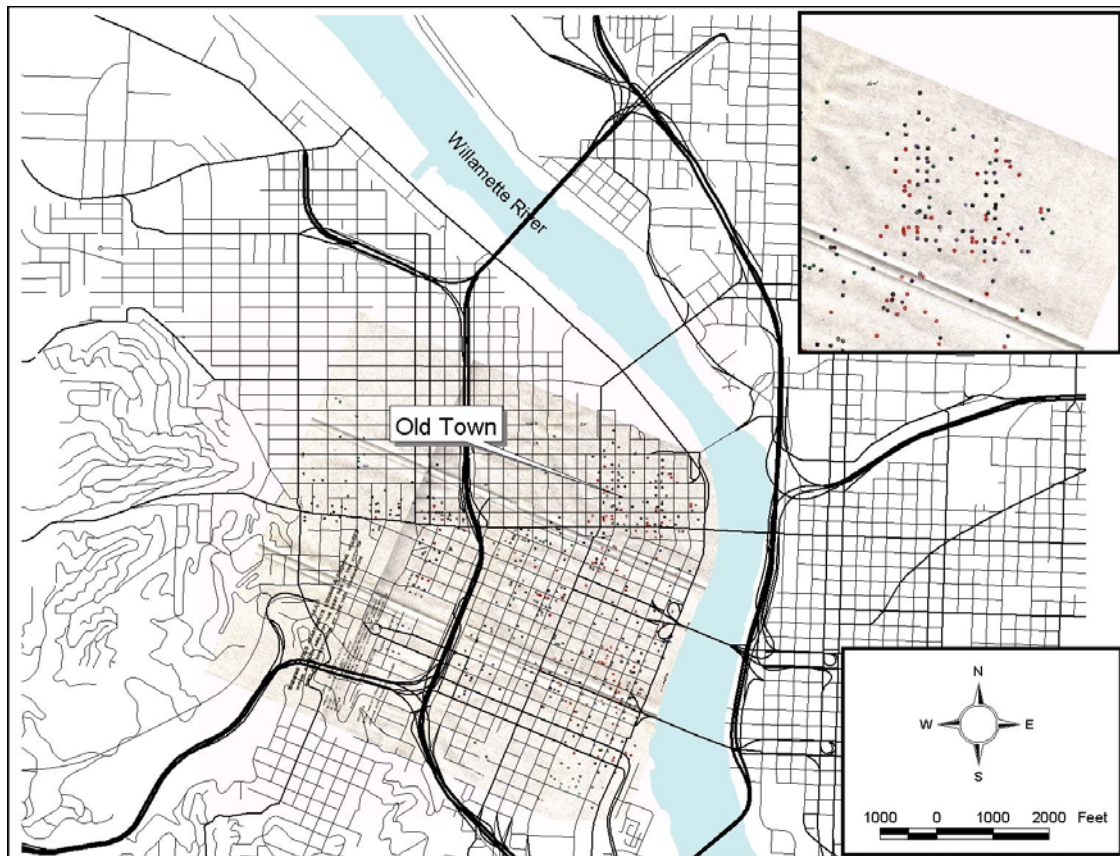
**Data Manipulation:** This vice map did not include street references, making georectification challenging (but not impossible). The image was rectified using marginal notations of bounding streets then aligning the identified building points with known streets. The point file was manually created by locating the points on the rectified map for an area encompassing Oldtown and populating its attribute table based on the map's legend. This dataset was created by high school students from the Multnomah Learning Center with assistance from the Community Geography Project at the Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies, Portland State University (Community GIS Initiative).

**Projection:** This dataset is projected to conform to Metro's RLIS data so as to allow current layers to be used for comparative analysis.

*Projection:* NAD\_1983\_HARN\_StatePlane\_Oregon\_North\_FIPS\_3601  
*Geographic coordinate system name:* GCS\_North\_American\_1983\_HARN

**Attribute Data:** The point file includes a field noting the map classification.

- Moral Houses
- Moral Status Not Determined
- Immorality Countenanced or Ignored
- Immoral Tenants Desired or Preferred
- Houses Wholly Given Up to Immorality



**Filename(s):** 1917\_arrests\_all.shp  
1924\_arrests\_all.shp

**Format:** ESRI Shapefiles (point)

**Description:** Vice arrests for the period 11/1-7 in 1917 and in 1924 for Portland’s Oldtown.

**Source:** City of Portland Archives, Arrest Records (1917 and 1924).

**Data Manipulation:** This file was created by manually entering the handwritten vice arrest records for the City of Portland covering an area in the City of Portland (Oldtown and the west waterfront). Two weeks were selected for sampling (Nov. 1-7) for the years 1917 and 1924. The information was transcribed onto a spreadsheet. The data were then geocoded to RLIS 2003 street data using the addresses recorded on the arrest record. Addresses that did not geocode were manually placed in their proper location. Address information on the vice records did not contain cardinal street directions making the choices for location often difficult. Cartographic liberties were taken in determining some point locations – locations of actual arrests are therefore a rough approximation. GIS file created by Heather Kaplinger, GRA, Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies, PSU. Data file created by Kezia MacAlistaire, Research Historian, Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies, PSU.

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**Attribute Data:**

Attribute	Definition & Coding	
<b>DATE</b>	Date of Arrest	
<b>TIME</b>	Hour of Arrest	
<b>ORDER</b>	Number order of arrest	
<b>A_ADDR</b>	Address of Arrest <b>text</b> = what was written  <b>Note</b> - Documentation often did not included cardinal directions – some addresses are a best guess.	
<b>SEX</b>	Gender <b>M</b> = Male <b>F</b> = Female	
<b>DEFENDANT</b>	Defendants' name as written	
<b>OFFICER</b>	Filing Officer as written	
<b>COMPLAINT</b>	Complaint <b>text</b> = what was written	
<b>CHARGE</b>	Charge <b>text</b> = what was written	
<b>C_CODE</b>	Crime Code	
	<b>AB = Assault/Battery</b>	<b>OT = Other</b>
	assault battery asst. to rob, dang. Weapon	failing to solder splices involuntary manslaughter maint. fire hazard

assault/battery	failing to render assist.
<b>AL = Alcohol-related</b>	cont. to del of minor
drunk	lost boy
Violating prohibition law	adultery
selling intoxicating liquor	carry concealed weapons
drunk & disorderly	allow minor in pool room
drunk & begging	lodger, hold for Dan Welch
drunk, impersonating an officer	lodger, pending commitment
driving while intoxicated	<b>PN = Public Nuisance</b>
violating proh. law	exposing his person
drunk, dis. firearms in city	disorderly conduct
being intox on street	giving incorrect info.
liquor in possession	defacing public building
trans liquor (transporting?)	using profane language
selling intoxicating liquor	maintaining a nuisance
<b>CG = Cigarettes</b>	distributing hand bills, no lic.
possessing cigarettes	after hours
vag. smoking cig.	obscene literature in poss & showing in public
<b>GA = Gambling-related</b>	dis. cond.
conduct lottery game	selling auto w/ CA plates, maintaining nuis.
visiting lottery game	<b>PR = Prostitution-related</b>
possessing lottery tickets	living with a prostitute
<b>LA =Larceny</b>	<b>UN = Not specified crime</b>
larceny	investigation
larceny of auto	warrant
issue checks, no funds	hold for Us Govt
forgery	en route to Vancouver, WA
poss stolen goods	hold for SF Col.
larceny from dwelling	hold for investigation, US
<b>MT = Motorist/ Auto-related</b>	surrendered to serve sentence
no license	en route to SF
violating traffic ordinance	Hold for Us Army
no registration card	sol (soldier?)
speeding auto	hold for chief of Police, Seattle
parking overtime	warrant
speed, no stop at school	hold for Us Govt
reckless driving	hold for womens' div.
no oper lic, reckless oper motorcycle	hold for sheriff Montague
violating state motor vehicle law	Hold for dept of Justice
improper license tags	hold for Hd (headquarters?)
no stop	hold for Frisco, CA
driving while intoxicated	hold for Chief of Police, Marshfield
careless op of auto	OR
open muffler	<b>US = Hold for US Authorities</b>
open cut out	Hold for authorities
	<b>VA = Vagrancy</b>

	bright lights not keeping on right side of street fail to signal/ give right of way	vagrancy vag. smoking cig. vagrancy by begging
<b>PROP_P</b>	Property on Person <b>text</b> = what was written <b>NN</b> = Nothing noted	
<b>MONEY_P</b>	Money on Person <b>**Not included in 1924- no data recorded**</b> <b>numeric value</b> written <b>NN</b> = Nothing noted	
<b>BAIL</b>	Bail Set \$ value <b>0</b> = nothing noted	
<b>CRT_JDG</b>	Court Judgment <b>text</b> = what was written	
<b>D_DATE</b>	Discharge Date <b>date</b> recorded <b>blank</b> = nothing noted	
<b>AGE</b>	Age # = reported age	
<b>NATIVITY</b>	Nativity <b>text</b> = what was written	
<b>N_CODE</b>	Nativity Code <b>AM</b> = American <b>AC</b> = American, colored <b>RU</b> = Russian <b>GR</b> = Greek <b>FR</b> = French <b>MX</b> = Mexican <b>NE</b> = Northern Europe: Denmark/ Finland/ Norway/ Switzerland <b>UK</b> = United Kingdom: England/ Scotland/ Ireland <b>SE</b> = Southern Europe: Spain/ Italy/ Portugal <b>JW</b> = Jewish/ Hebrew <b>GE</b> = Germanic States: German/ Austrian <b>EE</b> = Eastern Europe: Lithuanian/ Romanian/ Czechoslovakian/ Bulgarian/ Poland/ Bohemian <b>CH</b> = China <b>JP</b> = Japan <b>OT</b> = Other: Australian/ Canadian/Belgian/Turkey/India <b>NN</b> = Nothing Noted	
<b>OCCUP</b>	Occupation <b>text</b> = what was written	
<b>OC_CODE</b>	Occupation Code	
	<b>SK = Skilled Trades</b>	<b>LO = Lodging / Hotel</b>
	baker blacksmith boiler maker bookbinder bricklayer butcher carpenter cement worker	bellboy chambermaid elevator operator hotel clerk hotel keeper innkeeper landlady landlord

cigar maker civil engineer contractor cook dressmaker electrician file setter finisher longshoreman machinist maulder meat cutter mechanic painter piano tuner pipe fitter plasterer plumber saw filer sawyer Sheet metal worker shipbuilder sign painter steam fitter steam shovel man steamboat capt teamster tile setter	mng hotel proprietress rooming house
	<b>RR = Railroad Work</b>
	engineer porter railroad worker rr conductor rr man rrs signal man switchman tr driver
	<b>ET = Entertainment</b>
	actor busboy entertainer musician newsboy pool hall proprietor of billiard hall waiter waitress
	<b>EX = Extractive</b>
	farmer fruit logger miner sailor
<b>WC = White Collar / Professional</b>	<b>PS = Personal / Household Services</b>
bookkeeper broker clerk dental assistant dentist employment interpreter manager market keeper merchant newspaperman operator physician realtor reporter salesman veterinary	barber domestic florist gardener hairdresser house keeper house worker seamstress tailor
<b>OT = Other</b>	<b>TR = Transportation / Auto</b>
driver (received traffic tix) fur housewife juvenile retired	auto mechanic chauffer delivery filling station emp. garage man garage proprietor messenger st. car tk driver
	<b>LB = Labor / Unskilled</b>
	janitor laborer

	soldier student	NN = Nothing Noted
<b>REMARKS</b>	Remarks <b>text</b> = what was written <b>blank</b> = nothing noted	

