

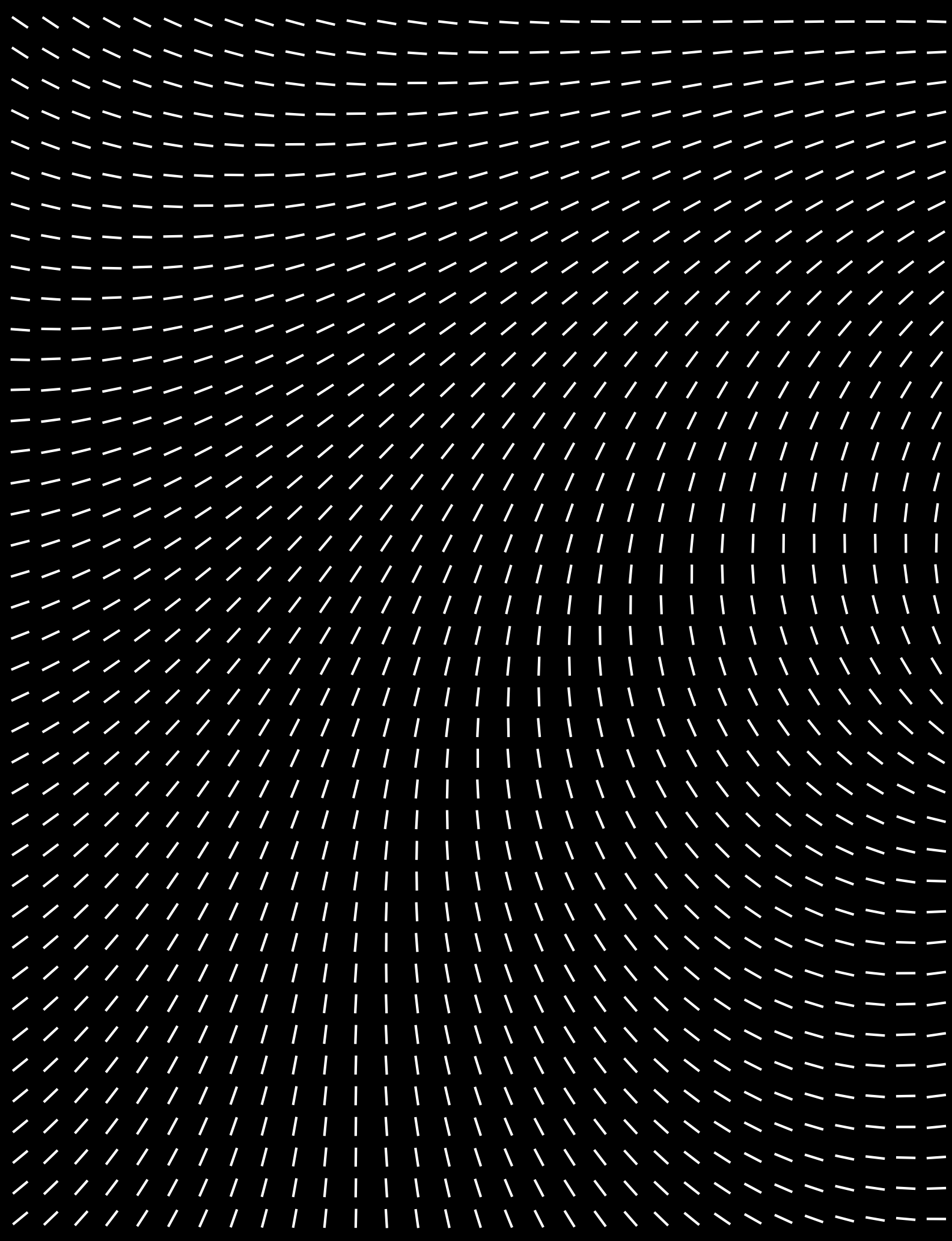
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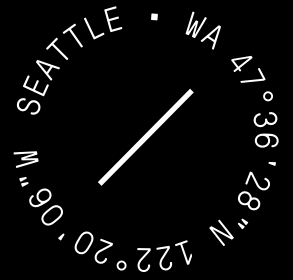
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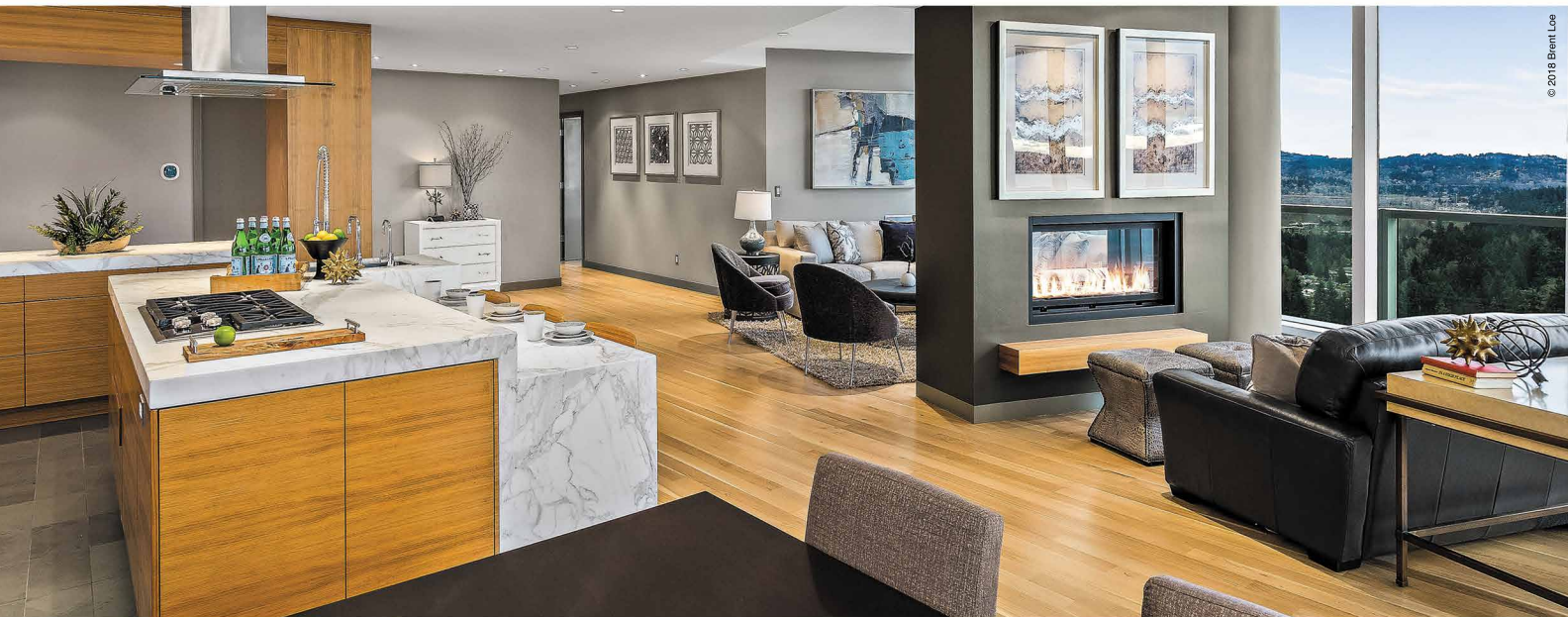


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Often obscured by clouds, when Mt. Rainier is visible, the sight is stunning.

Welcome To Seattle - The Coolest City In The Country!

Jenny Durkan, *Mayor of Seattle*

As a native of the Seattle area who has lived here almost all my life, and as its 56th Mayor, I am so excited to share my love for this city with all of you.

What's so special about Seattle? For me, it's three things:

First, we have some of the most spectacular scenery in the country. With the Puget Sound on one side and Lake Washington on the other, the Olympic Mountains to the west and the Cascades to the east, including the majestic 14,410-foot Mount Rainier to the south, Seattle is just gorgeous. (Here's a tip: If you can see Mount Rainier from Seattle, tell people "the mountain is out," and you'll sound just like a Seattleite!)

Second, Seattle has always been the city that invents the future. We were the jumping-off point for the Gold Rush. We pretty much invented modern air travel (first the airplanes, then how to book them online), the personal computing revolution, the cloud, coffee on every corner, and bone marrow transplants. If you love it, it probably started here. As you will see in Seattle, we are still that city – constantly inventing a better future and seizing opportunities.

Third, it's our people. From the First Peoples, whose resilient communities have shared their history and culture, and created meaningful partnerships toward effective solutions, to recent immigrants whose work, patience, and drive have empowered their communities and enriched our region, to the innovators in med-

icine, technology, and business who have made us one of the most advanced and attractive economic centers in the world, the people who work and live here make the Pacific Northwest the vibrant, dynamic place that it is. We are a diverse city, and we are proud of the many cultures and backgrounds of our residents. We know that our diversity makes us stronger. That's why we work together every day to make our city a truly inclusive place.

As a welcome – once you've seen our city's best-known landmarks, such as the Pike Place Market, the Space Needle, the Seattle Center, and the Seattle Art Museum (plus the Gum Wall and the Fremont Troll) – I hope you visit three more Seattle communities.

Just south of downtown is Pioneer Square, the International District, and CenturyLink Field, where the Seahawks and their 12th Man make the stadium rumble every fall and where our Seattle Sounders FC are perennial contenders for the MLS Cup. If you're a baseball fan, don't miss our Seattle Mariners at Safeco Field, one of the best ballparks in America. In Pioneer Square – Seattle's oldest neighborhood – you can browse art galleries and visit some of our city's best restaurants and bars. In the International District, check out the Wing Luke Museum and stop in at Seattle's oldest Chinese restaurant, Tai Tung (don't miss "Combination #1"!).

Next, head south to Georgetown, then to Columbia City and Rainier Valley. On a cloudless day, while traveling south on one

GETTING STARTED



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of the city's oldest arterials, Rainier Avenue, you'll see one of the most impressive views of Mount Rainier the City has to offer. You'll also get a lot of great food in Columbia City – from the Columbia City Bakery to Geraldine's Counter to Tutta Bella to Molly Moon's Homemade Ice Cream. Then check out a neighborhood favorite, Lottie's Lounge, where you can enjoy a hand-crafted adult beverage while gazing at passersby. If it's summer, go to the nearby farmers' market for fresh berries, fruit, and flowers. Columbia City's village-unto-itself has grown rapidly in recent years, but it is still a place to shop, chat with neighbors, and slow down. It's a thriving community of small businesses, many of them owned by entrepreneurs from the neighborhood. Rainier Valley is home to the renowned (and recently re-opened) King Donuts and Café Avole. When you head to Georgetown, stop by Georgetown Brewing, Charles Smith Wines, or Fonda La Catrina. Wherever you go in Seattle, you won't go away hungry or thirsty. All of South Seattle, from Georgetown to Rainier Beach, is home to flourishing artistic communities and real economic development in vibrant, diverse neighborhoods.

Another can't-miss is Capitol Hill and Volunteer Park. Capitol Hill is one of our most vibrant neighborhoods – don't miss Ethan Stowell's restaurant Rione XIII and Linda Derschang's Oddfellows Café and Bar. Volunteer Park has a great view, and it's the favorite spot of dog-owners, joggers, picnickers, and theater-goers alike. There is a sense of peace here, like in so many other Seattle Parks, including the Arboretum, Green Lake (stop by La Conasu-

po Market and Restaurant when you're in the neighborhood), Discovery Park, Golden Gardens, Magnuson Park, and Seward Park.



If you are here for the weekend or have decided to make Seattle your home, I hope you'll keep me posted on your experiences in this great city. Let me know how you think I'm doing, too. Please drop me a note at jenny.durkan@seattle.gov, or reach out to me on Twitter at @MayorJenny!

About Mayor Durkan

Jenny A. Durkan is the 56th Mayor of Seattle and the first woman to lead the City in nearly a century. Prior to becoming Mayor, Durkan was a civic leader and nationally recognized attorney. From 2009 to 2014, she served as the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Washington, becoming the first openly gay U.S. Attorney in our country's history. A native of the Seattle area, Mayor Durkan and her partner, Dana, have two sons.

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Greater Seattle is home to one of the most creative and dynamic economies in the world.

Economic Snapshot

The continuing growth of the region is a clear indication of its desirability as a place to do business and to live. According to the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), forecasts through 2050 suggest the region will grow to nearly six million people, about 1.8 million more than today. About 1.2 million more jobs will be added, as well, bringing total regional employment to 3.4 million jobs. This long-term tendency for consistent growth in size and quality is why Seattle was named the third strongest metropolitan area economy in America on the 2018 Policom Corporation Annual Economic Strength Rankings.

What makes this a great place to live or to start, expand or relocate a business? Consider a few of the region's qualities:

A hotbed for research and development: Leading education and research institutes, such as Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and the University of Washington are located here. In 2017 the University of Washington research funding profile was an astounding \$1.628 billion.

A strategic location: Greater Seattle is equidistant from London and Tokyo—9 hours by plane to either city. The region's marine ports are also closer to Asia than any other major ports on the United States' West Coast.

An export-driven economy: According to the Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle, 40% of the jobs in the region are tied to international trade and business.

Strong Market Prospects: The popularity of Seattle's market with domestic and global investors earned Seattle the #1 spot on the Top 20 U.S. Markets to Watch in 2018 (Emerging Trends in Real Estate by Urban Land Institute & PwC).

Job Growth: The large concentration of high tech jobs, along with strong wage growth placed the Seattle-Bellevue-Everett metro area 17th on The Milken Institute "2017 Top 25 Best Performing Large Cities".

A leader in sustainability: The American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy's "2017 City Energy-Efficiency Scorecard" rated Seattle the third most energy efficient U.S. city and named it one of the "most improved" cities over the previous year.

A great place for business: In 2017, Washington took the #1 spot on CNBC's "America's Top States for Business" study. Seattle (#3) and Tacoma (#25) were both named among Forbe's "Best Places for Business and Careers."

A diverse economy and population: Minority-owned businesses are a dynamic part of the region's economy, accounting for over 67,000 businesses that generate in excess of \$48.5 billion and employ over 100,000 people.

A qualified workforce: Residents are among the nation's most highly educated. U.S. Census Bureau data shows that 60.4% of Seattle residents ages 25+ hold a bachelor's degree or higher. Seattle was recognized in 2017 by Central Connecticut State University as second among the "Ten Most Literate U.S. Cities".

A center for emerging industries: Pitchbook and the NVCA reported that Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue area companies raised \$1.73 billion in venture capital in 2017, the third-highest total of the last five years. This investment total represented 297 deals, a 13% increase over 2016's \$1.53 billion across 267 deals.

Industry Clusters

While Greater Seattle's economy includes a broad range of industries, eight clusters stand out:

AEROSPACE

Washington is a global leader in aerospace. Nearly 90% of all commercial aircraft in the U.S. are produced in Washington. The largest, Boeing Commercial Airplanes, build their Next Generation aircraft, the 737 MAX and the 777X in the Puget Sound Region. The region is also at the center of a growing space cluster, including such well-known companies as Aerojet Rocketdyne, Blue Origin, Planetary Resources, SpaceX, Spaceflight Industries and Vulcan Aerospace.

Summary Forecast (March 2018)

Annual Percent Change	2016	2017	2018	2019
Puget Sound Region				
Employment	3.2	2.9	2.3	1.4
Personal income (cur. \$)	4.7	4.3	4.5	5.2
Consumer price index	2.2	3.0	2.4	2.3
Housing permits	-5.4	9.4	-17.2	-1.4
Population	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.2
United States*				
GDP (\$09)	1.5	2.3	2.8	2.4
Employment	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.1
Personal income (cur. \$)	2.4	3.1	4.5	4.6
Consumer price index	1.3	2.1	2.1	2.1
Housing starts	6.1	2.7	5.2	4.7

*Source: Blue Chip Economic Indicators
Courtesy of The Puget Sound Economic Forecaster, published by Western Washington University's Center for Economic and Business Research. CEBR.wvu.edu

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

This region is a global center for information technology and is home to companies that drive innovation and progress including Microsoft, Tableau, Expedia, Amazon, Nintendo, RealNetworks, T-Mobile, and many more. Seattle, known as "Cloud City" is home to a growing number of Cloud Computing businesses. Information technology, one of the region's largest employment clusters, directly supports over 100,000 jobs.

CLEAN TECHNOLOGY

This region is a hub for clean technology. Statewide this industry employs nearly 90,000 workers and is backed by more than a billion dollars in venture capital. The Seattle metro area clean tech employment has surpassed the national average, ranking in the top 20 nationwide.

LIFE SCIENCES & GLOBAL HEALTH

Seattle boasts one of the most significant concentrations of life sciences companies in the nation. Many of these companies grew out of cutting-edge research conducted at local research institutions, such as the University of Washington, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Allen Institute for Brain Science and Seattle Biomedical Research Institute. Groundbreaking work in the field of Global Health is supported by organizations like The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Washington Global Health Alliance and many others.

LOGISTICS & INTERNATIONAL TRADE

The region's strategic location in regards to the Pacific Rim, our deep-water ports and vast experience in international trade make it one of the leading trade hubs on the West Coast of North America. The Northwest Seaport Alliance, formed by the ports of Tacoma and Seattle, is the fourth-largest containerized gateway in North America.

TOURISM & VISITORS

According to Visit Seattle, in 2017, 39.9 million visitors spent \$7.4 billion in Seattle and King County, generating \$762 million in tax revenue. Visitor spending directly benefits hotels, retailers, restaurants, attractions, transportation services and other businesses, and supports more than 76,062 jobs in the Seattle region.

MARITIME

Our region's Maritime Sector is broad, including water passenger transportation, marine cargo transportation, seafood processing and fishing, as well as firms that construct, maintain, and operate sea-going vessels. The Washington State Department of Commerce estimates that the Maritime Sector is growing an average of 6.4% a year and today provides jobs with substantially better pay than the average for all industries.

MILITARY

Statewide, the Military is the second largest public employer in Washington, representing nearly 3% of the state's GDP. In Central Puget Sound this sector represents a significant employment presence as well, with military jobs at 2.23 times the national average. 📍

Cost of Living Index, MSA comparisons, US city average equals 100.

City	Composite Index	Food	Housing	Utilities	Transportation	Health Care	Misc. Goods/ Services
Portland	140.5	107.5	204.8	96.3	116.8	113.1	109.4
Washington D.C.	159	110.4	274	106	113	101	99
San Diego	166	106.8	292	101	112	111	103
Los Angeles	166.2	95.5	314.1	110	102	93	91.4
Boston	170	121.8	269	149	105	125	131
Seattle	177	110.2	315	94	113	116	113
San Francisco	273	121.6	604	96	115	115	119

Source: Sperling's Best Places • www.bestplaces.net

Top Job Openings in King County

Occupational title	Average annual growth rate 2015-2025	Average annual job openings 2015-2025	Average wage 2017
Total, All Occupations	1.70%	495,245	\$64,404
Software Developers, Applications	4.17%	20,149	\$133,749
Carpenters	2.00%	8,047	\$61,321
Customer Service Representatives	2.16%	7,669	\$40,895
Registered Nurses	2.25%	6,588	\$83,796
General and Operations Managers	1.71%	6,494	\$138,931
Accountants and Auditors	2.15%	6,317	\$76,644
Business Operations Specialists, All Other	1.89%	5,956	\$80,930
Management Analysts	3.12%	5,358	\$112,757
Construction Laborers	2.25%	5,090	\$52,108
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	3.63%	5,050	\$86,114
Computer Systems Analysts	2.93%	4,862	\$100,373
Managers, All Other	1.93%	4,782	\$131,533
Sales Representatives, Services, All Other	2.78%	4,166	\$62,420
Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	2.42%	3,925	\$43,695
Computer User Support Specialists	2.96%	3,764	\$60,141
Painters, Construction and Maintenance	2.61%	3,707	\$45,188
Computer & Information Systems Managers	3.81%	3,521	\$159,247
Computer Programmers	2.53%	3,388	\$121,517
Software Developers, Systems Software	2.85%	3,373	\$118,479
Human Resources Specialists	2.50%	3,203	\$74,052
Electricians	2.45%	2,868	\$71,756
Construction Managers	1.88%	2,350	\$99,828
Computer Occupations, All Other	2.89%	2,334	\$91,431
Financial Managers	1.91%	2,315	\$144,002
First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	1.85%	2,090	\$82,661

*Source: Washington State Employment Security Department/WITS, Projections and Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates. Criteria: filtered by the largest number of anticipated job openings, followed by above-average growth rate (anything over 1.7%) and average annual earnings over \$40,000. Courtesy of Anneliese Vance-Sherman, Regional Labor Economist. For additional information visit www.esd.wa.gov/labormarketinfo.

MOVING CHECKLIST

A little organization goes a long way toward easing the monumental task of relocation. While every move is unique, this checklist should help make it efficient and trouble-free.

ONE MONTH IN ADVANCE

- Arrange for a moving company agent to visit your home and give an estimate of moving costs. Check insurance coverage, packing and unpacking labor costs, travel time for the load, and method and timing of payment.
- Finalize arrangements with the moving company, or make reservations if you're renting a truck.
- If an employer helps pay moving expenses, confirm what preparations are your responsibility.
- Inventory your household goods. Make a list of items to be moved and those to be discarded, sold or given away.
- Be sure important papers (documents for loan applications, insurance policies, etc.) are easily accessible. Washington is a community-property state, so it is advisable to consult an attorney regarding personal documents such as wills.
- Notify the post office of your moving date and new address online at [usps.com/move](https://www.usps.com/move).
- Notify newspapers, creditors, insurance companies, attorneys, accountants, health care providers, etc. about your intended move.
- Close/clear up outstanding accounts.
- Notify schools. Collect transcripts, immunization records, and birth certificates or arrange for them to be sent to the new school district.
- Notify police if your new home will be vacant for any length of time before you move in.

TWO WEEKS IN ADVANCE

- Contact moving company to confirm moving date(s).
- Transfer insurance coverages to include possessions at new home and en route.
- Advise utility companies of shut-off date and new address for billing. Have utilities turned on at new location.
- Transfer bank accounts and request credit references to be sent to your new bank. Order checks with your new address. Transfer contents of safe-deposit box(es) to new bank.
- Cancel any deliveries (papers, etc.).
- Begin packing items not needed until you move into the new home. Pack those items you plan to move yourself.
- Make/confirm travel arrangements for family members (and pets!).
- Service your car, especially if traveling a long distance.

ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE

- Clean appliances for shipping.
- Arrange for all utility meters to be read prior to your move and for payment of any refunds due to you.
- Put appliance warranties and instructions in a kitchen cupboard for new tenants.

TWO DAYS IN ADVANCE

- Drain power tools of fuel.
- Label paint cans that you're leaving for new tenants.
- Remove curtains, drapes and other fixtures that you are taking.
- Pack lightweight clothing in dresser drawers for ease in moving and unpacking on arrival.

ONE DAY IN ADVANCE

- Arrange to spend the next night in a motel.
- Give friends/relatives your schedule and expected arrival time.
- Defrost refrigerator/freezer.
- Check all cabinets, closets and crawl spaces as well as the attic and basement for overlooked items.
- Select items needed for immediate housekeeping, food preparation and personal use at new home. Pack all in one box and label accordingly.

MOVING DAY

- Confirm arrival time with moving company. Check destination directions.
- Accompany movers through the house as they tag furniture. You should mark each piece with room location in new house.
- Specify what is to be moved and what stays.
- Sign and keep a copy of the bill of lading (freight bill) from the operator. Put it in a safe place for future reference.
- Double-check closets, drawers, shelves, etc., to be sure they're empty.
- Turn off lights, close and lock windows and doors.
- Leave keys needed by new tenant with real estate agent.
- Leave the house only after the moving truck has departed.

ON ARRIVAL AT NEW HOME

- Check circuit breakers or fuse box and all other utilities to be sure everything is on.
- Check belongings (furniture, etc.) for damage immediately after arrival, preferably while movers are still there. Report any damaged or missing items to the movers.

Planning Relocation

There are so many aspects to establishing life in a new area that it is often easy to overlook some very important details.

Getting Established

AUTOMOBILE LICENSING AND REGISTRATION

New drivers and all new residents, 18 years and older, must take both a written exam and a driving test. New residents can waive these tests by presenting a valid driver's license from another state within 30 days after becoming a Washington resident. A six year license costs \$89 (a \$35 application fee plus a \$54 issuance fee.) For information, (360) 902-3900, www.dol.wa.gov.

When you move to Washington, you have 30 days to title and register your vehicle after it arrives in the state. Once you do so, you'll be issued Washington state license plates. You may title and register your vehicle in Washington by mail or at a local vehicle licensing office. Visit www.dol.wa.gov/vehicleregistration/moving.html for details on requirements and fees. For questions call (360) 902-3770.

A \$15 vehicle emission test is required every other year for vehicles model years from 1994 to 2008. Exemptions apply for specific vehicles (motorcycles, some hybrids, etc.) For more information, (360) 407-6856, www.emissionstestwa.com.

PETS

If you own animals, acquaint yourself with the animal laws in your new county. Remember to license your pets. They are also in a new area and if lost, a license will help identify you as the owner. In King County, call (206) 296-7387 or visit www.kingcounty.gov/pets.

PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

The right professional can provide information to make your relocation go more smoothly and to help you look out for your best interests.

Insurance Advice: Be it auto, homeowners, renter, health, disability or another personal insurance need, a change of address (especially one from out of state) may require new coverage. To find a local agent, ask for referrals from your previous agent, co-workers, or friends. For more information, contact the State's Office of the Insurance Commissioner at www.insurance.wa.gov or call their Consumer Hotline at (800) 562-6900.

Legal Advice: Even with a valid will from another state, consult a lawyer to verify that Washington's community property



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laws will not affect your intentions for the final disposition of your estate. These local County Bar Associations offer referral services: King County, (206) 267-7010. Tacoma/Pierce County, (253) 383-3432. Snohomish County, (425) 388-3018.

Medical Advice: Moving more often than not means finding new health care providers and the best time to think about that is before you need care. Fortunately, this region abounds with first-class clinics, hospitals, research facilities, and practitioners. For information, refer to our "Staying Healthy" section.

Tax Advice: Relocating can have ramifications when tax time rolls around. Three major points of consideration are the sale of a home, the purchase of a home, and the cost of moving for a new job. All three have reporting requirements that can be explained by a tax advisor or by obtaining the following IRS Publications: 521 – Moving Expenses, 523 – Selling Your Home, and 530 – Tax Information For Homeowners. Don't forget to keep good records—this is key to taking the deductions that will save you tax dollars!

VOTER REGISTRATION

If you are new to Washington, or if you have moved within the state from one county to another, you need to register in order to vote. Eligible voters must meet the following criteria:

1. You are a U.S. citizen.
2. You are a Washington resident.
3. You are 18 or older by election day.
4. You retain your civil rights.

Register to vote at county elections offices, Drivers Licensing Offices, or the Washington Secretary of State at www.sos.wa.gov/elections. For information call the State Voter Hotline, (800) 448-4881.

WELCOME HOME

Putting down roots in a new place can be challenging. Our best advice is to get involved—volunteer, join a club or organization, take a class—find something that interests you. As you make new friends, keep in touch with old ones and invite them to visit. Playing tour guide is a great way to get to know your new home! 📍

Finding a Home in Seattle's Fast Paced Rental Market

By Carrie Watt, Director of Business Development and Marketing, Seattle Rental Group/Pointe3 Real Estate

Finding a rental in today's hot real estate market can be daunting, but it is certainly not impossible. Below are 6 tips on finding and securing that perfect home in Seattle!

1. Be diligent in your online search & flexible in your "must-haves".

Stay on top of what is coming on the market by consistently being on the lookout for new homes within your criteria. Many sites will allow you to set alerts for your desired area, amenities, and price range, etc. and will send you a notification when something new is posted. Have a list of your must-haves and also any items that you would be willing to budge on. Being flexible in your rental requirements (such as move-in date, price range, or amenities) can help make it easier to find and get into a home quickly. That flexibility may give you a little more wiggle room and open up additional options in your search.

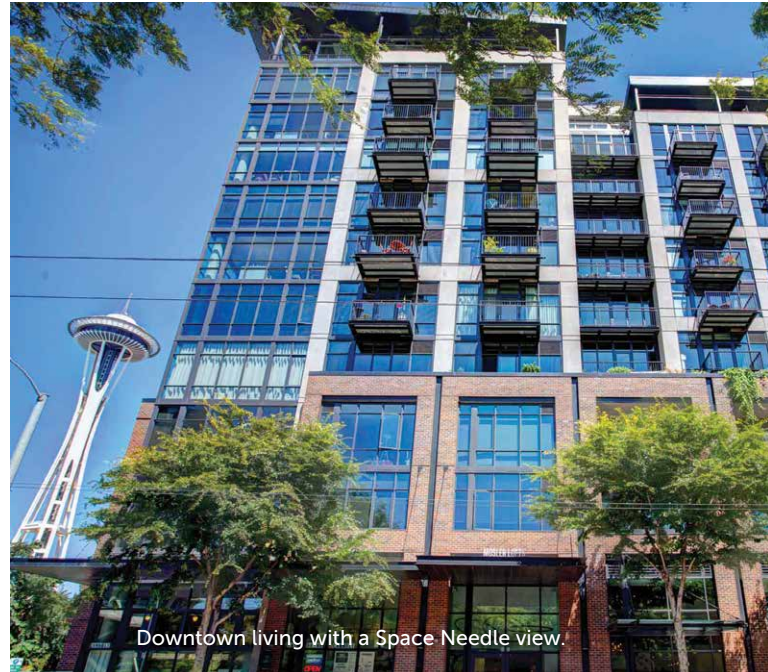
2. Be ready to visit the available home right away. It is ideal to have an open schedule when trying to see a rental home. You will want to be the first one to fill out an application, so schedule time on your lunch break or carve out some time after work to see the home as soon as possible. Don't put it off until the weekend, as chances are, it will already be rented.

3. Know your budget. Figure out your budget ahead of time in order to make sure you are only looking into rental homes you can afford (typical rent in Seattle is 30% of your gross income). Be sure to have enough available funds in your account to cover first and last month's rent, any applicable deposits, and application fees.

4. Check your credit. Now is the time to fix any potential mistakes on your credit report and get it into tip top shape! If there are any negative marks on your credit report, be ready with a written explanation to give to the landlord or management company.

5. Get references. Be on good terms with your current and previous landlord(s). Having letters of recommendation from previous landlords can be very helpful in securing a place. If you have pets, it is also recommended to have a copy of their current vaccination history and even a letter of reference from your vet and/or landlord on your pet's good behavior.

6. Work with a rental finding company. If you are new to the city or just short on time, you may want to consider working with a local, reputable company that offers rental finding services or tours of the area. Working with a specialist in the area can facilitate



finding the right neighborhood for your lifestyle, making sure the services you want or need are convenient (like transit, desired school districts, grocery stores, medical, etc.), and help alleviate the stress of the search process in a competitive market. There are rental specialists that can provide the support you need at the level that is best for you. From a no cost apartment finding service, organized property tours, or even virtual tours, there are several options out there to assist you in finding that new home sweet home!

About Seattle Rental Group

Are you new to the greater Seattle area, or a local who doesn't have the time to search for a new home? As the local rental market experts, Seattle Rental Group offers a wide variety of services ranging from a free apartment search to a personalized rental tour in order to help you with your search for a new apartment, condo or home. Please view our website at: www.seattlerentalgroup.com for more information or contact us at info@seattlerentalgroup.com.

Tech Savvy Home Shoppers Have The Advantage

By Shane Davies, 2018 president, Seattle King County REALTORS®

Technology is transforming many industries, and residential real estate is no exception. For those who are relocating, the right tech tools can help smooth the process, starting with the search for the new home.

For house-hunters on the move, digital devices can provide alerts when new listings matching a wish list are added to inventory, plus they can help organize information, enable virtual tours, and expedite information and document exchanges.

Like many parts of the U.S., the Greater Seattle area has a shortage of inventory. Newcomers, whether relocating for jobs, military assignments, family ties or other reasons, can expect to compete with current residents who want to move up or downsize.

Recent reports from the Northwest Multiple Listing Service indicate an uptick in listing activity when compared to a year ago, but demand is high and the pace of sales is quick, making it difficult to replenish sparse inventory.

Builders are similarly challenged, and even more so due to fast-rising costs (or shortages) of land, labor, and materials. Many builders also cite cumbersome regulations and policies as contributing factors in construction shortfalls.

Despite these challenges, Seattle remains the “crane capital” of the U.S. with around 50 cranes dotting the skyline as contractors work on an estimated 300 projects in and around the downtown area. (For a fun glimpse of how Seattle’s skyline might change, local architect and photographer David Boynton created a data-driven visual.) <https://www.flickr.com/photos/boyntondavid/sets/72157690886544511>

In several parts of the Puget Sound region there is an imbalance of supply and demand. Industry experts use a gauge of four-to-six months as an indicator of a balanced market favoring neither buyers nor sellers. Many areas close to job centers have less than a month’s supply.

Historically low inventory means prices tend to rise quickly. Having a basic understanding of pricing and appreciation trends in the destination markets, and determining how much house you can afford are good starting points.

Being “buyer-ready” and being prepared to compete can be advantageous. Realtors® recommend getting prequalified and preapproved for financing, availing yourself of technology, and assembling a team of industry professionals who are knowledgeable of your desired neighborhoods and experienced in negotiations.

A comparison of 2016 and 2017 statistics from Northwest MLS shows a wide range of median prices for single family homes and condos that sold in the Puget Sound region during the past two years:

Single Family Homes <i>Median Prices</i>			
County	2017	2016	% Change
King	\$627,000	\$548,000	14.4%
Snohomish	\$440,877	\$390,000	13%
Pierce	\$307,000	\$275,000	11.6%
Kitsap	\$310,000	\$284,500	9%

Condominiums <i>Median Prices</i>			
County	2017	2016	% Change
King	\$370,000	\$326,000	13.5%
Snohomish	\$293,000	\$266,500	9.9%
Pierce	\$215,000	\$195,000	10.3%
Kitsap	\$280,000	\$198,000	41.4%

A perusal of current inventory shows broad variety, both in asking prices and architectural styles.

Single Family Homes <i>Listings as of 3/8/18 based on asking prices</i>			
County	2017	Average	Median
King	1,636	\$75,000-\$20,000,000	\$1,361,066
Snohomish	692	\$42,000-\$4,100,000	\$670,228
Pierce	1,212	\$62,500-\$6,500,000	\$670,228
Kitsap	360	\$135,000-\$2,985,000	\$547,239
			\$425,000

Condominiums *Listings as of 3/8/18* *based on asking prices*

County	2017	Average	Median
King			
405	\$109,500-\$13,800,000	\$907,592	\$535,000
Snohomish			
90	\$54,900-\$1,995,000	\$430,406	\$325,000
Pierce			
71	\$34,900-\$5,998,700	\$468,164	\$325,000
Kitsap			
9	\$249,500-\$1,075,000	\$477,211	\$413,000

Not surprisingly, with Puget Sound area homes priced from \$34,900 to \$20 million, choices of architectural styles, home sizes, and amenities abound.

Current offerings under \$100,000 are mostly manufactured homes or fixer-uppers.

At the other end of the price spectrum, shoppers will find stunning waterfront homes, palatial estates on sanctuary-like lots, and luxuriously appointed dwellings.

The luxury listings include floating homes (one with an asking price of nearly \$4 million) and a couple of high-rise penthouses with unobstructed views and a live-in concierge. High-end single family homes range from private compounds in gated communities to waterfront mansions and “party palaces” with opulent furnishings and lush, manicured grounds.

In between are choices ranging from live/work lofts, active adult retirement communities with golf courses, planned unit developments, Craftsman bungalows, ranch homes, and ramblers on secluded acreage.

Properties with waterfronts and views are highly desired so expect to pay a premium whether shopping for a single family home or a condominium.

Realtors® rely on Northwest Multiple Listing Service for the listing database and other shared information and services. NWMLS serves 23 counties and tracks activity for hundreds of neighborhoods, including 29 “MLS map areas” within King County.

A comparison of median asking prices shows a wide range in some of the region’s largest metropolitan centers:

Bellevue: \$1,200,000	Seattle: \$740,000
Renton: \$525,000	Kent: \$462,475
Everett: \$415,000	Federal Way: \$384,950
Bremerton: \$279,988	Tacoma: \$279,988

If buying a newly built home or condo is a priority, Northwest MLS shows the most activity is in King County with just over 400 homes and condos in the pipeline, followed by Pierce, Snohomish and Kitsap counties.

For those seeking homes with acreage, the MLS database had around 230 listings of single family homes with five or more acres in the four-county area. Choices range from a 7+ acre parcel in Orting to a spacious waterfront home situated on 24 acres on Vashon Island.

STARTING THE SEARCH

Realtors® have a wide array of tools, software, and apps to aid their clients with searches, virtual tours, property reports, transaction management, and more. House-hunters should take advantage of technology throughout the searching and purchasing process.

The Seattle King County REALTOR® website (nwrealtor.com) has a link for finding local Realtors® who can best assist with specific needs.

Several brokerages have interactive maps for pinpointing listings within specific neighborhoods that match requirements for price, square footage, lot size, proximity to schools, and other criteria.

SMOOTHING THE MOVE

Looking for a new home can be a challenge, especially in a fast-paced market. Educating yourself about your destination market and working with an experienced Realtor® can help you set priorities and make informed decisions that fit your needs and budget.

No matter what type of home is desired, savvy buyers can minimize the stress by following a few guidelines:

- Engage the services of professionals, starting with a Realtor® who is knowledgeable about your destination neighborhoods and can serve as your advocate and assist with negotiations.
- Prioritize your needs and wish lists, and be ready to make decisions and tradeoffs.
- Get preapproved for financing.
- Do your homework. Check commuting times and transit options, along with proximity to schools, shopping, entertainment and services.
- Utilize technology for location-based and featured-based searches, online tours, electronic document processing and instant communication with advisers.
- Work with a team of professionals (e.g., lender, home inspector, escrow services and title insurance).
- Enjoy your house-hunting journey!

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Seattle King County REALTORS®, based in Bellevue, is a nonprofit trade association of 7,000 real estate brokers who serve clients throughout the Puget Sound region. The term REALTOR® is a registered collective membership mark that identifies a real estate professional who is a member of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® and subscribes to its strict Code of Ethics.

Can't Find Your Dream Home?

Wake Up to the Reality of the Remodel

By Cameron Poague, *Content Specialist, Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties.*

Welcome to crane city! You just moved here and are looking to purchase an older home with hopes of upgrading via a renovation? Great—get in line. Your contractor will call you in eight months.

Get ready to hear something not dissimilar when choosing to go the route of what was once called the “fixer-upper.” More and more Seattle area home buyers are choosing to forgo their dream home in hopes of going smaller or older and utilizing the magic of remodeling to build their vision.

The bad news is that, in the greater Seattle area, many fixer-uppers cost upwards of a half a million and the renovation process can take many months due to demand and procedure. The good news is that if you find the right property in the right part of town, you can still get the home you envision at well under Seattle’s median home price, which soared to \$757,000 in early 2018, according to Zillow. Of course, the costs of renovation are another significant component.

Here’s how to approach your buy-and-remodel.

ADD IT UP

The only question you need to ask yourself upfront is, “Can I afford this? I mean really afford it?” Okay, technically that’s two questions, but you get the point. Sit down, consider every factor and, most importantly, be realistic. You’ll want to find the true cost of your renovation based on condition and needs, including materials and labor expenses. Subtract your sum from the home’s project post-project market value and add 10 percent for said materials and labor to find out if your decision is indeed a prudent one.

Ready to purchase? Okay, here’s what you need to know, according to Erika Price of Blox Construction, a Puget Sound area and award-winning residential and commercial general contractor.

SCOPE OF THE JOB

If your remodel is limited to a small area— the bathroom, for example—your contractor might be able to section off the work area. If, on the other hand, you’re remodeling the entire house,



A light-filled master bathroom in a timeless design

you may need to accept that living on an active construction site is usually unrealistic. It’s important to consider the type of work as well. Will there be flooring installation that requires you to not be present? Will there be electrical or plumbing improvements that will require regular interruptions to your service?

DURATION

Get a clear idea from your contractor how long the job is expected to last. The longer the job, the more you’ll want to think about finding alternate housing.

Liz VanBemmel, her husband, Michael, and their dog, Gimli, are currently experiencing life in renovation. The VanBemmels decided to perform a complete teardown and rebuild at their Kirkland area residence. When asked about how best to prepare for the disruption of a large-scope project like theirs, Liz didn’t hesitate: “Be flexible,” she says. “Know right off the bat that your project is going to take longer than expected and will not go 100 percent as predicted. If you don’t have a lot of wiggle room in your budget, decide what features and upgrades you’re willing to cut and which rooms you’re willing to wait to renovate.”

On the latter, she adds, “Be cognizant of the fact that landscaping and appliances aren’t always included in the initial estimates, along with sales tax. Be sure to ask about these expenses up front to avoid panic later.”

WEATHER

If you’re remodeling a kitchen during the summer months, you may choose to live out of a makeshift kitchen in the garage and barbecue your dinners. Alternatively, a remodel that will impact exterior walls or the roofline may force a relocation to avoid inclement weather.

PROS TO STAYING

The biggest advantage to staying in your home is that you will be there more frequently to monitor the progress of the job. There also won’t be any changes to your family’s daily commute to work or school.

PROS TO MOVING OUT

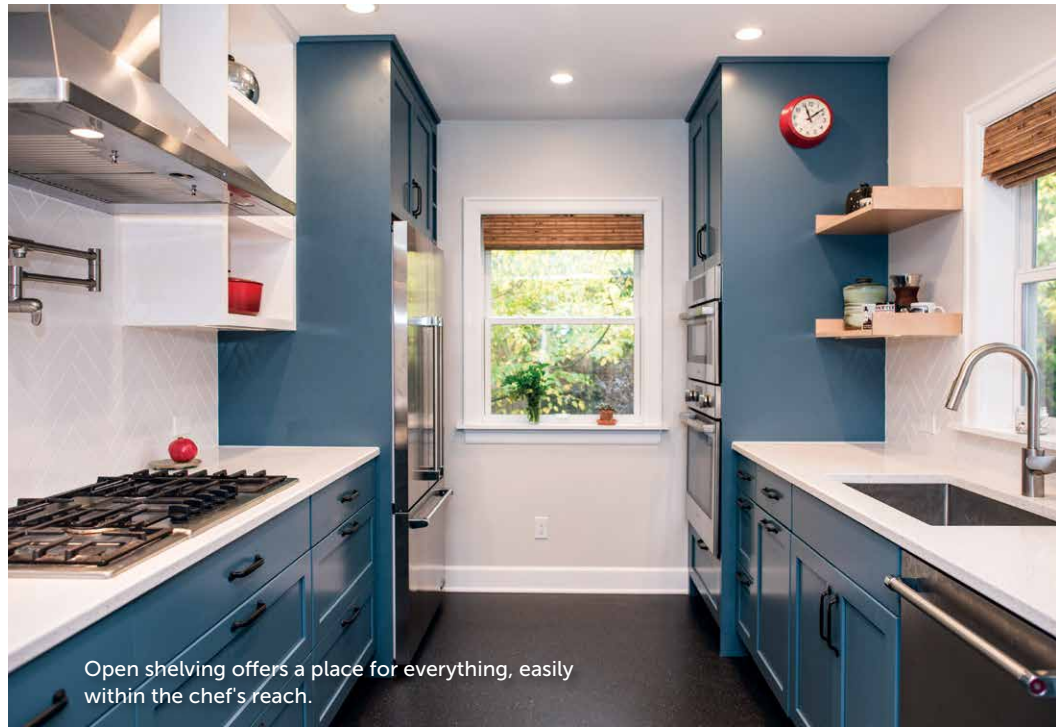
The biggest advantage to moving out is the timeline for your job. A good general contractor will maximize their access to your home (within city and county guidelines) which can accelerate the project. Being away from the noise, dust, and disruption can be a major plus as well, particularly for anyone with allergy sensitivities.

OPTIONS FOR RELOCATING

Traditional plans for relocating include renting a nearby house or apartment, moving in with family, or finding an extended stay hotel. All these options have their own challenges and expenses but will help move the project along more quickly. If you leave, you want to stay close enough to visit your home on a regular basis (at least weekly) to monitor progress and be easily reachable by phone or email for intermittent questions. Last, but not least, don’t forget your pets. Consider where they will be most comfortable and have the least impact on the job.

CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES

It can be hard to find a lease for less than 12 months, but one option is to check the Sublets & Temporary Housing section on Craigslist. Another option—if you have the space—is to rent or buy an RV or tiny home that you might resell or repurpose at the end of the project. If it’s a large job and you find you’re unable to make alternative housing arrangements, inquire if your remodel would lend itself to being completed in stages, but realize the overall time and expense may be increased, up to five percent in some cases. This is due to the ever-increasing costs of labor and materials.



Open shelving offers a place for everything, easily within the chef’s reach.

Time and budget are two of the biggest considerations that go into a remodel and both can be impacted significantly by your decision to stay in the home or relocate. A remodel that extends beyond a room or two, or a month or two, is going to go faster and cost less if you, your children, and your pets are not a constant presence on the site. That’s a nice way of saying things will go more smoothly if you stay out of the way and let your remodeler remodel. Take a deep breath and remember that you chose your contractor for a reason. On that note, Liz has one last piece of advice: “Your contractor is probably right (concerning advice). Listen to them.”

Author’s note: There’s a story behind that last quote but we were too afraid to ask about it.

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Founded in 1909 and headquartered in Bellevue, Washington, the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties (MBA) is the nation’s oldest and largest local homebuilders association. Serving every area of the residential homebuilding industry as well as the communities we live in, our goal is to make the Puget Sound region a better place to live for all.

Welcome To Gardening Paradise

By Ciscoe Morris *Seattle's Garden Guru*

If you're a newcomer to the Seattle, get ready for a pleasant surprise. You just moved to gardening paradise! The climate here is moderated by the influence of marine air, and the mild weather enables us to grow spectacular plants from practically every corner of the globe. In my Seattle garden, you'll find tropical looking palms from China, hummingbird attracting fire trees from South America, winter-blooming Grevilleas from Australia, and a slew of colorful blooming perennials from South Africa. The pièce de résistance, is my hardy banana tree from Asia, capable of reaching 25 feet tall and actually produces bananas! (The bunches of fruit look incredible, but don't try eating one or you'll never eat another prune for the rest of your life. They are so high in fiber, it's like eating plastic!)

Rain is not nearly as prevalent as Seattle's famous reputation would imply. Winter and spring can be wet, but once summer kicks in, you'll find we have a Mediterranean climate. We average less than 7 inches of rain from the start of May until the end of September and the temperatures rarely reach into the 90's. In fact, anyone who moves here has to sign an oath to keep mum about our spectacular summers to keep too many people from moving here too.

Vegetable gardeners will love the Seattle climate because it's so easy to grow cool season crops such as peas, lettuce, broccoli and cauliflower. Growing the big tomatoes can be a bit of a challenge, however, but if you stick to the smaller fruiting varieties and find a hot sunny location, you won't find yourself shopping for a cook book specializing in recipes for 'fried green tomatoes' at the end of the season.

It's not surprising that in such a gardening mecca, there are a lot of events related to gardening. During the month of April,



The Skagit Tulip Festival welcomes visitors from all 50 states and 93 other countries

the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival (www.tulipfestival.org) draws thousands of visitors to one of the best tulip growing areas in the world. The main attractions are the colorful tulip fields and display gardens, but scattered throughout the event are parades, bluegrass concerts, and even visits to a working dairy farm.

Another garden-related event you won't want to miss is the Sequim Lavender Festival, (www.lavenderfestival.com). Held in the Sunny Dungeness Valley on the Olympic Peninsula, it's the biggest lavender festival in North America. The combination of nonstop sun, purple fields swaying in the breeze, air filled with the heady fragrance of lavender and the soft melody of humming bees makes you feel like you're in Provence. Add to that an incredible street fair filled with lively music, delicious food, and vendors selling hand crafted art and everything imaginable infused with lavender.

Without a doubt, however, the premier gardening event of the region is the Northwest Flower and Garden Show (www.gardenshow.com). The gardening extravaganza takes place for 5 days in February in downtown Seattle, at the Washington State Convention Center. It's the third largest show of its kind



The Seattle Japanese Garden is one of the most highly regarded Japanese-style gardens in North America.

in North America and offers something for everyone from the serious horticulturist to the novice gardener. The centerpiece is the twenty-plus magnificent display gardens, but the show also features fantastic container gardens and florist displays, a huge orchid show, all sorts of information booths, and the best shopping for plants, garden art and most everything else related to gardening you'll ever experience. This is the place to go if you want to learn all about gardening in the Pacific Northwest. The show offers more gardening seminars and hands-on demonstrations than any other garden show in the world!

Another fun way to gain new gardening insights, meet garden enthusiasts and see fantastic gardens is to attend one of the gazillions of garden tours offered in the Seattle area. The Elisabeth C Miller Library at the University of Washington, considered by many to be the best public horticultural library on the West Coast lists all the garden tours and plant sales on their website at http://depts.washington.edu/hortlib/calendar/tours_sales.php.

Of course, it wouldn't be right to finish this piece without a warning about the addictive nature of gardening here. The Seattle area boasts some of the best nurseries in the country, including many with quality restaurants and spectacular display gardens. Molbak's Home and Garden, in Woodinville, is not only the biggest nursery in the state, but is also one of the most popular Washington State tourist destinations as well. You'll find many equally impressive nurseries, albeit smaller, tucked into every corner of the greater Seattle area. The problem is that these nurseries carry such an incredible selection of colorful must-have plants, including spectacular new introductions, that no one can resist buying carloads. Before you know it you can become addicted to searching

out the newest rare plants to add to your garden. You'll know you're in trouble when the neighborhood kids refer to your garden as the jungle and you turn your garage into a greenhouse to overwinter tender plants. Once you're hooked, your only hope is to acknowledge your problem and attend a 12 step 'Plantaholics Anonymous' program. I'd give you the name of mine, but it won't be much help. They hold it at my favorite nursery!



About The Author

The name **Ciscoe Morris** is synonymous with gardening here in the Northwest. As an author, TV personality, radio host and newspaper columnist, Ciscoe dispenses his gardening wisdom with wit, style and an exuberance that will have you digging in the dirt before you know it! To find out more about Ciscoe, visit www.ciscoe.com.

Soak Up Seattle's Water Culture!

By Kathy Newman, Editor
Northwest Boat Travel

If you are new to Greater Seattle, chances are you've noticed the abundance of water (and NO, I don't mean the kind falling from the sky!). Instead, I am referring to Puget Sound, Elliott Bay, Lake Union, Lake Washington, and the many other lakes, bays, rivers and streams that are part of the local geography. Proximity to this natural resource has nurtured a unique lifestyle and culture where water is integral to our lives, our work and our play.

Living on the water is a dream come true. Waterfront and water view properties are highly prized (with price tags to match). But in Seattle, living on the water may actually mean living **on** the water. Houseboats, or more accurately, floating homes, are found in enclaves along the shores of Lake Union. Offering all the comforts of traditional houses, houseboats also provide unique amenities. Just imagine stepping off your deck for a morning kayak ride. And, as an added bonus, no yard work! Boats are another option. With rising real estate prices, an increasing number of people are becoming liveaboards. Shilshole Bay Marina in Seattle has the largest liveboard community on the west coast. This "neighborhood" is home to about 600 residents on 300 vessels.

While most of us don't live in floating neighborhoods, we still find ourselves suspended over the water, often on a daily basis. Busy floating highway bridges carry commuter traffic across Lake Washington between Seattle and the Eastside. One of them, the new SR 520 Bridge is the world's longest floating bridge. The Tacoma Narrows Bridge, the 5th longest suspension bridge in the U.S. is also a landmark structure, as well as a vital link between Tacoma and communities on the Peninsula. Movable bridges like the Montlake and Ballard Bridges serve both vehicle and marine traffic (every driver knows that when the bridge is up, the traffic waits).

Where bridges aren't available, commuters may very well find a ferry route to suit. In 2017, Washington State Ferries carried nearly 24.5 million people (that's enough people to fill CenturyLink Field every day of the year!). King County passenger only water taxis also run from downtown Seattle to West Seattle and Vashon Island. GeekWire.com recently reported on a new, water taxi pilot project that could carry passengers between Renton and Seattle's South Lake Union neighborhood by 2020 (with possible expansion to other lakeside communities such as Bellevue and Kenmore).

Clearly, passenger water transport is an important business, but it is only one of many waterborne businesses. In King County alone, thousands of maritime businesses (commercial fishing, seafood products, shipyards, workboats, maritime logistics and shipping, recreational boating and others) employ more than 250,000



The legendary Seafair Log Boom provides the best views of the hydroplane races on Lake Washington and the Blue Angels aerobatics demonstration overhead.

people. Maritime businesses need skilled workers, so local maritime academies and boat-building schools have been established, offering specialized education and training. Generations of maritime workers built a cornerstone of the State's economy that continues to thrive and grow today.

The Puget Sound area's long and honored maritime history is proudly displayed by a number of northwest museums, each dedicated to a unique part of the story. Two great examples include the Anacortes Maritime Heritage Center, home to one of only two snag boats left in the nation, and Kent's Hydroplane & Raceboat Museum, the only public museum in the U.S. dedicated solely to powerboat racing.

By now, you are beginning to understand how water saturates our culture and lifestyle. But perhaps its influence is most apparent in how we play. When it comes to leisure time pursuits, water is frequently front and center. By some estimates, more than a quarter of all Washington households own boats and many of those are found right here in Greater Seattle. At last count there were fifty-six yacht and sailing clubs in Puget Sound. Boat sharing clubs, with appealing names like "Carefree" and "Freedom," fill the bill for a growing number of boat lovers who want the boat without the responsibilities of boat ownership.

Regardless of their boating status, old salts, newbies and want-to-be boaters flock to the Seattle International Boat Show, a Seattle institution for the past 71 years, to check out all things boating. Annual boat races (of all types and sizes) are also family traditions – the Seafair Hydroplane Races, the Lake Union Duck Dodge Sailboat Races, the Windermere Cup Rowing Regatta, and the quirky Green Lake Milk Carton Derby (all ages welcome) are among local favorites. Calendars are full of red-letter days celebrated on the water starting with Opening Day of boating season, followed by maritime and waterfront festivals too numerous to name.

When not on or in the water, countless hours are spent at the water's edge enjoying local beaches, walking waterfront trails, dining at waterfront eateries, fishing along local rivers, or any number of other pleasurable activities.

Clearly, I have only touched the surface of Greater Seattle's wonderful water centric culture. If you are new to the area and all this maritime madness, I invite you to just have fun with it and explore the possibilities. As the saying goes, jump in...the water is fine!

Downtown Seattle



- UPTOWN** [Green Box]
- BELLTOWN** [Purple Box]
- SOUTH LAKE UNION** [Yellow Box]
- DENNY TRIANGLE** [Orange Box]
- CAPITOL HILL** [Grey Box]
- PIKE/PINE** [Dark Purple Box]
- WATERFRONT** [Blue Box]
- WEST EDGE** [Dark Green Box]
- RETAIL CORE** [Light Blue Box]
- FIRST HILL** [Light Green Box]
- CENTRAL DISTRICT** [Red Box]
- CHINATOWN-INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT** [Light Green Box]
- PIONEER SQUARE** [Orange Box]



PORT OF SEATTLE **HARBOR ISLAND**

Seattle's Healthy, Vibrant Downtown has Something for Everyone

By Jon Scholes, *President & CEO, Downtown Seattle Association*

Downtown Seattle is your destination for the Northwest's best shopping, eating, music, arts and sports. Downtown's booming economy, growing residential population and abundant retail and arts scene fuel a vibrant urban culture. Whether you live here, or are coming here to work, shop or play, downtown simply can't be beat.

We recommend kicking off your downtown experience with fun and fresh air in one of our thriving public spaces. Through an agreement with the City of Seattle, the Downtown Seattle Association manages two bustling parks in the heart of the city – Westlake Park and Occidental Square. We keep them lively with something for young and young at heart: games, music, movies, art and seasonal classes and even wine tastings. Food trucks serving up hot, delicious meals are never far away.

For the clean-fingered, retailers and flagship stores offer unrivaled shopping. Iconic brands are a short walk from boutique home goods, and both are steps away from bargain browsing opportunities. Stash tailored shirts in a signature shopping bag or pack your reusable tote with local deals.

Ready to cheer? Downtown is your home for championship sports (and five pro teams). Catch a home run at Safeco Field, set a world record for noise during a Seahawks game at CenturyLink, raise your scarf for the Sounders FC and Seattle Reign soccer teams, and beat the buzzer with WNBA champions Seattle Storm.

If you'd rather read a menu than a scoreboard, downtown cooked up more than 75 new restaurants in 2017. Gourmet ramen bars and French cuisine are in tasty competition with Italian pastas, Indian fare and good old-fashioned burgers. Lighter (or liquid) fare is always nearby in the center city. Nibble on tapas and sip a signature cocktail as you take in the view from a rooftop bar. If beer is your beverage, ask the bartender to pull you a hoppy IPA from a local craft brewer.

Then walk off the calories with a tour of downtown's inventive architecture. Did you know the Space Needle is a compromise between a tethered balloon and flying saucer? It's true. Frank Gehry chopped up guitars to build early models of the curvy Museum of Pop Culture. Contrast that with the Central Library's cacophony of angles, or the three giant spheres that host Amazon's vision of a workplace connected with nature.



"Out To Lunch" concert at Harbor Steps

Speaking of nature, downtown is situated in one of the world's most stunning natural environments. Look west to the Puget Sound and Olympic peaks, east to the Cascade foothills and south to Mount Rainier, a 14,000-foot volcano. All of it can be seen from Seattle's urban core without spending a nickel. Or, for a reasonable ticket price, elevators will whisk you 73 floors up to the Sky View Observatory in the Columbia Tower.

Back at sea level, DSA's green-vested Safety Ambassadors are outside every day, patrolling downtown on bike and foot and always ready to help. Along with Safety Ambassadors, ratepayers in the Metropolitan Improvement District (MID) fund Clean Teams and Outreach workers. Rain or shine, our teams are cleaning sidewalks, removing graffiti, responding to businesses' needs and making downtown sparkle. MID-funded services and friendly Ambassadors cover 285 square blocks of downtown.

If you're tempted to move here, you will join 70,000 residents who call the center city home. A growing number of Seattleites are choosing the convenience and amenities of city life. Downtown public schools are in development and DSA is working with local officials and organizations to bring more family-friendly activities downtown.

Seattle's urban core is thriving. People are moving here, businesses are relocating and expanding, families are putting down roots, and restaurants and nightlife are booming. We encourage you to come downtown today for an experience like no other.

About the Downtown Seattle Association:

Founded 60 years ago, the Downtown Seattle Association (DSA) is a nonprofit member organization working to create a healthy, vibrant downtown.

City Center Neighborhoods



Seattle's gorgeous nighttime cityscape

Downtown is the epicenter of Seattle's culture and commerce. The area's 1,145 restaurants, cafés and bars, 29 parks, 12 museums, 117 art galleries and more than 1,000 retailers (most found within walking distance) sustain a vibrant urban lifestyle that continues to grow in popularity. Over 70,000 people live in "City Center" neighborhoods—a number that is estimated to continue to rise. The Downtown Seattle Association has designated a dozen distinct downtown Seattle neighborhoods. Let us introduce you to a few of them.

BELLTOWN

One of Seattle's oldest neighborhoods, Belltown is also one of its most dynamic. A transformation has occurred as young professionals, middle-aged empty nesters and others have relocated here. This one-time gritty, inner city neighborhood is

now home to a P-Patch garden, historic Cottage Park, Regrade Dog Park, the spectacular Olympic Sculpture Park, a community center with programs and special events, and the Bell Street Park featuring a fountain, play area, and performance space. Belltown's "in-city" location, amenity-laden apartments, upscale condos, trendy shops and sophisticated eateries, along with popular musical venues like Dimitriou's Jazz Alley, and the Crocodile Café that showcase local and national talent, exemplify urban living at its best. Median Condo Price: \$596,940.

CHINATOWN-INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT

This diverse and lively south Downtown neighborhood is home to Greater Seattle's Pan-Asian communities. Here Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, and Southeast Asians live and work together, side-by-side. Family-owned restaurants, Asian-style baker-

ies, unique specialty shops, karaoke bars, Asian art and galleries, shops selling traditional Asian gifts, goods and groceries, and ethnic-specific social service agencies characterize this historic neighborhood whose central hub is the Chinese pavilion in Hing Hay Park. Beautiful dragon sculptures, historic Chinagate, and the Smithsonian-affiliate Wing Luke Asian Museum all emphasize the community's culture and history. Multicultural events include the Lunar New Year Celebration, Bon Odori, Dragon Fest, and Night Market. Hours can also be spent in the interactive Seattle Pinball Museum, whose collection includes games from 1934 to present day. Condominiums and apartments are found throughout the neighborhood. Median Condo Price: \$458,750.

CAPITOL HILL

Capitol Hill, one of Seattle's seven hills, was named as an early candidate for Washing-

Downtown Seattle



Lake Union Park's Model Boat Pond is one of only a handful in the U.S.

ton's state capital. The original mansions housed numerous city founders during the opulent turn of the century. Visitors to the 1901 Alaska Yukon and Pacific Exposition beheld Seattle's grandeur from atop Volunteer Park's water tower. Today, people still enjoy the Park and the view. Capitol Hill has several business districts comprised of unique stores offering unusual and specialty items. Restaurants, coffee shops, and brewpubs feature an array of ethnic foods and drinks. Historic churches, museums, colleges, theaters and clubs add to the vibrancy. Capitol Hill is a cultural crossroads—mixing young people, senior citizens, artists and professionals. It is also the historic hub for Seattle's LGBT and alternative communities. A light rail station provides service to downtown Seattle and the University of Washington. Median Prices: Homes \$949,950; Condos \$490,000.

DENNY TRIANGLE

The name "Denny" honors a Seattle founding family whose vision helped shape the fledgling city. Today a new vision, blending transit, retail and residential, is transforming the Denny Triangle into an Urban Center Village. New construction projects abound. Amazon is building new office towers, and several other multi-story projects are underway bringing additional office, retail, hotel, and residential space. The Triangle is a walkers paradise—no car needed to run errands at the 400+ neighborhood businesses that include restaurants, small grocery stores, hotels, professional services and retail stores. The

Seattle Police Department's West Precinct and the U.S. Federal Courthouse are located here as well. Educational facilities include Cornish College of Arts, Antioch and City Universities, and the private Spruce Street Elementary School. The South Lake Union Streetcar and Metro buses serve the neighborhood while nearby Westlake Bus Tunnel offers citywide connections. Median Condo Price: \$800,000.

FIRST HILL

First Hill is a mix of high-rise condominiums, historic homes, classic apartment buildings, state-of-the-art medical facilities and exclusive social clubs—all with a distinctive urban flair. Many residents walk or bus to work in this pedestrian and transit

friendly neighborhood. First Hill businesses and services support nearly 22,000 jobs. This influx of workers actually doubles the neighborhood's population during the workday! Most jobs are health care related, which is not surprising since three of Seattle's major hospitals are located here—thus the neighborhood nickname "Pill Hill." The Frye Art Museum, The Sorrento Hotel, St. James Cathedral, Seattle University, and Town Hall (a community culture center) are also found in the area. Median Prices: Homes \$990,000; Condos \$425,000.

PIKE/PINE

Named for its two main streets, the Pike/Pine neighborhood is tucked between Capitol Hill and First Hill. Residents enjoy easy access to I-5, the neighborhood's westernmost boundary. Apartments (both modest and high-end), condos, senior housing, and sedate single-family homes create the mix of housing styles. The majority of residents are renters and of a younger demographic, due in part to the close proximity of Seattle Central College and Seattle University. The 12th Ave Arts building contains two theatre venues that may be rented for theatrical productions. More than two dozen arts organizations present work here each year. Small shops, offices, cafés, taverns, and a few auto dealers are also found along Pike and Pine. The Cal Anderson Park and Bobby Morris Playfield have play equipment, tennis courts, picnic tables, paths and wading pool. Median Prices: Homes \$990,000; Condos \$582,500.



In 2017, Seattle "crane city" had more cranes erected than any other U.S. city

PIONEER SQUARE

Pioneer Square is the heart and soul of Seattle. As Seattle's first neighborhood, it is one of the first nationally established historic districts. This premier 20-block historic district contains the nation's largest collection of Richardsonian Romanesque architecture as well as three National Historic Landmarks. It is home to the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park as well as many art galleries and restaurants. Current housing options consist of about 2,800 apartments and condos. Located immediately south of the downtown business core and north of Safeco and CenturyLink Fields, Pioneer Square is a highly walkable neighborhood and is at the nexus of light and heavy rail, buses, State Ferries, and the Seattle streetcar line. www.PioneerSquare.org. Median Condo Price: \$585,000.

RETAIL CORE

At the heart of it all, encircled by the other downtown neighborhoods, is the Retail Core. As its name implies, this is a prime shopping destination with well-known department stores, upscale national and international retailers, and shopping centers featuring specialty stores and designer boutiques. Dining establishments, from five star to fast food, will please any palate. Twenty or so hotels provide accommodations and a number of office and residential developments are also found here.

SOUTH LAKE UNION

This neighborhood on Lake Union's south end is not only bustling with new development, but has already attracted many of the world's most innovative companies including Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, UW Medicine Research, Amazon.com's headquarters as well (including the newly opened Amazon Spheres), as Microsoft, PATH, and the Allen Institute. It is also home to Northeastern University's graduate campus. By 2019, Google Seattle will move here, as well. In this highly walkable neighborhood, art galleries, restaurants, bars, a grocery store, cafés and three public parks are just steps away. Numerous residential options are convenient to the South Lake Union Streetcar line, providing easy downtown connections. Lake Union Park is a 12-acre urban gem with open space, walking paths, art installations, a water fountain play feature,

the historic ships wharf, a model boat pond, the Museum of History and Industry, and the Center for Wooden Boats offering rentals and hands-on nautical experiences. For neighborhood information visit Discoverslu.com or make an appointment to tour the SLU Discovery Center. Median Prices: Condos \$564,000.

UPTOWN

Uptown is located north of Belltown and includes lower Queen Anne. While rentals dominate the housing market, condos have grown in popularity and owner occupancy rates continue to rise. Uptown has a self-contained feeling—like a "little town in a big city." Uptown boasts a variety of businesses that include a hotel, grocery stores, ethnic restaurants, coffee shops, and trendy lounges found throughout this very walkable neighborhood. Seattle Center, the entertainment hub of Uptown features a myriad of activities. The Seattle Repertory Theatre and a movie theater also offer entertainment options. Kinnear Park, with play area, benches and tables is a great place to take in 180° views of the city and the Sound. Median Prices: Homes \$1,003,558; Condos \$499,400.

WEST EDGE

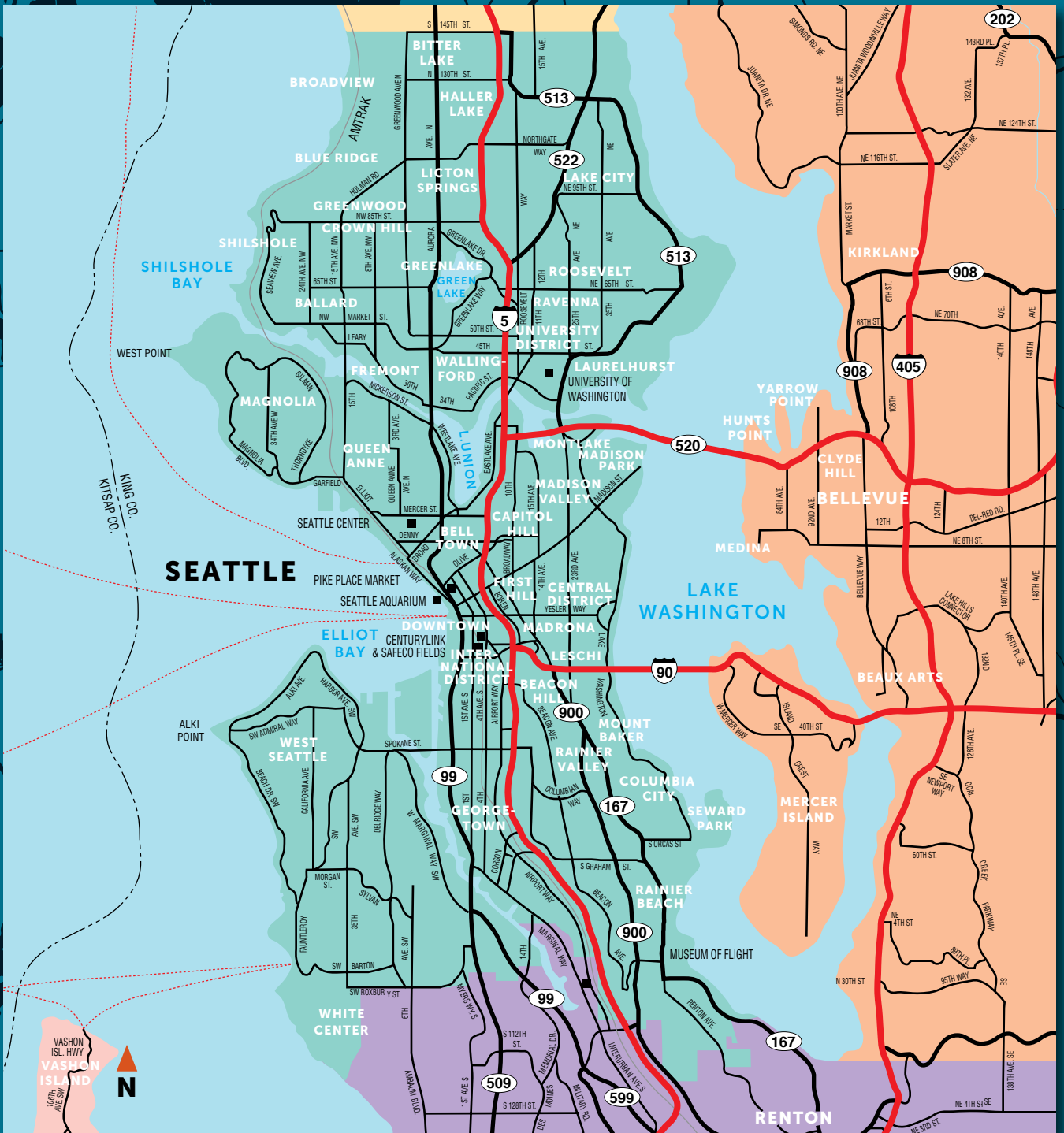
Parts of the West Edge are among Seattle's earliest districts and it contains a number of neighborhood notables including the Seattle Art Museum, Benaroya Hall, the historic Moore Theatre, and Pike Place Market, a Seattle institution

that attracts some 10 million visitors each year. The Market is more than a place to visit, though. It is home to about 500 residents and has its own health, senior, and child care centers. Rental units include senior/low income and 90 "market rate" units. (Call 206-682-7453). The independent retail spirit of the Market extends throughout this artistic neighborhood and is found in West Edge restaurants, galleries, unique stores and boutiques. New high-rises, some featuring luxurious penthouse townhomes, are expanding housing options. The Waterfront Project, an ambitious multi-year plan, includes a new pedestrian promenade, two-way cycle track and additional pedestrian connections between the waterfront and downtown, providing a more European ambience.



Window Shopping in Pioneer Square

Seattle



Spotlight on Seattle Neighborhoods

Seattle's thriving urban downtown core is surrounded by over 100 distinct neighborhoods. Each possesses its own identity and character—an ambiance, an attitude, a special unique chemistry that sets it apart. Here is an introduction to just some of the city's many neighborhoods.

BALLARD

The Scandinavian fishermen and mill workers who founded this historic neighborhood in the late 1800's would feel right at home in the Nordic Heritage Museum or at annual events like the Norwegian Constitution Day Parade each May or Ballard Seafood Fest in July. While their influence on Ballard remains, much has changed as old buildings are restored, new condos, apartments and other exciting projects blend historic charm with an energetic vibe. Unique shops, trendy boutiques, great restaurants, a cinema, and other businesses line downtown streets. Ballard's lively nightlife draws music fans to establishments like the Tractor Tavern and the Conor Byrne Pub. Each month, the Third Thursday Ballard ArtWalk showcases local artists. A Sunday Farmers Market on Ballard Avenue runs year round. Ballard is also home to the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks and beautiful Carl S. English Botanical Garden and Visitor Center. Median Prices: Homes \$760,000; Condos \$491,000.

BEACON HILL

Just southeast of Downtown, Beacon Hill, like many Seattle neighborhoods is ethnically and economically integrated. Here stately turn-of-the-century homes stand next to brick ramblers and split-levels. NewHolly, one of the nation's first mixed income developments, is located in south Beacon Hill. Active, vocal community groups take great pride in the area's look, feel and safety. Jefferson Park, a local treasure, contains one of Seattle's most used public golf courses, as well as a play area, spraypark, zip lines, tennis courts, skate park, cricket pitch, sportsfields, lawn bowling green, and Jefferson Community



Fishermen's Terminal near Ballard is home to the Northwest Pacific Fishing Fleet.

Center offering classes and programs for all ages. The Park also hosts the Beacon Hill Festival each June and Free Outdoor Movies during the summer. Nearby, VA Puget Sound Healthcare Systems is a familiar landmark. On the west side of Beacon Hill, Dr. Jose ´ Rizal Park has great downtown views. Median Prices: Homes \$605,017; Condos \$380,000.

BITTER LAKE

Residents describe Bitter Lake as a little slice of paradise in Seattle's north end. This small body of spring fed water was once the site of a sawmill. Floating logs released tannic acid, thus the lake's unusual name. From 1930 to 1961, Playland Amusement Park attracted patrons to the lake. Today, people still enjoy the lake and adjoining park featuring a wading pool, tennis courts, playfield and Community Center that hosts events, programs, and classes. Two main shopping districts, Greenwood Avenue and Aurora Avenue (Hwy 99), offer a wide variety of services, stores, and restaurants. Highway 99 and I-5 are easily accessed—a plus for commuters. Single-family homes, condos, and apartment complexes, including senior apartments are available.

Median Prices: Homes \$576,500; Condos \$305,000.

BLUE RIDGE

This lovely hillside community, which enjoys some fabulous views of the Sound, was originally built by the Boeing Company. Five brick houses, locally known as "The Castles," housed company executives. Today, 450 homes complete this affluent and exclusive covenant community of 200 acres. It is strictly residential and hosts a private community club, swimming pool, tennis courts, playfield, and beach. Limited street access assures privacy and removes this neighborhood from the typical urban bustle. Median Prices: Homes \$1,365,000.

BROADVIEW

This northwest Seattle neighborhood has big trees, big lots, and a quiet, country feeling. Within its 3-square miles is Carkeek Park, known for sweeping Puget Sound views, hiking trails, beach access, a play area with a unique salmon slide, and an educational center. Broadview is also home to the beautiful Dunn Gardens. Designed in 1916 by the Olmsted Brothers, they are viewed by reserved guided tours. Broad-

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Comparative Rents – Selected Areas

Seattle (2 Bedroom Unit)			
Neighborhood	Average	Neighborhood	Average
Alki	\$2,100	Maple Leaf	\$1,950
Ballard	\$2,650	Madison Park	\$2,500
Beacon Hill	\$1,950	Madison Valley	\$2,400
Belltown	\$2,805	Montlake	\$2,400
Bitterlake	\$1,600	Pioneer Square	\$3,000
Capitol Hill	\$2,850	Queen Anne	\$2,600
Columbia City	\$2,350	Rainier Valley	\$2,200
Eastlake	\$2,625	Ravenna	\$2,250
First Hill	\$2,700	Seward Park	\$1,850
Fremont	\$2,400	Shilshole	\$2,400
Green Lake	\$2,450	University District	\$2,050
Greenwood	\$1,950	Wallingford	\$2,300
Lake City	\$1,800	White Center	\$1,750

Source: SeattleRentalGroup.com

view’s library hosts various events and programs. Local groups such as the Broadview Community Council and the Broadview Historical Society are active and welcome new members. The neighborhood’s diverse housing options include apartments, condos, multi-unit senior housing, and homes in a variety of price ranges. A small commercial district is located along Greenwood Avenue. Median Prices: Homes \$742,180; Condos \$343,750.

CENTRAL AREA

Located south of Capitol Hill, Central extends east to Lake Washington. Its close proximity to the floating bridges and downtown has prompted real estate agents, developers and homebuyers to “rediscover” Central. The neighborhood contains mostly single-family homes, but new businesses are expanding the commercial district at 23rd and Jackson. Central is home to Swedish Medical Center/Providence Campus, and the Seattle Vocational Institute. The local high school, Garfield, produces a majority of Seattle Public Schools’ National Merit Scholars. Central supports the Pratt Fine Arts Center, the Langston Hughes Cultural Arts Center, and the Northwest African American Museum, all which offer educational and artistic programs. The popular Central Area Community Festival & Parade is held in August. Median Prices: Homes \$726,000; Condos \$366,250.

COLUMBIA CITY

Columbia City is a landmark district and

many of the buildings, which are on the National Historic Register, have been restored. The neighborhood’s rich cultural diversity is reflected in the variety of ethnic eateries as well as stores featuring unique items from around the world. In addition, Columbia City offers an art gallery, a theatre that hosts live entertainment, and a library overlooking the grassy expanse of Columbia Park. The Farmers Market, held from May to mid-October, and BeatWalk, a live music showcase hosted by local businesses on the second Sunday of the month, from June through October, list among the many things to do here. A light rail station is just three blocks from downtown Columbia City. Median Prices: Homes \$625,000.

CROWN HILL

It’s difficult to delineate the boundary between Ballard and Crown Hill. It is mainly defined by Crown Hill’s commercial center at the intersection of 15th NW and NW 85th where a variety of specialty shops, grocery stores, and ethnic eateries are surrounded by well-tended homes. Swanson’s, a 5-acre nursery located nearby is a “gardener’s paradise.” Crown Hill is home to a fire station, an elementary and middle school, Crown Hill Park, and Soundview Playfield with baseball and soccer fields, tennis courts, wading pool and more. House styles range from 1920’s Tudors to mid-century moderns. New condos and townhomes, as well as apartments are also found here. Median Prices: Homes \$733,000; Condos \$408,636.

EASTLAKE

Eastlake, one of Seattle’s oldest and best-defined neighborhoods, sits east of Lake Union, south of the University Bridge, west of I-5, and north of Mercer Street. It is a pleasing mix of businesses, houseboats, single-family homes, apartments and condos, many with incredible water views. In the early 1900s, industries—including Boeing’s first factory—fronted much of the shoreline. During the ‘40s and ‘50s, houseboats replaced factories, and Eastlake’s bohemian houseboat character was born. Today, “bohemian houseboats” have become “floating homes,” and high-end condominiums and homes are replacing older models. Several small, street-end parks can also be found along the waterfront. E. Louisa Street Park features outstanding water views and a sand court for Petanque (a French version of Bocce). Fairview Park offers a small-boat hand launch, P-Patch, and picnic tables. A block away, businesses, shops, restaurants, and galleries line Eastlake Avenue, the neighborhood’s main thoroughfare. Median Prices: Homes \$930,000; Condos \$550,000.

FREMONT

Fremont, the self-proclaimed “Center of the Universe” (and they even have a signpost to prove it!), is Seattle’s most artistically eccentric community. A mecca for local artists, it features some of the city’s most famous public art, including Waiting for the Interurban, the Fremont Troll, and the Statue of Lenin. Fremont’s hip and whimsical personality draws residents, visitors, and businesses. Brooks Sports’ world headquarters is located in Fremont, and Adobe and Google both have offices here, as well. You’ll find funky shops, antique and vintage dealers, Theo Chocolate (which offers factory tours), brew pubs and restaurants (including Revel, owned by Iron Chef contestant, Rachel Yang). Fremont’s History House showcases the unique histories of Seattle neighborhoods and offers a free summer musical series. Events like the Fremont Sunday Market, summer Outdoor Movies, the first Friday ArtWalk, the country’s 10th largest Oktoberfest in September, the Hopscotch Beer, Wine and Scotch Festival, and the famous Solstice Parade and Fremont Fair are also part of the Fremont experience. Median Prices: Homes \$840,000; Condos \$383,000.

GEORGETOWN

Settled in 1851, Georgetown is Seattle’s oldest continually settled neighborhood. Incorporated as the City of Georgetown from 1904 to 1910, it is now home to a mix of artists, gardeners, families, and retail and industrial businesses. Most homes in Georgetown—bungalows, Victorians, ramblers, and duplexes—were built before 1939. A revitalized retail core along Airport Way offers stores, bars, coffee shops, and unique and funky restaurants. Each year on the second Sunday in July residents open their gardens and artists open their studios for the Georgetown Garden Walk. Each month, on the second Saturday, Art Attack spotlights the creative diversity of local artists. The restored, historic Hat n’ Boots, Seattle’s last remaining example of vernacular architecture, are located in Oxbow Park. Other notables include the restored Georgetown City Hall, the landmark 1906 Power Plant, the Museum of Flight, and the circa 1900 Rainier Brewery building (now an official



A Springtime stroll at Green Lake

Seattle landmark.) Median Prices: Homes \$595,000; Condos \$420,000.

GREEN LAKE

Green Lake is a highly desired neighbor-

hood that curls around its namesake. The lake, considered Seattle’s “Central Park,” attracts over 3.6 million visitors each year who come to walk, jog, bike, skate, fish, rent boats, or just hang out. Other



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neighborhood amenities include the Evans Pool, Bathhouse Theatre, Green Lake Community Center, a library, and a Pitch and Putt Golf Course, as well as various eateries and shops. House styles tend toward bungalows and Tudors. A number of apartment complexes are also found here. Median Prices: Homes \$800,000; Condos \$430,000.

GREENWOOD

Greenwood's narrow streets are quiet and tidy. Houses present an interesting architectural mix from brick Tudors to 1950's-style ranch homes to split-levels. Unique shops and restaurants of every ethnicity are found around Greenwood Avenue. A popular Artwalk occurs on the second Friday of each month except May. That month features the annual Greenwood/Phinney Artwalk, a festival of unusual performance art. From February through October, Taproot Theatre productions delight audiences. Each June, the Greenwood Car Show draws crowds of over 20,000. A cherished community tradition, the Greenwood Seafair Parade in July is one of the city's oldest and largest summer parades. Median Prices: Homes \$625,000; Condos \$335,000.

HALLER LAKE

Haller Lake, in north Seattle, includes the area around Northwest Hospital and Northgate Mall. The neighborhood features Seattle's only Curling Club, Haller Lake Community Club, a community P-Patch and, of course, Haller Lake. A very small street end park on the west side of the lake allows for a picnic, birdwatching or seasonal fishing. Median Prices: Homes \$600,950; Condos \$327,601.

LAKE CITY

Lake City is located in northeast Seattle, west of Lake Washington. Tall trees, quiet streets and nice homes, many with views, are found here along with an increasing number of condominiums and apartments. Lake City Way, the neighborhood's main drag, offers retail shops, restaurants, car dealerships, antique stores and more. Behind the library, Albert Davis Park features the Will Rogers Memorial, a play area, and a Farmers Market from June to October. The Lake City Pioneer Days Festival and Parade, an annual tradition, takes place the first Saturday in August.

Median Prices: Homes \$600,000; Condos \$325,000.

LAURELHURST

Situated on a peninsula jutting out into Lake Washington is the much sought after neighborhood of Laurelhurst. Once a seasonal campground of the Duwamish Tribe, today the area is comprised of large, stately, and well manicured homes, many with panoramic views of the Lake and Mt. Rainier. Laurelhurst is convenient to the University of Washington, the University Village Shopping Center, and Seattle Children's Hospital. Laurelhurst Park and Community Center serves as a gathering place, offering programs and special events. Median Prices: Homes \$1,500,000; Condos \$472,580.

LESCHI

Leschi sits between the Mount Baker and Madrona neighborhoods along the shores of Lake Washington. Its hillside terrain optimizes views of the Bellevue skyline, the Cascades and Mount Rainier. Home styles range from multi-million dollar lakefront properties, to classic turn-of-the-century homes, to more modestly priced houses and condos. Neighborhood parks like Leschi Park and Peppis Playground are popular with area families. Commercial activity centers mainly on S Jackson Street and along the shoreline where a marina, shops, restaurants, and a market are found. Median Prices: Homes \$899,000; Condos \$485,000.

MADISON PARK

Snuggled between the Washington Park Arboretum and Lake Washington, are the communities of Madison Park and Madrona. Madison Park features grand, expensive homes and lakefront estates. A quaint commercial area includes upscale eateries, shops and spas. Merchants often know customers by name in this close-knit neighborhood. The turnover in housing inventory is low, as people moving here tend to stay. Median Prices: Homes \$1,513,000; Condos \$697,000.

MADISON VALLEY

Nestled between Capitol Hill and Madison Park is Madison Valley, a diverse neighborhood with a healthy and harmonious mix of income, race, religion and age groups. It includes a thriving business dis-

trict with small stores, boutiques, consignment shops and restaurants. New condos and townhomes add to neighborhood housing options. Residents enjoy easy access to downtown and nearby Washington Park Arboretum. Median Prices: Homes \$780,816; Condos \$541,000.

MADRONA

Madrona is a much more diverse area—economically, ethnically, and architecturally than its neighbor Madison Park, and this diversity is a source of community pride. The Madrona Community Council works on local issues and sponsors events like the annual Madrona Mayfair. Madrona Park & Beach and the Madrona Playfield are perfect for outdoor fun. East Madrona, with its waterfront locale, is home to higher end real estate, while West Madrona offers a wider mix of home prices. Median Prices: Homes \$1,131,600.

MAGNOLIA

Magnolia is situated on a peninsula only five minutes from Downtown Seattle. Surrounded on three sides by water, Magnolia has an island-like quality, but is easily accessed by three bridges. Many of its hillside properties provide breathtaking views of the city skyline, Mount Rainier, Puget Sound and the Olympics. This comfortable, quiet area offers a wide variety of living accommodations with its mix of mansions, ranch homes, condos, and apartments. Magnolia's business district, "The Village," features a variety of shops, restaurants, and professional services. The neighborhood also has a library, community center and marina. Discovery Park, Seattle's largest park, is a neighborhood treasure offering an urban-wilderness experience. Median Prices: Homes \$909,000; Condos \$410,000.

MAPLE LEAF

Maple Leaf is primarily a single-family residential neighborhood with shaded trees and well-built homes, but apartments are available and generally found near shopping areas. Maple Leaf is home to many neighborhood businesses and restaurants, good schools, a ballpark, Maple Leaf Park, community garden, the Northwest Puppet Center, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #1. Birds of another feather, a feral flock of scar-



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let-fronted parakeets, are said to spend the winter in the neighborhood. A community council sponsors events such as the annual Summer Social and keeps on top of local issues. Visit www.mapleleaf-community.org. Median Prices: Homes \$752,500; Condos \$320,000.

MONTLAKE

Montlake is bounded on three sides by water: Lake Washington to the east, Lake Union to the west, and Lake Washington Ship Canal to the north. It connects to the University District via the Montlake Bridge and accesses Seattle and the Eastside via SR-520. Here quiet, tree-lined streets are flanked by well-tended properties including historic homes, bungalows, and stately, older mansions. Montlake is home to a number of businesses, shops, and restaurants. The neighborhood is close to the University of Washington, the Washington Park Arboretum, and the Seattle Yacht Club. Recreational opportunities include the Montlake Community Center, Montlake Tennis Courts and McCurdy Park. Median Prices: Homes \$1,087,000.

MOUNT BAKER

The Mount Baker neighborhood is a mix of parklands, lakefront, wooded hills and quiet residential streets. One in a series of affluent communities nestled along Lake Washington's southwest shore; it lies on the hills south of I-90. Mount Baker Park is a great place to escape the city's bustle or to watch the Seafair hydroplane races on the lake. May through September cyclists enjoy "Bicycle Sundays" when parts of Lake Washington Boulevard close to motorized traffic. The Mount Baker Community Club sponsors activities and events like the annual Mount Baker Home Tour and the Community Garage Sale. Median Prices: Homes \$765,000.

PHINNEY RIDGE

Phinney Ridge is located on the steep ridge separating Green Lake and Ballard. This quiet, single-family neighborhood is a mix of long-time residents, young professionals, and wild animals—the inhabitants of the Woodland Park Zoo, a neighborhood landmark. The Phinney Neighborhood Association sponsors classes and a variety of programs and events. Phinney Avenue contains many of the area businesses, some that are stops on Artwalks

held the second Friday of the month and the annual Greenwood/Phinney ArtWalk in May. Median Prices: Homes \$868,500; Condos \$451,000.

QUEEN ANNE

While Lower Queen Anne (also known as Uptown) is more densely populated with condos and apartments, Upper Queen Anne is where single-family dwellings, many in the classic Queen-Anne style, are more likely to be found. The neighborhood is sprinkled with specialty shops, local eateries and pubs. A busy Community Center features a gym, a pool and programs for all ages. Kerry Park, well known to photographers, offers fantastic downtown Seattle views. These views and its great location make Queen Anne a highly desirable address. Rentals are at a premium and homes rarely stay long on the market. Median Prices: Homes \$1,003,558; Condos \$499,400.

RAINIER BEACH

Rainier Beach is a diverse, urban neighborhood located adjacent to Seward Park between Beacon Hill and Lake Washington. More than 60 languages are spoken here and ethnic shops and cafés reflect the area's cultural richness. Relatively reasonable prices, even for view homes, have spurred an active market in recent years. Area amenities include several waterfront parks with outstanding views, the historical landmark Kubota Gardens, Dead Horse Canyon, a Link Light Rail Station, a library and a community center with a pool and plaza for outdoor summer concerts. Median Prices: Homes \$491,250; Condos \$275,000.

RAINIER VALLEY

Rainier Valley is one of Seattle's most economically, religiously and ethnically diverse neighborhoods. Known for high levels of community involvement, residents work to retain Rainier Valley's hometown appeal. Familiar chain stores, a global grab bag of ethnic establishments, restaurants and other businesses are plentiful. Residents enjoy easy access to downtown Seattle and SeaTac Airport via four area light rail stations. The Rainier Arts Center hosts performances, programs and workshops. The Rainier Valley Heritage Parade & Festival is celebrated the third Saturday of August. Median Prices: Homes \$431,250.

RAVENNA

Ravenna sits directly north of the U-District convenient to many amenities including the University of Washington, shopping at University Village, I-5, Ravenna Park and the Burke-Gilman Trail. Neighborhood residents are mostly upper middle class, well-educated people, many of whom are active in the local community association. Small bakeries, family restaurants, and unique shops draw locals and visitors alike. Ravenna is home to the Congregation Beth Shalom, Full Life Care (a non-profit agency for seniors), a library, and the Ravenna-Eckstein Community Center offering special events and programs. Local house styles vary, including bungalows, Tudors, and Craftsman homes. Median Prices: Homes \$819,950; Condos \$510,000.

ROOSEVELT

Roosevelt is minutes from Downtown, the University District, University Village Mall, Northgate Mall, and Green Lake. Metro buses provide service to these and other popular destinations. A pedestrian friendly commercial district near Roosevelt Way and NE 65th Avenue offers unique shops, restaurants, and major retailers like QFC, Safeway, Whole Foods Market, and Dania Furniture. A renovated Roosevelt High School, built in 1922, is at the heart of the neighborhood. Parks, including Froula, Cowen and Banner, provide open spaces, tennis courts, play areas, and city and mountain views. Neighborhood events include the Roosevelt Bull Moose Festival in July and monthly art walks. An active Neighborhood Association publishes a monthly newsletter at www.rooseveltseattle.org. Median Prices: Homes \$855,000; Condos \$515,000.

SEWARD PARK

Seward Park sits on a peninsula jutting into Lake Washington. It is a quiet neighborhood with some of the best views of Mount Rainier in Seattle. Beautiful turn-of-the-century homes and large distinctive new homes populate the lakefront ridges while more modest homes are found farther from the water. A small business district on Wilson Avenue includes restaurants, pet supplies and a bookstore. Seward Park is economically and racially diverse. It is the cultural home to Seattle's Ortho-

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Gas Works Park is perfect for kite flying and taking in the beautiful city views

dox Jewish community. Seward Park, the neighborhood's namesake, is its crowning jewel featuring nearly 300 acres of old-growth timber, bike and walking trails, art studio, native plant garden, the Environmental and Audubon Center, and an amphitheater which hosts summer events.

Median Prices: Homes \$785,000; Condos \$325,000.

SHILSHOLE/SUNSET HILL

Just west of Ballard and twenty minutes from Downtown, Shilshole is best known for its boating opportunities, restaurants

and waterfront views. The local hub of activity is Shilshole Bay Marina, the state's second-largest marina with 1,400 slips. The neighborhood's population includes the 600 residents who live aboard boats at the marina, as well as those from the largely residential Sunset Hill neighborhood rising up from the bay. Area attractions include outstanding views of the Puget Sound and Olympic Mountains, public fishing piers, waterfront promenade, and the popular Golden Gardens Park. Sunset Hill Median Prices: Homes \$855,000; Condos \$489,500.

UNIVERSITY DISTRICT

The neighborhood surrounding the University of Washington campus is often described as youthful and vibrant. Molded by the presence of the University, the Henry Art Gallery and the Burke Museum, it features an intellectual and artistic lifestyle. University Way NE, or "The Ave" is a popular place to hang out, shop and eat. An award

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winning Saturday Farmers Market offers fresh, local products year round. Each May, the immensely popular U District Street-Fair features craft and food booths, music and more. Nearby University Village, offers more than 120 stores and restaurants. The University District is a mix of single-family homes interspersed with rental homes and apartment buildings for student housing. Median Prices: Homes \$765,000; Condos \$478,000.

WALLINGFORD

Wallingford, the “Heart of Seattle,” is bordered by Lake Union, I-5, Aurora Avenue and Green Lake. Pedestrian and bus friendly Wallingford offers craftsman-style bungalows, residential gardens, historic buildings, quiet streets and a unique shopping district featuring distinct shops and restaurants. Seattle’s landmark hamburger joint Dick’s Drive-In and the 1904 Wallingford Center are both neighborhood institutions. Wallingford Playfield has tennis courts, wading pool, picnic and play areas, while Gas Works Park is perfect for kite flying. Wallingford Steps provide amazing city skyline views. Nearby, the Burke-Gilman trail is popular with bikers and walkers. There’s always something to do in Wallingford—The Garden Tour in June and the SeaFair Wallingford Family Parade and Festival in July are just two examples. Meridian Park hosts a Wednesday Farmers Market, May through September. Median Prices: Homes \$900,250; Condos \$489,000.

WEST SEATTLE

Home to Seattle’s first white settlers, West Seattle occupies the peninsula southwest of Downtown Seattle. While pleasantly removed from downtown by topography and the Duwamish Waterway, the city is accessible by car within minutes. A shuttle ferry, the West Seattle Water Taxi, also runs passengers into downtown Seattle. The Fautleroy Ferry Terminal connects West Seattle to Vashon Island and Southworth on the Kitsap Peninsula.

Alki Beach, an 18-hole public golf course, 40-acre Schmitz Park, and Lincoln Park featuring Seattle’s only saltwater swimming pool are local recreational gems. The Log House Museum and ArtsWest, a community theater and art center, provide a cultural focus. Annual events include the Art of Gardening Tour in June and the West Seattle Summer Fest in July. A large

Farmers Market is held here on Sundays, year-round.

West Seattle boasts several distinct neighborhoods, most tending toward economic and ethnic diversity, all offering small town charm. Take for example, Alaska Junction. “The Junction,” the retail heart of West Seattle at California Avenue and Alaska Street, features shops, restaurants and markets, as well as award winning murals depicting West Seattle’s historic past. The Junction serves as a transit center for key Metro bus routes. Mixed-use projects are adding new apartments to the area’s existing condos and small WWII era homes.

At the tip of West Seattle, the Alki neighborhood is known for its beachfront promenade and sweeping views of Seattle’s skyline from Jack Block Park.

The Admiral neighborhood in West Seattle contains a number of fine old homes and sits at the crest of the peninsula overlooking both the Olympic and Cascade Mountains. Median Prices: West Seattle—Homes \$554,000; Condos \$355,000. Alaska Junction—Homes \$643,250; Condos \$400,000. Alki—Homes \$831,000; Condos \$495,000. Admiral—Homes \$693,000; Condos \$482,325.

WHITE CENTER

Located between West Seattle and Burien, White Center offers some of the city’s most affordable real estate. Known for its diversity, an amazing 70+ languages are spoken here. The Business District consists of nearly 140 businesses. Restaurants often host music events sponsored by The White Center Arts Alliance and other groups. Each July, residents celebrate White Center Jubilee Days. The White Center Community Development Association produces signature community enhancement events like Spring Clean and the Community Summit. Local parks include Steve Cox Memorial Park with play and picnic areas, athletic fields, walking path, and community center. Greenbridge, a masterplanned mixed income community features a branch library, community center, Bill and Melinda Gates Early Learning Center, parks, coffee shop, restaurants and convenient transit access. Nearly sixty new townhomes are being built in the area. Brio at Greenbridge, will be available in summer, 2018. Median Prices: Homes \$407,500.

Seattle Statistics

Population: 713,700

Greater Seattle area: 4,066,800
(King, Snohomish, Pierce and Kitsap Counties)

City Hall: Mail—600 4th Ave.,
Seattle 98124.

Main Entrance-601 5th Ave.
(206) 684-2489,
www.seattle.gov

Neighborhood Customer Service Centers:

Obtain information about city
services and programs, 7 locations
(206) 684-0464, [www.seattle.gov/
customer-service-centers](http://www.seattle.gov/customer-service-centers)

Chamber of Commerce: 1301 5th Ave.,
Ste. 1500, (206) 389-7200,
www.seattlechamber.com

Post Offices: various convenient
locations. Zip code and location
information, (800) 275-8777,
www.usps.com

Libraries: 26 neighborhood branches.
Central Library, 1000 4th Avenue,
(206) 386-4636, www.spl.org

School District: Seattle Public Schools,
(206) 252-0000,
www.seattleschools.org

Utilities: Gas — Puget Sound Energy,
(888) 225-5773, www.pse.com

Electricity: Seattle City Light
(206) 684-3000,
www.seattle.gov/light

Sewer/Water/Garbage: Seattle Public
Utilities (206) 684-3000,
www.seattle.gov/util

Telephone: CenturyLink,
(866) 642-0444,
www.centurylink.com

Typical Property Tax Rate:
\$9.56/\$1,000 assessed valuation

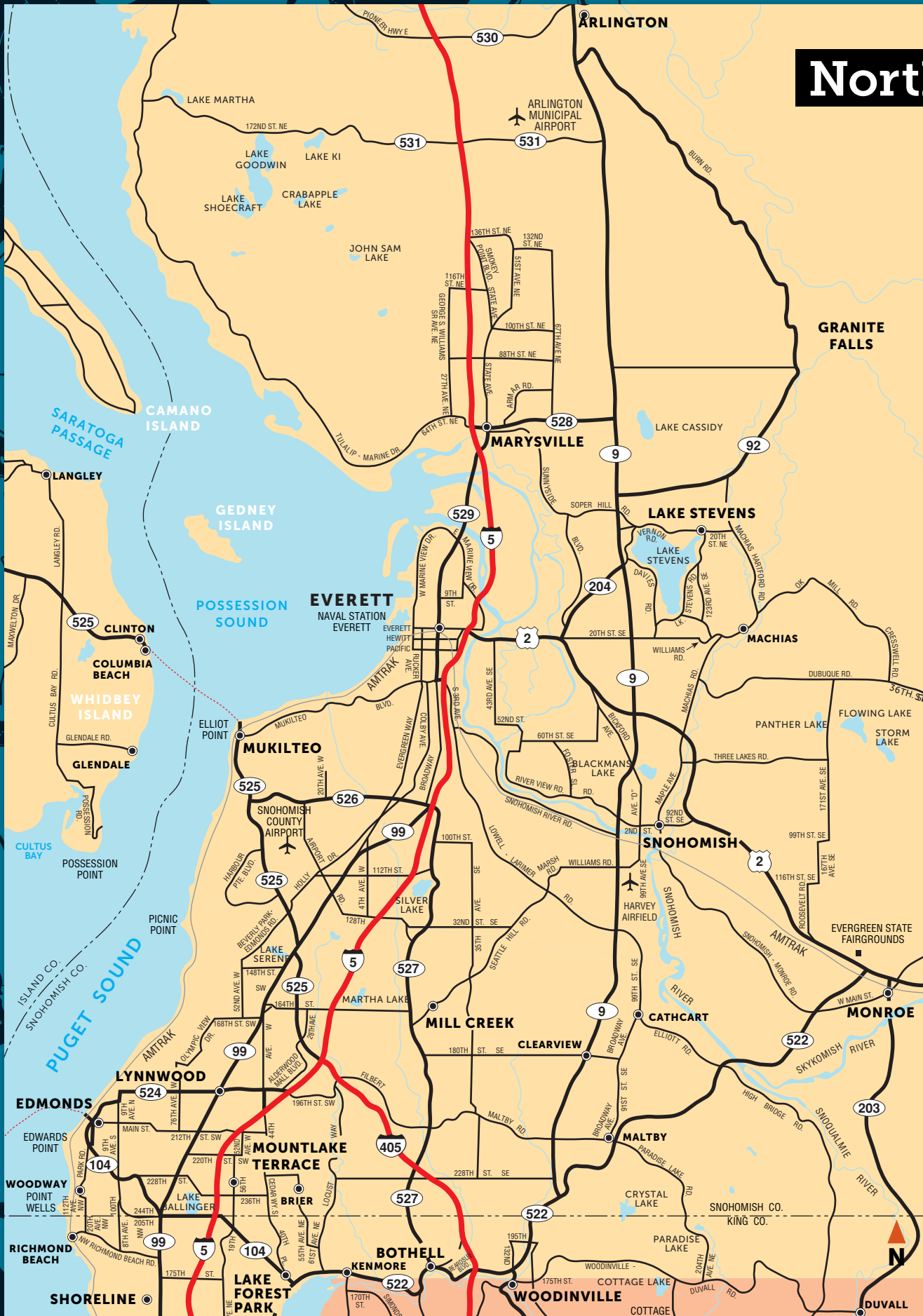
Median Household Income:
\$74,458 (city); \$78,800 (King County)

Average Rent: \$2,300 2bd

Median Price of Homes: \$757,000

Median Price of Condos: \$460,000

North



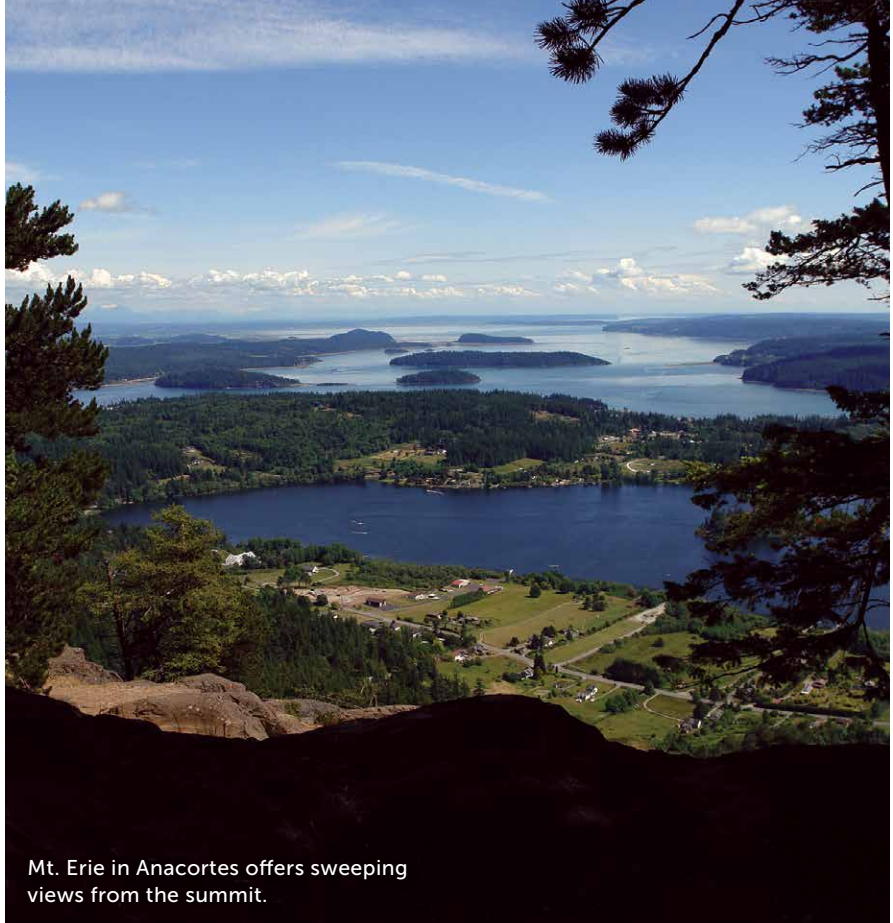
Living North

Snohomish and Skagit Counties are ideally located for exploring throughout the Pacific Northwest. Seattle, to the south, can be reached by car in as little as twenty minutes. For a little international flavor, head north and within a couple of hours you will be in British Columbia, Canada. To the west, and a short ferry ride away, await the San Juan Islands and the Olympic Peninsula.

This region between the Cascade Mountain Range and the saltwater shores of the Puget Sound is filled with scenic contrasts. Densely forested, rugged mountain terrain in the east gives way to the flat, gently rolling flood plains of the Snohomish and Skagit Rivers. Acres of parklands provide endless opportunities for recreational fun—skiing, hiking, camping, fishing, and biking are just some of the possibilities. Wildlife areas and sanctuaries, such as Portage Creek Wildlife Area and Padilla Bay Reserve offer unique opportunities to view a variety of birds, plants and animals in natural settings.

Like much of the Pacific Northwest, logging was an early and prosperous industry here. As timber supplies declined, the economy shifted to agriculture and dairy farming. Agriculture is still a big part of Skagit County's economy, along with advanced manufacturing and maritime industries. Skagit County is also at the center of our state's petroleum industry.

Snohomish County, on the other hand, moved more toward manufacturing, especially aerospace manufacturing, when the Boeing Company located its 747 plant near Everett in the late 1960's. That, along with the presence of Naval Station Everett, contributed to the County's rapid growth.



Mt. Erie in Anacortes offers sweeping views from the summit.

During the 1980's and 90's, hundreds of biotechnology, research and development, and high-tech firms moved to the region. They clustered along Interstates 5 and 405, creating the "Technology Corridor."

As people moved north of Seattle in search of more reasonably priced homes, many suburban bedroom communities were created along the region's southwestern border. This is where the vast majority of people reside and consequently, this area has become highly developed, while other areas have retained a rural and rustic flavor.

ANACORTES

Located on scenic Fidalgo Island, Anacortes is easily accessed by bridges on Highway 20. Surrounded by water, Anacortes is steeped in a rich maritime history. The Anacortes History Museum, the Anacortes Maritime Heritage Center, the annual Waterfront Festival in June and Coastal Christmas Celebration (complete with a crab pot Christmas Tree) announce this proud heritage.

Anacortes offers a seacoast community atmosphere in a vibrant setting. Over 3,100 acres of city-owned forest and parklands allow recreational pursuits including hiking, boating, scuba diving, camping, and golfing. Anacortes also has great restaurants, shops, and lodging options, as well as six marinas and an airport for corporate

and personal use. State ferries connect Anacortes to the San Juan Islands and Sidney, British Columbia.

A lively Saturday Farmers Market is held downtown (open Jan-April the second Saturday of the month, May-Oct every Saturday). The historic Port of Anacortes Warehouse is the site of the Anacortes Spring Wine Festival the second weekend of April and Bier on the Pier the first weekend in October. In summer, enjoy live music outdoors at Seafarers' Memorial Park and at the Heart of Anacortes venue. Each month, First Friday Art Walks showcase northwest artists. Nearly 100,000 visitors attend the annual Anacortes Arts Festival the first weekend of August (www.anacortesartsfestival.com). This festival, along with the Anacortes Community Theatre, Depot Arts Center, City Arts Commission, and numerous galleries reflect an active arts community.

ANACORTES STATISTICS

Population: 16,780

City Hall: PO Box 547, 904 6th St, 98221, (360) 293-1900, www.anacorteswa.gov

Chamber Of Commerce:

819 Commercial Ave, Ste F, 98221, (360) 293-7911. Visitor Info, (360) 293-3832, www.anacortes.org

Post Office: 519 Commercial Ave, (360) 299-6689

Library: 1220 10th St, (360) 293-1910

School District: Anacortes School Dist., (360) 293-1200

Utilities: Gas: Cascade Natural Gas, (888) 522-1130

Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773

Water/Sewer: City of Anacortes, (360) 293-1909

Telephone: Frontier, (877) 462-8188

Refuse Collection: City of Anacortes, (360) 293-1921

Recycling: Waste Management, (800) 592-9995

Average Tax Rate: \$10.51/\$1,000 assessed valuation

Median Household Income: \$66,300

Average Rent: 2bd \$1,250

Median Prices: Homes \$441,000; Condos \$336,501

Est. Travel Time/Distance To:

Everett=1hr/53 mi. Seattle=

1 1/2 hr/81 mi. Bellevue=1 1/2 hr/81 mi.

ARLINGTON

The City of Arlington's best features are its hometown appeal and community-oriented character. Here neighbors congregate to enjoy annual events like the Smokey Point Carnival on the last weekend in June or the 4th of July Extravaganza, a day of nonstop fun. Also in July, the Downtown Arlington Street Fair is held in conjunction with the Arlington Fly-In featuring unique and experimental aircraft. The Fly-In is hosted at the Arlington Airport, home to 580 aircraft and the state's largest general aviation airport.

Arlington has over a dozen parks including Terrace Park, where outdoor movies, concerts and plays are held each summer. The Snohomish County Centennial Trail, a 29 mile paved trail is perfect for biking, walking, jogging or horseback riding. A trailhead is located at Legion Park next to the Visitor Information Center. For other outdoor fun there is Glen Eagle Golf Course or Wenberg State Park for picnicking, fishing, boating, and camping. The Byrnes Performing Arts Center provides cultural opportunities and the Stillaguamish Valley Pioneer Museum celebrates the area's rich heritage.

Three state highways (SR-9, 530 and 531) and I-5 accommodate commuters in every direction. Whether commuting or working locally, Arlington residents enjoy a high job-to-household ratio (2.2 to 1) when compared to similarly sized towns.

ARLINGTON STATISTICS

Population: 18,690

City Hall: 238 N. Olympic Ave, 98223, (360) 403-3421, www.arlingtonwa.gov

Chamber Of Commerce: Arlington-Smokey Point Chamber, 104 N. Olympic Ave, Arlington, WA 98223, (360) 659-5453, www.arlingtonsmokeypointchamber.com

Post Offices: 524 N. Olympic Ave, Arlington 98223. 3621 168th St. NE, Smokey Point 98223, (800) 275-8777

Libraries: Arlington-135 N. Washington Ave., 98223, (360) 435-3033. Lakewood/Smokey Point-3411 169th Pl NE Ste A, 98223, (360) 651-0774

School Districts: Arlington School District, (360) 618-6200. Lakewood School District, (360) 652-4500

Utilities: Gas: Cascade Natural Gas, (888) 522-1130

Electricity: Snohomish County PUD No. 1, (360) 435-7500

Water/Sewer: City of Arlington, (360) 403-3421

Telephone: Frontier, (800) 483-4100

Refuse/Recycle: Waste Management NW, (425) 337-1197

Typical Tax Rate: \$11.67/1,000 assessed valuation

Median Household Income: \$66,615

Average Rent: 2bd \$1,250

Median Prices: Homes \$357,900

Est. Travel Time/Distance To:

Everett=24 mins/20 mi. Seattle=

53 mins/47mi. Bellevue=54 mins/48 mi.

BOTHELL

Since incorporating in 1909, Bothell has gone from frontier town to vibrant employment and educational center. An Innovation Partnership Zone with thousands of biomedical and biotechnology jobs, Bothell attracts a highly skilled workforce and global corporations. For businesses both large and small, the City has no Business & Occupation tax, convenient access to I-405, I-5 and SR 522, available and affordable commercial properties in prime locations and an improved permit process.

Bothell's exciting downtown redevelopment is providing even greater opportunities for new jobs, restaurants, retail and housing, new and improved public spaces, and connections to the City's river heritage.

Beyond Bothell's commercial districts are rolling wooded hillsides and quiet neighborhoods. This community prizes its hometown atmosphere and remains

rural at heart, yet residents enjoy accessibility to every urban convenience including a growing number of restaurants and retail options.

Known for its educational facilities, Bothell is part of the award-winning Northshore School District and is home to the University of Washington Bothell/Cascadia College Campus. Extension programs are also available through the University of Washington and Shoreline College.

Bothell shines when it comes to recreation. Thousands of canoeists, kayakers, walkers, joggers and bicyclists enjoy the Sammamish River/Burke-Gilman Trail. The "Town-Gown Loop," a 2.7-mile walking history tour, links the University of Washington Bothell/Cascadia College Campus to quaint downtown shops and restaurants. Other unique shops are also found about two miles north at Country Village.

BOTHELL STATISTICS

Population: 44,370

City Hall: 18415 101st Ave NE, 98011, (425) 806-6100, www.bothellwa.gov

Chamber of Commerce: Bothell-Kenmore Chamber, 10120 Main St., Ste 201, PO Box 1203, Bothell 98041,

(425) 485-4353, www.bothellchamber.com

Post Office: 10500 Beardslee Blvd,

(425) 482-9755

Library: 18215 98th Ave NE, (425) 486-7811

School District: Northshore School Dist.

No. 417, (425) 408-6000

Utilities: Gas: PSE, (888) 225-5773

Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773.

Snohomish County PUD No. 1,

(425) 783-1000

Water/Sewer: City of Bothell, (425) 806-6881.

Alderwood Water Dist., (425) 743-4605.

Northshore Utility Dist., (425) 398-4400.

Woodinville Water Dist., (425) 487-4100

Refuse Collection: Waste Management,

(800) 592-9995. Recology CleanScapes,

(425) 453-0220

Telephone: Frontier, (877) 462-8188.

CenturyLink, (800) 244-1111

Typical Tax Rate: King County—

\$11.00/\$1,000 assessed valuation

Snohomish County — \$9.92/\$1,000

assessed valuation

Median Household Income: \$86,167

Average Rent: 2bd \$1,750

Median Prices: Homes \$646,748;

Condos \$395,000

Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle=26

mins/20 mi. Bellevue=16 mins/12 mi.

North

BRIER

Situated between Lake Forest Park and Mountlake Terrace, about 15 miles north of Seattle, is the City of Brier. Designed as a residential community, Brier's focus is on large home sites and the preservation of open spaces and natural landscape. Its wide, wooded, quiet streets (that still include several horse lots) help maintain a spacious, semi-rural feel despite its urban locale. While the city has no core commercial zone, there are five shops and some home businesses. Local parks host annual community events including Sea Scare, featuring a parade, food, and other family fun each August. Brier Park, near city hall, has a horse arena and skate park.

BRIER STATISTICS

Population: 6,560

City Hall: 2901 228th SW, (425) 775-5440,
www.ci.brier.wa.us

Library: 23303 Brier Rd, (425) 483-0888

School Districts: Edmonds School Dist.
No. 15, (425) 431-7000. Northshore School
Dist. No. 417, (425) 408-6000

Utilities: Gas: PSE, (888) 225-5773

Electricity: Snohomish County PUD No. 1,
(425) 783-1000

Water: Alderwood Water District,
(425) 743-4605

Sewer: City of Brier, (425) 775-5440

Telephone: Frontier, (877) 462-8188

Refuse Collection: Waste Management,
(425) 481-1100, (800) 592-9995

Typical Tax Rate: \$10.43/\$1,000
assessed valuation

Median Household Income: \$105,901

Average Rent: 2bd \$1,550

Median Prices: Homes \$602,500

Est. Travel Time/Distance To:

Seattle=26 mins/15 mi.

Bellevue=27 mins/17mi.

BURLINGTON

Burlington, known as the "Hub of Skagit Valley", sits at the crossroads of I-5, Scenic HWY 20 and Chuckanut Drive/SR 11 just an hour from the Pacific Ocean, Cascade Mountains, Seattle and Canada. The nearby Skagit River, North Cascades National Park and Deception Pass State Park provide the opportunity to camp, fish, bird watch, hike, ski, boat and so much more. The Avalon Golf Links features 27 holes amid panoramic Skagit Valley views

If shopping is your recreation, several retail markets—downtown, the Cascade Mall, Burlington Crossings, Burlington



Berry Dairy Days Parade in Burlington

Stores, Costco and The Outlet Shoppes at Burlington attract nearly 60,000 shoppers a day – making Burlington the county's major retail center.

Recent additions to Burlington include a new library and new city hall. Residents enjoy two main community events. Berry Dairy Days, in June, celebrates the agriculture and dairy industries that are a major employment base in the Valley. Revelers enjoy music, food, parade, vendors, fireworks, car show and other activities. In September, Harvest Festival & Pumpkin Pitch features a pumpkin hurling contest via trebuchets, children's games, activities, and locally grown produce.

BURLINGTON STATISTICS

Population: 8,715

City Hall: 833 S. Spruce St, 98233,
(360) 755-0531, www.burlingtonwa.gov

Chamber Of Commerce and Visitor Center:
520 E. Fairhaven Ave, 98233,
(360) 757-0994,
www.burlington-chamber.com

Post Office: 720 E. Fairhaven Ave,
(360) 755-7332

Library: 820 Washington Ave, (360) 755-0760

School District: Burlington-Edison School
Dist., (360) 757-3311

Utilities: Cascade Natural Gas,
(360) 336-6155, (888) 522-1130

Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773

Water: Skagit County PUD, (360) 424-7104

Sewer: City of Burlington, (360) 755-0531

Telephone: Frontier, (877) 462-8188

Refuse Collection: Waste Management,
(800) 592-9995

Typical Tax Rate: \$11.81/\$1,000
assessed valuation

Median Household Income: \$50,777

Average Rent: 2bd \$1,200

Median Prices: Homes \$290,000;
Condos \$233,000

Est. Travel Time/Distance To:

Everett= 41mins/38 mi. Seattle=1hr

11mins/66 mi. Bellevue=1hr 11mins/66 mi.

EDMONDS

Welcome to Edmonds—a beautiful beachside town on the shores of the Salish Sea! This historic city has a vibrant downtown, award-winning restaurants and shops, thriving arts and cultural community, celebrated schools, picturesque parks, beloved fishing pier and popular marina. Located 15 miles north of Seattle, Edmonds is easy to reach by Amtrak and commuter train, or automobile. Washington State Ferries also provide regular service to Kingston and the Olympic Peninsula.

A rich blend of old and new makes Edmonds distinctive. A central fountain, colorful hanging baskets, historic architecture, vivid building murals, and vintage street lamps beautifully accent the pedestrian-friendly downtown. The Historical Museum (a former Carnegie Library) and historic log cabin Visitor Center recall the early days of this pioneer mill town. Shops and galleries offer an array of wares. Acclaimed restaurants, cafés, bistros, breweries, and beachfront eateries, many with outdoor tables and stunning views provide delightful dining experiences. Additional shopping and dining establishments are found along Highway 99 and in the Westgate, Perrinville, Firdale Village and Five Corners neighborhoods. It's easy to see why internationally acclaimed travel writer, Rick Steves, calls Edmonds home.

Recreational opportunities abound on the Edmonds waterfront. Four waterfront parks (including one off-leash dog beach), whale-watching tours, a 27-acre Underwater Diving Park, a fishing pier, and the Port of Edmonds Marina (one of the West Coast's largest covered moorage facilities)



Dining along the waterfront in Edmonds

ties) are within walking distance of downtown. The Edmonds Marsh is a top draw for amateur and seasoned bird watchers.

Edmonds is known for its active arts community. Third Thursday Art Walks offer participants a chance to meet local artists, tour galleries and purchase art. The Cascadia Art Museum, dedicated to Northwest Regional Art, offers lectures and special events. The Edmonds Center for the Arts presents a variety of performances and is home to a symphony, ballet, and chorus. Annual events draw large crowds during every season and include the Edmonds Arts Festival, the Waterfront Festival, the Fourth of July celebration, Summer Concerts in the Park, The Taste of Edmonds, and the Puget Sound Bird Fest to name just a few. Garden and Summer Markets host local farmers and artisans on Saturdays from May to October, with a Holiday Market in November and December. For additional event and visitor information, Visitedmonds.com.

Whether you come to Edmonds to visit or to make it your home, you'll be welcome in one of Washington's friendliest towns.

EDMONDS STATISTICS

Population: 41,260

City Hall: 121 Fifth Ave N, (425) 775-2525, www.edmondswa.gov

Chamber of Commerce: Greater Edmonds Chamber, 121 5th Ave N, PO Box 146, 98020, (425) 670-1496, www.edmondswa.com

Post Office: 201 Main St, 98020, (425) 774-4077

Library: 650 Main St, (425) 771-1933

School District: Edmonds School Dist. No. 15, (425) 431-7000

College: Edmonds Community College, (425) 640-1459

Utilities: Gas: PSE, (888) 225-5773
Electricity: Snohomish County PUD No. 1, (425) 783-1000, (877) 783-1000

Water/Sewer: Edmonds Water Dept., (425) 771-0241. Alderwood Water Dist., (425) 743-4605. Olympic View Water & Sewer Dist., (425) 774-7769

Telephone: Frontier, (877) 462-8188

Refuse Collection: Downtown area—Sound Disposal, (425) 778-2404. Outlying areas—Republic, (425) 778-0188. North of Lake Ballinger area—Waste Management, (800) 592-9995

Typical Tax Rate: \$10.66/\$1,000 assessed valuation

Median Household Income: \$78,187

Average Rent: 2bd \$1,675

Median Prices: Homes \$599,000; Condos \$380,000

Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle=26 mins/15 mi. Bellevue=34 mins/24 mi.

EVERETT

Everett is the seat of Snohomish County, the third most populous county in the state. The city is home to both Naval Station Everett (the world's most-modern Navy base) and the Boeing Company (the world's largest aircraft manufacturer.) The Port of Everett links the community to international shipping from around the world. The city's transportation center and career development facility, Everett Station, is a model of ingenuity and design.

Residents here enjoy a refreshing quality of life. Everett boasts the largest public marina on the West Coast, a revitalized downtown and waterfront, vibrant neighborhoods, excellent schools from K-12 and beyond, comprehensive city services, 40 parks and trails, and two public golf courses. Other attractions include Jetty Island, the Future of Flight Aviation Center & Boeing Tours, and many annual festivals and markets. The Everett Performing Arts Center, Village Theatre, and others offer cultural entertainment. The downtown Angel of the Winds Arena hosts concerts, ice sports, exhibits and more. Local sports teams include the Everett Silver-tips of the Western Hockey League and the Everett AquaSox, a minor league baseball team.

North

EVERETT STATISTICS

Population: 109,800

City Hall: 2930 Wetmore Ave, 98201, (425) 257-8700, www.everettwa.gov
Economic Alliance of Snohomish County, 808 134th St SW, Ste 101, 98204, (425) 743-4567 www.economicalliancesc.org

Post Office: 3102 Hoyt Ave, (425) 257-3208

Libraries: 2702 Hoyt Ave, (425) 257-8010.
9512 Evergreen Way, (425) 257-8260.
520 128th St SW, Suites A9 & A10, 98204, (425) 423-9017

School Districts: Everett School Dist. No. 2, (425) 385-4000. Mukilteo School Dist. No. 6, (425) 356-1274

Utilities: Gas: PSE, (888) 225-5773

Electricity: Snohomish County PUD No. 1, (425) 783-1000

Water/Sewer: City of Everett Utilities, (425) 257-8999

Telephone: Frontier, (877) 462-8188

Refuse Collection: Rubatino Refuse Removal, (425) 259-0044. Waste Management, (425) 337-1197

Typical Tax Rate: \$12.17/\$1,000 assessed valuation

Median Household Income: \$50,933

Average Rent: 2bd \$1,400

Median Prices: Homes \$384,500;

Condos \$240,000

Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle=34 mins/29 mi. Bellevue=34 mins/29 mi.

KENMORE

One of King County's newest cities, Kenmore was incorporated in 1998. It crowns the north shore of Lake Washington with easy access to Seattle, Bellevue and Everett. Residents and visitors alike appreciate Kenmore's prime location, family-friendly neighborhoods, outdoor recreational opportunities, and the entrepreneurial spirit of Kenmore's business community.

Kenmore businesses range from a 70 year old family company (still located where it began), to startups mentored in the Kenmore Business Incubator Program, to home-based sole proprietorships. Local businesses benefit from a supportive City Hall with business-friendly policies, including a streamlined permitting process, no B&O tax, and capacity for commercial and residential development.

Kenmore is investing in the City's downtown area and transportation corridors. Current projects are improving driver and pedestrian safety, traffic flow, and beautification along SR 522. A 9.6-acre mul-



The Burke-Gilman Trail is great for biking, skating, or just taking a walk

tiuse development is bringing residential options and retailers to downtown Kenmore. Most recent additions include a new City Hall, library, and The Hangar, a community gathering spot with an onsite coffee shop.

Kenmore is home to abundant outdoor spaces and parks, including the 300+ acre Saint Edward State Park with hiking and mountain bike trails and play fields. Kenmore also has a burgeoning craft-beer community, a historic golf course and numerous water activities along 7.8 miles of shoreline. The Burke-Gilman Trail extends 18 miles, linking Kenmore not only to Seattle, but also the Sammamish River Trail and Marymoor Park in Redmond. No wonder Kenmore has received the Playful City USA designation for the last eight years in a row!

Kenmore has safe neighborhoods, incredible parks, cultural activities, an exceptional public school system, access to higher education, central location, and great regional connections by highway, transit, seaplane, bike trail or boat. But, most importantly, there is a spirit of enthusiasm throughout the community for the positive change and development happening in Kenmore.

KENMORE STATISTICS

Population: 22,580

City Hall: 18120 68th Ave NE, PO Box 82607, 98028, (425) 398-8900, www.kenmorewa.gov

Post Office: 6700 NE 181st St, (425) 482-9755

Library: 6531 NE 181st St, 98028, (425) 486-8747.

School District: Northshore School Dist., (425) 408-6000

Utilities: Gas/Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773

Water/Sewer: Northshore Utility Dist., (425) 398-4400

Telephone: Frontier, (877) 462-8188

Refuse Collection: Republic Services, (206) 682-9730

Typical Tax Rate: \$11.71/\$1,000 assessed valuation

Median Household Income: \$93,277

Average Rent: 2bd \$1,775

Median Prices: Homes \$705,000;

Condos \$337,500

Est. Travel Time/Distance To:

Seattle=24 mins/14 mi.

Bellevue=19 mins/14mi.

LAKE FOREST PARK

Lake Forest Park is a hilly, forested city at the north end of Lake Washington where the schools are good, homes are well maintained and the sense of community is strong. Since its earliest development, the city's focus has been on preserving the rustic, natural woods, streams, and open spaces. No industrial development exists within the city limits, and home-based businesses account for more than half of all registered businesses.

Lake Forest Park is primarily a single-family residential community. Older homes are built on half-acre to one-acre lots. There are also a small number of duplexes and multi-family units. Rentals account for less than 25% of the city's housing units. The central gathering spot in town is the Lake Forest Park Towne Center, in the very popular Third Place Commons. City Hall, also located at Towne Center, houses the Municipal Court, Police Department, and Passport Services. Throughout the city, parks and playgrounds, as well as the lake-front Burke-Gilman Trail offer recreational opportunities. Annual events include the Secret Gardens of Lake Forest Park garden tour in June and a Sunday Farmers Market from Mother's Day to October. Each year a community wide summer "book club" culminates in a visit from the author.

LAKE FOREST PARK STATISTICS

Population: 12,990
City Hall: 17425 Ballinger Wy NE, 98155, (206) 368-5440, www.cityofflp.com
Post Office: 17233 15th Ave NE, 98155, (800) 275-8777
Library: 17171 Bothell Way NE, (206) 362-8860
School District: Shoreline School Dist. No. 412, (206) 393-6111
Utilities: Gas: PSE, (425) 452-1234
Electricity: Seattle City Light, (206) 684-3000
Water: North City Water Dist., (206) 362-8100. Lake Forest Park Water Dist., (206) 365-3211. Northshore Utility Dist., (425) 398-4400. Seattle Water Dept., (206) 684-3000.
Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 244-1111
Sewer: City of Lake Forest Park, (206) 368-5440. Northshore Utility District, (425) 398-4400
Refuse Collection: Republic Services, (425) 778-0188
Typical Tax Rate: \$11.16/\$1,000 Assessed valuation
Median Household Income: \$96,217
Average Rent: 2bd \$1,850
Median Prices: Homes \$678,500; Condos \$247,500
Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle= 20 mins/13 mi. Bellevue=23 mins/16 mi.

LAKE STEVENS

The changing character of Lake Stevens has long been reflected in the waters of the lake it grew up around. Originally a sawmill town, and later a resort destination, Lake Stevens has evolved into a family-friendly community where conveniences and beauty are both in abundance. Surrounded by views of the Cascade Mountains, the greenery of local parks and lakeside residential lots, Lake Stevens is also located near excellent shopping, cultural opportunities, and easy access to I-5.

The city is centered on a 1,040-acre natural lake with eight miles of shoreline. Also called Lake Stevens, it is Snohomish County's largest recreational lake. Home to two competitive rowing clubs, the lake provides swimming, sailing, canoeing, waterskiing, and year-round fishing. The nearby Centennial Trail is popular with walkers, joggers, bicyclists and horse riders. The city also hosts fun annual events like Aquafest held the last full weekend in July featuring parades, a carnival and fireworks, and an Oktoberfest event on the last weekend of September with Beer and Wine Gardens, Bavarian style music and dancers.



Homes reflected in the waters of Lake Stevens

LAKE STEVENS STATISTICS

Population: 32,000
City Hall: 1812 Main St, PO Box 257, 98258, (425) 334-1012, www.lakestevenswa.gov
Chamber of Commerce: 10020 Lundeen Park Way, PO Box 439, 98258, (425) 334-0433, www.LakeStevensChamber.com
Post Office: 1709 124th Ave NE, 98258, (425) 397-9582, (800) 275-8777
Library: 1804 Main St, (425) 334-1900
School District: Lake Stevens School Dist. No. 4, (425) 335-1500
Utilities: Gas: PSE, (888) 225-5773
Electricity: Snohomish County PUD No. 1, (425) 783-1000
Water: Snohomish County PUD, (425) 783-1000
Sewer: Lake Stevens Sewer Dist., (425) 334-8588
Telephone: Frontier, (877) 462-8188
Refuse Collection: Republic Services, (425) 778-0188. Annexed areas—Waste Management, (425) 337-1197
Typical Tax Rate: \$11.92/\$1,000 assessed valuation
Median Household Income: \$79,975
Average Rent: 2bd \$2,000
Median Prices: Homes \$460,000; Condos \$328,975
Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle= 46 mins/36 mi. Bellevue=43 mins/33 mi. Everett=16 mins/8 mi.

LYNNWOOD

The City of Lynnwood has much to offer, as residents, businesses, and visitors soon discover. Located where Interstates 5 and 405 intersect, equidistant from Seattle (16 miles), Bellevue (19 miles) and Everett (13 miles), Lynnwood serves a large, growing trade area and workforce. With a competitive tax structure, quality office space and educated work force, Lynnwood is a desirable business location. The city's diverse core of businesses include, professional services, F.I.R.E., aerospace, bioscience and information technology.

Lynnwood is a Regional Growth Center designated to accommodate projected employment and residential development in South Snohomish County. Alderwood Mall draws shoppers from far and wide with 175 upscale stores, restaurants, and a state of the art 16-screen cinema. The lodging and hospitality sector is strong, providing a convenient Central Puget Sound area location. Future City Center plans include a vibrant mix of housing, office, and new retail connected by a multi-modal streetscape with parks and plazas. The City is working with Sound Transit on the planning and design for the Lynnwood Link Extension, which will bring Light Rail Transit to Lynnwood in 2024.

North

Lynnwood residents enjoy a unique quality of life, filled with many amenities. Students in grades K-12 are served by the highly regarded Edmonds Public School District. Edmonds Community College is located in Lynnwood and hosts the Central Washington State University's Lynnwood Center. Year-round recreational options include a municipal golf course, 22 city parks, public tennis and basketball courts, sports fields, and the Lynnwood Recreation Center featuring 5 swimming pools, 2 water slides, a water playground and a 3,000-square foot cardio/weight room.

LYNNWOOD STATISTICS

Population: 36,950

City Hall: 19100 44th Ave W,
(425) 670-5000, www.LynnwoodWA.gov

Chamber of Commerce: Lynnwood Chamber of Commerce, 19921 Poplar Way, Ste 200, 98036 / PO Box 2661, 98037, (425) 563-7505, www.lynnwoodchamber.org

Visitor Center: Heritage Park Visitor Information Center, 19921 Poplar Way, (425) 776-3977

Post Office: 6817 208th St SW,
(425) 778-3447, 3715 196th St SW, Ste 101,
(425) 778-3447

Library: 19200 44th Ave W, 98036,
(425) 778-2148

School District: Edmonds School Dist.
No. 15, (425) 431-7000

Utilities: Gas: PSE, (888) 225-5773

Electricity: Snohomish County PUD No. 1,
(425) 783-1000

Water/Sewer: City of Lynnwood,
(425) 670-5146, Alderwood Water Dist.,
(425) 743-4605

Telephone: Frontier, (877) 462-8188

Refuse Collection: West of Hwy 99—
Republic Services, (425) 778-0188.
East of Hwy 99—Waste Management,
(425) 481-1100

Typical Tax Rate: \$11.53/\$1,000
assessed valuation

Median Household Income: \$53,308

Average Rent: 2bd \$1,500

Median Prices: Homes \$485,000;
Condos \$375,000

Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle=21
mins/16 mi. Bellevue=25 mins/19 mi.

MARYSVILLE

The City of Marysville lies on the north crescent of the Snohomish River Delta in North Snohomish County, in a setting ringed by mountains, lakes, rivers and Puget Sound.

Marysville is a family-friendly community that offers visitors, residents and businesses all the conveniences and opportunities that give the Pacific Northwest its enduring splendor and vitality.

Marysville and neighboring Tulalip are Snohomish County hotspots for family-friendly lifestyle, business, clean industry and affordable housing.

Local businesses provide plenty for shoppers to love, not only in the charming historic downtown, but also in the new destination stores in the Lakewood area of north Marysville.

Marysville boasts 527 acres of parks and open space, including the new Jennings Dinosaur Park for youngsters. Ebey Waterfront Park, a downtown marine park, features a boat launch and a trail under development through the newly restored Qwuloolt Estuary, home to native fish species and a variety of birds and mammals.

Committed to preserving its sense of community and quality of life, Marysville offers year-round festivals and events including the state's oldest celebration: the Marysville Strawberry Festival. Among other annual events are the Easter Egg Hunt, Kiwanis Fishing Derby, the Sounds of Summer Concert Series, Touch A Truck, and Merryville for the Holidays Winter Celebration & Electric Light Parade. Learn more at www.marysvillewa.gov.

MARYSVILLE STATISTICS

Population: 65,900

City Hall: 1049 State Ave, 98270,
(360) 363-8000, www.marysvillewa.gov

Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Info Center:
8825 34th Ave NE, Ste C, 98271, (360) 965-
0000, www.marysvilletulalipchamber.com

Post Office: 1010 State Ave, (360) 653-6379

Library: 6120 Grove St, 98270, (360) 658-5000

School District: Marysville School Dist.
No.25, (360) 965-0000

Utilities: Gas: PSE, (888) 225-5773

Electricity: Snohomish County PUD No. 1,
(425) 783-1000

Water/Sewer: City of Marysville,
(360) 363-8100

Telephone: Frontier, (877) 462-8188

Refuse Collection: City of Marysville,
(360) 363-8000. Outside of City Limits—
Waste Management NW, (800) 835-2272

Typical Tax Rate: \$11.56/\$1,000
assessed valuation

Median Household Income: \$67,027

Average Rent: 2bd \$1,475

Median Prices: Homes \$345,000;

Condos \$265,000

Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle=
41 mins/34 mi. Bellevue= 41 mins/34 mi.

MILL CREEK

Mill Creek is a vibrant, safe and friendly community, and is a great destination for shopping, dining, and enjoying diverse recreational opportunities.

Shopping areas are conveniently located and include many family restaurants. Mill Creek Town Center, recently named "the best lifestyle center in Washington State" features more than 80 shops, restaurants and services that attract residents and visitors to dine, shop, relax and explore. In addition, newer shopping areas located along 132nd Street SE and 164th Street SE provide unique shopping and service options.

Mill Creek's well-defined neighborhoods offer a diversity of housing that fit almost every lifestyle such as single-family homes, condominiums, apartments and a cottage neighborhood located just north of the Town Center.

The city maintains 23 miles of nature trails, 10 parks including the Sports Park that features a lighted, artificial turf baseball/soccer field and a skate park. A new, 98,000 square-foot Arena Sports and Entertainment facility offers indoor soccer and futsal fields, programming, and a full-service family entertainment center. The City hosts many events, including the annual Mill Creek Festival, Art walks, Summer Concert Series, Spring Egg Hunts, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Holiday Parades.

MILL CREEK STATISTICS

Population: 19,960

City Hall: 15728 Main St, (425) 745-1891,
www.cityofmillcreek.com

Tourism & Visitor Info: www.millcreek.tourism.com

Post Office: 15833 Mill Creek Blvd,
(425) 379-8698

Library: 15429 Bothell-Everett Hwy, 98012,
(425) 337-4822

School District: Everett School Dist. No. 2,
(425) 385-4000

Utilities: Gas: PSE, (888) 225-5773

Electricity: Snohomish County PUD No. 1,
(425) 783-1000

Water/Sewer: Alderwood Water Dist.,
(425) 743-4605. Silver Lake Water Dist.,
(425) 337-3647

Telephone: Frontier, (800) 921-8101
Refuse Collection: Waste Management, (425) 481-1100, (800) 592-9995
Typical Tax Rate: \$11.81/\$1,000 assessed valuation
Median Household Income: \$88,345
Average Rent: 2bd \$1,750
Median Prices: Homes \$615,000; Condos \$317,000
Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle=30 mins/22 mi. Bellevue=27 mins/19 mi.

MONROE

Monroe is a friendly city with small town appeal where long-time locals embrace new families and foster hometown traditions. Rural beauty, acreage, affordable housing, good schools, a hospital and accessibility to the region's major metropolitan areas are all important pluses enjoyed here. No wonder Monroe is the fastest growing city in the Skykomish River Valley!

The city's tagline, "The Adventure Starts Here" points out other highlights—events and activities. Already known as home to the Evergreen State Fairgrounds and Evergreen Speedway—a top 10 NASCAR track, Monroe's Lake Tye is gaining national attention as a premier adventure sports hotspot. Lake Tye Park hosts annual national competitions, including the Master-Craft Pro Wakeboard Tour in July and Tri-Monroe, a sanctioned USA Triathlon event that draws Olympic hopefuls from all over the country each June. Other scheduled events include summer outdoor movies and music concerts, regional youth athletic tournaments, model boat races, and a farmers market. Historic Downtown Monroe is the place to be for other yearly events, such as the Monroe Fair Days Parade (late August), and Light Up Monroe holiday tree lighting event.

The adventure continues with nearby historic homes, a regionally renowned reptile zoo, world-class wine and spirit tastings, trails, parks, prime fishing, a new disc golf course and a growing performing arts center. Monroe also sits on both the Cascade Loop Scenic Highway, as well as the Stevens Pass Greenway Scenic Byway – the perfect spot for a "best ever" road trip.

MONROE STATISTICS

Population: 18,350
City Hall: 806 W. Main St., 98272, (360) 794-7400, www.monroewa.gov



The Tamago Sculpture at Heron Park in Mill Creek

Chamber of Commerce: 125 S. Lewis St., 98272, (360) 794-5488, www.choosemonroe.com
Post Office: 122 N Blakeley, (800) 275-8777, (360) 805-1962
Library: 1070 Village Way, 98272, (360) 794-7851
School District: Monroe School Dist. No. 103, (360) 804-2500
Utilities: Gas: PSE, (888) 225-5773
Electricity: Snohomish County PUD No. 1, (425) 783-1000
Water/Sewer: City of Monroe, (360) 794-7400
Telephone: Frontier, (877) 462-8188
Refuse Collection: Republic Services, (800) 942-5965. Outside City Limits—Waste Management NW, (425) 481-1100
Typical Tax Rate: \$11.98/\$1,000 assessed valuation
Median Household Income: \$70,270
Average Rent: 2bd \$1,425
Median Prices: Homes \$434,000; Condos \$225,000
Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle=40 mins/33 mi. Bellevue=31 mins/26 mi.

MOUNT VERNON

Mount Vernon, Skagit County's largest incorporated town and county seat, was named to the Forbes 2016 "Best Small Place For Business and Careers" list. It is located on I-5 along the banks of the Skagit River about midway between Seattle and Vancouver, B.C. Here amid amazing vistas of farmland, mountains, river valleys, and islands, Mount Vernon is a charming mix of historic river front town and bustling community bursting with the promise of outdoor adventure. Kayaking, biking, hiking and even hang gliding are possibilities in the area. The city boasts a number

of parks, cultural and historic experiences, and festivals throughout the year including the world famous Skagit Valley Tulip Festival each April, the Skagit Highland Games in July, and the Skagit County Fair held in August. A seasonal Farmers Market, the 1926 Lincoln Theatre, and the unique downtown shops and dining establishments are also popular destinations. A library, community college, transit center, and hospital are among the many services found in this "premier small city."

MOUNT VERNON STATISTICS

Population: 34,360
City Hall: 910 Cleveland Ave, 98273, (360) 336-6211, www.mountvernonwa.gov
Chamber Of Commerce: 301 W. Kincaid, PO Box 1007, 98273, (360) 428-8547, www.mountvernonchamber.com
Post Office: 1207 Cleveland Ave, (360) 336-5812
Library: 315 Snoqualmie St, (360) 336-6209
School District: Mount Vernon School Dist., (360) 428-6110
Utilities: Cascade Natural Gas, (888) 522-1130
Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773
Water: Skagit County PUD, (360) 424-7104
Sewer: City of Mount Vernon, (360) 336-6218
Telephone: Frontier, (877) 462-8188
Refuse Collection: City of Mount Vernon, (360) 336-6218; Outside city limits, Waste Management, (360) 757-8245
Typical Tax Rate: \$13.62/\$1,000 assessed valuation
Median Household Income: \$49,307
Average Rent: 2bd \$1,250
Median Prices: Homes \$317,250; Condos \$225,000
Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle=1hr 7 mins/62 mi. Bellevue=1hr 6 mins/62 mi.

North

MOUNTLAKE TERRACE

Located halfway between Seattle and Everett along the Interstate 5 corridor, the City of Mountlake Terrace has it all. Convenience and accessibility to many regional attractions, as well as local employment centers balanced with beautiful parks, scenic views of Lake Ballinger, views of the majestic mountain ranges to the east and west, an indoor pool and a great quality of life.

Three transit lines serve Mountlake Terrace, providing faster and easier commutes to Seattle and other neighboring cities, as well as the University of Washington. As the southern gateway to Snohomish County, the state's fastest growing county, Mountlake Terrace has a variety of transit options and will be the first northbound light rail stop in Snohomish County.

The city is currently implementing an award-winning Town Center Plan intended to invigorate and revitalize the city center and encourage development. The city is investing in new infrastructure such as roads, park improvements, utilities, new and widened sidewalks, bike lanes, and street trees to help facilitate investment within the Town Center and near the future light rail station.

Mountlake Terrace city leadership is focused and engaged. You'll often see them out and about getting to know residents and business owners. Community well being and public safety are priorities; residents are served by four hospital systems within a 10-mile radius, an outstanding Police Department, and an excellent recreational system.

Mountlake Terrace Recreation & Parks offers a variety of recreational opportunities including its popular Recreation Pavilion, nine neighborhood parks, three sports complexes, and 14 sports fields. The city also maintains miles of trails; the Lakeview Trail connects the Mountlake Terrace Transit Center to the regional Interurban Trail. Every year, the city hosts Tour de Terrace, a Seafair summer festival that attracts thousands of people from all over the region.

MOUNTLAKE TERRACE STATISTICS

Population: 21,290

Interim City Hall:

6100 219th St. SW, Ste. 200, 98043,

(425) 776-1161, www.cityofmlt.com

Economic Alliance of Snohomish County

(EASC), 808 134th St SW, Ste 128, Everett 98204, (425) 743-4567,

www.economicalliancesc.org.

Post Office: 23210 57th Ave W, (800) 275-8777, (425) 778-0429

Library: 23300 58th Ave W, (425) 776-8722

School District: Edmonds School Dist. No. 15, (425) 431-7000

Utilities: Gas: PSE, (888) 225-5773, (425) 452-1234

Electricity: Snohomish County PUD No. 1, (425) 783-1000

Water/Sewer: City of Mountlake Terrace, (425) 744-6214

Telephone: Frontier, (877) 462-8188

Refuse Collection: Waste Management NW, (425) 481-1100

Typical Tax Rate: \$11.25/\$1,000 assessed valuation

Median Household Income: \$66,512

Average Rent: 2bd \$1,575

Median Prices: Homes \$440,000; Condos \$275,000

Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle=18 mins/14 mi. Bellevue=26 mins/20 mi.

MUKILTEO

Mukilteo is located north of Seattle along the shores of Puget Sound and at the northern end of the technology corridor that extends southward into Bothell. Mukilteo's many qualities include excellent schools, scenic vistas, numerous parks and open spaces, the Harbour Pointe Golf Course, and a growing business district. Commuters enjoy easy access to I-5, I-405 and the Mukilteo Ferries. This ferry route, connecting to Clinton on Whidbey Island, is the state's busiest route for vehicle traffic.

South of downtown, the popular, master-planned neighborhood of Harbour Pointe features high-end condominiums, contemporary homes, commercial businesses and restaurants.

Despite its growth, Mukilteo remains true to its small town roots. Many historic buildings have been preserved, including the Mukilteo Lighthouse, a unique wooden lighthouse that was built in 1906.

The Lighthouse is available for tours and special events such as the Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival, held each September featuring a parade, arts and crafts, food and fireworks. Lighthouse Park has a beach, picnic area and boat launch, and from June through September it hosts a Farmers Market. A few blocks away, the

Rosehill Community Center offers classes and programs and houses an indoor art gallery.

MUKILTEO STATISTICS

Population: 21,240

City Hall: 11930 Cyrus Way, 98275, (425) 263-8000, www.mukilteoowa.gov

Chamber of Commerce:

4902 76th St SW, PO Box 545, Mukilteo 98275, (425) 347-1456,

www.mukilteochamber.org.

Post Office: 8050 Mukilteo Speedway, (425) 710-7039

Library: 4675 Harbour Pointe Blvd, 98275, (425) 493-8202

School District: Mukilteo School Dist. No. 6, (425) 356-1274

Utilities: Gas: PSE, (888) 225-5773

Electricity: Snohomish County PUD No. 1, (425) 783-8272

Water/Sewer:

Mukilteo Water Dist., (425) 355-3355.

Alderwood Water Dist., (425) 743-4605

Telephone: Frontier, (877) 387-3477

Refuse Collection: South—Waste Management NW, (425) 337-1197. North—Rubatino Refuse Removal, (425) 259-0044

Typical Tax Rate: \$9.42/\$1,000 assessed valuation

Median Household Income: \$98,823

Average Rent: 2bd \$1,600

Median Prices: Homes \$585,000; Condos \$261,000

Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle=35 mins/26 mi. Bellevue=35 mins/26 mi.

SHORELINE

Shoreline residents enjoy the best of both worlds—the convenience of the suburbs along with the opportunities of Seattle, which it borders. Since incorporating in 1995, Shoreline has established a reputation for quality schools, ample parks and recreational facilities, and active neighborhood commitment. Shoreline has 14 distinct neighborhoods, providing diverse housing options ranging from exclusive waterfront homes to moderately priced homes and apartments.

The city boasts two libraries, Shoreline Community College, the Shoreline Historical Museum, an arts council, community pool, recreational center, teen and senior centers, and a thriving business community. Area parks offer a wide range of activities including skateboarding, basketball, tennis, fishing, swimming, and hiking. Its



sweeping views of Puget Sound and the Olympics make Richmond Beach Saltwater Park a local favorite. The Interurban Trail, a three mile, non-motorized path links Shoreline neighborhoods, businesses, and parks.

Metro, Community Transit, and Sound Transit all provide bus service in and beyond Shoreline, with eight convenient Park & Ride lots for commuters.

SHORELINE STATISTICS

Population: 55,333

City Hall: 17500 Midvale Ave N,
(206) 801-2700, www.shorelinewa.gov

Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center:
18560 1st Ave NE, (206) 361-2260,
info@shorelinechamber.org

Post Office: North City Station,
18336 Aurora Ave N., Ste 105, (206) 542-8075

Libraries: Richmond Beach, 19601 21st Ave
NW, (206) 546-3522. Shoreline, 345 NE
175th, (206) 362-7550

School District: Shoreline School Dist
No. 412, (206) 393-6111

Utilities: Gas: PSE, (888) 225-5773

Electricity: Seattle City Light,
(206) 684-3000

Water: North City Water District,
(206) 362-8100.

Seattle Public Utilities, (206) 684-3000
Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 244-1111.
Frontier, (877) 462-8188

Sewer: Ronald Wastewater Dist.,
(206) 546-2494

Refuse Collection: Recology CleanScapes,
(206) 763-4444

Typical Tax Rate: \$11.65/\$1,000
assessed valuation

Median Household Income: \$70,398

Average Rent: 2bd \$1,675

Median Prices: Homes \$575,000;
Condos \$350,000

Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle=15
mins/12 mi. Bellevue=23 mins/18 mi.

SNOHOMISH

The city of Snohomish offers rural living with a great pride for preservation, excellence in education and a commitment to the future with a vigorous economy. While most residents commute to jobs in the region's larger cities, Snohomish maintains a strong community identity.

Founded in 1859, Snohomish is the county's oldest city. Its commercial and nationally registered historic home districts are highlighted on the Historic Home Tour



Festive walkways at Krukeberg Botanical Garden in Shoreline

each September. As "the Antique Capital of the Northwest," Snohomish naturally has antique and collectible shops, but historic First Street is also home to specialty shops and unique restaurants. Arts of Snohomish, Blackman Museum and numerous galleries provide a cultural presence. Along Avenue D and Bickford Avenue, larger national retailers, eateries, commercial and professional services are found.

Two rivers border Snohomish, adding to recreational opportunities that include a public boat launch, parks, the Centennial Trail, the Snohomish River Trail, a skate park, an Aquatic Center, an indoor soccer facility, and Boys and Girls Club. Harvey Airfield is home base for a flight school, scenic flights, hot air ballooning and sky-diving.

Surrounded by farmlands, Snohomish offers a farmers market Thursday and Sunday afternoons May through September. In October corn mazes, pumpkin patches, and produce stands are showcased at area farms during the Festival of Pumpkins. The official Snohomish Community Festival is Kla Ha Ya Days, celebrated each July with three days of fun activities.

SNOHOMISH STATISTICS

Population: 10,010

City Hall: 116 Union Ave, 98290,
(360) 568-3115, www.snohomishwa.gov

Chamber of Commerce:
PO Box 135, 98291, (360) 568-2526,
www.snohomishcoc.com

Visitor Information Center:
1301 First St, 98290, (360) 862-9609,

Post Office: 1323 Ave D,
(360) 568-0904, (800) 275-8777

Library: 311 Maple Ave, 98290,
(360) 568-2898

School District: Snohomish School Dist.
#201, (360) 563-7300

Utilities: Gas: PSE, (888) 225-5773

Electricity: Snohomish County PUD No. 1,
(425) 783-1000

Water/Sewer: City of Snohomish,
(360) 568-3115

Telephone: Frontier, (877) 462-8188.
Comcast, (888) 542-1667

Refuse Collection: City of Snohomish,
(360) 568-3115. Outside City limits—NW
Waste Management, (800) 592-9995

Typical Tax Rate: \$13.58/\$1,000
assessed valuation

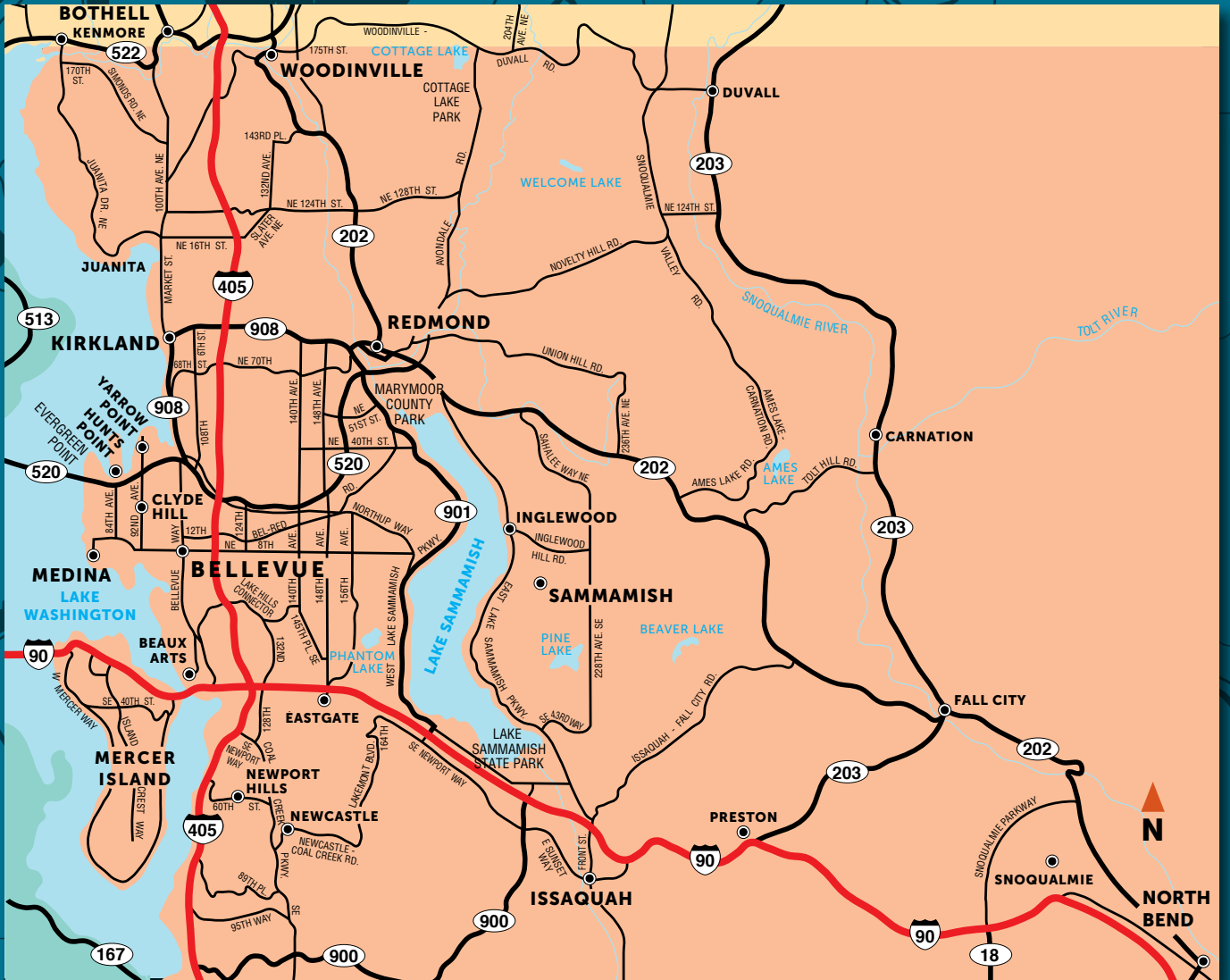
Median Household Income: \$56,763

Average Rent: 2bd \$1,500

Median Prices: Homes \$525,000;
Condos \$357,000

Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle=
45 mins/32 mi. Bellevue=35 mins/24 mi.

East



Living East



A field of lavender in Woodinville

The “Eastside” refers to the area east of Downtown Seattle that lies between Lake Washington and the Cascade Mountains, extending north to Bothell and Woodinville and south to Renton. For centuries early native tribes hunted, fished and lived off the abundance of this beautiful wilderness. In the 1860’s, homesteaders left the bustling cities of Seattle and Tacoma, moving eastward to stake their claims. Before long, communities formed around early industries of logging, shingle mills, boat building, and farming. Today the Eastside is where cosmopolitan communities merge with pristine outdoor areas. Despite tremendous growth and development, huge swaths of forest and parklands offer a variety of outdoor recreation.

This is software country, home to Microsoft and many other high-tech industries. Well-known names like Google, Nintendo, Costco Wholesale, and Genie Industries are part of the vibrant and growing east-side business community.

The population is growing here as well. To control and plan for more organized growth, many Eastside communities support master-planned housing developments and “urban villages,” where all the amenities of living like shopping, working, and schooling are included.

Along the Cascade Mountain foothills, small farms, ranches, and dairies dot the countryside. In contrast to their urban counterparts, communities here retain their agricultural feel.

BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

Beaux Arts Village was originally established by the Society of Beaux Arts as a colony where artists could live and work in common, but this vision of a communal art center was never fully realized.

Today, Beaux Arts Village (known as “The Village” to locals) is King County’s second smallest city. Located just south of Bellevue along the shores of Lake Washington, this community retains a relaxed, informal feel, yet values privacy. Towering evergreens, some with resident eagles’ nests, enhance the secluded beauty of the area. There is no commercial base, rentals are scarce, and houses of various architectural styles and vintages add to the charm. With only 124 housing units, the city is considered completely developed. Existing houses come on the market infrequently.

Property owners belong to and pay a yearly fee to the Western Academy of Beaux Arts, a nonprofit that owns and maintains the private beach, boat dock and tennis courts. A summer beach potluck, a catered winter dinner and a Christmas cookie exchange are annual local events.

BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE STATISTICS

Population: 300
City Hall/ Mail: 10550 SE 27th St, 98004, (425) 454-8580, www.beauxarts-wa.gov
School District: Bellevue School Dist. No. 405, (425) 456-4000
Utilities: Gas/Electric: PSE, (888) 225-5773
Water: Beaux Arts Water Dept., (425) 454-8580

Sewer: City of Bellevue, (425) 452-6973
Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 244-1111
Refuse Collection: Republic Services, (206) 682-9730
Typical tax rate: \$9.18/\$1,000 assessed valuation
Median Household Income: \$176,875
Median Price Homes: \$1,885,000
Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle= 16 mins/12 mi. Bellevue=5 mins/1 mile

BELLEVUE

Bellevue is the largest city on the Eastside and the fifth largest in the state. Located just 10 miles from Seattle, it hosts large offices for global corporations including Alibaba, Concur SAP, Microsoft, REI, T-Mobile and Valve, among many others. The community attracts technology pioneers, outdoor enthusiasts and family-focused residents from around the world with a welcoming culture, transit-connected neighborhoods and proactive community services.

Bellevue prides itself on its growing diversity. Thirty-seven percent of its residents were born outside of the U.S. and over 50 percent are people of color. Average household income exceeds both King County and Puget Sound regional levels. Bellevue offers a high quality of life, strong sense of community, robust neighborhoods, and a commitment to building a healthy future economy.

Surrounded by magnificent natural beauty, Bellevue lies between Lake Sammamish and Lake Washington. Residents spend their weekdays working at



The Bellevue Family 4th of July Celebration

innovation-focused firms and weekends enjoying miles of trails and open spaces. Nearly 100 parks offer activities ranging from a working farm and play areas to waterfalls and wildlife habitat.

Bellevue’s modern, people-friendly downtown is the economic heart of the Eastside. High-rises, parks, popular hotels, restaurants, museums, and 14,000 residents fill the compact one-mile-square downtown, making it the second largest city center in the state. The median age is 34, a reflection of the young professionals moving to the neighborhood. A popular regional shopping destination, Bellevue boasts The Bellevue Collection and the Shops at the Bravern, which include the Pacific Northwest’s only Neiman Marcus store.

The city’s enjoys a thriving arts and cultural community. The Meydenbauer Center Theatre welcomes diverse cultural arts performances (Bollywood, Chinese Opera) as well as ballet, music, dance and children’s theatre. The Bellevue Arts Museum offers enriching exhibits, lectures and workshops. The Bellevue Jazz and Blues Festival each spring is a premier showcase of top national and regional artists. The Wintergrass Festival, featuring performances, workshops and dances is held each

February. Each July, the Bellevue Arts Festival Weekend is one of the nation’s largest and most prestigious art festivals. For more things to see and do, VisitBellevue-Washington.com.

With more than 146,000 jobs, Bellevue has more jobs than residents. Its diverse economy includes a strong employment base in growing information technology sectors like enterprise software, gaming, artificial intelligence and data analytics. Bellevue’s highly skilled, highly educated workforce attracts companies from around the world. Over the next decade, most of Bellevue’s residential and job growth will occur downtown and in the city’s BelRed area.

Education is a priority here, and it shows. In 2018, *US News & World Report’s* “Best High Schools in the U.S.” ranked the International School in Bellevue 18th in the nation.

Bellevue’s diverse housing choices suit any lifestyle, from stunning waterfront estates to suburban ramblers to downtown condominiums. The hills southeast of downtown offer a multitude of single and multi-family housing options, along with commercial centers like Market Place at Factoria. Apartment complexes and smaller, more modest homes dominate

the Lake Hills and Crossroads neighborhoods. Crossroads Shopping Center is the people-packed heart of this area, featuring a seasonal farmers’ market, ethnic and folk music, cultural events and foods from around the world.

This city’s wonderful combination of outdoor recreation, cultural amenities, diversity and top-rated schools led *Business Insider* to name Bellevue #1 on the 2016 “25 cities with the best quality of life in the U.S.” rankings.

BELLEVUE STATISTICS

- Population:** 140,700
- City Hall:** 450 110th Ave. NE, 98009, PO Box 90012, 98009, (425) 452-6800, www.bellevuewa.gov
- Chamber of Commerce:** 330 112th Ave NE, Ste 100, Bellevue 98004, (425) 454-2464, www.bellevuechamber.org
- Bellevue Downtown Association:** 400 108th Ave NE, Ste. 110, 98004, (425) 453-1223, www.bellevuedowntown.com
- Post Offices:** 12224 NE Bel Red Rd., 98004, (425) 453-5655. 12400 SE 38th St., 98006 (424) 747-4539. 15731 NE 8th St., 98008 (425) 401-0892

Libraries: Bellevue, 1111 110th Ave NE, (425) 450-1765. Lake Hills, 15590 Lake Hills Blvd, (425) 747-3350. Newport Way, 14250 SE Newport Way, (425) 747-2390. Crossroads Library Connection, 15600 8th St, (425) 644-6203

School District: Bellevue School District No. 405, (425) 456-4000

Utilities: Gas/Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773

Water/Sewer/Stormwater: City of Bellevue, 450 110th Ave NE, (425) 452-6932

Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 244-1111. Frontier, (877) 462-8188

Refuse Collection: Republic Services, (425) 452-4762

Typical Tax Rate: \$9.19/\$1,000 assessed valuation

Median Household Income: \$113,877

Average Rent: 2bd \$2,200

Median Prices: Homes \$1,102,001; Condos \$508,000

Est. Travel Time/Distance To:

Seattle=16 mins/10 mi. Seattle Tacoma International Airport=25 mins/17 mi.

CARNATION

East of Seattle, where the Snoqualmie and Tolt Rivers meet in the scenic Snoqualmie Valley, is the quiet, rural community of Carnation with its casual atmosphere and short eastside commutes.

Remlinger and Carnation Farms are reminders of days past when dairy cows put this town on the map as “the home of contented cows.” Carnation now sits in the middle of King County’s largest organic production district with ample opportunities for u-pick vegetables and CSA subscriptions. Local produce and live music bring patrons to Carnation’s Farmers Market on Tuesdays from May through October.

Tolt MacDonald Park has acres of biking, hiking, fishing, camping, and sports fields. In July, it is the site of Timber! Outdoor Music Festival. Valley Memorial Park features a BMX track and outstanding skate bowl. Great riding opportunities abound for bicycle and motorcycle enthusiasts. Golfers enjoy the recently renovated Blue Heron Golf Course. A 100-acre Seattle Audubon Preserve, adjacent to King County’s 67-acre Carnation Marsh, is perfect for bird watching. Other attractions include berry picking, the Tolt Historical Museum and a collection of unique downtown shops and restaurants. Annual community

festivals include the Great Carnation 4th of July Celebration, the Remlinger Farms Harvest Festival in October, and Christmas in Carnation always held on the first Saturday of December. To live or to visit, Carnation is your natural destination!

CARNATION STATISTICS

Population: 2,030

City Hall: 4621 Tolt Ave, PO Box 1238, 98014, (425) 333-4192, www.carnationwa.gov

Chamber of Commerce: PO Box 603, 98014, www.carnationchamber.com

Post Office: 4440 McKinley Ave, (800) ASK-USPS

Library: 4804 Tolt Ave, (425) 333-4398

School District: Riverview School Dist.

No. 407, (425) 844-4500

Utilities: Gas/Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773

Water/Sewer: City of Carnation, (425) 333-4192

Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 201-4099

Refuse Collection: Recology CleanScapes, (425) 844-1900

Typical Tax Rate: \$11.47/\$1,000 assessed valuation

Median Household Income: \$78,859

Average Rent: 2bd \$1,700

Median Price Homes: \$666,411

Est. Travel Time/Distance To:

Seattle=39 mins/27 mi.

Bellevue=29 mins/20 mi.

CLYDE HILL, MEDINA, YARROW POINT AND HUNTS POINT

Clyde Hill, Medina, Yarrow Point and Hunts Point are located along the edge of Downtown Bellevue, Lake Washington and The Evergreen Point Floating Bridge. Many of Washington’s most prosperous and prominent business, sports and entertainment figures have settled in these affluent communities.

With only a handful of retail businesses between them, the cities are virtually all residential. The crime rate is low. Traffic and neighborhood patrols account for most police activity.

Houses in these cities are expensive and situated on generously sized lots along neatly landscaped streets. Over the years large-scaled residences have replaced most small homes. Vacant tracts are scarce, so notable growth in population or number of housing units is unlikely. Located within minutes of State Route 520

and three interstate highways, these communities are well connected to the rest of the Puget Sound, yet removed from the urban bustle.

Recreational opportunities in these four communities include the Wetherill Nature Preserve, Fairweather Nature Preserve, Medina Park, Medina Beach Park and Clyde Park Beach. The 5.4 mile Points Loop Trail linking the communities is great for walking or biking. The private Overlake Golf & Country Club is located in Medina. Community events include the Fourth of July Celebration held jointly by Yarrow Point and Hunts Point, Medina Days and Clyde Hill Community Celebration & Movie Night in August.

CLYDE HILL, MEDINA, YARROW POINT AND HUNTS POINT STATISTICS

Population: Clyde Hill: 3,015. Hunts Point: 415. Medina: 3205. Yarrow Point: 1,040

City Halls: Clyde Hill: 9605 NE 24th St, 98004, (425) 453-7800, www.clydehill.org
Hunts Point: 3000 Hunts Point Rd, 98004, (425) 455-1834, www.huntspoint-wa.gov

Medina: 501 Evergreen Point Rd, PO Box 144, 98039, (425) 233-6400, www.medina-wa.gov

Yarrow Point: 4030 95th Ave NE, 98004, (425) 454-6994, www.ci.yarrow-point.wa.us

Post Office: Medina: 816 Evergreen Point Rd, (425) 646-8111. Bellevue: 1171 Bellevue Way NE, (425) 453-5655

School District: Bellevue School Dist. No. 405, (425) 456-4000

Utilities: Gas/Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773

Water/Sewer: City of Bellevue, (425) 452-6973

Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 244-1111

Refuse Collection: Republic Services, (206) 682-9730

Typical tax rate per \$1,000 assessed valuation: Clyde Hill: \$8.56. Hunts Point: \$8.01. Medina: \$8.87 Yarrow Point: \$8.24.

Median Household Income: Clyde Hill: \$193,516. Hunts Point: \$170,250. Medina: \$182,604. Yarrow Point: \$213,750

Median Home Prices: Clyde Hill—\$2,727,000. Hunts Point—\$2,820,000. Medina—\$2,990,000.

Yarrow Point—\$3,388,000

Est. Travel Time/Distance To:

Seattle=14 mins/8 mi.

Bellevue=7 mins/3 mi.



Preston also has some light industrial and business properties and is home to the Talking Rain Beverage Company.

The nearby Snoqualmie and Raging Rivers provide a number of recreational activities. Abundant trout, whitefish and steelhead runs are an angler's dream come true. The Snoqualmie Preston Rails to Trails offers great hiking with a view of Snoqualmie Falls at its endpoint. Fall City hosts Fall City Days in June and the Snoqualmie Falls Forest Theater in summer. Community groups include the Fall City Arts Council, Fall City Community Association, Fall City Historical Society and the Preston Community Club.

FALL CITY / PRESTON STATISTICS

Population: Fall City — 2,090 (core area); Greater Fall City — 5,650
 Greater Preston — 2,200
Chamber of Commerce: Snoqualmie Valley Chamber, PO Box 357, North Bend 98045, (425) 888-6362, www.snovalley.org
Post Office: Fall City: 4225 335th Pl. SE, (425) 222-7501. Preston: 30365 SE High Point Way, (425) 222-5536
Library: 33415 SE 42nd Pl., Fall City, (425) 222-5951
School District: Snoqualmie Valley School Dist. No. 410, (425) 831-8000
Utilities: Gas/Electric: PSE, (888) 225-5773
Water: Fall City (main area)—Fall City Water Dist., (425) 222-7882. Preston (main area)—Water Dist. 123, (425) 222-5680
Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 244-1111
Refuse Collection: Republic, (425) 646-2400
Average Tax Rate: Fall City: \$13.12/\$1,000 assessed valuation. Preston: \$12.24/\$1,000 assessed valuation
Median Household Income: Fall City: \$77,700
Average Rent: Fall City 2bd \$1,500. Preston 2bd \$1,800
Median Prices: Fall City: Homes \$679,000. Preston: Homes \$582,500
Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle= 30 mins/24 mi. Bellevue=25 mins/18 mi.

ISSAQUAH

Nestled between the Issaquah Alps and Lake Sammamish, Issaquah is a historic community focused on a dynamic future. Known for trailheads and salmon, the city is also a major employment and retail hub on the Eastside. Issaquah is home to Costco Wholesale's world headquarters. Global technology giants, including

DUVALL

Duvall lies in the Snoqualmie Valley, one of the region's most beautiful agricultural valleys. Duvall's small town, rural traditions and friendly, open atmosphere define this community. Despite its small size, Duvall's citizenry represents a diverse mix of occupational, cultural, and economic backgrounds. Old timers, families, and new residents (many from the high tech sector) populate this unique bedroom community. Workers from Bellevue, Redmond, and Seattle are enticed by more reasonably priced homes, a respite from the urban bustle, and an average commute travel time that is just over a half an hour.

The ownership rate in Duvall is nearly 84%. Homes can be found in a wide variety of styles. New housing developments, condos, homes in established neighborhoods, older in-town homes, homes on acreage, and even some waterfront properties are among the choices.

Duvall's active arts community supports popular annual events like Art in Bloom, SummerStage, Duvall Art and Wine Walk and SandBlast Festival of the Arts. Additional yearly community events include a Family Easter Egg Hunt, Duvall Days in June, Summer Movies in the Park, the Heritage Festival in September, Halloween Trick or Treating, Holiday Tree Lighting, and the Duvall Farmer's Market (May – October). Parks in Duvall range from tiny Judd Park Tot Lot to McCormick Park with nearly 19 acres of trails, picnicking, and open spaces. The scenic Snoqualmie Valley trail runs through the heart of the city, providing a scenic walk for all.

DUVALL STATISTICS

Population: 7,500
City Hall: 15535 Main St NE, PO Box 1300, 98019, (425) 788-1185, www.duvallwa.gov
Chamber of Commerce: PO Box 581, 98019, (425) 788-9182, www.duvallchamberofcommerce.com
Post Office: 26400 NE Valley St, (425) 788-5645
Library: 15508 Main St NE, (425) 788-1173
School District: Riverview School Dist. No. 407, (425) 844-4500
Utilities: Gas/Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773
Water/Sewer: City of Duvall, (425) 788-1185
Telephone: Frontier, (877) 462-8188
Refuse Collection: Waste Management, (425) 814-1695
Typical Tax Rate: \$12.36/\$1,000 assessed valuation
Average Rent: 2bd \$1,500
Median Household Income: \$125,123
Median Prices: Homes \$575,000; Condos \$332,000
Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle= 36 mins/25 mi. Bellevue=27 mins/18 mi.

FALL CITY AND PRESTON

Fall City and Preston are tucked away in the valley between the Sammamish Plateau and the town of Snoqualmie. These two unincorporated towns have largely remained the rural, bucolic communities they were when first founded nearly 150 years ago. Change is taking place on the ridge above these towns, though. Large, high-end homes are being built and bought by residents attracted to this peaceful, beautiful area. Home prices closer to Fall City and Preston proper are more moderate.

Microsoft, maintain a robust presence, as does real estate notable John L. Scott.

Local businesses also include dining and shopping options along Front Street, East Lake Sammamish Center, Issaquah Commons, Meadows Shopping Center, Pickering Place, Gilman Village and Grand Ridge Plaza in Issaquah Highlands. Regularly occurring events including Art Walks and Wine Walks draw people in, enlivening the downtown area.

The community's largest event, though, is Issaquah Salmon Days, held the first weekend in October. Each year 150,000+ visitors come to view the Issaquah Salmon Hatchery and its spawning salmon and to enjoy art, music, food and fun "fishy" activities.

Other must-see Issaquah attractions include top-notch productions at Village Theatre, Issaquah Farmers Market (Saturdays, May to September), Boehm's Candies chocolate factory, Gilman Town Hall Museum, the restored Issaquah Train Depot, and Cougar Mountain Zoo.

The majestic Issaquah Alps offer year-round recreation including hiking, mountain biking and paragliding, while Lake Sammamish State Park is perfect for fishing, boating, and swimming.

Housing choices include historic downtown homes, homes with acreage, multi-family dwellings and the innovative Issaquah Highlands and Talus urban villages. These housing choices, along with great schools and community spirit make the community a wonderful place to live.

Issaquah's liveability makes the city a magnet for new residents. City leaders have adopted a long-term plan that focuses on environmental protection, jobs, housing and the rapid transit needs of this growing community.

ISSAQUAH STATISTICS

Population: 36,030
City Hall: 130 E Sunset Way, PO Box 1307, 98027, (425) 837-3000, www.issaquahwa.gov

Chamber of Commerce: 155 NW Gilman Blvd, 98027, (425) 392-7024, www.issaquahchamber.com

Post Office: 400 NW Gilman Blvd, (425) 837-8795

Library: 10 W Sunset Way, (425) 392-5430
School District: Issaquah School Dist. No. 411, (425) 837-7000

Utilities: Gas/Electricity: PSE, (425) 455-5120

Water/Sewer: City of Issaquah, (425) 837-3070

Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 244-1111

Refuse Collection: Recology CleanScapes, (425) 837-1234.

Typical Tax Rate: \$10.29/\$1,000 assessed valuation

Median Household Income: \$92,071

Average Rent: 2bd \$2,100

Median Prices: Homes \$840,000;

Condos \$400,000

Est. Travel Time/Distance To:

Seattle=21 mins/17 mi.

Bellevue=17 mins/11 mi.

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Libraries: 308 Kirkland Ave, (425) 822-2459. 12315 NE 143rd St, (425) 821-7686
School District: Lake Washington School Dist. No. 414, (425) 702-3200
Utilities: Gas/Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773, (425) 454-2000
Water: City of Kirkland, (425) 587-3150 In Juanita—Northshore Utility Dist., (425) 398-4400
Telephone: Frontier, (877) 462-8188
Refuse Collection: City of Kirkland, (425) 587-3150. Waste Management, (800) 592-9995.
Typical Tax Rate: \$9.91/\$1,000 assessed valuation
Median Household Income: \$95,939
Average Rent: 2bd \$2,100
Median Prices: Homes \$830,000; Condos \$390,000
Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle= 20 mins/12 mi. Bellevue=11 mins/6 mi.

KIRKLAND

Kirkland is a vibrant waterfront community with an unparalleled blend of outdoor recreation, art, dining, award-winning wineries, boutique shopping, and a diverse repertoire of year round events. Home to the only downtown on Lake Washington, Kirkland also has the most guest moorage on Lake Washington, and has more waterfront parks and beaches than any other city in the Puget Sound region.

The city is also home to a dynamic community of entrepreneurs and small businesses as well as high-tech, aerospace and medical technology companies. Google, Go Daddy, Astronics, INRIX, and iSoftStone all have offices in Kirkland.

As well as nurturing businesses, downtown Kirkland welcomes new residents with a range of housing options. Condominiums, many new and with prime views, populate downtown and the waterfront. Near downtown, neighborhoods such as Rose Hill offer older homes.

Bridle Trails, in southeast Kirkland, surrounds a 482-acre wooded preserve and features homes on large lots. Three hundred properties here stable horses. At the opposite end of the city in Totem Lake are Evergreen Hospital, several wine tasting rooms, a contemporary art gallery, the Public Safety Building, and one of the region's most prosperous auto retail hubs.

Juanita, in northwest Kirkland, boasts Juanita Village, an award-winning mixed-use community. Single-family homes,

condos and apartments are found in nearby established pocket and beach communities around popular Juanita Beach Park.

Dining options abound in Kirkland, from bakeries and cafés to fine restaurants featuring sought-after chefs. Committed to local sourcing of food, the city supports three seasonal farmers markets located at Juanita Beach and downtown. Shopping options are equally varied and include fine art galleries, stylish furniture and decorative arts stores, designer consignment shops, specialty boutiques, and bridal shops.

Kirkland is known for its dynamic arts scene. Outdoor public art graces city parks and streets. The highly regarded Kirkland Performance Center presents a range of national and international entertainment. Kirkland Arts Center, one of the region's few community-based arts centers, offers a hugely popular annual artist studio tour on Mother's Day weekend. Other special events include Kirkland Uncorked, Summerfest and the arrival of the Tall Ships. For more activities and events, visit explorekirkland.com.

KIRKLAND STATISTICS

Population: 86,080
City Hall: 123 5th Ave, 98033, (425) 587-3000, www.kirklandwa.gov
Chamber of Commerce: 440 Central Way, (425) 822-7066, www.kirklandchamber.org
Post Office: 721 4th Ave, (800) 275-8777

MERCER ISLAND

Mercer Island is located in the middle of Lake Washington. This island locale provides a quiet, secluded feeling with quick commutes to Seattle or the Eastside via Interstate 90.

Mercer Island schools are a source of pride and an important reason that many families live here. The School District's longstanding tradition of excellence includes consistently posting some of the state's highest test scores and maintaining a graduation rate of over 90 percent.

This city boasts more than 475 acres of parks and open space, multi-use trails, ball fields, tennis courts, swimming and picnicking areas, a boat launch, and a skateboard park. The Mercer Island Community and Event Center has game, dance, fitness, and event rooms featuring state of the art equipment including an art gallery with rotating exhibits. Quality cultural art, including the Greta Hackett Outdoor Sculpture Gallery, a Winter Film Series, and the Mostly Music in the Park summer concert series all reflect an active Arts Council.

Popular community events include the Leap for Green environmental fair, the annual Summer Celebration festival, Art UnCorked—an evening of art and wine tasting, Mercer Island Rotary Half-Marathon and 10K and a lively Farmers Market.

Although primarily a single-family residential community, new mixed-use development is revitalizing the Town Center area. Proximity to a vibrant, growing

business district and restaurants, as well as convenient public transportation helps make this walkable neighborhood a great place to live.

MERCER ISLAND STATISTICS

Population: 24,210
City Hall: 9611 SE 36th St, (206) 275-7600, www.mercergov.org
Chamber of Commerce: 7605 SE 27th St, Ste. 109, PO Box 108, 98040, (206) 232-3404, www.mercerislandchamber.com
Post Office: 3040 78th Ave SE, (206) 230-5636
Library: 4400 88th Ave SE, (206) 236-3537
School District: Mercer Island School Dist. No. 400, (206) 236-3330
Utilities: Gas/Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773, (425) 454-2000
Water/Sewer: City of Mercer Island, (206) 275-7783
Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 244-1111, (206) 345-5552

Refuse Collection, Recycling, & Yard Waste: Republic Services, (206) 682-9730
Typical Tax Rate: \$8.67/\$1,000 assessed valuation
Median Household Income: \$129,348
Average Rent: 2bd \$2,550
Median Prices: Homes \$1,560,000; Condos \$464,864
Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle=11 mins/7 mi. Bellevue=13 mins/6 mi.

NEWCASTLE

Newcastle is one of the Eastside’s most desirable communities. Its central location near the crossroads of I-405 and I-90 provides easy access to fine shopping and dining, and borders some of the region’s most spectacular scenery. Passing through Newcastle’s downtown core, Coal Creek Parkway serves as a vital Eastside transportation link to the area’s major employers.

This inviting community offers a mix of well-established neighborhoods, newer high-end housing developments, and

multi-family residences. With the growing population, new housing and business options are also expanding. The most extensive development to date, an Avalon Bay community, has added businesses, residences, public amenities, and Aegis Gardens, an Asian culture senior living facility billed as the first of its kind in the Pacific Northwest.

Newcastle is the proud home of The Golf Club at Newcastle, an award winning, tournament-calibre complex with panoramic Seattle and Olympic Mountains views. Newcastle also has a popular produce stand in the heart of the downtown corridor, a public library, new middle school, a primary care medical clinic, Coal Creek YMCA and the Regency Newcastle Senior Center. The city also celebrates its rich coal-mining history, tangible reminders of which still dot the Newcastle landscape. Rusted equipment and mining shafts are visible along Newcastle trails. Landmarks include the historic





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The landmark Snoqualmie Falls never fails to take a beautiful photo

cemetery where miners are buried and the Pacific Coast Coal Company House No. 75 (known as the Baima House). Built in 1880, this house is one of the oldest buildings in King County. Newcastle's extensive network of trails links neighborhoods and connects to regional trail systems and Cougar Mountain Regional Wildland Park. The city's 40 acres of developed parks include scenic Lake Boren Park, site of annual Concerts in the Park, a Fourth of July fireworks display and Newcastle Days, a fun festival held in September.

The people who call Newcastle home are what truly set the city apart. Nonprofits and volunteer groups such as Newcastle Trails, the Newcastle Historical Society, Weed Warriors and Newcastle Chamber of Commerce actively contribute to the community.

NEWCASTLE STATISTICS

Population: 11,280
City Hall: 12835 Newcastle Way, Ste 200, 98056, (425) 649-4444, www.newcastlewa.gov
Chamber of Commerce: Mail: 6947 Coal Creek Pkwy SE #150, 98059, www.newcastlecc.com
Library: 12901 Newcastle Way, (425) 255-0111
School Districts: Issaquah School Dist., (425) 837-7000. Renton School Dist., (425) 204-2300
Utilities: Gas/Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773
Water/Sewer: Coal Creek Utility Dist., (425) 235-9200
Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 244-1111

Refuse Collection/Recycling: Waste Management, (800) 592-9995
Typical Tax Rate: \$10.79/\$1,000 assessed valuation
Median Household Income: \$111,955
Average Rent: 2bd \$2,050
Median Prices: Homes \$910,000; Condos \$532,500
Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle=19 mins/13 mi. Bellevue=14 mins/7 mi.

NORTH BEND

In the upper Snoqualmie River Valley amid the rugged Cascade Mountains is the city of North Bend. Here, "easy to reach... hard to leave" is more than just a slogan. Set just 30 minutes east of Seattle and Bellevue, North Bend offers small town living and world-class outdoor recreation in a pristine, natural landscape.

North Bend is nestled at the base of Mount Si, a 4,167-foot monolith where one of the state's most famous and popular trails leads to breath-taking views. For year round recreation like mountain biking, hiking, fishing, rock climbing, white water kayaking and rafting, or exploring Washington's wilderness areas, North Bend is the perfect destination. The city's quality public parks feature amenities of every kind including sports fields, tennis courts, a skate park, workout circuits, a bike pump track, picnic facilities, rock climbing tower, river access and various other play areas.

The heart of North Bend boasts a quaint, historic downtown area with fantastic dining options, unique shops, live entertainment and a steam train for rides through the picturesque Snoqualmie Valley.

Discover local favorites including the award winning JazzClubs NW, live theatre at Valley Center Stage, and the North Bend Theatre where blockbuster movies are screened in a historic 1941 theatre setting. Don't forget to stop in at Twedes Café for a Twin Peaks "Damn fine cup o'coffee" and cherry pie. Open seasonally, the Snoqualmie Valley Historical Museum's collection of heirloom photographs and artifacts provide a unique prospective on local history. The Visitors Information Center also offers information on local history and attractions, and has an art gallery featuring local artwork. North Bend Premium Outlets, off Interstate 90, is an eclectic group of over 50 stores with bargains for savvy shoppers.

Special events are scheduled throughout the year such as North Bend Blues Walk, Jazz Walk, Farmers Market and Summer Concert Series, Downtown Block Party, Banff Mountain Film Festival, and The Festival at Mount Si. Holly Days, with holiday events and tree lighting, always ends the year on a high note.

NORTH BEND STATISTICS

Population: 6,739
City Hall: 211 Main Ave N, PO Box 896, 98045, (425) 888-1211, www.northbendwa.gov
Chamber of Commerce: PO Box 357, 98045, (425) 888-6362, www.snovalley.org
Visitors Information Center: 250 Bendigo Blvd S., 98045, (425) 292-0260
Post Office: 451 E North Bend Way, (425) 831-7020
Library: 115 E. 4th St, (425) 888-0554
School District: Snoqualmie Valley School Dist. No. 410, (425) 831-8000
Utilities: Gas: PSE, (888) 225-5773.
Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773
Tanner Electric, (425) 888-0623
Water/Sewer: City of North Bend, (425) 888-1211
Water: Sallal, (425) 888-3650
Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 244-1111
Refuse Collection and Recycling: Republic Services, (425) 392-6651
Typical Tax Rate: \$12.32/\$1,000 assessed valuation
Median Household Income: \$90,395
Average Rent: 2bd \$1,850
Median Prices: Homes \$551,095; Condos \$300,000
Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle=33 mins/30 mi. Bellevue=28 mins/24 mi.

REDMOND

From its early days as a small logging community, Redmond has evolved into a thriving center of business and community life. Home to nationally and internationally recognized companies including Microsoft, Nintendo, Genie Industries, AT&T and SpaceX. Redmond's healthy economic base attracts workers from all around Greater Seattle.

Housing options here are diverse and new construction is common. Many of the city's ten neighborhoods, like the Viewpoint neighborhood, sit on forested hills with lake and mountain views. Schools are in the Lake Washington School District, featuring strong academics and athletics.

Other neighborhoods include Overlake, where Microsoft is located, and Willows/Rose Hill, home to DigiPen Institute of Technology. These high-tech centers are the site of increasing commercial and residential development. Downtown neighborhood projects, planned and underway, bring a vibrant mix of business, residential and open space. Also downtown, Redmond Town Center offers shopping, dining, entertainment and lodging, and hosts the popular Redmond Saturday Market from May through October.

Redmond has dozens of parks and an extensive trail system for hiking, biking, horseback riding and even skating. Cultural attractions include the VALA Art Center and also the SecondStory Repertory Theatre at Redmond Town Center.

REDMOND STATISTICS

Population: 62,110
City Hall: 15670 NE 85th St, (425) 556-2900, www.redmond.gov
OneRedmond (Economic Development): 8383 158th Ave NE, Ste 225, (425) 885-4014, www.oneredmond.org
Post Office: 7241 185th Ave NE, (800) 275-8777, (425) 885-0207
Library: 15990 NE 85th St, (425) 885-1861
School District: Lake Washington School Dist. No. 414, (425) 702-3200
Utilities: Gas/Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773
Water/Sewer: City of Redmond, (425) 556-2152
Telephone: Frontier, (877) 462-8188
Refuse Collection: Waste Management, (425) 814-9240
Typical Tax Rate: \$9.97/\$1,000 assessed valuation
Median Household Income: \$107,341

Average Rent: 2bd \$2,050
Median Prices: Homes \$885,000; Condos \$447,180
Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle=21 mins/15 mi. Bellevue=10 mins/8 mi.

SAMMAMISH

Nestled on a forested plateau between Issaquah and Redmond, is the city of Sammamish. Since incorporating in 1999, Sammamish has followed its vision: To be a community of families that values a small town atmosphere and a suburban character. If you spend a little time in this city on the eastern shore of beautiful Lake Sammamish, you'll see that this vision is right on track.

In 2018, Sammamish was named the Safest City in Washington by the National Council For Home Safety and Security. Tree-lined streets in well-groomed neighborhoods make it an ideal community for families. Residential neighborhoods of all kinds, including the upscale, gated community of Sahalee, are located around Sammamish. "The Plateau," as it is commonly referred to, is developing at a dizzying pace as its popularity and land value increases. A variety of stores, restaurants, and services are available within the city, but Sammamish is also located within easy commuting and shopping distance to Bellevue, Redmond, and Seattle.

Children are well served by three distinguished school districts and have a broad array of trails, sports fields, parks and other recreational amenities at their disposal. And there's no shortage of fun events in these public places. Pine Lake Park is home to a summer concert series, Sammamish Commons Park hosts the July 4th Celebration and a farmers market, and Beaver Lake Park's Halloween Event is always a hit. The Parks & Recreation Department and various private entities also provide an array of youth activities. Recreational options for all ages include fishing, swimming, boating and golf. Sahalee Country Club, one of America's top 100 courses, hosted the 2016 KPMG Women's PGA Championship.

SAMMAMISH STATISTICS

Population: 62,240
City Hall: 801 228th Ave SE, 98075, (425) 295-0500, www.sammamish.us
Chamber of Commerce: 704 228th Ave NE, #123, 98074, (425) 681-4910, www.sammamishchamber.org

Library: 825 228th Ave SE, (425) 392-3130
School Districts: Lake Washington School Dist., (425) 702-3200. Issaquah School Dist., (425) 837-7000. Snoqualmie Valley School Dist., (425) 831-8000
Utilities: Gas/Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773, (425) 455-5120
Water/Sewer: Sammamish Plateau Water & Sewer, (425) 392-6256. NE Sammamish Water & Sewer, (425) 868-1144
Telephone: Frontier, (877) 462-8188
Refuse Collection: Republic Services, (425) 392-6651. SnoKing Waste Management, (425) 814-9240
Typical Tax Rate: \$10.90/\$1,000 assessed valuation
Median Household Income: \$153,253
Average Rent: 2bd \$2,225
Median Prices: Homes \$955,000; Condos \$425,000
Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle=25 mins/18 mi. Bellevue=16 mins/10 mi.

SNOQUALMIE

Snoqualmie, located 25 miles east of Seattle in the Mountains to Sound Greenway, is best known for Snoqualmie Falls, a spectacular 268-foot waterfall. Snoqualmie is also Home of the Boeing Classic PGA Champions Tour. In addition, fans of the show "Twin Peaks" come from around the world to Snoqualmie to visit landmark locations in the fictional town of Twin Peaks.

Snoqualmie residents enjoy a high quality of life in a beautiful location. In serving a young community (35% of residents are 18 and younger) as well as welcoming more than 2 million visitors a year, the City offers more than 30 miles of walking, hiking, and biking trails; 41 parks with playgrounds, athletic fields, sport, and tennis courts; and special event venues. Community events include Historic Snoqualmie Art & Wine Walks, Movies & Music in the Park, Snoqualmie Railroad Days, a Tree Lighting Festival with skating, and many more.

The City's railroad town origins are preserved at the Northwest Railway Museum and Railroad Education Center. The museum, the largest of its kind in the state, is housed in a restored Victorian Depot where train rides are offered on weekends from April through October. An example of the City's logging history is displayed at the Centennial Log Pavilion, site of an old-growth Douglas fir log sheltered beneath a preserved Weyerhaeuser Mill building.



Woodinville has become a mecca for wine lovers

Snoqualmie offers a wide range of dining options, unique shops, professional and health services of all types, a local hospital, a library, and great neighborhoods, such as Historic Snoqualmie, Snoqualmie Ridge, and Kimball Creek. Local schools are part of the award-winning Snoqualmie Valley School District, ranked 4th in the State based on reading and math test data in 2017. Snoqualmie also boasts excellent public safety services. In 2017, the National Council for Home Safety and Security named Snoqualmie among the Top Ten Safest Cities in Washington State.

SNOQUALMIE STATISTICS

Population: 13,427
City Hall: 38624 SE River St, PO Box 987, 98065. (425) 888-1555, www.cityofsnoqualmie.org
Chamber of Commerce: 8086 Railroad Ave SE, PO Box 357, North Bend, 98045, (425) 888-6362, www.snowalley.org
Post Office: 8264 Olmstead Lane SE, (425) 888-4317
Library: 7824 Center Blvd SE, (425) 888-1223
School District: Snoqualmie Valley School Dist. No. 410, (425) 831-8000
Utilities: Gas/Electric: PSE, (888) 225-5773
Water/Sewer: City of Snoqualmie, (425) 888-1555
Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 201-4099
Refuse Collection: Waste Management, (800) 592-9995

Typical Tax Rate: \$12.93/\$1,000 assessed valuation
Median Household Income: \$131,453
Average Rent: 2bd \$2,100
Median Prices: Homes \$708,702; Condos \$417,100
Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle=35 mins/28 mi. Bellevue=30 mins/23 mi.

WOODINVILLE

Located 30 minutes northeast of Seattle, in the heart of the Sammamish River Valley, Woodinville is not only a premier tourist destination but also a highly liveable community with a rich history, natural environment and economic vibrancy.

When it comes to housing, there's something for everyone—family-friendly established neighborhoods, urban-style mixed-use apartment communities, and tranquil, wooded neighborhoods like those just uphill from the city's growing downtown.

Compact and functional, Woodinville's downtown offers retail, personal services, a seasonal Farmers Market, and the destination nursery, Molbak's Garden + Home. At the edge of downtown are a sports field complex and a community center that hosts programs, activities and events. The nearby Sammamish River Trail, a first class, paved bike and pedestrian path, leads all the way to Seattle and Sammamish. Trail access is available at both Wilmot Gateway and Woodin Creek Parks.

Varied recreational amenities score big with residents, as do quality schools (Woodinville is served by the highly rated Northshore School District), and proximity to major regional employers.

Woodinville's placement is also the perfect junction between the vineyards east of the Cascades and the populace of Puget Sound. Thus, Woodinville is home to over 100 wineries and tasting rooms, including world-class wineries Chateau Ste. Michelle and Columbia. A thriving micro-brewery, distillery, and cider community is found here as well. Woodinville's Warehouse, West Valley and Hollywood Districts both house a bevy of tasting rooms. Fantastic dining venues also abound, including The Herbfarm, Purple Café & Winebar, The Commons, and the Hollywood Tavern.

Food, drink, music and fun are all highlighted at Woodinville's annual events. Topping the list are Chateau Ste. Michelle's renowned summer concert series and the Celebrate Woodinville Concerts & Festival.

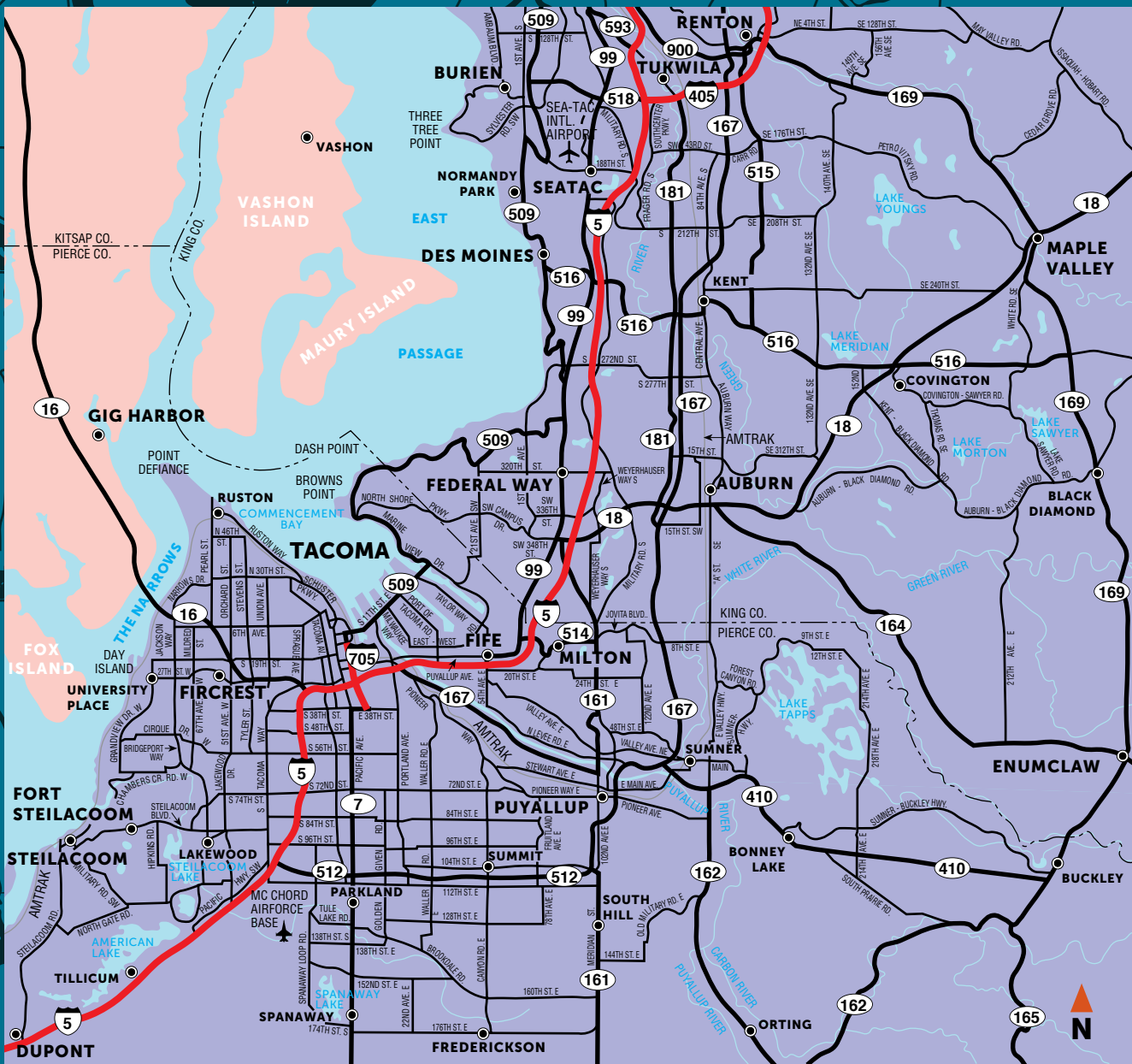
Simply put, there's a lot to love about Woodinville's quality of life!

WOODINVILLE STATISTICS

Population: 11,660
City Hall: 17301 133rd Ave NE, 98072, (425) 489-2700, www.ci.woodinville.wa.us
Chamber of Commerce: 14700 148th Ave NE, 98072, (425) 481-8300, www.woodinvillechamber.org
Post Office: 17610 Woodinville-Snohomish Rd NE, (800) 275-8777, (425) 487-0995
School District: Northshore School Dist. No. 417, (425) 408-6000
Library: 17105 Avondale Rd NE, (425) 788-0733
Utilities: Gas/Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773
Telephone: Frontier, (877) 462-8188
Water: Woodinville Water Dist., (425) 487-4100.
 Alderwood Water Dist., (425) 743-4605
Refuse Disposal: Waste Management, (800) 592-9995
Typical Tax Rate: \$11.13/\$1,000 assessed valuation
Median Household Income: \$106,341
Average Rent: 2bd \$1,950
Median Prices: Homes \$752,500; Condos \$300,000
Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle=30 mins/20 mi. Bellevue=17 mins/12 mi.

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South



Living South

Pierce County is located south of Seattle and King County. Rising from the shores of South Puget Sound to the summit of Mount Rainier, it covers 1,794 square miles—217 miles of which are saltwater shoreline. From Mount Rainier’s densely forested foothills, to the fertile Puyallup River Valley, to the deep-water port on Commencement Bay, Pierce County offers diverse economic, cultural, recreational and living opportunities.

During WWI, Fort Lewis Army Base was established just south of Tacoma. In 1935, McChord Air Force Base was added nearby. Today, US Joint Base Lewis-McChord is the County’s largest employer. Other important industries include agriculture, government service, healthcare, international shipping, manufacturing, wood products, and wholesale and retail trade.

Development centers mainly around the I-5 corridor, the Port of Tacoma and the county’s western half where most major population centers are located. The County’s eastern half contains quiet agricultural and logging communities that, while still rural and full of country charm and appeal, are experiencing a boom of housing, retail and light manufacturing development.

AUBURN

The City of Auburn is centrally located between Seattle and Tacoma and sits as a gateway to Mt. Rainier. Auburn is home to the largest outlet mall in the Pacific Northwest, comfortable hotels, exciting entertainment and nightlife, a historic downtown, outstanding performing arts and concert venues, first class thoroughbred horseracing, and top ranked golf courses. Auburn is the perfect place to work, play or spend a lifetime—a place where you can establish a real sense of community.

Auburn’s unique historic downtown reflects a combination of distinctive architecture, historic preservation and ongoing renovations that not only retain the look and feel of a real downtown, but also provides a lively gathering place for numerous events. Most notably, the annual Veterans Day Parade and Observance. After 50 years



Paddling off Burien under the shadow of Mount Rainier

it has grown into the largest event of its kind on the west coast.

Indoors and outdoors, there is something for everyone. Auburn has an extensive system of parks, open space and over 23 miles of urban trails for bikers, walkers, runners and skaters. Local parks host numerous free, family-friendly festivals that are popular throughout the region like Auburn’s KidsDay, the 4th of July Festival, and Petpalooza, as well as outdoor summer concerts, movies, and cultural performances.

The 1,100 seat Auburn Performing Arts Center offers an array of world-class programming and is home to the Auburn Symphony Orchestra and the Auburn Arts Commission’s BRAVO Performing Arts series.

AUBURN STATISTICS

Population: 78,960
City Hall: 25 W Main St, 98001, (253) 931-3000, www.auburnwa.gov
Chamber of Commerce: 25 2nd Street NW, 98001, (253) 833-0700, www.auburnareawa.org
Post Office: 11 3rd St NW, 98002, (253) 333-1377
Libraries: 1102 Auburn Way S, (253) 931-3018, 39917 Auburn-Enumclaw Rd SE, (253) 931-6779

School District: Auburn School Dist. No. 408, (253) 931-4900, www.auburn.wednet.edu

Utilities: Gas/Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773

Water/Sewer: City of Auburn, (253) 931-3038

Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 244-1111

Refuse/Recycling: Republic Services, (800) 322-8709. Waste Management, (800) 592-9995

Average Tax Rate: Pierce County—\$14.35/\$1,000 assessed valuation. King County—\$14.68/\$1,000 assessed valuation

Median Household Income: \$60,262

Average Rent: 2bd \$1,425

Median Prices: Homes \$385,000;

Condos \$228,790

Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle=32 mins/28 mi. Bellevue=30 mins/25 mi.

BLACK DIAMOND

Named after the natural resources that spurred its development in the late 1800’s, this historic community is located at the base of the Cascade foothills in south-east King County. For many, the relaxed and rural lifestyle of Black Diamond provides a welcomed relief from the hectic pace of urban life. The City’s vision for the future seeks to retain this rural character while accommodating new housing and employment opportunities. Residents take pride in their growing community—its

school, library, police and fire departments. Ten Trails an exciting new master planned community being built in phases, will add up to 6,000 residences when completed.

Black Diamond has one of the nation's finest historical museums dedicated to the history of coal mining. The community celebrates this heritage in two annual events. Black Diamond Miner's Days, the second Saturday of July, has a 5K Fun Run, local artists and merchant booths, a vintage fashion show, old time music, and live Train Robbery re-enactments. In September, the weekend long Black Diamond Labor Day Celebration spotlights traditional, old-fashioned fun. Wheelbarrow, three legged, and gunny sack races are perennial favorites. A parade, arts & craft booths, live entertainment and free family-friendly activities round out the 100+ year old event. Year round recreation ranges from bicycling on quiet roads to fishing, sailing and skiing on Lake Sawyer, the county's fourth largest recreational lake.

BLACK DIAMOND STATISTICS

Population: 4,338
City Hall: 24301 Roberts Dr., Ste. B, PO Box 599, 98010, (360) 886-5700, www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us
Chamber of Commerce: Maple Valley/Black Diamond Chamber of Commerce, 23745 225th Way SE, Ste 205, Maple Valley, (425) 432-0222, www.blackdiamondchamber.org
Library: 24707 Roberts Dr, (360) 886-1105
Post Office: 25228 Baker St, (360) 886-9429
School District: Enumclaw School Dist., (360) 802-7100
Utilities: Gas/Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773
Water/Sewer: City of Black Diamond, (360) 886-5700. Lake Sawyer Area—Covington Water Dist., (253) 631-0565. Soos Creek Water & Sewer, (253) 630-9900
Telephone: CenturyLink, (877) 417-3983
Refuse Collection: Republic Services, (206) 682-9735
Typical Tax Rate: \$11.43/\$1,000 assessed valuation
Median Household Income: \$76,763

Average Rent: 2bd \$2,200
Median Prices: Homes \$463,507
Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle=55 mins/33 mi. Bellevue=50 mins/28 mi.

BURIEN

With a thriving downtown core—featuring boutique retail as well as various ethnic markets and restaurants that attract diners from across the region—Burien is recognized as one of Puget Sound's hottest up-and-coming cities.

Burien is a waterfront community with six miles of Puget Sound shoreline and expansive mountain views. Residents take pride in their neighborhoods, actively preserving saltwater accesses and protecting the appearance of their streets and public spaces. Housing choices include ramblers, starter homes, elegant high-end homes, condominiums, and apartments of all sizes, including senior apartments.

Burien's convenient hub location provides great connections. Seattle is only

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South

17 minutes north, Sea-Tac Airport is five minutes east, and in 30 minutes you can drive south to Tacoma or east to Bellevue. A centrally-located transit center provides even further connections. This hub location means that jobs and entertainment are convenient, the parking problems are elsewhere, and residents have more time to enjoy their neighborhoods.

Community celebrations and award-winning parks generate year-round activity including live theater, summertime Farmers Markets and concerts, monthly Art Walks, and a large Independence Day Parade. Several annual Festivals are held, among which the Strawberry & Arts Festival in June is a favorite. Drop by the crown jewel of Burien's park system—Seahurst Park and beach trail—a place where preserving both the environment and public access has yielded breathtaking results.

BURIEN STATISTICS

Population: 50,680

City Hall: 400 SW 152nd, Ste 300, 98166, (206) 241-4647, www.burienwa.gov

Chamber of Commerce: Seattle Southside Chamber, 14220 Interurban Ave S, Ste. 134, Tukwila 98168, (206) 575-1633, www.seattlesouthsidechamber.com

Post Offices: 609 SW 150th St, (206) 248-8647. 2116 SW 152nd St, (206) 244-6947

Library: 400 SW 152nd St, (206) 243-3490

School District: Highline School Dist. No. 401, (206) 631-3000

Utilities: Gas: PSE, (888) 225-5773

Electricity: Seattle City Light, (206) 684-3000. PSE, (888) 225-5773

Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 244-1111

Water: King County Water Dist. 20, (206) 243-3990. Dist. 49, (206) 242-8535.

Highline Water Dist., (206) 824-0375.

Water Dist. 125, (206) 242-9547

Sewer: SW Suburban Sewer Dist., (206) 244-9575. Midway Sewer Dist., (206) 824-4960. ValVue Sewer Dist., (206) 242-3236

Refuse Collection: Recology CleanScapes, (206) 767-3322

Typical Tax Rate: \$13.70/\$1,000 assessed valuation

Median Household Income: \$54,546

Average Rent: 2bd \$1,550

Median Prices: Homes \$450,000; Condos \$188,000

Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle=17 mins/12 mi. Bellevue=23 mins/18 mi.

COVINGTON

Set in an idyllic Northwest landscape just 40 minutes out of Seattle, Covington offers small community attributes with big city amenities. As the gateway to southeastern King County, Covington is rich with engaged citizens, new young families, good schools, quality businesses, a new multi-specialty medical center, strong leaders and safe neighborhoods—all key in making it a wonderful place to live. As the city says, Covington is "Growing Toward Greatness!"

Not only is Covington a great place to live and work, but it is also a desirable community for businesses. Covington's expanding downtown is populated with well-known restaurants like Applebee's, Red Robin, and Chick-fil-A and national retailers like Costco, Home Depot, Fred Meyer, Walmart, and Kohl's. These businesses thrive alongside locally owned, long-time Covington businesses, as well as new businesses of all kinds that continue to locate here.

From its location at the intersection of Hwy 18 and SR 516, recreational opportunities like skiing, hiking, and camping are just a short drive away. Closer to home, Covington's growing park system and award-winning aquatics center offer activities for all ages. Family-friendly events include the Annual Covington Days Festival on the third weekend in July, Kids-Fest on the second Saturday in August, a Summer Concert Series and Outdoor Family Movie Night, the regionally known Sausage and Cider Fest on the third Saturday in August, and the Covington Community Tree Lighting Event the first Saturday in December.

COVINGTON STATISTICS

Population: 19,850

City Hall: 16720 SE 271st St, Ste 100, 98042, (253) 480-2400, www.covingtonwa.gov

Chamber of Commerce: PO Box 8041, 98042, (253) 329-0999,

www.covingtonchamber.org

Post Office: 17300 SE 270th Pl, (253) 639-6833

Library: 27100 164th Ave SE, (253) 630-8761

School District: Kent School Dist. No. 415, (253) 373-7000

Utilities: Gas/Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773

Water: Covington Water Dist., (253) 631-0565. King County Water Dist. #111, (253) 631-3770

Sewer: Soos Creek Water & Sewer Dist., (253) 630-9900

Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 475-7526

Refuse Collection: Republic Services, (253) 872-7220

Typical Tax Rate: \$11.67/\$1,000 assessed valuation

Median Household Income: \$88,806

Average Rent: 2bd \$1,550

Median Prices: Homes \$382,500; Condos \$303,000

Est. Travel Time/Distance To:

Seattle=39 mins/27 mi.

Bellevue=38 mins/27 mi.

Tacoma=24mins/22 mi.

DES MOINES

Des Moines is situated on Puget Sound between Seattle and Tacoma. Its western border consists of six miles of shoreline—and residents enjoy every mile. From the Des Moines Beach Park Historic District southward to Saltwater State Park and Redondo Park, the waterfront is full of public beaches, natural areas, scenic lookouts, and endless recreational opportunities. Mid-shoreline is a 900 slip, full service marina, complete with fishing pier, boardwalk, nearby shops and eateries, and a Farmers Market held Saturdays, June through September.

A second commercial district, along Pacific Highway South, provides a variety of retail stores, lodging, offices, and light industry, which includes the Des Moines Creek Business Park, home to the Federal Aviation Administration's regional headquarters, Greencore, K2 Sports and Partners Crackers. The city is also home to Highline College and a Central Washington University satellite campus.

Des Moines' lovely neighborhoods offer numerous housing options from affordable apartments and senior housing to high-end waterfront estates.

Annual celebrations include the Poverty Bay Wine Festival in March, July 4th Fireworks Over Des Moines, Poverty Bay Brews & Blues in August and the Des Moines Legacy Foundation Poverty Bay Arts Gala in September. Special summer events like the Waterland Festival and Parade, outdoor concerts and car & wooden boat shows add to the fun. For the latest waterfront activities and attractions, www.tothebeachwa.com or www.desmoineswa.gov.

DES MOINES STATISTICS

Population: 30,860
City Hall: 21630 11th Ave S, (206) 878-4595, www.desmoineswa.gov
Chambers of Commerce: Seattle Southside Chamber of Commerce, 14220 Interurban Ave S, Ste. 134, Tukwila 98168, (206) 575-1633, www.seattlesouthsidechamber.com
 Seattle Southside Regional Tourism Authority: 3100 S 176th St., Seattle 98188, (206) 575-2489, www.seattlesouthside.com
Post Office: 2003 S 216th St, (206) 824-3647
Libraries: 21620 11th Ave S, (206) 824-6066, 26809 Pacific Hwy S, (253) 839-0121
School Districts: Highline School Dist. No. 401, (206) 631-3000. Federal Way School Dist., (253) 945-2000
Utilities: Gas/Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773
Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 244-1111
Water: Highline Water, (206) 824-0375. Water Dist. 54, (206) 878-7210. Lakehaven Utility Dist., (253) 941-1516
Sewer: Midway Sewer Dist., (206) 824-4960. SW Suburban Sewer Dist., (206) 244-9575
Refuse Collection: Recology CleanScapes, (206) 762-4900
Typical Tax Rate: \$14.13/\$1,000 assessed valuation
Median Household Income: \$60,898
Average Rent: 2bd \$1,500
Median Prices: Homes \$392,500; Condos \$212,475
Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle= 25 mins/15 mi. Bellevue=29 mins/20 mi.

ENUMCLAW

Mt. Rainier stands majestically over Enumclaw, an iconic and familiar landmark. Enumclaw's location makes it the perfect gateway for fun in the mountains and an ideal base-camp for year-round outdoor recreation.

Enumclaw is also a bustling center of business for the surrounding agricultural communities, offering a variety of services, retail, and dining options (including many charming shops and restaurants along historic Cole Street). Home to an avid equestrian community, Enumclaw is filled with breeding farms, horse show venues, and training and boarding facilities.

Despite growth, Enumclaw's traditional, small-town character remains - exemplified in friendly, safe neighborhoods, quality schools and community involvement by residents and local civic groups.

The city has a golf course, an aquatic center, and senior and youth centers.

Cultural offerings include performing arts series, theater and vocal groups, and summer concerts in the park. The Enumclaw Street Fair (with 3-on-3 basketball tournament and 5K), the 4th of July Parade, Enumclaw's King County Fair, and the Scottish Highland Games all take place in July. Other annual events include the Wine and Chocolate Festival, Mutual of Enumclaw Stage Race, the Whistle Stop Art Show, Stratocruiser's Car Show, and the Christmas Parade.

ENUMCLAW STATISTICS

Population: 11,450
City Hall: 1339 Griffin Ave, 98022, (360) 825-3591, www.cityofenumclaw.net
Chamber of Commerce: 1421 Cole St, 98022, (360) 825-7666, www.enumclawchamber.com
Post Office: 1742 Cole St, (360) 825-8325
Library: 1700 1st St, (360) 825-2045
School District: Enumclaw School Dist., (360) 802-7100
Utilities: Gas: City of Enumclaw, (360) 825-3591
Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773
Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 244-1111
Water/Sewer: City of Enumclaw, (360) 825-3591
Refuse Collection: City of Enumclaw, (360) 825-3591.
Typical Tax Rate: \$12.25/\$1,000 assessed valuation
Median Household Income: \$55,644
Average Rent: 2bd \$1,250
Median Prices: Homes \$369,975; Condos \$211,700
Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle= 52 mins/42 mi. Bellevue=51 mins/39 mi.

FEDERAL WAY

The city of Federal Way is on a plateau between Puget Sound and the Green River Valley, with outstanding Sound views. Located 23 miles south of Seattle and eight miles north of Tacoma, Federal Way is home to over 2,600 businesses including the U.S. headquarters of World Vision. The new Performing Arts & Event Center features a two tiered theatre, expansive Mt. Rainier views and an outdoor public plaza. Federal Way has dozens of parks to enjoy, providing ample recreational activities for residents and visitors alike. Eighty three acre Celebration Park hosts annual soccer and softball tournaments and Dash Point State Park is popular for picnics and

camping. Federal Way is also home to Wild Waves, Washington's only Water and Amusement Park.

FEDERAL WAY STATISTICS

Population: 96,350
City Hall: 33325 8th Ave S, 98003, (253) 835-7000, www.cityoffederalway.com
Chamber of Commerce: 31919 1st Ave S, Ste 202, (253) 838-2605, www.federalwaychamber.com
Post Office: 32829 Pacific Hwy S, (253) 924-1692
Libraries: 34200 1st Way S, (253) 838-3668, 848 S 320th St, (253) 839-0257
School District: Federal Way School Dist. No.210, (253) 945-2000
Utilities: Gas/Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773
Water/Sewer: Lakehaven Utility Dist., (253) 941-1516
Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 244-1111
Refuse Collection: Waste Management, (253) 833-3333
Typical Tax Rate: \$13.94/\$1,000 assessed valuation
Median Household Income: \$58,855
Average Rent: 2bd \$1,425
Median Prices: Homes \$365,000; Condos \$170,000
Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle= 26 mins/23 mi. Bellevue=31 mins/25 mi.

FIFE

Fife offers a small-town feel with big-city ideas. Fife has grown into an accessible business hub – linking people, cities, jobs and attractions. Located along Interstate 5 with close proximity to Tacoma, Sea-Tac International Airport and the Port of Tacoma, Fife is a center of industry and commerce in the Puget Sound. Major employers include well known companies like Milgard Corporation, Comcast Cable Services, United Parcel Services, Mission Foods and many others.

With a population of just over 10,000, a thriving business environment, open space, vibrant parks, outdoor public art, close-knit neighborhoods and great schools, Fife is an ideal place for families. There is a good balance between single family and multi-family developments, with both housing styles available. The City's well-maintained parks offer walking trails, picnic shelters, playgrounds, basketball and volleyball courts, skate parks, baseball fields, and more. There is no shortage

South

of family-friendly events in Fife and it is located just minutes from Tacoma's renowned museum district. And, Mount Rainier really is as close as it looks!

FIFE STATISTICS

Population: 10,100

City Hall: 5411 23rd St E, 98424,

(253) 922-2489, www.cityoffife.org

Chamber of Commerce: 2018 54th Ave E,

(253) 922-9320, www.fmechamber.org

Library: 6622 20th St E, (253) 548-3323

School Districts: Fife School Dist. No. 417,

(253) 517-1000. Puyallup School Dist. No. 3,

(253) 841-1301

Utilities: Gas/Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773.

Tacoma Public Utilities, (253) 502-8600

Water/Sewer: City of Fife, (253) 922-9623

Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 244-1111.

Refuse Collection: Murrey's Disposal Co.,

(253) 414-0345

Average Tax Rate: \$12.29/\$1,000

assessed valuation

Median Household Income: \$56,871

Average Rent: 2bd \$1,375

Median Prices: Homes \$325,000;

Condos \$227,375

Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle=

32 mins/29 mi. Bellevue=36 mins/31 mi.

KENT

Kent is the sixth largest city in Washington State; yet, there is a welcoming hometown feel. Here, captivating neighborhoods offer a variety of housing options and residents are served by exceptional school districts and nationally accredited police and fire departments. Kent's extensive park and trail network rivals much bigger cities. A culturally rich community, 138 world languages are spoken here and the city's diverse shops, restaurants, and services reflect the global influences of the population.

Kent's roots as a farming community run deep, and food production is still a major component of the local economy. But today, Kent is better known for aerospace and high tech manufacturing. The city is also part of the fourth largest warehousing and distribution center in the nation.

Kent's central location in the metropolitan area keeps the city well connected. Sounder rail service from Kent stretches to Everett through Seattle to Tacoma. Kent is only minutes away from one of the nation's busiest airports and two seaports, and three miles from Interstate 5. Both the



Kent Station Transit Center and the Town Square Plaza

Union Pacific and Burlington Northern railroads run through the City.

This connectivity is not only a plus for residents, but is a boon to businesses as well. Kent is home to over 8,000 firms and approximately 78,000 jobs. Kent's \$8 billion gross business income is the highest among its peer cities in South King County.

The city is undergoing a dramatic transformation as residential development is built alongside an historic downtown with an adjacent lifestyle center offering both old and new in one exciting place. Downtown Kent is the center of government for South King County. It is also home to ShoWare Center, a multipurpose arena that is the perfect venue to watch hockey, concerts, and enjoy special events.

KENT STATISTICS

Population: 127,100

City Hall: 220 4th Ave S, (253) 856-5200,

www.kentwa.gov

Chambers of Commerce: 524 W Meeker St,

Ste 1, 98032, (253) 854-1770,

www.kentchamber.com

Post Offices: 10612 SE 240th St, (253) 852-

1080. 216 W Gowe St, (800) ASK-USPS

Library: 212 2nd Ave N, (253) 859-3330

School District: Kent School Dist. No. 415,

(253) 373-7000

Utilities: Gas/Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773

Water/Sewer: City of Kent, (253) 856-5201.

Soos Creek Water & Sewer, (253) 630-9900.

Water Dist. 111, (253) 631-3770

Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 244-1111

Refuse Collection: Republic Services,

(206) 682-9735

Typical Tax Rate: \$12.41/\$1,000

assessed valuation

Median Household Income: \$61,033

Average Rent: 2bd \$1,450

Median Prices: Homes \$400,000;

Condos \$240,000

Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle=25

mins/20 mi. Bellevue=24 mins/19 mi.

MAPLE VALLEY

In only two decades, Maple Valley has grown from a population of around 2,000 to one of nearly 25,000. This appealing city is definitely attracting new residents and young, professional families in particular are making the move.

What are the draws? Families appreciate the quality education provided by the Tahoma School District, where test scores indicate that Tahoma students are among the state's top 5 percent, on average. A Business Watch program and neighborhood Block-Watch programs have helped to foster vibrant neighborhoods and a low crime rate. The city boasts unprecedented community volunteerism supported by a number of active service organizations such as the Maple Valley Rotary Club. In 2017, Maple Valley became a Purple Heart City in gratitude for the military service and sacrifice of its citizens both past and present. Maple Valley's location within easy commuting distance to employment in nearby cities is also a plus. Access to State Routes 18, 169, and 516 provide portals to all the Puget Sound region has to offer.

Maple Valley also rates high for recreation, enjoying access to three lakes, a golf course, and miles of trails for hiking, biking, and walking. Once complete, the new, 11-mile Green to Cedar Rivers Regional Trail will add a north to south connection, passing near Lake Wilderness. Lake Wilderness Park, with lots of prime shoreline on Lake Wilderness, offers a variety of amenities. It is also home to the annual Hooked on Fishing Opening Day Trout Derby, Independence Day Celebration & Fireworks Show, Maple Valley Days, and the outdoor summer movie & concerts in the park. The Historic Lake Wilderness Lodge and the Maple Valley Library, both AIA National Honor Award Recipients, are architectural gems. Adjacent to Lake Wilderness

Park, Lake Wilderness Arboretum features one of the world's largest collections of Western Azalea and Fuchsia. The nearby Greater Maple Valley Community Center offers services and programs for all ages.

This unique quality of life assures residential and business growth as more and more people discover that Maple Valley is a great place to call home!

MAPLE VALLEY STATISTICS

Population: 24,900

City Hall: 22017 SE Wax Rd, Ste 200

Mail: PO Box 320, 98038, (425) 413-8800, www.maplevalleywa.gov

Maple Valley/Black Diamond Chamber of Commerce: 23745 225th Way SE, Ste 205, Maple Valley, 98038, (425) 432-0222, www.maplevalleychamber.org

Post Office: 22023 SE Wax Rd, (800) 275-8777, (425) 432-4174

Library: 21844 SE 248th St, (425) 432-4620

School District: Tahoma School Dist. No. 409, (425) 413-3400

Utilities: Electricity/Gas: PSE, (888) 225-5773

Water: Covington Water Dist., (253) 631-0565 Cedar River Water & Sewer Dist., (425) 255-6370

Sewer: Soos Creek Water & Sewer Dist., (253) 630-9900

Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 244-1111

Refuse Collection: Recology CleanScapes, (425) 413-1555. Republic, (206) 682-9735

Typical Tax Rate: \$13.15/\$1,000 assessed valuation

Median Household Income: \$98,925

Average Rent: 2bd \$1,700

Median Prices: Homes \$460,000; Condos \$323,750

Est. Travel Time/Distance To:

Seattle=40 mins/ 26 mi.

Bellevue=30 mins/20 mi.

NORMANDY PARK

Normandy Park is known for its breath-taking water views, lush forests, abundant parks and peaceful neighborhoods. Located minutes from SeaTac Airport and with easy access to major freeways, the city is home to approximately 6,600 residents and covers an area of about 2.5 square miles, much of it hugging the shores of Puget Sound. With over 100 acres of parkland, the community places its highest priorities on maintaining and enhancing its quiet pedestrian-friendly setting and providing a healthy and safe

environment in which residents can raise their families. While primarily residential, the city has two main retail areas, Normandy Park Towne Center and Manhattan Village.

NORMANDY PARK STATISTICS

Population: 6,595

City Hall: 801 SW 174th St, 98166, (206) 248-7603, www.normandyparkwa.gov

School District: Highline School Dist., (206) 631-3000

Utilities: Gas: PSE, (888) 225-5773

Electricity: Seattle City Light, (206) 684-3000. PSE, (888) 225-5773

Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 244-1111

Water: King County Water Dist. 49, (206) 242-8535. Dist. 54, (206) 878-7210.

Highline Water Dist., (206) 824-0375

Sewer: SW Suburban Sewer Dist., (206) 244-9575. Midway Sewer Dist., (206) 824-4960

Refuse Collection: Republic Services, (206) 682-9735

Typical Tax Rate: \$14.42/\$1,000 assessed valuation

Median Household Income: \$89,425

Average Rent: 2bd \$1,550

Median Prices: Homes \$630,000; Condos \$295,000

Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle=23 mins/14 mi. Bellevue=28 mins/21 mi.

PUYALLUP

Puyallup, home of the Washington State Fair since 1900, is also East Pierce County's regional hub for retail and medical services. Located ten miles east of Tacoma, it is easily accessible from Interstate 5 via State Routes 161, 512, and 167.

Walkable downtown streets feature quaint shops, restaurants, and an outdoor sculpture gallery that rivals collections in much larger cities. Pioneer Park hosts the county's biggest Farmer's Market from April to October, as well as outdoor concerts during summer months. Along with unique, independent retailers, historic downtown Puyallup also boasts a modern civic center that is home to city hall, a bustling senior center, the public library, and a Sound Transit Station where Sounder trains provide easy weekday commutes to Seattle, Tacoma and Lakewood.

Expanding retail, housing and business sectors on Puyallup's South Hill and in the unincorporated neighborhoods just south of the city limits are a magnet

for young families. Pierce College, South Hill Mall, and popular parks such as DeCoursey, Bradley Lake and Wildwood are found here.

In the valley, Puyallup's scenic Riverwalk Trail continues to evolve and will soon meet Pierce County's Foothills Trail to connect the larger regional trail system. For a map, visit the city's website.

Visitors to Puyallup enjoy the Meeker Mansion, the Downtown Valley Arts Tour, the Antique District, and various annual events. April's Spring Fair and Daffodil Parade are followed in June by the Meeker Days Festival, the county's largest street fair. Each September the State Fair (one of the top ten fairs in the nation), welcomes over a million visitors for top-name concerts, thrilling rides, juried competitions, and a celebration of the city's agricultural heritage. Other festive fall events include the Art and Wine Walk, the Festival of Books, and Oktoberfest Northwest. The Lighted Santa Parade is on the first Saturday in December.

PUYALLUP STATISTICS

Population: 40,500

City Hall: 333 S. Meridian, 98371, (253) 841-4321, www.cityofpuyallup.org

Chamber of Commerce: 323 N Meridan, PO Box 1298, (253) 845-6755, www.puyallupsummerchamber.com

Post Office: 204 2nd St SW, (253) 435-5146

Library: 324 S Meridian, (253) 841-5454

School District: Puyallup School Dist. No. 3, (253) 841-1301

Utilities: Gas/Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773,

Water/Sewer: City of Puyallup, (253) 841-5505

Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 244-1111

Refuse Collection: D.M. Disposal, (253) 845-6955

Typical Tax Rate: \$12.96/\$1,000 assessed valuation

Median Household Income: \$64,342

Average Rent: 2bd \$1,400

Median Prices: Homes \$325,000;

Condos \$185,000

Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle=41 mins/36 mi. Bellevue=40 mins/33 mi.

RENTON

This city on Lake Washington's southern shore offers an abundance of natural beauty, from spectacular views of the Olympics, the Cascades and Mount Rainier to the Cedar River that runs through the heart of its downtown.



Cooling off at the Water Spray Park at Angle Lake in SeaTac

Affordability, location and a tremendous quality of life enhanced by beautiful parks, safe streets, a growing downtown, and abundant housing make Renton the right choice to live, work and play. Urban apartments, downtown condominiums, luxury homes, beautiful multi-family developments along Lake Washington, and quality, affordable single-family subdivisions are among the various housing options attractive to all income levels.

Looking for something to do? Stroll the Cedar River Trail, visit the Renton Historical Museum, take in breathtaking lake views at Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park, or golf at the Maplewood Golf Course. Renton's community and senior activity centers have programs for all ages. Exceptional community events such as Renton River Days and Clam Lights are annual traditions. Renton also offers outstanding libraries, fine artwork, and several professional and community theater groups.

Downtown Renton with its regional transit center, park-like piazza, and mixed-use developments featuring housing and retail is a central gathering place. A performing arts center, parking garage, and several restaurants add to the area's appeal. North Renton's urban village, The Landing, offers open air shopping, a movie theater, restaurants and apartments.

Renton is home to The Boeing Company Commercial Airplanes and PACCAR Parts and PACCAR Technology—all respected and recognized worldwide. Renton's friendly, pro-business climate attracts scores of businesses, including Washington's only IKEA and Fry's Electronics stores, Wizards of the Coast, Topics Entertainment, and Brotherton Cadillac. The Seattle Seahawks headquarters and training facility are also located in Renton.

RENTON STATISTICS

Population: 102,700

City Hall: 1055 S Grady Way, 98057,

(425) 430-6400,

www.rentonwa.gov

Chamber of Commerce: 625 S 4th St, 98057, (425) 226-4560, www.GoRenton.com

Post Office: 17200 116th Ave SE,

(425) 255-6389

Libraries: Main—100 Mill Ave S, (425) 226-6043. 17009 140th Ave SE, (425) 226-0522.

2801 NE 10th St., (425) 277-1831

School District: Renton School Dist.

No. 403, (425) 204-2300.

Utilities: Gas/Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773

Water/Sewer: City of Renton, (425) 430-6852

Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 244-1111

Refuse Collection: City of Renton, (425) 430-6852. Waste Management, (800) 592-9995. Republic Services, (206) 682-9735

Typical Tax Rate: \$12.52/\$1,000 assessed valuation

Median Household Income: \$66,050

Average Rent: 2bd \$1,700

Median Prices: Homes \$480,000;

Condos \$238,600

Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle=17 mins/12 mi. Bellevue=19 mins/13 mi.

SEATAC

The City of SeaTac, where "Everywhere's Possible," is a transportation-centric community perfectly positioned and highly motivated to help both residents and businesses flourish. A regional hub, SeaTac is located between Seattle and Tacoma at the intersection of several major highways and is home to the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, as well as two light rail stations. Each day tens of thousands of

visitors, nearly 40,000 workers and close to 30,000 residents join to make SeaTac one of the state's most culturally diverse cities. This bustling community's transit oriented development includes offices, retail, hospitality, passenger airline, air cargo, food services, entertainment venues and hotels. SeaTac has approximately 1,000 businesses, many of which are "Fortune 1,000" companies, including the corporate headquarters of Alaska Airlines, Horizon, and Boeing's spare part facility.

SeaTac offers housing options to suit nearly every income from an energetic mix of multi-family residential to single family homes in quality neighborhoods. Residents share in cultural and community events found in the Seattle southside region such as the Fourth of July week Fireworks and Carnival, the Theatre in the Park and summer concert series, and the International Festival held the second week in September. The city also features seven large parks, a swimming beach and boat launch at Angle Lake Park, two community centers, a senior center, visitor center, several turf soccer fields, a skate park, disc golf course, BMX track, off-leash dog park, Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden, and the Seike Traditional Japanese Garden.

SEATAC STATISTICS

Population: 28,850

City Hall: 4800 S 188th St, 98188,

(206) 973-4800, www.ci.seatac.wa.us

Chamber of Commerce: Seattle Southside Chamber, 14220 Interurban Ave S,

Ste 134, Tukwila 98168, (206) 575-1633,

www.seattlesouthsidechamber.com

Seattle Southside Regional Tourism

Authority, 3100 S. 176th St., Seattle 98188,

(206) 575-2489, www.seattlesouthside.com

Post Office: 15250 32nd Ave. S, (206) 241-7061

Library: 17850 Military Rd S, (206) 242-6044

School District: Highline School Dist. No.

401, (206) 631-3000

Utilities: Gas: PSE, (888) 225-5773

Electricity: North of S. 160th St - Seattle

City Light, (206) 684-3000. South of S.

160th St - PSE, (888) 225-5773

Water/Sewer: SeaTac is divided into four

water and four sewer districts. View maps

at www.ci.seatac.wa.us

Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 244-1111

Refuse Collection: Recology Cleanscapes,

(206) 764-8994

Typical Tax Rate: \$13.50/\$1,000

assessed valuation

Median Household Income: \$50,268
Average Rent: 2bd \$1,475
Median Prices: Homes \$365,000;
 Condos \$163,500
Est. Travel Time/Distance To:
 Seattle=18 mins/12 mi.
 Bellevue=25 mins/18 mi.

TACOMA

Washington State's third largest city, Tacoma is home to a vibrant, creative community of writers, artists and musicians, photographers, filmmakers, passionate entrepreneurs and small business owners. It also serves as a base for major companies like BNY Mellon, Columbia Bank, Key Bank, and for top healthcare systems like MultiCare and CHI Franciscan.

Drawing families to its safe, charming neighborhoods with big city amenities, museums and attractions, Tacoma is also a magnet for downtown dwellers looking for competitively priced urban abodes with sweeping city, mountain and water views.

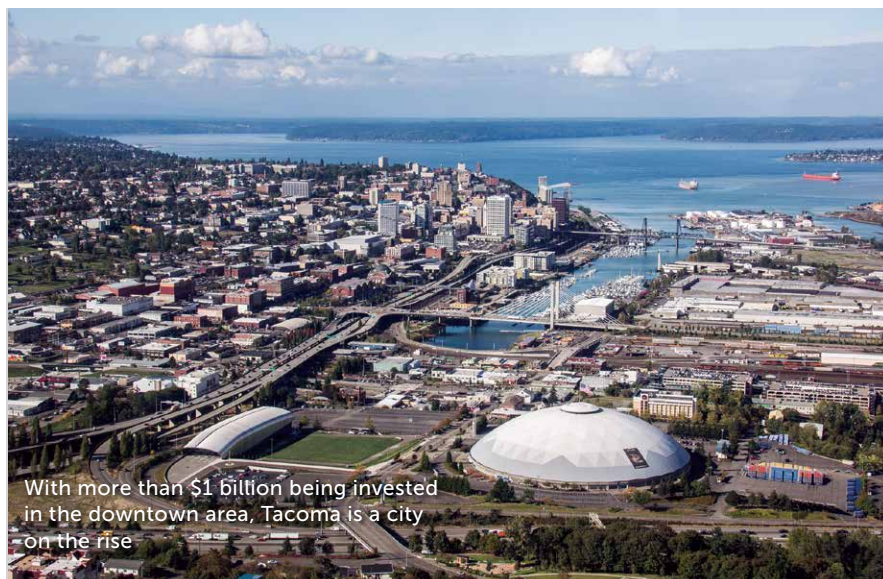
A haven for hikers, runners and cyclists, Tacoma is always abuzz with activity from students attending the University of Washington Tacoma, the University of Puget Sound, and other local trade and technical colleges.

Tacoma's gourmants and culinary connoisseurs have cultivated a scene for foodies that has made national press, while its world-renowned Museum District, top-notch meeting and convention spaces, theatre and performance spaces, and huge headliner concerts have drawn visitors from across the globe.

Just 30 minutes away from the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, and easily accessible from downtown Seattle and other neighboring cities, Tacoma is a city on the rise.

TACOMA STATISTICS

Population: 211,277¹
City Hall: 747 Market St, (253) 591-5000, www.cityoftacoma.org
Chamber of Commerce: 950 Pacific Ave., #300. Mail: PO Box 1933, 98401, (253) 627-2175, www.tacomachamber.org.
Travel Tacoma + Pierce County: 1516 Commerce St., 98402, (253) 627-2836, www.traveltacoma.com
Post Office: (9 locations) main station—1102 A St, Tacoma 98402 (253) 627-4026
Library: (8 branches) main branch — 1102 Tacoma Ave S, (253) 292-2001



School District: Tacoma School Dist. No. 10, (253) 571-1000
Utilities: Gas: PSE, (888) 225-5773
Electricity: Tacoma Power, (253) 502-8600
Water: Tacoma Water, (253) 502-8247
Sewer: Tacoma Wastewater, (253) 591-5588
Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 244-1111
Refuse Collection: Tacoma Solid Waste, (253) 591-5543
Typical Tax Rate: \$15.76/\$1,000 assessed valuation
Median Household Income: \$53,553
Average Rent: 2bd \$1,520
Median Prices: Homes \$273,000;
 Condos \$146,000
Est. Travel Time/Distance To:
 Seattle=39 mins/34 mi.
 Olympia=36 mins/31 mi.

TUKWILA

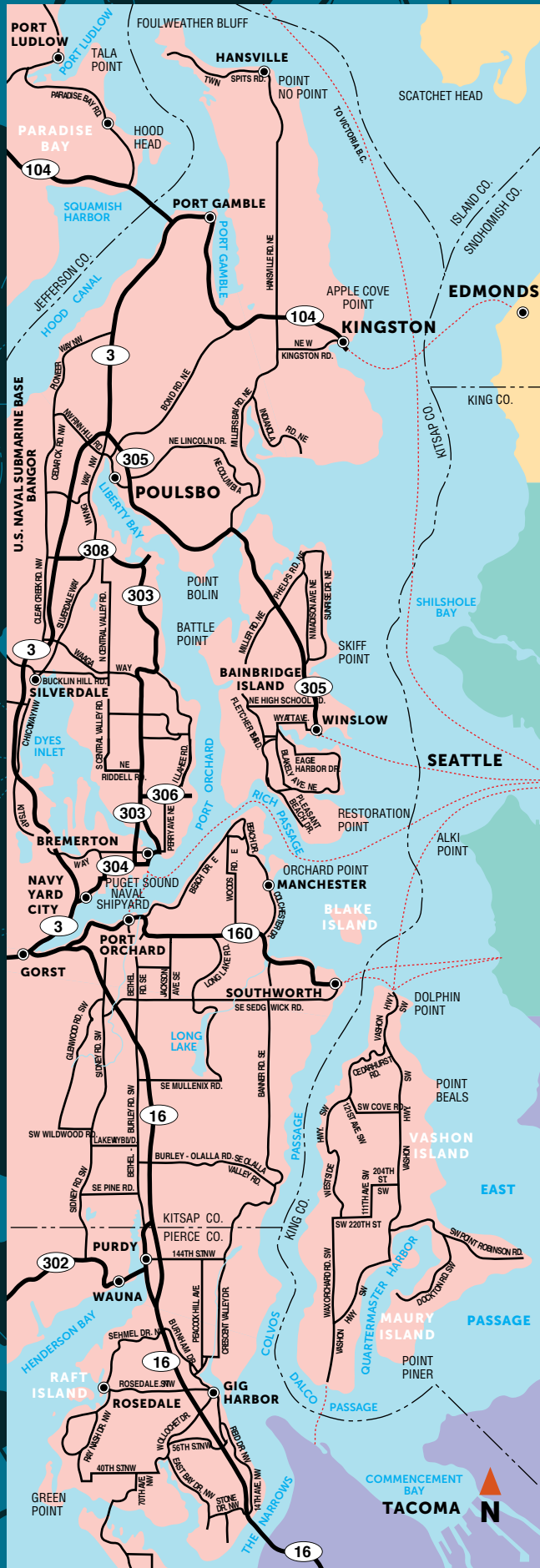
Just south of downtown Seattle, Tukwila has something for everyone—excellent hotel accommodations, shopping, countless dining options, recreational fun, and some of the most diverse neighborhoods in the United States. Tukwila's Westfield Southcenter, the Northwest's largest shopping mall, draws more than 16 million shoppers annually. Local parks, biking and walking trails, a pool, 18-hole golf course, and community center offer hours of enjoyment. Annual community celebrations include the Backyard Wildlife Festival each May, fireworks on the 4th of July, and a Harvest Festival in the fall. Tukwila is proud to be the home of Starfire Sports—the official training facility for the 2016 MLS Cup Champions, the Seattle Sounders FC and the home field of the new Major League Rugby franchise, the Seattle Seawolves.

Tukwila also has great transportation options with walkable access to a light rail station, commuter rail station, Amtrak station, and a major bus transit center. The City of Tukwila offers some of the best places to live and work that are only a short drive, train or bus ride to downtown Seattle.

TUKWILA STATISTICS

Population: 19,660
City Hall: 6200 Southcenter Blvd, 98188, (206) 433-1800, www.tukwilawa.gov
Chamber of Commerce: Seattle Southside Chamber of Commerce, 14220 Interurban Ave S, Ste. 134, Tukwila 98168, (206) 575-1633, www.seattlesouthsidechamber.com
Seattle Southside Regional Tourism Authority: 3100 S. 176th St, Seattle 98188, (877) 885-9452, www.SeattleSouthside.com
Post Office: 225 Andover Pk W, (800) 275-8777
Libraries: 14380 Tukwila International Blvd, (206) 242-1640. 1386 Southcenter Mall, (425) 226-0522
School District: Tukwila School Dist., (206) 901-8000
Utilities: Gas: PSE, (888) 225-5773
Electricity: Seattle City Light, (206) 684-3000. PSE, (888) 225-5773
Water/Sewer: City of Tukwila, (206) 433-1849
Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 244-1111
Refuse Collection: Waste Management, (855) 875-9452
Typical Tax Rate: \$13.61/\$1,000 assessed valuation
Median Household Income: \$48,490
Average Rent: 2bd \$1,550
Median Prices: Homes \$400,000;
 Condos \$175,000
Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle=15 mins/11 mi. Bellevue=25 mins/18 mi.

West



Living West

The Kitsap Peninsula, 400 square miles in size, is bounded on the east by Puget Sound, Seattle, and Tacoma, and on the west by Hood Canal and the Olympic Mountains. Early economic activity centered around logging and related industries like milling and shipbuilding. Today, Naval Base Kitsap sites drive the local economy and employ the majority of area residents. Recently, more people are living on the peninsula and commuting to jobs in Seattle and Tacoma via ferry.

The Kitsap Peninsula is unsurpassed for scenic beauty. Winding roads cut through densely forested hills and travel along the low cliffs of the peninsula's 236 miles of saltwater shoreline where most population centers are located. Towns are small, quaint, and welcoming. Tourists come from all over the Puget Sound region and beyond to visit these communities. Fresh seafood, world-class golf, parks, museums, an array of recreational activities, and a variety of other local attractions make this a favorite regional vacation destination, as well as a wonderful place to call home. For more Kitsap Regional information, www.VisitKitsap.com.

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

This haven of gently rolling hills, farms, vineyards, pristine shoreline, and abundant salmon spawning streams was once known for berry farms and summer homes. Now upscale housing developments, good schools, low crime, a sophisticated population and friendly atmosphere characterize the community.

With its spacious parks (including two large waterfront parks), hiking, jogging, equestrian and bike trails, two golf courses, a swimming pool, boat harbor, library, medical clinics, teen and senior centers,



A gorgeous view of Mount Rainier from Bainbridge Island

Bainbridge is an ideal place to live and raise a family. Convenient mainland access is available via a 35-minute ferry ride to Seattle, while a bridge at the island's north end provides Kitsap Peninsula connections. Shops, eateries, and museums, including the Kids Discovery Museum and the Bainbridge Island Museum of Art, are all walkable from the ferry terminal.

The island boasts a strong arts community. Local artists display works on First Friday Gallery Walks and bi-annual island-wide studio tours. Four theater groups produce plays, musicals and comedy improv and there are several regular music venues. Movie fans find first-run films at Bainbridge Cinemas and art films and classics at the Historic Lynwood Theatre.

Other attractions include the internationally acclaimed Bloedel Reserve public garden, the Bainbridge Island Historical Museum, and the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial, a designated satellite National Historic Monument. Battle Point Park houses the Edwin E. Ritchie Observatory where the largest amateur telescope on the West Coast and a monthly planetarium show delight astronomers of all ages. The island is home to the award-winning Bainbridge Organic Distillers and the Bainbridge Island Brewing Company. Seven island winer-

ies offer tastings on select weekends and at downtown tasting rooms.

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND STATISTICS

Population: 23,950

City Hall: 280 Madison Ave N, (206) 842-7633, www.bainbridgewa.gov

Chamber of Commerce: 395 Winslow Way E, (206) 842-3700, www.bainbridgechamber.com

Post Office: 271 Winslow Way E, (206) 855-9571, (800) 275-8777

Library: 1270 Madison Ave N, (206) 842-4162

School District: Bainbridge Island School Dist No. 303, (206) 842-4714

Utilities: Gas: Natural Gas not available.

Propane provided by various dealers

Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773

Water/Sewer: City of Bainbridge Island, (206) 780-8624. Kitsap PUD, (360) 337-5777

Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 244-1111

Refuse Collection: Bainbridge Disposal, (206) 842-4882

Typical Tax Rate: \$10.81/\$1,000 assessed valuation

Median Household Income: \$102,906

Average Rent: 2bd \$2,100

Median Prices: Homes \$840,000;

Condos \$550,000

Est. Travel Time/Distance To:

Seattle=47 mins/9 mi. by ferry.

Bremerton=45 mins/31 mi. by car



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Est. Travel Time/Distance To:
 Seattle (car)= 1 hr 18 mins/66 mi.
 Seattle (ferry)=1 hr.
 Bellevue, by car=1 hr 23 mins/68 mi.

GIG HARBOR

Gig Harbor, the southern portal to the Kitsap and Olympic Peninsulas, has the most spectacular views of Mount Rainier, the Olympics and the Cascades that you will ever see. Known as the Maritime City, this harbor town is proud of the nautical, Scandinavian, and Croatian heritages that shaped its past and are still preserved and celebrated in places like the Harbor Heritage Museum. Once considered a remote community, Gig Harbor is now a destination spot for boaters, visitors and a growing population. Many residents commute to jobs in Tacoma, Seattle, and Olympia via the Tacoma Narrows Bridge. Gig Harbor offers the perfect combination of recreational options for all ages, top-notch medical and health care services, quality school systems and educational opportunities, and more. Three distinct shopping areas—downtown, uptown, and Harbor Hills feature everything from “big box” stores to locally owned specialty shops. Harbor Hills is also a growing residential area with 600 new homes planned for construction. Popular annual events include a farmer’s market from June to August, the Maritime Gig Festival and Blessing of the Fleet on the first weekend in June, free Summer Sounds Concert Series June-August, and free Movies in Crescent Creek Park in July. The first Saturday of each month is the Gig Harbor Artwalk, showcasing local galleries. Visit gigharborguide.com for all the local happenings.

GIG HARBOR STATISTICS

Population: 9,560
City Hall/Civic Ctr.: 3510 Grandview St, 98335, (253) 851-8136, www.cityofgigharbor.net
Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Center: 3125 Judson St, 98335, (253) 851-6865, www.gigharborchamber.com
Skansie Visitor & Interpretive Center: 3207 Harborview Dr., 98335, (253) 853-3554
Post Office: 3118 Judson St, (253) 858-7262
Library: 4424 Pt. Fosdick Dr NW, (253) 548-3305
School District: Peninsula School Dist. No. 401, (253) 530-1000

BREMERTON

Downtown Bremerton’s Harborside complex features the Kitsap Conference Center, Hampton Inn, Fairfield Inn Marriott, Anthony’s Restaurant, shops, offices, and the musical fountains of Harborside Fountain Park. Waterfront condos and the Norm Dicks Government Center bring residents, workers, and visitors downtown while the 350-slip marina is a favorite boating destination.

Other waterfront notables are the Puget Sound Navy Museum, the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (homeport to some of the world’s largest warships), and the USS Turner Joy, a restored destroyer that offers public tours.

The nearby historic downtown, a recognized official arts district, has art galleries, restaurants, a 10-screen movie theater, and the Admiral and Roxy Theatres. The later are both performing arts venues that are housed in renovated 1940’s theaters. Two museums, the Kitsap Historical Museum and the Valentinetti Puppet Museum, are housed in the historic Seattle National Bank building. Future plans for the district call for a variety of new retail shops. Other shopping options include familiar chain stores and eateries found a few miles from downtown proper, as well as the boutiques, art and coffee shops of Manette in east Bremerton.

Just one hour by ferry from Seattle, Bremerton’s unique quality of life and affordable housing attracts new residents and businesses. It is known for the scenic

beauty of area waterways and shorelines, and spectacular views of Mt. Rainier, the Cascade and Olympic Mountains. Bremerton has over 675 acres of parks and boasts several award winning golf courses. City-owned Gold Mountain Golf Complex hosted the 2015 NCAA Men’s Regional Championship. A thriving arts community includes the Bremerton Symphony, Bremerton Community Theater, Peninsula Dance Theater and the Kitsap Opera.

BREMERTON STATISTICS

Population: 40,630
City Hall: 345 6th St., Ste. 100, 98337, (360) 473-5290, www.ci.bremerton.wa.us
Chamber of Commerce: 286 4th St, 98337, (360) 479-3579, www.bremertonchamber.org
Post Office: 602 Pacific Ave, (360) 475-0248
Libraries: 612 5th St N, (360) 377-3955. 1301 Sylvan Way, (360) 405-9100
School District: Bremerton School Dist. No. 100-C, (360) 473-1000
Utilities: Gas: Cascade Natural Gas Co., (360) 373-1403, (888) 522-1130. Propane: Ferrellgas, (360) 373-2515
Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773
Water/Sewer: Bremerton Public Works, (360) 473-5316
Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 244-1111
Refuse Collection/Recycling: Waste Management, (800) 592-9995
Typical Tax Rate: \$13.15/\$1,000 assessed valuation
Median Household Income: \$47,358
Average Rent: 2bd \$1,250
Median Prices: Homes \$275,000; Condos \$138,000

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Electricity: Peninsula Light Co, (253) 857-5950. PSE, (888) 225-5773
Water: City of Gig Harbor, (253) 851-6157. Outside City limits—Call Tacoma-Pierce County Health Dept, (253) 798-7683 to determine your water supplier.
Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 201-4099
Refuse Collection: American Disposal, (253) 857-2545
Average Tax Rate: \$10.28/\$1,000 assessed valuation
Median Household Income: \$64,931
Average Rent: 2bd \$1,475
Median Prices: Homes \$480,000; Condos \$317,475
Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle=51 mins/49 mi. Bellevue=56 mins/47 mi.

KINGSTON

Kingston's picturesque seaside location on Puget Sound places it closer to the I-5 corridor than any other Kitsap County community. Convenient and affordable access between the east and west sides of Puget Sound is facilitated by the Washington State Ferry landing in Kingston (serving over 2.1 million vehicles each year). This cross Sound flow ensures the potential for economic and business development in this, the second largest unincorporated area in Kitsap County.

Kingston's location also results in less traffic and crime, as well as a lower cost of living than comparable communities. Additionally, great schools with excellent test scores, churches, and an abundance of parks, trails and natural resources contribute to Kingston's appeal. Service organizations, such as Rotary, Kiwanis, Soroptimists, Garden Club and local businesses take an active role in community life. For many, Kingston is the perfect place to raise a family, retire in style, or to start or grow a business.

Kingston's businesses include restaurants offering a variety of fare and entertainment, industrial parks boasting manufacturing and services, construction companies, financial advisors, banks, lumber and hardware stores, accommodations, artisans and craftsmen, food markets, and recreational businesses specializing in water and wilderness sports.

The latter is a natural considering the varied, year-round recreation available in and around Kingston. Fun community

events are also held throughout the year and include a summer Farmer's Market, Annual Wine Walk, 3-day Fourth of July Celebration, Art in the Woods, Kites over Kingston, and Kingston's Cove Summer Concert Series.

KINGSTON STATISTICS

Population: 1,963
Chamber of Commerce: 25923
Washington Blvd, PO Box 78, 98346, (360) 297-3813, www.kingstonchamber.com
Post Office: 10990 NE State Hwy 104, (360) 297-3346
Libraries: 11212 State Hwy 104, (360) 297-3330. 31980 Little Boston Rd. NE, (360) 297-2670
School District: North Kitsap School Dist. No.400, (360) 396-3000
Utilities: Gas: Cascade Natural Gas, (360) 373-1403
Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773
Water/Sewer: Kitsap County PUD No. 1, (360) 779-7656, (800) 739-6766
Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 201-4099
Refuse Collection: Waste Management, (360) 779-9403, (800) 592-9995
Typical Tax Rate: \$10.56/\$1,000 assessed valuation
Median Household Income: \$46,758
Average Rent: 2bd \$1,500
Median Prices: Homes \$375,000; Condos \$225,000
Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle=59 mins/23 mi. Bellevue=1 1/2 hr/29 mi.

PORT ORCHARD

The historic city of Port Orchard enjoys a relaxed rural pace, while the urban conveniences and attractions of Tacoma and Seattle are easily reached by highways, bridges, and ferries.

Affordability and selection describe the local real estate scene. Fine historic homes, fixer-uppers, waterfront views, golf course properties, and established neighborhoods, as well as new neighborhood developments and apartments are all found here.

Local services and amenities, including great schools, a library, cinemas, a Center for the Arts, three golf courses, active organizations and associations, medical clinics and an urgent care facility all enhance Port Orchard's livability.

The new Bay Street Pedestrian Path follows the waterfront with stops along the

way to enjoy scenic views, parks, picnic areas, artwork and sculptures, and the Veteran's Memorial Wall.

Port Orchard's 410-slip marina is located near the historic downtown core and Marina Park with its boardwalk, gazebo, playground and beach access. An original 1917 Mosquito Fleet ferry carries foot passengers from the local ferry dock to Bremerton where it's easy to catch a ride to Seattle.

Port Orchard has several retail areas. The downtown district includes restaurants, art galleries, antique, candy and gift stores. Up from the waterfront, a year-round public market is home to several shops and restaurants. At the edge of town, an abundance of stores and dining options are available.

Wonderful community celebrations fill the calendar which include The Seagull Calling Festival and Seagull Wing Cook-off in May, free summer Concerts By The Bay, The Cruz classic car show in August, and December's Festival of Chimes and Lights.

Other area attractions include the historic Cedar Cove Inn, Elandan Gardens, Manchester and Blake Island State Parks, Horseshoe Lake and Long Lake County Parks, Sidney Art Gallery, and the Log Cabin Museum.

PORT ORCHARD STATISTICS

Population: 13,990
City Hall: 216 Prospect St, (360) 876-4407, www.cityofportorchard.us
Chamber of Commerce: 1014 Bay St, #3, 98366, (360) 876-3505, (800) 982-8139, www.portorchard.com
Post Office: 1125 Bethel Ave, (360) 874-6903
Library: 87 Sidney Ave, (360) 876-2224
School District: South Kitsap School Dist. No. 402, (360) 874-7000
Utilities: Gas: Cascade Natural Gas, (360) 373-1403, (888) 522-1130
Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773
Water/Sewer: City of Port Orchard, (360) 876-5139
Refuse Collection: Waste Management, (360) 674-3166, (800) 592-9995
Typical Tax Rate: \$11.82/\$1,000 assessed valuation
Median Household Income: \$63,634
Average Rent: 2bd \$1,350
Median Prices: Homes \$296,000; Condos \$150,000
Est. Travel Time/Distance To: Seattle=1.5 hr /61 mi. Bellevue=1.5 hr /63 mi.

POULSBO

The deep, narrow, south-facing inlet of Liberty Bay harkens to the fjords of Norway—a picturesque location that appealed to Poulsbo's Norwegian founding families and still appeals to families today. Poulsbo's central North Kitsap locale made it something of a commercial hub fueled by early logging, fishing, milling, and farming industries. Today thriving businesses in diverse industries such as high-tech, alternative energy, land management, medical and bio-tech are found here.

The rich history of the Norwegian founders—and the Suquamish Native tribe that predated them—is portrayed in photographs and documents at the Poulsbo Historical Society in City Hall. The original character of this charming village has been lovingly protected. Downtown shops and restaurants maintain a Scandinavian theme, making it a popular international tourist destination. Also downtown, the Jewel Box Theatre entertains with a variety of productions, while tidal marine life takes center stage at the SEA Discovery Center.

Poulsbo's mild climate makes it an excellent, year-round boating destination. In addition to the Port of Poulsbo's full service, 384 slip marina, there are two other marinas, as well as anchorage in the harbor. Homes are moderately priced, making this a popular choice with families, retirees, and everyone in between. Throughout the year residents enjoy community events like the Poulsbo 3rd of July that includes a spectacular fireworks display over Liberty Bay.

POULSBO STATISTICS

Population: 10,510

City Hall: 200 NE Moe St., 98370, (360) 779-3901, www.cityofpoulsbo.com

Chamber of Commerce: 19735 10th Ave NE, Ste S100, PO Box 1063, 98370, (360) 779-4848, www.poulsbochamber.com

Post Office: 19240 Jensen Way NE, (800) 275-8777

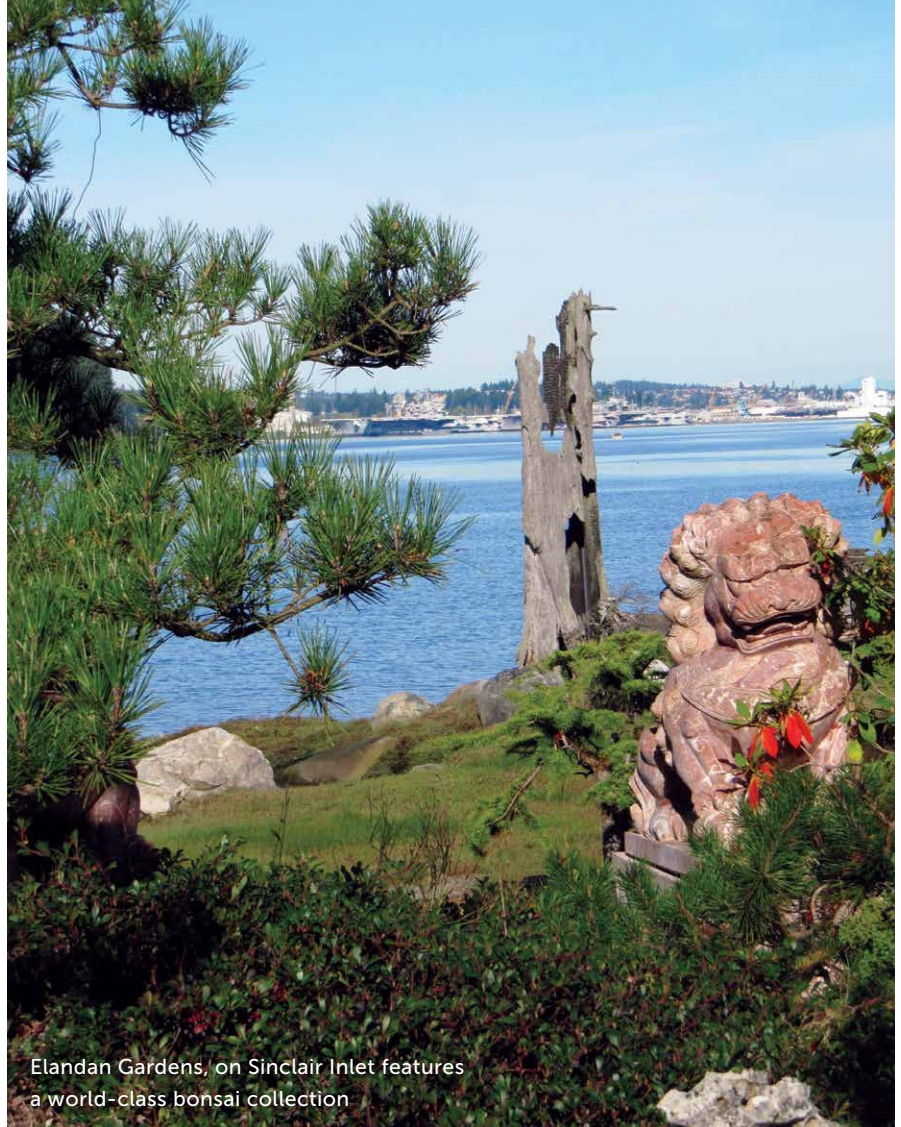
Library: 700 NE Lincoln Rd, (360) 779-2915

School District: North Kitsap School Dist. No. 400, (360) 396-3000

Utilities: Gas: Cascade Natural Gas, (888) 522-1130

Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773

Water/Sewer: City of Poulsbo Public Works, (360) 779-4078. Outside City limits—PUD No. 1, (360) 779-7656



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Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 201-4099

Refuse Collection: City of Poulsbo, (360) 779-4078. Outside City limits—Waste Management, (800) 592-9995

Typical Tax Rate: \$10.95/\$1,000 assessed valuation

Median Household Income: \$66,195

Average Rent: 2bd \$1,350

Median Prices: Homes \$390,000;

Condos \$137,000

Est. Travel Time/Distance To:

Seattle=1 hr 3 mins/21 mi.

Bellevue=1 hr 10 mins/ 27 mi.

SILVERDALE

In the heart of Kitsap County, Silverdale is a thriving economic community as well as a choice place to live. Among the area's top employers is Naval Base Kitsap, providing employment of over 31,000 and labor earnings of over 1.5 billion dollars.

Housing is abundant and great values are to be had. Moving out from the central community core, homes on acreage can be found. Many apartments are available, reflecting the needs of the area's mobile military personnel.

Silverdale's Kitsap Mall is the largest shopping area west of Puget Sound. With 100 retail establishments it attracts shoppers from three counties. Old Towne Silverdale, located next to the popular Waterfront Park, provides an alternate choice for shoppers with its charming mix of retailers and services.

Hunting, hiking, fishing, water-skiing, and boating opportunities abound here. Residents enjoy community theater, galleries, art walks and various annual events like the Peninsula Water Trails Festival in June and the Whaling Days Community Festival in July.

SILVERDALE STATISTICS

Population: 20,053

Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center: 3100 NW Bucklin Hill Rd, Ste 100, 98383, (360) 692-6800, www.silverdalechamber.com.

Visit Kitsap Peninsula: www.VisitKitsap.com

Post Office: 10855 Silverdale Way NW, (360) 308-0301

Library: 3450 NW Carlton, (360) 692-2779

School District: Central Kitsap School Dist. No.401, (360) 662-1610

Point Robinson Lighthouse on Vashon Island



Utilities: Gas: Cascade Natural Gas, (888) 522-1130, (800) 660-1403
Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773
Water: Silverdale Water Dist., (360) 447-3500
Sewer: Kitsap County Public Works, (360) 337-5777
Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 244-1111
Refuse Collection: Waste Management, (360) 674-3166
Typical Tax Rate: \$12.84/\$1,000 assessed valuation
Median Household Income: \$64,224
Average Rent: 2bd \$1,425
Median Prices: Homes \$350,000; Condos \$163,000
Est. Travel Time/Distance To:
 Seattle =1 hr 21 mins/71 mi.
 Bellevue=1 hr 10 mins/73 mi.

VASHON ISLAND

A scant 15-minute ferry ride from West Seattle, Vashon Island is a place where one can get back to the land without giving up the benefits of the city. Vashon, known for its friendly residents, scenic beauty, and peaceful, low-key lifestyle is above all, rural. Many residents commute to larger

outlying cities or work from home as telecommuting fast becomes a way of life for island workers.

A passion for the arts is also a way of life here. Local artists display works at various galleries, studios, and at the semi-annual Arts Tour held the first two weeks of May and December. Music, drama and dance performances occur monthly and there is a local theater for film fans.

The abundance of woodlands, open spaces, and a number of parks that include three public beaches combine to provide an array of outdoor fun. Point Robinson Park is home to a historic lighthouse that is open for tours May-September. Each July Downtown Vashon welcomes more than 30,000 people each July for the Strawberry Festival, featuring arts & crafts, music, parades, food, dancing, and carnival fun. A Saturday Farmers Market is held from April to December.

VASHON ISLAND STATISTICS

Population (Vashon/Maury Island): 10,189
Chamber of Commerce:
 17141 Vashon Hwy SW, PO Box 1035, 98070, (206) 463-6217, www.vashonchamber.com

King County Community Service Ctr:
 10011 SW Bank Rd, 98070, (206) 296-4510, www.kingcounty.gov/operations/csc
Post Offices: 10005 SW 178th St, (206) 463-6842. 23830 Vashon Hwy SW, (206) 463-2091
Library: 17210 Vashon Hwy SW, (206) 463-2069
School District: Vashon Island School Dist. No. 402, (206) 463-2121
Utilities: Gas: PSE, (888) 225-5773
 Propane: VI Energy, (206) 463-3637
Electricity: PSE, (888) 225-5773, (206) 463-3688
Water: Dist. 19, (206) 463-9007
Telephone: CenturyLink, (800) 201-4099
Refuse Collection: Vashon Disposal, (206) 463-7770
Typical Tax Rate: \$12.35/\$1,000 assessed valuation
Median Household Income: \$69,364
Average Rent: 2bd \$1,800
Median Prices: Homes \$619,500; Condos \$467,500
Est. Travel Time/Distance To:
 Seattle=58 mins/17mi.
 Bellevue=1hr 10 mins/25 mi.

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To respond to residents' health care needs, Washington State and area counties have established various public health services. The Washington State Department of Health at www.doh.wa.gov provides helpful information regarding health related topics, as well as a provider credential search system. The Health Systems Quality Assurance Division, at (360) 236-4700, answers questions regarding complaints or claims against practitioners. The Consumer Hotline at (800) 525-0127 addresses concerns about public health issues, provides referral numbers, and directs residents to resources in their area. Local County Medical Societies also provide referral and community resource information: King County, (206) 621-9393, www.kcmsociety.org. Kitsap County, (360) 689-2928, www.kcmedical.org. Snohomish County, (206) 956-3624, www.snohomishmedical.org.

Sound Generations directs seniors to counseling, nutrition specialists, housing assistance, transportation help, day centers, and retirement residences, (206) 448-5757, www.soundgenerations.org.

Greater Seattle's health care options also include quality dental services. The Seattle-King County Dental Society, (206) 443-7607, www.skcds.org or the Washington State Dental Association, (206) 448-1914 or (800) 448-3368, www.wsda.org offer information and referrals.

The following profiles are an introduction to some of the major hospitals and top multispecialty clinics found in the Greater Seattle area:

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The EvergreenHealth medical staff includes nearly one thousand physicians, representing more than 75 different specialties, including heart and vascular, oncology, orthopedics, neurology, surgery, rehabilitation, women's and children's services and home care.

For information and referrals, visit www.evergreenhealth.com or call 24-hour Nurse Navigator & Healthline at (425) 899-3000.

CHI Franciscan Health

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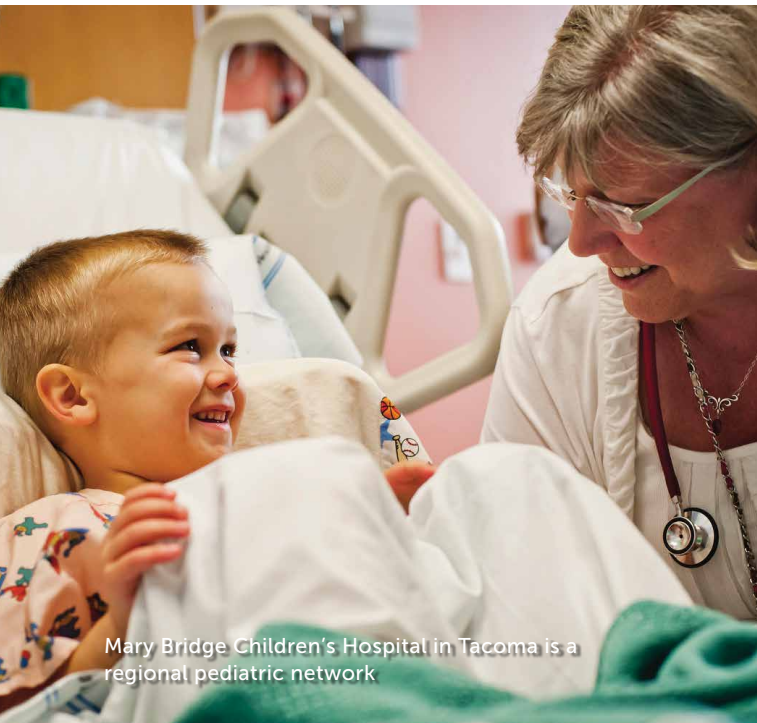
Their hospitals include Harrison Medical Center in Bremerton and Silverdale, Highline Medical Center and Regional Hospital in Burien, St. Anthony Hospital in Gig Harbor, St. Clare Hospital in Lakewood, St. Elizabeth Hospital in Enumclaw, St. Francis Hospital in Federal Way, and St. Joseph Medical Center in Tacoma. For information about locations, services, to find a doctor and more, www.chifranciscan.org.

Island Hospital

West Skagit County, North Whidbey, and the San Juan Island residents have relied on Island Hospital for their healthcare needs since 1962. Staffed by nearly 200 healthcare providers, Island Hospital's quality and range of services belies its size. With 43 beds, Island is the state's smallest hospital providing Level III trauma care. Other services include cancer care, diagnostic imaging, in- and out-patient surgery, birth center, acute/critical care, respiratory care, sleep medicine, advanced wound care/hyperbarics and more. Island also operates five primary-care and six specialty clinics, including one that specializes in headache pain. Call (360) 299-1300 or visit www.islandhospital.org for information.

Kaiser Permanente

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Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma is a regional pediatric network

are usually all under one roof. Other convenient ways to get care include 24/7 phone advice and online options. Learn more about Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington at www.kp.org/hel-lowashington or call 1-888-901-4636.

MultiCare Health System

MultiCare Health System is a not-for-profit, comprehensive health care organization offering numerous primary care, urgent care and specialty services, as well as MultiCare Medical Associates, affiliated physicians and a wide range of community outreach programs. The organization has six hospitals in the Puget Sound region: Allenmore Hospital in Tacoma, Auburn Medical Center, Covington Medical Center, Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup, Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma (the region's only children's hospital and state-designated Level II Pediatric Trauma Center for Western Washington), and Tacoma General Hospital (home to the region's only Level IV Neonatal Intensive Care Unit).

To learn more about MultiCare, visit www.multicare.org or call (253) 403-1000. For physician referrals, (800) 342-9919.

Overlake Medical Center

Overlake Medical Center is a 349-bed, nonprofit regional medical center offering a comprehensive range of services including cardiac care, cancer care, general and specialty surgery, women's programs, senior care and Level III trauma service.

Overlake also has adult and family medicine clinics in Bellevue, Redmond, Issaquah, Kirkland and Sammamish, as well as urgent care clinics in Issaquah, Bellevue, Redmond and Sammamish. Overlake's primary care clinics offer same day appointments. Overlake has received regional and national awards for their exceptional and innovative patient care. For information, call (425) 688-5000 or visit www.overlakehospital.org.

The Polyclinic

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Providence Northwest Washington

Providence Northwest Washington includes Providence Regional Medical Center and Providence Medical Group.

Providence Regional Medical Center Everett is a Level II Trauma Center and a tertiary referral center with 530 beds serving five counties with comprehensive, not-for-profit, mission-based health care. Providence Regional Medical Center provides medical expertise in the areas of heart and vascular disease, cancer, neurosurgery, orthopedics, surgical services, emergency and trauma and host of other medical areas.

Providence Medical Group is a multi-specialty and primary care physician group with several clinic locations throughout Snohomish County. <https://washington.providence.org>.

Seattle Children's

Seattle Children's mission is to provide hope, care and cures to help every child live their healthiest and most fulfilling life. Together, Seattle Children's Hospital, Research Institute and Foundation deliver superior patient care, identify new discoveries and treatments through pediatric research, and raise funds to create better futures.

Ranked as one of the top children's hospitals in the country by *U.S. News & World Report*, Seattle Children's serves as the pediatric and adolescent academic medical center for Washington, Alaska, Montana and Idaho. Seattle Children's Research Institute, one of the nation's top five pediatric research centers, is also internationally recognized for its work. To learn more, visit www.seattlechildrens.org.

Skagit Regional Health

Skagit Regional Health, including Skagit Valley Hospital, Skagit Regional Clinics and Cascade Valley Hospital, is dedicated to the health care needs of Skagit, Island and north Snohomish County residents. The system includes two hospitals, in Mount Vernon and Arlington, 19 primary care and specialty clinic locations and 175 providers offering a total of 25 medical specialties. Urgent care clinics are located in Smokey Point and two sites in Mount Vernon. The Skagit Valley Hospital Regional Cancer Care Center offers comprehensive care in Mount Vernon and services in Smokey Point. For more information, visit www.skagitregionalhealth.org.

Swedish Medical Center

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UW Medicine

This nationally recognized healthcare system provides the most complete patient care, scientific research, and physician training in the Pacific Northwest. It includes Harborview Medical Center (the only Level I adult and pediatric trauma and regional burn center serving Washington, Alaska, Montana and Idaho), the University of Washington Medical Center (the #1 Hospital in Washington on *US News and World Report's* 2016-17 "Best Regional Hospitals" Rankings), Northwest Hospital & Medical Center (a full-service, nonprofit community hospital), Valley Medical Center (the largest nonprofit healthcare provider between Seattle and Tacoma), UW Neighborhood Clinics (a network of primary care clinics), UW School of Medicine, UW Physicians, and Airlift Northwest. For UW Medicine information, visit www.uwmedicine.org or call (877) 520-5000.

VA Puget Sound Health Care Systems

VA Puget Sound Health Care System serves Pacific Northwest Veterans at their Seattle and Tacoma divisions. Primary and specialty care programs, state-of-the-art technology, and a strong mission of teaching research and patient care foster quality care and service. Community-based outpatient clinics offer primary care in North Seattle, Bellevue, Federal Way, Mount Vernon, Bremerton, Chehalis and Port Angeles.

Partnerships with the University of Washington Health Sciences, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, and Department of Defense have created nationally recognized programs. Centers of Excellence include geriatric research, multiple sclerosis, health services research, substance abuse treatment, and mental illness research. (206) 762-1010, www.pugetsound.va.gov.

Virginia Mason

Virginia Mason Medical Center physicians, nurses, pharmacists and all other team members are dedicated to creating remarkable patient experiences throughout the health system. The organization includes an acute-care hospital in Seattle and conveniently located outpatient centers in Seattle (downtown and University Village), Bellevue, Edmonds, Federal Way, Issaquah, Kirkland, Lynnwood and Bainbridge Island.

Virginia Mason is recognized for excellence in several areas, including cardiology, cancer, orthopedics and primary care. Healthgrades has ranked Virginia Mason as one of the 50 Best Hospitals in the nation for two consecutive years (2017 and 2018). Visit www.VirginiaMason.org or call (888) 862-2737.

Educational Options

From preschool to PhD's and everything in between, the Puget Sound area is filled with high quality educational opportunities and options.

Colleges and Universities

When it comes to higher education, Washington State is well represented with 6 public four-year colleges and universities, 34 public community and technical colleges, and over 300 independent colleges, universities and career schools. Many of these institutions rank among the Nation's finest, attracting students from all over the country and the world.

Home schooling

Washington State allows home-based instruction, but requires certain conditions to be met. Parents interested in this option should familiarize themselves with the "Pink Book" which contains all of the laws regulating home schooling. Home schooled students are eligible to participate on a part-time basis in taking classes, joining activities, and receiving services offered by the public school system. Contact the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for more information. The Washington Homeschool Organization is also a great resource for families who choose home-based education.


Private Schools

Of the 531 private, religious, and independent schools in Washington, over 80% are located west of the Cascades. Private schools must be approved by the State Board of Education and meet minimum standards of health, safety and education.

Public Schools (preK - 12)

Serving students from kindergarten through 12th grade, public schools offer a broad range of programs and enrichment activities in both traditional and alternative settings. Most districts offer enrollment services to help relocating families with the registration process. Check with your district website or call their office directly for assistance. Parents who wish to visit schools before registering their children should call the school office to make arrangements.

Career/Technical Education

This education option can prepare students for a number of different careers. The level of education required depends on the career choice and can vary from a high school program certificate to two and four year college degrees. Various high schools, skill centers, community colleges, technical institutes, private vocational schools, and two and four year colleges and universities offer career and tech-ed opportunities. For more information about educational options in Washington, visit www.k12.wa.us. 

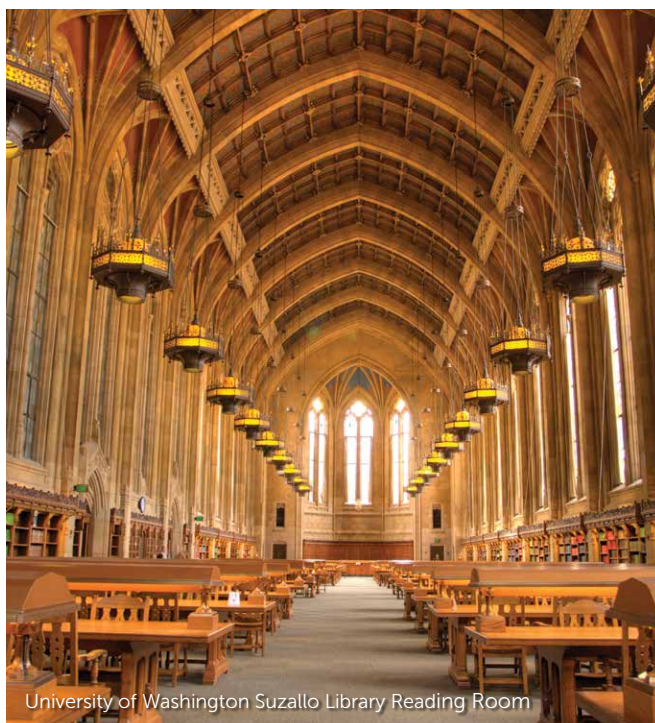


Cherry Blossoms in bloom at the University of Washington

School Enrollment Checklist

The following information may be required when enrolling a student. For a complete list, contact the school district office.

- Admission Form (available from school office)
- Photo ID of parent, guardian who registers the student.
- Proof of residence (two documents verifying your address. For example, telephone bill, insurance document, etc.)
- Birth certificate or Passport (showing student's birth date)
- Immunization history of student (CIS, or Certificate of Immunization Status form must be filled out and signed)
- Name and phone number of two people to contact in an emergency if you can't be reached.



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Public School Districts

District Name	Address	Phone
Anacortes School District No. 103	2200 M Avenue, Anacortes 98221	(360) 293-1200
Arlington Public Schools	315 N. French Ave, Arlington 98223	(360) 618-6200
Auburn School District No. 408	915 4th Street NE, Auburn 98002	(253) 931-4900
Bainbridge Island School District No. 303	8489 Madison Ave NE, Bainbridge Island 98110	(206) 842-4714
Bellevue School District No. 405	12111 NE 1st St, Bellevue 98005	(425) 456-4000
Bremerton School District No. 100-C	134 Marion Ave N, Bremerton 98312	(360) 473-1000
Burlington-Edison School District No. 100	927 E. Fairhaven Ave, Burlington 98233	(360) 757-3311
Central Kitsap School District No. 401	9210 Silverdale Way NW, Silverdale 98383	(360) 662-1610
Conway School District No. 317	19710 SR 534, Mount Vernon 98274	(360) 445-5785
Edmonds School District No. 15	20420 68th Ave W, Lynnwood 98036	(425) 431-7000
Enumclaw School District No. 216	2929 McDougall Ave, Enumclaw 98022	(360) 802-7100
Everett Public Schools	3900 Broadway, Everett 98201	(425) 385-4000
Federal Way School District No. 210	33330 8th Ave S, Federal Way 98003	(253) 945-2000
Fife School District No. 417	5802 20th Street E, Tacoma 98424	(253) 517-1000
Franklin Pierce School District No. 402	315 129th Street S, Tacoma 98444	(253) 298-3000
Highline Public Schools	15675 Ambaum Blvd SW, Burien 98166	(206) 631-3000
Issaquah School District No. 411	565 NW Holly Street, Issaquah 98027	(425) 837-7000
Kent School District No. 415	12033 SE 256th Street, Kent 98030	(253) 373-7000
Lake Stevens School District No. 4	12309 22nd St NE, Lake Stevens 98258	(425) 335-1500
Lake Washington School District No. 414	16250 NE 74th St, Redmond 98052	(425) 936-1200
Marysville School District No. 25	4220 80th St NE, Marysville 98270	(360) 965-0000
Mercer Island School District No. 400	4160 86th Ave SE, Mercer Island 98040	(206) 236-3330
Monroe Public Schools	200 E Fremont St, Monroe 98272	(360) 804-2500
Mount Vernon School District No. 320	124 E Lawrence St, Mount Vernon 98273	(360) 428-6110
Mukilteo School District No. 6	9401 Sharon Drive, Everett 98204	(425) 356-1274
North Kitsap School District No. 400	18360 NE Caldart Avenue, Poulsbo 98370	(360) 396-3000
Northshore School District No. 417	3330 Monte Villa Pkwy, Bothell 98021	(425) 408-6000
Peninsula School District No. 401	14015 62nd Ave NW, Gig Harbor 98332	(253) 530-1000
Puyallup School District No. 3	302 2nd St SE, Puyallup 98372	(253) 841-1301
Renton School District No. 403	300 SW 7th St, Renton 98057	(425) 204-2300
Riverview School District No. 407	15510 1st Ave NE, Duvall 98019	(425) 844-4500
Seattle Public Schools	2445 3rd Ave S, Seattle 98134	(206) 252-0000
Shoreline School District No. 412	18560 First Ave NE, Shoreline 98155	(206) 393-6111
Snohomish School District No. 201	1601 Ave D, Snohomish 98290	(360) 563-7300
Snoqualmie Valley School District No. 410	8001 Silva Ave SE, Snoqualmie 98065	(425) 831-8000
South Kitsap School District No. 402	2689 Hoover Ave SE, Port Orchard 98366	(360) 874-7000
Tacoma School District No. 10	601 S 8th St, Tacoma 98405	(253) 571-1000
Tahoma School District No. 409	25720 Maple Valley-Black Diamond Rd SE, Maple Valley 98038	(425) 413-3400
Tukwila School District No. 406	4640 S 144th Street, Tukwila 98168	(206) 901-8000
Vashon Island School District No. 402	9309 Cemetery Rd SW, Vashon Island 98070	(206) 463-2121

THE CHART BELOW contains information about the school districts around the Puget Sound area. English Language Arts and Math scores are based on Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) 8th grade scores and reflect the percentage of students that met or exceeded state standards. The 2016/2017 state average for 8th grade scores is 58.5% for English Language Arts and 47.6% for Math. Visit www.k12.wa.us for additional data, reports, and information.

Website	Language & Math Scores	Enrollment (May 2017)	Communities Served
www.asd103.org	74.2%/72.9%	2,813	Anacortes
www.asd.wednet.edu	67.5%/44.2%	5,573	Arlington
www.auburn.wednet.edu	51.3%/36.0%	16,182	Auburn, Algona, Pacific
www.bisd303.org	71.6%/72.2%	3,888	Bainbridge Island
www.bsd405.org	77.9%/70.1%	20,461	Beaux Arts, Bellevue, Clyde Hill, Hunts Pt.
www.bremertonschools.org	43.0%/28.7%	5,072	Bremerton
www.be.wednet.edu	47.9%/31.4%	3,723	Burlington, Edison
www.ckschools.org	63.5%/55.6%	11,050	Silverdale
www.conway.k12.wa.us	70.2%/61.7%	447	Mount Vernon, Conway
www.edmonds.wednet.edu	62.8%/49.9%	21,317	Edmonds, Lynnwood, Brier, Mountlake Terr.
www.enumclaw.wednet.edu	67.6%/58.3%	4,068	Black Diamond, Enumclaw
www.everettsd.org	73.9%/56.4%	20,227	Everett, Mill Creek
www.fwps.org	49.0%/30.1%	23,218	Federal Way, Des Moines, Auburn, Kent
www.fifeschools.com	59.5%/53.0%	3,737	Fife, Milton, Edgewood
www.fpschools.org	52.7%/35.8%	7,880	Tacoma
www.highlineschools.org	43.1%/28.7%	19,671	Burien, Des Moines, Normandy Pk, SeaTac
www.issaquah.wednet.edu	79.1%/76.9%	20,566	Issaquah, Newcastle, Preston, Sammamish
www.kent.k12.wa.us	56.8%/48.5%	27,896	Kent, Covington, Auburn, Black Diamond
www.lkstevens.wednet.edu	67.1%/61.6%	8,906	Lake Stevens
www.lwsd.org	80.9%/74.5%	29,281	Kirkland, Redmond, Sammamish
www.msd25.org	51.2%/28.3%	11,180	Marysville
www.mercerlandschools.org	80.0%/81.0%	4,513	Mercer Island
www.monroe.wednet.edu	51.3%/44.8%	7,016	Monroe, Maltby
www.mountvernonschools.org	42.0%/33.7%	6,637	Mount Vernon, Conway
www.mukilteo.wednet.edu	63.2%/52.9%	15,470	Everett, Mukilteo
www.nkschools.org	62.0%/49.3%	6,052	Kingston, Poulsbo, Hansville, Port Gamble
www.nsd.org	73.8%/68.4%	22,099	Bothell, Kenmore, Woodinville
http://psd401.net	66.9%/56.0%	9,123	Gig Harbor, Key Peninsula
www.puyallup.k12.wa.us	61.3%/48.0%	22,659	Puyallup
www.rentonschools.us	58.0%/44.4%	16,029	Renton, Newcastle, Bellevue, Kent, Tukwila
http://rsd407.org	73.7%/60.7%	3,397	Carnation, Duvall
www.seattleschools.org	69.0%/63.0%	54,424	Seattle
www.shorelineschools.org	71.0%/57.2%	9,658	Lake Forest Park, Shoreline
www.sno.wednet.edu	60.9%/53.3%	10,160	Snohomish, Clearview, Machias
www.svsd410.org	76.3%/70.3%	7,079	North Bend, Snoqualmie, Fall City
www.skschools.org	59.0%/43.1%	9,864	Port Orchard, Olalla, Manchester
www.tacomaschools.org	48.5%/35.0%	28,793	Tacoma
www.tahomasd.us	67.7%/66.7%	8,378	Maple Valley
www.tukwilaschools.org	42.7%/36.9%	2,961	Tukwila
www.vashonsd.org	65.2%/59.5%	1,602	Vashon Island

Education

Private Schools

Name	Address	Phone
Annie Wright Schools	827 N Tacoma Ave, Tacoma 98403	(253) 272-2216
Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy High School	12911 39th Ave SE, Everett 98208	(425) 379-6363
Auburn Adventist Academy	5000 Auburn Way S, Auburn 98092	(253) 939-5000
Bellarmine Preparatory School	2300 S Washington, Tacoma 98405	(253) 752-7701
Bellevue Christian School (5 campuses)	District Office: 1601 98th Ave NE, Clyde Hill 98004	(425) 454-4402
Bertschi School	2227 10th Ave E, Seattle 98102	(206) 324-5476
Bishop Blanchet High School	8200 Wallingford Ave N, Seattle 98103	(206) 527-7711
Brighton School	21705 58th Ave W, Mountlake Terrace 98043	(425) 640-7067
Buena Vista Seventh-Day Adventist School	3320 Academy Drive SE, Auburn 98092	(253) 833-0718
Bush School (The)	3400 E Harrison St, Seattle 98112	(206) 322-7978
Cedar Park Christian Schools (6 campuses)	16300 112th Ave NE, Bothell 98011	(425) 488-9778
Charles Wright Academy	7723 Chambers Creek Rd W, Tacoma 98467	(253) 620-8373
Christ the King School	415 N 117th St, Seattle 98133	(206) 364-6890
Christian Faith School	33645 20th Ave S, Federal Way 98003	(253) 943-2500
Chrysalis School (2 campuses)	Mailing: 14241 NE Woodinville-Duvall Rd #243, Woodinville 98072	(425) 481-2228
Concordia Lutheran School (2 locations)	7040 36th Ave NE, Seattle 98115	(206) 525-7407
Eastside Catholic School	232 228th Ave SE, Sammamish 98074	(425) 295-3000
Eastside Christian School	14615 SE 22nd St, Bellevue 98007	(425) 641-5570
Eastside Montessori School	1934 108th Ave E, Bellevue 98004	(425) 213-5629
Eton School	2701 Bel-Red Rd, Bellevue 98008	(425) 881-4230
Evergreen Academy (4 Locations)	16017 118th Pl NE, Bothell 98011	(425) 488-8000
Evergreen Lutheran High School	7306 Waller Road E, Tacoma 98443	(253) 946-4488
Evergreen School (The)	15201 Meridian Ave N, Shoreline 98133	(206) 364-2650
Forest Ridge School of the Sacred Heart	4800 139th Ave SE, Bellevue 98006	(425) 641-0700
Grace Academy	8521 67th Ave NE, Marysville 98270	(360) 659-8517
Heritage Christian Academy	19527 104th Ave NE, Bothell 98011	(425) 485-2585
Holy Names Academy	728 21st Ave E, Seattle 98112	(206) 323-4272
Jewish Day School	15749 NE 4th St, Bellevue 98008	(425) 460-0200
Kennedy Catholic High School	140 S 140th St, Burien 98168	(206) 246-0500
King's Schools	19303 Fremont Ave N, Seattle 98133	(206) 289-7783
Lakeside School (2 campuses)	14050 1st Ave NE, Seattle 98125	(206) 368-3600
Life Christian Academy	1717 S Union Ave, Tacoma 98405	(253) 756-2199
Meridian School	4649 Sunnyside Ave N, Ste 242, Seattle 98103	(206) 632-7154
Northwest School (The)	1415 Summit Ave, Seattle 98122	(206) 682-7309
Northwest Yeshiva High School	5017 90th Ave SE, Mercer Island 98040	(206) 232-5272
O'Dea High School	802 Terry Ave, Seattle 98104	(206) 622-6596
Overlake School (The)	20301 NE 108th St, Redmond 98053	(425) 868-1000
Pacific Crest School	600 NW Bright St, Seattle 98107	(206) 789-7889
Seattle Academy	1201 E Union St, Seattle 98122	(206) 323-6600
Seattle Country Day School	2619 4th Ave N, Seattle 98109	(206) 284-6220
Seattle Lutheran High School	4100 SW Genesee St, Seattle 98116	(206) 937-7722
Seattle Preparatory School	2400 11th Ave E, Seattle 98102	(206) 324-0400
St. Thomas School	8300 NE 12th St, Medina 98039	(425) 454-5880
Tacoma Baptist Schools	2052 S 64th St, Tacoma 98409	(253) 475-7226
University Child Development School	5062 9th Ave NE, Seattle 98105	(206) 547-8237
University Prep	8000 25th Ave NE, Seattle 98115	(206) 525-2714
Yellow Wood Academy	9655 SE 36th St, Ste 101, Mercer Island 98040	(206) 236-1095

THE GREATER SEATTLE AREA is home to hundreds of private and parochial preschools, primary, secondary and special schools. The chart below contains information about just a few of these schools. Please contact them directly for more detailed information on curriculum, national test scores and specific educational needs. For a directory of private schools approved by the state, contact the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Private Education, Old Capitol Building, 600 Washington St. SE, P.O. Box 47200, Olympia, WA 98504-7200, (360) 725-6000 or visit www.k12.wa.us/PrivateEd.

Website	Director	Grade Range	Enrollment
www.aw.org	Christian Sullivan, Head of School	preschool–12	518
www.am-hs.org	Steven Schmutz, President	9–12	491
www.auburnacademy.org	Peter Fackenhall, Principal	9–12	235
www.bellarmineprep.org	Robert Modarelli, President	9–12	1,000
www.bellevuechristian.org	Kevin Dunning, Superintendent	preschool–12	1,064
www.bertschi.org	Rafael del Castillo, Head of School	preK-5	240
www.bishopblanchet.org	Antonio De Sapio, President	9–12	850
www.brightonschool.com	David Locke, Head of School	preschool–8	400
www.buenavista22.adventistschoolconnect.org	Gregg Wahlstrom, Principal	K–8	207
https://www.bush.edu	Dr. Percy Abram, Head of School	K–12	650
www.cpcsschools.com	Dr. Clinton Behrends, Superintendent	preschool–12	1,650
www.charleswright.org	Matt Culberson, Head of School	preK–12	644
www.ckseattle.org	Joanne Cecchini, Principal	preschool-8	207
www.christianfaithschool.com	Debbie Schindler, Head of School	preK–12	300+
www.chrysalis-school.com	Karen L. Fogle, Director	K–12	200
www.concordiaseattle.com	Christy Malone, Administrator	K–8	135
www.eastsidecatholic.org	Gil Picciotto, President	6-12	934
www.ecswa.org	Mark W. Migliore, Principal	preschool–8	285
www.eastsidemontessorischool.com	Christine First, Director	preK-6	218
www.etonsschool.org	Dr. Russell Smith, Head of School	preK–8	273
www.bothellevergreenacademy.com	Whitney Ball, Principal	preschool–5	178
www.elhs.org	Ted Klug, Principal	9–12	87
www.evergreenschool.org	Ronnie Codrington-Cazeau, Principal	preschool–8	477
www.forestridge.org	Julie Thenell Grasseschi, Head of School	5–12	400
www.graceacademy.net	Timothy J. Lugg, Administrator	preK-12	325
www.hcabothell.org	Brenda Chadwick, Principal	preschool–8	300+
www.holynames-sea.org	Elizabeth Swift, Principal	9–12	695
www.jds.org	Hamutal Gavish, Head of School	preschool–8	173
www.kennedyhs.org	Mike Prato, President	9–12	858
www.kingsschools.org	Eric Rasmussen, Head of School	preschool–12	1,147
www.lakesideschool.org	Bernie Noe, Head of School	5–12	851
www.wherelifehappens.org	Ross Hjelseth, Headmaster	preschool–12	565
www.meridianschool.edu	Meghan Kimpton, Head of School	K–5	200
www.northwestschool.org	Mike McGill, Head of School	6–12	474
www.nyhs.net	Jason Feld, Head of School	9–12	87
www.odea.org	James Walker, Principal	9–12	490
www.overlake.org	Matthew P. Horvat, Head of School	5–12	533
www.pacificcrest.org	Dorrie Knapp Guy, Head of School	preK–8	215
www.seattleacademy.org	Joe Puggelli, Head of School	6–12	817
www.seattlecountryday.org	Michael Murphy, Head of School	K–8	361
www.seattlelutheran.org	Dave Meyer, Executive Director	9–12	121
www.seaprep.org	Kent Hickey, President	9–12	760
www.stthomasschool.org	Dr. Kirk Wheeler, Head of School	preschool–8	295
www.southsoundchristian.org	Brad McCain, Head of School	K–12	273
www.ucds.org	Paula Smith, Head of School	preschool-5	330
www.universityprep.org	Matt Levinson, Head of School	6–12	553
www.yellowwoodacademy.org	Jan Schrag, President/CEO	K-12	150

Colleges, Universities & Trade Schools

Name	Address	Phone	Website
Antioch University Seattle	2400 3rd Ave, Ste 200, Seattle 98121	(206) 441-5352	www.antioch.edu/seattle
Argosy University	2601-A Elliott Ave, Seattle 98121	(206) 283-4500	www.argosy.edu
Art Institute of Seattle	2323 Elliott Ave, Seattle 98121	(206) 448-0900	www.artinstitutes.edu/seattle
Bastyr University	14500 Juanita Dr. NE, Kenmore 98028	(425) 602-3000	www.bastyr.edu
Bates Technical College (3 campuses)	main campus: 1101 S. Yakima Ave, Tacoma 98405	(253) 680-7000	www.bates.ctc.edu
Bellevue College	3000 Landerholm Circle SE, Bellevue 98007	(425) 564-1000	www.bellevuecollege.edu
Cascadia College	18345 Campus Way NE, Bothell 98011	(425) 352-8000	www.cascadia.edu
CWU University Centers	Five Greater Seattle Area Locations	(509) 963-1456	www.cwu.edu
Centralia College	600 Centralia College Blvd, Centralia 98531	(360) 736-9391	www.centralia.edu
City University (5 Western WA locations)	Headquarters, 521 Wall St, Ste 100, Seattle 98121	(206) 239-4500	www.cityu.edu
Clover Park Technical College (2 locations)	4500 Steilacoom Blvd. SW, Lakewood 98499	(253) 589-5800	www.cptcc.edu
Columbia College (2 WA locations)	13910 45th Ave. NE, Ste. 802, Marysville 98271	(360) 653-4480	www.ccis.edu
Cornish College of the Arts	1000 Lenora St, Seattle 98121	(206) 726-5016	www.cornish.edu
DigiPen Institute of Technology	9931 Willows Rd NE, Redmond 98052	(425) 558-0299	www.digipen.edu
Eastern Washington University Campuses	Bellevue, Everett, & Seattle locations	(509) 359-6200	www.ewu.edu/locations
Edmonds Community College	20000 68th Ave W, Lynnwood 98036	(425) 640-1459	www.edcc.edu
Evergreen State College	2700 Evergreen Pkwy NW, Olympia 98505	(360) 867-6000	www.evergreen.edu
Everett Community College	2000 Tower St, Everett 98201	(425) 388-9100	www.everettcc.edu
Green River College (4 campuses)	main campus: 12401 SE 320th St, Auburn 98092	(253) 833-9111	www.greenriver.edu
Highline College	2400 S. 240th St, Des Moines 98198	(206) 878-3710	www.highline.edu
Lake Washington Institute of Technology	11605 132nd Ave. NE, Kirkland 98034	(425) 739-8100	www.lwtech.edu
North Seattle College	9600 College Way N, Seattle 98103	(206) 934-3600	www.northseattle.edu
Northeastern University-Seattle	401 Terry Avenue N, Ste. 103, Seattle 98109	(206) 467-5480	www.northeastern.edu/seattle
Northwest College of Art & Design	1126 Pacific Ave, Tacoma 98402	(253) 272-1126	www.ncad.edu
Northwest University	5520 108th Ave NE, Kirkland 98033	(425) 822-8266	www.northwestu.edu
Olympic College (3 campuses)	1600 Chester Ave, Bremerton 98337	(360) 792-6050	www.olympic.edu
Pacific Lutheran University	12180 Park Ave S, Tacoma 98447	(253) 535-7411	www.plu.edu
Pierce College (4 campuses)	9401 Farwest Dr. SW, Lakewood 98498	(253) 964-6500	www.pierce.ctc.edu
Pima Medical Institute (2 WA locations)	9709 3rd Ave NE, Ste 400, Seattle 98115	(800) 477-7462	www.pmi.edu
Renton Technical College	3000 NE 4th St, Renton 98056	(425) 235-2352	www.rtc.edu
Saint Martin's University	5000 Abbey Way SE, Lacey 98503	(360) 491-4700	www.stmartin.edu
Seattle Central College	1701 Broadway, Seattle 98122	(206) 934-3800	www.seattlecentral.edu
Seattle Pacific University	3307 3rd Ave W, Seattle 98119	(206) 281-2000	www.spu.edu
Seattle University	901 12th Ave, Seattle 98122	(206) 296-6000	www.seattleu.edu
Shoreline Community College	16101 Greenwood Ave. N, Shoreline 98133	(206) 546-4101	www.shoreline.edu
Skagit Valley College (2 campuses)	2405 E. College Way, Mount Vernon 98273	(360) 416-7600	www.skagit.edu
South Puget Sound Community College	2011 Mottman Rd. SW, Olympia 98512	(360) 596-5200	www.spscc.edu
South Seattle College	6000 16th Ave. SW, Seattle 98106	(206) 934-5300	www.southseattle.edu
Tacoma Community College (2 campuses)	6501 S. 19th St, Tacoma 98466	(253) 566-5000	www.tacomacc.edu
University of Phoenix	7100 Fort Dent Way, Ste. 100, Tukwila 98188	(425) 572-1600	www.phoenix.edu
University of Puget Sound	1500 N. Warner St, Tacoma 98416	(253) 879-3211	www.pugetsound.edu
University of Washington	NE 45th St and 17th Ave NE, Seattle 98105	(206) 543-2100	www.washington.edu
University of Washington at Bothell	18115 Campus Way NE, Bothell 98011	(425) 352-5000	www.uwb.edu
University of Washington at Tacoma	1900 Commerce St, Tacoma 98402	(253) 692-4400	www.tacoma.uw.edu
Western Washington University	516 High St, Bellingham 98225	(360) 650-3000	www.wvu.edu
Whatcom Community College	237 W. Kellogg Road, Bellingham 98226	(360) 383-3000	www.whatcom.edu

The Childcare Search

Moving to a new area always has its challenges. For parents, choosing childcare is a major (and often stress inducing) decision.

According to the experts, knowledge is the key—the more you know, the more confidence you'll have in your decision. Interview multiple providers, make on-site visits, and ask plenty of questions. Don't be shy or intimidated. Your child is your utmost concern and any good provider will understand that motivation.

Nanny Costs In Seattle

Full-time Nanny	Salaries based on \$19.50-\$30 per hour Based on 40 to 50 hours a week Benefits may include vacation, sick days and health insurance stipend
Live-in Nanny	\$2,000-\$3,000 per month (d.o.e.) plus room and board
Part-time/Temp. Nanny	\$18-\$25 per hour (depends on number of children)

Source: College Nannies + Sitters

* Note: These nanny's wages do not include employer required taxes or workers comp insurance.

Median Rates For Monthly Childcare

Childcare Centers:

County	Infant (1 - 2.5 yrs)	Toddler	Pre-School	*School Age (6yrs+)
King	\$1,499	\$1,339	\$1,122	\$628
Kitsap	\$1,014	\$802	\$702	\$477
Pierce	\$958	\$802	\$719	\$477
Skagit	\$1,027	\$849	\$750	\$368
Snohomish	\$1,382	\$1,148	\$975	\$615

Family Daycare:

County	Infant (1 - 2.5 yrs)	Toddler	Pre-School	*School Age (6yrs+)
King	\$1,083	\$962	\$867	\$542
Kitsap	\$758	\$732	\$650	\$433
Pierce	\$758	\$758	\$650	\$477
Skagit	\$910	\$793	\$780	\$368
Snohomish	\$975	\$867	\$802	\$542

* based on the rates for school-age children (no kindergarten) during the school year for providers using an hourly rate/20 hour week schedule. Provider Discount for multiple children from the same family are not included.

Source: 2017 Annual Data Report, ChildCare Aware® of Washington

Childcare Resources

Childcare providers' licensing history in Washington:
Department of Early Learning (866) 48-CHECK
www.del.wa.gov/check

Statewide childcare information and referral service:
ChildCare Aware of Washington
(866) 416-4321 or (253)-383-1735
www.wa.childcareaware.org

Nanny Information: International Nanny Association in Washington www.nanny.org, Association of Premier Nanny Agencies www.theapna.org

Magazines Geared to Parents in Puget Sound:
Seattle's Child (206) 441-0191, www.seattleschild.com
Parent Map (206) 709-9026, www.parentmap.com



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WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES



Our state has the largest ferry system in the U.S. and the second largest in the world for number of vehicles carried. Seattle's downtown Pier 52 terminal has daily scheduled departures for Bainbridge Island and Bremerton. The Fauntleroy terminal in West Seattle has sailings to Vashon Island, as well as Southworth on the Kitsap Peninsula. Tacoma's Point Defiance Terminal connects to the south end of Vashon Island (Tahlequah). Ferries also run from Edmonds to Kingston on the Kitsap Peninsula, and from Mukilteo to Whidbey Island (Clinton). Sailings to the San Juan Islands and Sidney (Victoria) BC depart from Anacortes. (206) 464-6400, www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries.

GETTING AROUND WITHOUT A CAR

Transportation options abound in this region! Sound Transit, a regional public transit agency delivers a mix of rail, bus routes, and new transit facilities to urban King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties. Sound Transit's popular commuter rail line, Sounder, travels between Lakewood and Seattle (making stops in Tacoma, Puyallup, Sumner, Auburn, Kent and Tukwila) and between Everett and Seattle (stopping in Mukilteo and Edmonds.) Sound Transit's Link light rail runs from Angle Lake to the University of Washington, making 14 stops including SeaTac Airport and downtown Seattle. (One way: \$2.25 to \$3.25). Tacoma light rail travels through downtown Tacoma. www.soundtransit.org.

Local and commuter express bus service is provided by Metro Transit in King County, Pierce Transit in Pierce County, Community Transit in Snohomish County, Skagit Transit in Skagit County and Kitsap Transit in Kitsap County. Everett Transit provides direct and frequent service throughout Everett. For help planning a bus trip within King, Pierce, or Snohomish Counties: (206) 553-3000, www.triplanner.kingcounty.gov or download app for real time tracking.

Commuters who wish to "share the ride" can find free, self-serve ride matching at www.rideshareonline.com. Scoop, a carpooling app, helps to match commuters who work in downtown Seattle, South Lake Union, or Bellevue, www.takescoop.com.



For another alternative, try a passenger-only King County Water Taxi ferry. The West Seattle route sails out of Pier 50 in downtown Seattle and Seacrest Dock in West Seattle, daily from April-Oct, and weekdays

only from Nov-March. The Vashon route runs weekdays only between Pier 50 and the Vashon Ferry Terminal. (206) 477-3979, www.kingcounty.gov/watertaxi.



Other fun ways to travel in downtown Seattle include the Seattle Center Monorail and Seattle Streetcars. The Monorail provides daily service between Seattle Center and Westlake Center with trains departing every 10 minutes. (206) 905-2620, www.seattlemonorail.com. Seattle Streetcars run from Southlake Union to downtown city center, with a second line linking Capitol Hill to the Chinatown-International District and Pioneer Square. (206) 553-3000, www.seattlestreetcar.org.

BICYCLING

In 2017, the League of American Bicyclists named Washington the "Most Bike Friendly State" in the U.S. Transit buses are equipped with bike racks, and bike lockers are available at many transit centers and park & ride lots. The Bicycle Alliance of Washington provides support for bicycle commuters with maps & information. (206) 522-3222, www.wabikes.org. Greater Seattle has miles of bike trails, on-street lanes, and signed bike routes to accommodate both commuter and recreational bicyclists. For bike maps and information: In Seattle, (206) 684-7583, www.seattle.gov/transportation/bikeprogram.htm. Helmets are mandatory in King and most other local counties.

OTHER OPTIONS

Rental cars, limos, shuttle buses, app-based car services (Uber and Lyft), and taxis are all readily available. There are also car sharing companies including Car2go, Zipcar and ReachNow, as well as Turo, a peer-to-peer car rental company. Seattle taximeter rates run \$2.60 for the drop charge with distance charges of \$2.70 per mile, and a \$30 per hour wait time. A flat rate applies for rides from the downtown hotel district to SeaTac airport and should be posted on the taxi. For ground travel out of Seattle, trains and commercial bus service are options. Amtrak runs out of the historic King Street Station at 303 S. Jackson St., (800) USA-RAIL, www.amtrak.com. The downtown Seattle Greyhound Bus Station is located at 503 S. Royal Brougham Way, (800) 231-2222 or (206) 624-0618, www.greyhound.com.

TRANSIT INFORMATION

Community Transit	commtrans.org	(800) 562-1375
Everett Transit	everetttransit.org	(425) 257-7777
King County Metro	metro.kingcounty.gov	(800) 542-7876
Kitsap Transit	kitsaptransit.com	(800) 501-7433
Pierce Transit	piercettransit.org	(800) 562-8109
Skagit Transit	skagittransit.org	(360) 757-4433
Sound Transit	soundtransit.org	(888) 889-6368

Catch the News

Many Greater Seattle area neighborhoods, communities, ethnic groups, organizations and political parties produce their own digital and in some cases, printed products. Here is a listing of a few of them.

DIGITAL & PRINT MEDIA

Airlifter/The Ranger	(253) 584-1212	northwestmilitary.com
Anacortes American	(360) 293-3122	goanacortes.com
Arlington Times	(360) 659-1300	arlingtontimes.com
Auburn Reporter	(253) 833-0218	auburn-reporter.com
Bainbridge Island Review	(206) 842-6613	bainbridgereview.com
Ballard News-Tribune	(425) 238-4616	ballardnewstribune.com
Bellevue Reporter	(425) 453-4270	bellevuereporter.com
Bothell/Kenmore Reporter	(425) 483-3732	bothell-reporter.com
Capitol Hill Times	(425) 461-1310	capitolhilltimes.com
City Living Seattle	(206) 461-1300	citylivingseattle.com
Covington-Maple Valley/ Black Diamond Reporter	(425) 432-1209	maplevallyreporter.com
Edmonds Beacon	(425) 347-1711	edmondsbeacon.com
Enumclaw Courier-Herald	(360) 825-2555	courierherald.com
Federal Way Mirror	(253) 925-5565	federalwaymirror.com
Ft. Lewis Ranger	(253) 584-1212	ftlewisranger.com
Herald, The (Everett)	(425) 339-3000	heraldnet.com
Herald Business Journal	(425) 339-3097	theheraldbusinessjournal.com
Highline Times	(425) 238-4616	highlinetimes.com
International Examiner	(206) 624-3925	iexaminer.org
Issaquah Sammamish Reporter	(425) 391-0363	issaquahreporter.com
Kent Reporter	(253) 872-6600	kentreporter.com
Kirkland Reporter	(425) 822-9166	kirklandreporter.com
Kitsap Daily News	(360) 779-4464	kitsapdailynews.com
Kitsap Peninsula Business Journal	(844) 900-7106	kpbj.com
Kitsap Sun	(844) 900-7106	kitsapsun.com
Korea Daily Seattle	(206) 365-4000	koreadailyseattle.com
La Reza del Noroeste	(425) 339-3067	larazanw.com
Lynnwood Today	(425) 772-3056	lynnwoodtoday.com
Madison Park Times	(206) 461-1300	madsionparktimes.com
Marysville Globe, The	(360) 659-1300	marysvilleglobe.com
Mercer Island Reporter	(206) 232-1215	mi-reporter.com
Mill Creek Beacon	(425) 347-1711	millcreekbeacon.com
Monroe Monitor & Valley News	(360) 794-7116	monroemonitor.com
Mukilteo Beacon	(425) 347-5634	mukilteobeacon.com
News Tribune (Tacoma)	(253) 597-8742	thenewstribune.com
Northwest Asian Weekly	(206) 223-5559	nwasianweekly.com
Peninsula Daily News	(360) 452-2345	peninsuladailynews.com
Port Orchard Independent	(360) 876-4414	portorchardindependent.com
Puyallup Herald	(253) 597-8742	puyallupherald.com
Puget Sound Business Journal	(206) 876-5500	bizjournals.com/seattle
Queen Anne & Magnolia News	(206) 461-1291	queenanneneews.com
Redmond Reporter	(425) 867-0353	redmond-reporter.com
Renton Reporter	(425) 255-3484	rentonreporter.com

Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce	(206) 622-8272	djc.com
Seattle Gay News	(206) 324-4297	sgn.org
Seattle Post-Intelligencer	(206) 448-8000	seattlepi.com
Seattle Times	(206) 624-7323	seattletimes.com
Seattle Weekly	(206) 623-0500	seattleweekly.com
Skagit Valley Herald	(360) 424-3251	goskagit.com
Snohomish County Tribune	(360) 568-4121	snoho.com
Snoqualmie Valley Record	(425) 888-2311	valleyrecord.com
Stranger, The (Seattle)	(206) 323-7101	thestranger.com
Stanwood Camano News	(360) 629-2155	scnews.com
Tacoma Weekly	(253) 922-5317	tacomaweekly.com
Tukwila Reporter	(253) 8742-6600	tukwilareporter.com
Vashon-Maury Island Beachcomber	(206) 463-9195	vashonbeachcomber.com
Voice of the Valley	(425) 432-9696	voiceofthevalley.com
Westside Seattle	(425) 238-4616	westseattleherald.com
Whidbey News-Times	(360) 675-6611	whidbeynewstimes.com
Woodinville Weekly	(425) 483-0606	nwnews.com



TELEVISION CHANNELS			
Ch. 4	KOMO (ABC)	(206) 404-4000	komonews.com
Ch. 5	KING (NBC)	(206) 448-5555	king5.com
Ch. 7	KIRO (CBS)	(206) 728-7777	kIRO7.com
Ch. 6/16	KONG (KING)	(206) 448-5555	kongtv.com
Ch. 9	KCTS (PBS)	(206) 728-6463	kcts9.org
Ch. 11	KSTW (CW)	(206) 441-1111	kstw.com
Ch. 13	KCPQ (FOX)	(206) 674-1313	q13fox.com
Ch. 22	KZJO-TV	(206) 674-1313	joeswall.com

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ENJOYING
THE REGION

Area Attractions

Exploring the attractions and activities along the downtown Seattle waterfront

Exploring Seattle area sights is an ongoing endeavor, even for long-time residents. Many an exciting day or evening can be spent at the various tourist attractions that make the city unique.

Arboretum

The Washington Park Arboretum, located near the University of Washington just south of the Lake Washington Ship Canal, offers 230 acres of exploring possibilities among more than 5,000 kinds of trees, shrubs and vines, plus a waterfront trail and display gardens. Free admission, except for the Japanese Garden, (206) 684-4725. Download maps and audio tours at www.botanicgardens.uw.edu or contact the Graham Visitors Center, 2300 Arboretum Drive E, Seattle 98112, (206) 543-8800. For a different view of the park, rent a canoe from the University Waterfront Activities Center and paddle the surrounding waterways. (206) 543-9433.

Chinatown-International District

In South Downtown Seattle near CenturyLink and Safeco Fields, this district is home to Seattle's Pan-Asian community. Neighborhood highlights include the Chinese pavilion in the newly expanded Hing Hay Park, the Wing Luke Asian Museum, Chinagate, community gardens, dragon sculptures, various multicultural festivals and events, and Uwajimaya, one of the region's largest Asian retail stores. (206) 382-1197, www.cidbia.org.

Chittenden Locks

The Hiram M. Chittenden Locks connect the freshwater Lake Washington Ship Canal with the saltwater Puget Sound.

Designed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Locks have raised and lowered vessels of all sizes from the Lake to the Sound since 1917. An underwater viewing room reveals salmon swimming up the Locks' fish ladder. The grounds also feature the Carl S. English Jr. Botanical Gardens and a Visitors Center with exhibits and a gift shop. Free tours March through November. (206) 783-7059, or visit www.nws.usace.army.mil and search "Chittenden Locks."

Future of Flight Aviation Center & Boeing Tour

The Seattle area's largest employer and the world's largest aerospace company offers tours at its Everett plant. The one-third mile walking tour and video presentation showcases the plane building process. Reservations advised, (800) 464-1476. Sales start on-site at 8:30 a.m. for limited number of same day tickets. Tours include admission to the Future of Flight where you can enjoy interactive displays, exhibits, gift shops and café. Tickets for the Future of Flight without taking the Boeing Tour are also available. www.futureofflight.org.

Museums and Galleries

The Seattle Art Museum, or SAM, is known for its Asian, African, Pacific Northwest and contemporary American art holdings, as well as its diverse line-up of programs. Open Wednesday through Sunday, the first Thursday of each month is free. 1300 1st Ave, Seattle. A ticket to SAM usually provides admission to the Seattle Asian Art Museum if used within one week, but this museum is currently closed for renovations and expansion. (206) 654-3100, www.seattleartmuseum.org.

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Sightseeing



The view south from the Space Needle includes the Port of Seattle and SODO's stadium district

Other Area Museums:

- **Bellevue Arts Museum:** 510 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue, (425) 519-0770, www.bellevuearts.org.
- **Burke Museum of Natural History & Culture:** UW campus, 17th Ave NE and NE 45th St, Seattle, (206) 616-3962, www.burkemuseum.org.
- **Frye Art Museum:** 704 Terry Ave, Seattle, (206) 622-9250, www.fryemuseum.org.
- **Henry Art Gallery:** UW campus, 15th Ave NE & NE 41st St, Seattle, (206) 543-2280, www.henryart.org.
- **Living Computers Museum + Labs:** 2245 First Ave S, Seattle, (206) 342-2020, www.livingcomputers.org
- **Museum of Flight:** 9404 E Marginal Way S, Seattle, (206) 764-5700, www.museumofflight.org.
- **Museum of Glass:** 1801 Dock St, Tacoma, (866) 468-7386, www.museumofglass.org.
- **Museum of History & Industry:** 860 Terry Ave N, Seattle, (206) 324-1126, www.mohai.org.
- **Museum of Pop Culture:** 325 5th Ave N at Seattle Center, (206) 770-2700, www.mopop.org.
- **Northwest African American Museum:** 2300 S. Massachusetts St, Seattle, (206) 518-6000, www.naamnw.org.
- **Seattle Pinball Museum:** 508 Maynard Ave S, Seattle, (206) 623-0759, www.seattlepinballmuseum.com
- **Wing Luke Asian Museum:** 719 S. King St, Seattle, (206) 623-5124, www.wingluke.org.

Pike Place Market

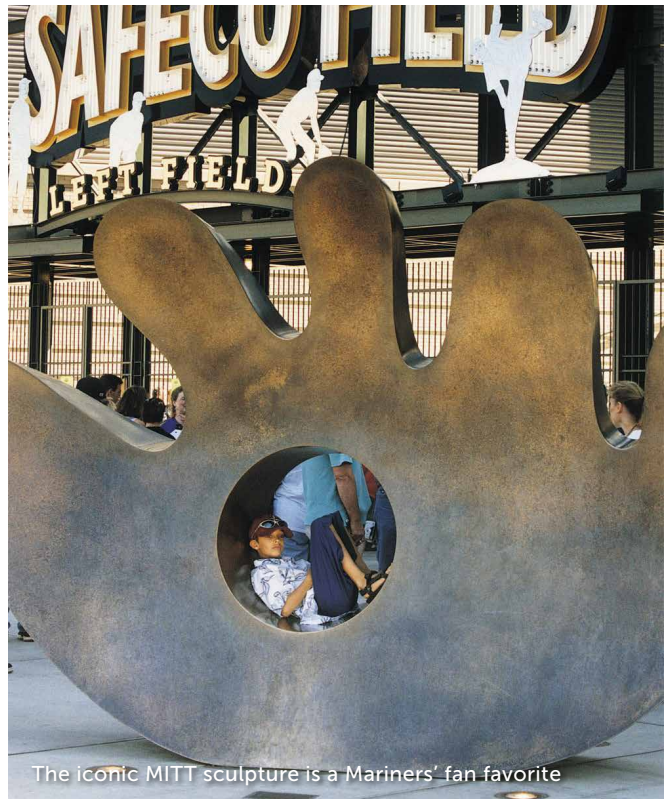
Created more than a century ago to connect the city's citizens and farmers, Pike Place Market is a beloved Seattle treasure and remains the bustling center of farm fresh, locally sourced, artisanal and specialty foods. Here you can "Meet the Producer"—the farmers, butchers, fishmongers, cheesemongers, bakers, wine-makers and purveyors who bring their bounty to your table. The Market features one of the country's largest craft markets, more than 225 small independent businesses and a diverse array of restaurants. (206) 682-7453, www.pikeplacemarket.org.

Pioneer Square

This historic district at the southern edge of downtown Seattle is the heart and soul of Seattle. Its quaint brick buildings were built atop what remained of the original business district after the great fire of 1889. For a unique view of these buried remains visit www.beneath-the-streets.com. The Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park also provides a glimpse into the past. (206) 220-4240, www.nps.gov/klse. Vintage fire engines and more are displayed at the Last Resort Fire Department Museum. Open Thursdays, 11am-3pm, free admission. (206) 783-4474, www.lastresortfd.org. Pioneer Square bookstores, art galleries, antique and specialty shops are perfect for browsing. www.PioneerSquare.org.

Seattle Center/Space Needle/MOPOP

The 74-acre Seattle Center features year-round activity. Originally the site for the 1962 World's Fair, the Center's landscaped grounds are free to visit and include the dramatic International Fountain. Over 12 million people visit each year to ride the Monorail or enjoy one of the 30-plus campus



The iconic MITT sculpture is a Mariners' fan favorite



The Seattle Monorail is the nation's first full scale commercial monorail system and connects the Seattle Center with downtown Seattle

organizations offering outstanding arts and entertainment. A “must see” is the 605-foot Space Needle, easily one of Seattle’s most recognizable landmarks. The Museum of Pop Culture is a unique, interactive museum featuring the Guitar Gallery, the Sound Lab, the Science Fiction and Fantasy Hall of Fame, and many other fascinating exhibits. The Pacific Science Center and the Children’s Museum offer hours of family fun. The Chihuly Garden & Glass Exhibition Hall has eight galleries housing Dale Chihuly’s work, along with the centerpiece Glasshouse, and sculptures within a lush garden. A state-of-the-art skatepark has features for all skill levels. Concerts and sporting events are held at Key Arena and Marion Oliver McCaw Hall. Seattle Center also hosts many of the region’s major festivals and cultural events. (206) 684-7200, www.seattlecenter.com.

Waterfront

Seattle’s waterfront is a hive of activity and sights. Rows of boats, fishing piers, attractions, hotels, shops and restaurants fill the docks. The Coast Guard Museum on Pier 36 is free and has unique nautical displays. Call ahead, (206) 217-6993. Ferries to Vashon Island leave from Pier 50, while Bainbridge Island and Bremerton bound ferries depart Pier 52. Pier 57 hosts a waterfront arcade, the 175 foot Seattle Great Wheel, and the Wings Over Washington aerial theater. On Pier 59, the Seattle Aquarium is a very popular stop, welcoming over 25 million visitors since opening in 1977. Cruise ship docks are at Pier 66 & 91. Parasailing boats and harbor tours leave from other waterfront piers. Beyond Pier 70, the Olympic Sculpture Park features art in a fabulous 9-acre waterfront setting.

All-Star Sports



Seattle Mariners | MLB Baseball
(206) 346-4001,
mariners.org



Seattle Seahawks | NFL
Football (888) NFL-HAWK,
seahawks.com



**University of Washington
Huskies** (206) 543-2200,
gohuskies.com



Seattle Sounders FC | MLS
Soccer (877) MLS-GOAL,
soundersfc.com



Seattle Storm | WNBA
Basketball (206) 217-WNBA,
storm.wnba.com



Tacoma Rainiers | AAA Baseball
(253) 752-7707,
tacomarainiers.com



Everett AquaSox | A-League
Baseball (425) 258-3673,
aquasox.com



Emerald Downs | Horse Racing
(888) 931-8400,
emeralddowns.com



Seattle Reign | NWSL
Professional Women’s Soccer
(855) REIGN-FC, reignfc.com



Seattle Thunderbirds | Junior
Hockey (253) 239-PUCK,
seattlethunderbirds.com



Everett Silvertips | Junior
Hockey (425) 252-5100,
everettsilvertips.com



Seattle Seawolves | Major
League Rugby (206) 483-7735,
seattleseawolves.com

>>> Seattle's art scene is large and diverse. The following list is only an introduction.

Applaud the Arts

ACT THEATRE

Producing contemporary work with promising playwrights and local performing artists since 1965. (206) 292-7676, www.acttheatre.org.

5TH AVENUE THEATRE

Quality musical revivals, premieres of bound-for-Broadway shows, and touring Broadway musicals performed in the beautifully restored 1926 Vaudeville House. (206) 625-1900, www.5thavenue.org.

INTIMAN THEATRE

This Tony Award winning Theatre produces plays, readings, and events that are exciting, diverse, and relevant to our time. (206) 441-7178, www.intiman.org.

ORCHESTRA SEATTLE/SEATTLE CHAMBER SINGERS

From classic masterpieces to new compositions, performances are featured October through May at several Seattle concert venues. (206) 682-5208, www.ossccs.org.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST BALLET

PNB, one of the nation's largest and most acclaimed ballet companies, presents over 100 performances yearly at McCaw Hall. (206) 441-2424, www.pnb.org.

SEATTLE ARTS & LECTURES

World renowned writers, thinkers and poets discuss their work and contemporary issues at various venues. (206) 621-2230, www.lectures.org.

SEATTLE OPERA

Nationally and internationally acclaimed Seattle Opera presents both European classics and new works of American opera. (206) 389-7676, www.seattleopera.org.

SEATTLE REPERTORY THEATRE

One of the country's largest and most renowned regional theatres, the "Rep" produces classic comedies, recent Broadway hits and cutting-edge new dramas at Bagley Wright and Leo K. Theatres at Seattle Center. (206) 443-2222, www.seattlerep.org.

Other Area Theaters

Annex Theatre: Original musicals, off-beat dramas. (206) 728-0933, www.annextheatre.org.

Book-It Repertory Theatre: Great literary works at great theatre. (206) 216-0833, www.book-it.org.

Kirkland Performance Center: Theatre, Dance, Music, Comedy. (425) 893-9900, www.kpcenter.org.

Knutzen Family Theatre: Centerstage presents dramas and musicals. (253) 661-1444, www.centerstagetheatre.com.

Moore Theatre: Musicals, dance, concerts, comedy, lecturers, and more. (206) 682-1414, www.stgpresents.org.

Neptune Theatre: Array of musical genres, independent film, comedy, lecturers. (206) 682-1414, www.stgpresents.org.

Paramount Theatre: Broadway musicals, plays, headline concerts. (206) 682-1414, www.stgpresents.org.

Seattle Musical Theatre: The best in live musical theatre. (206) 363-2809, www.seattlemusicaltheatre.org.

Taproot Theatre Co.: Meaningful theater. (206) 781-9707, www.taproottheatre.org.

Tulalip Amphitheatre: National acts, outdoor venue. (360) 716-6000, www.tulalipamphitheatre.com.

Village Theatre: Musical Theater, Two locales. Issaquah: (425) 392-2202
Everett: (425) 257-8600, www.villagetheatre.org.

White River Amphitheater: Open-air concert venue in Auburn. (360) 825-6200, www.whiteriverconcerts.com.

SEATTLE SYMPHONY

This Grammy and Emmy Award winning Symphony is heard September through June at Benaroya Hall performing everything from favorite classics to innovative works by talented new composers. (206) 215-4747, (866) 833-4747, www.seattlesymphony.org.

The Seattle Scene

Sample some of the city's hot spots!

Cha Cha Lounge: Up and coming local bands, karaoke, bar, happy hour. (206) 322-0703, www.chachalounge.com

The Crocodile: Cutting edge local, national, international talent. (206) 441-4618, www.thecrocodile.com

Dimitriou's Jazz Alley: Jazz, premier concert nightclub. (206) 441-9729, www.jazzalley.com

Neumo's: Genres across the spectrum - Indie, Hip Hop, Punk, Rock and more. (206) 709-9442, www.neumos.com

QLounge: Dance club with state of the art sound & light systems. (206) 432-9306, www.qnightclub.com

Showbox: Eclectic, exciting array of artists, performers, and musicians headline at Showbox venues. (206) 628-3151, www.showboxpresents.com

Tractor Tavern: Local, national, & international artists. (206) 789-3599, www.tractortavern.com

Triple Door: Live music, dining, full bar. (206) 838-4333, www.tripledoor.net

Comedy

Comedy Underground: (206) 628-0303, www.comedyunderground.com

Laughs Comedy Club: (206) 526-JOKE, www.laughscomedy.com

Jet City Improv: (206) 352-8291, www.jetcityimprov.org

Fun For Families

There's always something to do in the Puget Sound region, particularly with energetic children in tow. Here are a few attractions that the whole family can enjoy:

Foss Waterway Seaport

Celebrate Tacoma's rich maritime heritage as you experience the sights, sounds and classic beauty of the historic Balfour Dock building, the Heritage Boat Shop, various maritime exhibits and hands on activities, and views off the waterfront esplanade. Bring the entire family for a day to remember! (253) 272-2750, www.fosswaterwayseaport.org.

Northwest Trek

Located 55 miles south of Seattle, this 725-acre park has free-roaming wildlife, naturalist-guided tram ride, interactive learning centers, exhilarating zip line/challenge courses, kids play area, nature trails, café, concessions, and gift shop. (360) 832-6117, www.nwtrek.org.

Pacific Science Center

Located under the arches near the Space Needle you'll discover five buildings of interactive and innovative science exhibits. There are also two IMAX® theaters (one with IMAX® 3D technology), laser light shows and a planetarium. (206) 443-2001, www.pacsci.org.

Point Defiance Park, Zoo and Aquarium

The Northwest's only combined zoo and aquarium is located in Tacoma's beautiful, 760-acre Point Defiance Park. Visited by over 700,000 people each year, the zoological park is Pierce County's No. 2 tourist destination (second only to Mt. Rainier). (253) 591-5337, www.pdza.org.

Seattle Aquarium

See, touch and explore local animals in six astounding exhibits. Enjoy three daily dive shows in the 20' x 40' viewing window, peruse the gift store, or lunch at the café. Located on Pier 59 on the waterfront. (206) 386-4300, www.seattleaquarium.org.

Seattle Children's Museum

Children ages ten months to ten years and their families enjoy hands-on fun and learning. Cultural exhibits, exploratory play, and imagination studio. Located on the first level of the Armory at Seattle Center. (206) 441-1768, www.thechildrensmuseum.org.



The Humboldt Penguin Exhibit at the Woodland Park Zoo

Seattle Children's Theatre

Acclaimed as a leading producer of professional family theatre, SCT generally presents seven productions from October through May at two resident theatres located at Seattle Center. (206) 441-3322, www.sct.org.

Wild Waves Theme & Water Park

Enjoy two great parks in one! Featuring Washington's hottest water attractions and thrilling rides. Open May to September and for Fright Fest in October and Holiday Lights in December. (253) 661-8000, www.wildwaves.com.

Wolf Haven

An 80-acre reserve dedicated to wolf conservation. Guided 50-minute walking tours (may not be suitable for children ages six and under due to its informative nature), seasonal programs and special events, gift store, picnic area. Located in Tenino, 77 miles south of Seattle. (800) 448-9653, www.wolfhaven.org.

Woodland Park Zoo

A thousand animals representing 300 species from around the world and 1,300 plant species are displayed in this award-winning, 92-acre botanical setting. Discover the world of lions, elephants, gorillas, reptiles, birds and more. Open every day except Christmas day. (206) 548-2500, www.zoo.org.

Outdoor Adventures



The Seattle area enjoys a national reputation for its outdoor lifestyle. Residents are blessed with beautiful waters to sail, mountains to climb, trails to ride and parks to explore—all in a climate that allows year-round enjoyment.

Bicycling

Pedal the Burke-Gilman trail, ride the Redmond Velodrome, race the annual Seattle-to-Portland, or hit the trails on Tiger Mountain. Named 5th among the “50 Best Bike Cities” in the U.S. by Bicycling Magazine in 2016, Seattle is perfect for all biking personalities. There are dozens of local and statewide clubs. The Bicycle Alliance of Washington offers links to some of them at www.wabikes.org. Click on the “Resources” tab. For trail maps and other biking resources, visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/bike.

British Columbia

Travel out of the country to nearby Canada. Visit the charming cities of Victoria or Vancouver (named the 8th Best City in the World for large cities by Condé Nast 2017 Reader’s Choice Awards), or the beautiful Canadian Gulf Islands. Contact Tourism BC Travel for information, www.hellobc.com.

Camping

From tents to yurts to RV’s, whatever your camping style, you’ll find it here.

- Washington State Parks: Information at (360) 902-8844, www.parks.wa.gov. Reservations at (888) 226-7688, www.washington.goingtocamp.com.
- National Forests in the Pacific Northwest: www.fs.usda.gov/r6.

Fishing and Hunting

Washington’s lakes, reservoirs, streams and the nearby waters of Puget Sound create a year-round fishing passion. Contact the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife at (360) 902-2200, www.wdfw.wa.gov/fishing for regulations or licenses. For openings call the Fishing Hotline, (360) 902-2500. Before harvesting shellfish, call the Red Tide Hotline at (800) 562-5632 and the Shellfish Rule Change Hotline at (866) 880-5431. For hunting regulations, contact (360) 902-2515, www.wdfw.wa.gov/hunting.

Golfing in the Greater Seattle Area

The Puget Sound area is home to more than 100 public golf courses. Mild winters allow most to remain open throughout the year. Numerous covered driving ranges offer rainy day alternatives. Visit www.golfink.com to find a course near you.



The Northwest Paddling Festival is a can't miss event for any paddling enthusiast

Hiking

With the Cascade Range and the Olympic Mountains so near, hiking is a popular weekend activity. Buy a hiking guide at a local bookstore or call the Washington Trails Association at (206) 625-1367 or visit www.wta.org for trail suggestions. Contact area hiking organizations like The Mountaineers Club, (206) 521-6000, www.mountaineers.org or The Pacific Northwest Trail Association, (360) 854-9415, www.pnt.org. For trail maps and information, visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/Walk/Hike.

Mount Rainier National Park

Ninety miles south of Seattle, Mount Rainier at 14,410 feet, is the tallest volcano and one of the highest mountains in the country. Located in Mount Rainier National Park, over 1.8 million people come here each year to hike, bike, camp, climb, fish, snowshoe, cross country ski or just to enjoy the beauty. For information about Visitor Centers, food, lodging, road conditions, fees & permits contact (360) 569-2211, www.nps.gov/mora or www.visitrainier.com.

Mount St. Helens

After the eruption of Mount St. Helens on May 18, 1980 over 110,000 acres of devastated land were set aside as a national monument. Today, plants and animals are returning and seismic activity is still being recorded. Several visitor centers allow travelers within a few miles of the crater. Contact: Mount St. Helens National Monument Headquarters, (360) 449-7800, www.fs.usda.gov/giffordpinchot.

North Central Washington

The sun shines on outdoor activities year-round at Lake Chelan, about 180 miles from Seattle. Swimming, waterskiing, fishing, parasailing, and golfing are popular pastimes. Each winter, urban residents escape to Lake Chelan resorts for snowmobiling and skiing. (800) 4-CHELAN, www.lakechelan.com.

To the northeast is Grand Coulee Dam, North America’s largest concrete dam. Free dam tours are offered and a free laser light show

depicting the history of the dam is held nightly starting Memorial Day Weekend through September 30. Contact the Grand Coulee Dam Visitor Center at (509) 633-9265, www.usbr.gov/pn/grandcoulee.

Northwestern Counties/North Cascades National Park

On the water or on the slopes, the northwest part of Washington sparkles with recreation. Skiing, scuba diving, hiking, rafting, and skydiving are just a start! Contact Bellingham Whatcom County Tourism, (800) 487-2032 or (360) 671-3990, www.bellingham.org.

For a leisurely scenic drive, the Cascade Loop is vibrant spring through fall. Each winter, usually late November to April, a section of State Route 20 closes, so call ahead to 5-1-1 for road conditions. The 440-mile loop is the "greenest driving loop in America" with electric charging stations along the route. Contact the Cascade Loop Association for free travel guides and event information, www.cascadeloop.com. During the summer, boat tours of Diablo Lake are popular. (360) 854-2589, www.seattle.gov/light/tours/skagit.

North Cascades National Park near the Canadian border offers over 684,000 acres of pristine high-country wilderness. It features over 300 glaciers—more than half of all the glaciers in the lower 48 states—miles of breathtaking scenery, fishing, hiking and climbing. (360) 854-7200, www.nps.gov/noca.

Ocean Beaches

The beaches of the Pacific Ocean are just two hours from Seattle. The shoreline is varied, from the high craggy cliffs of Moclips and Pacific Beach to Grayland's wide, sandy expanses that are perfect for flying kites. Several State Parks located in the area offer camping opportunities. At Ocean Shores you can ride horses, rent mopeds, dig clams, collect shells, or golf at a PGA-rated course. (360) 289-2451, www.oceanshores.org.

In the southwestern part of the state is Long Beach, North America's longest sandy beach, offering 28 miles of recreation and beauty. (800) 451-2542, www.funbeach.com.

Olympic Peninsula

A drive around the peninsula to the west of Seattle offers a variety of scenery—from snowcapped mountains and jagged ocean coastlines, to moss-draped rain forests in the Olympic National Park. Hood Canal, on the Puget Sound inlet west of Bremerton, provides miles of beach, caches of clams and numerous state parks.

Also on the peninsula, the Makah Indian Reservation hosts Makah Days in August featuring traditional dancing, singing, Slahal games and canoe races. (360) 645-2201, www.makah.com.

For information regarding Olympic Peninsula events, activities and attractions, contact Chambers of Commerce in key cities such as Port Angeles, Bremerton, Port Townsend and Sequim, or the Olympic Peninsula Visitor Bureau at www.olympicpeninsula.org.

Public Parks

From the conservatory and art museum in Volunteer Park on Capitol Hill to tiny, scenic Kerry Viewpoint on Queen Anne, area parks come in all shapes and sizes and offer special attractions or just a peaceful place to sit. For a free park guide or information regarding recreational and educational programs, contact Seattle Parks and Recreation, (206) 684-4075, www.seattle.gov/parks. For King County Parks contact (206) 477-4527, www.kingcounty.gov/recreation/parks.

Rain Forests

The Olympic Peninsula is home to three temperate rain forests, the Quinault, Hoh and Queets. These unique ecosystems are the product of an amazing 12 to 14 feet of annual rainfall. Visitors of all fitness levels can take short day hikes through moss-draped Sitka Spruce, some that are hundreds of years old and 250 feet tall. Contact: Olympic National Park Visitors Center, (360) 565-3130, www.nps.gov/olym.

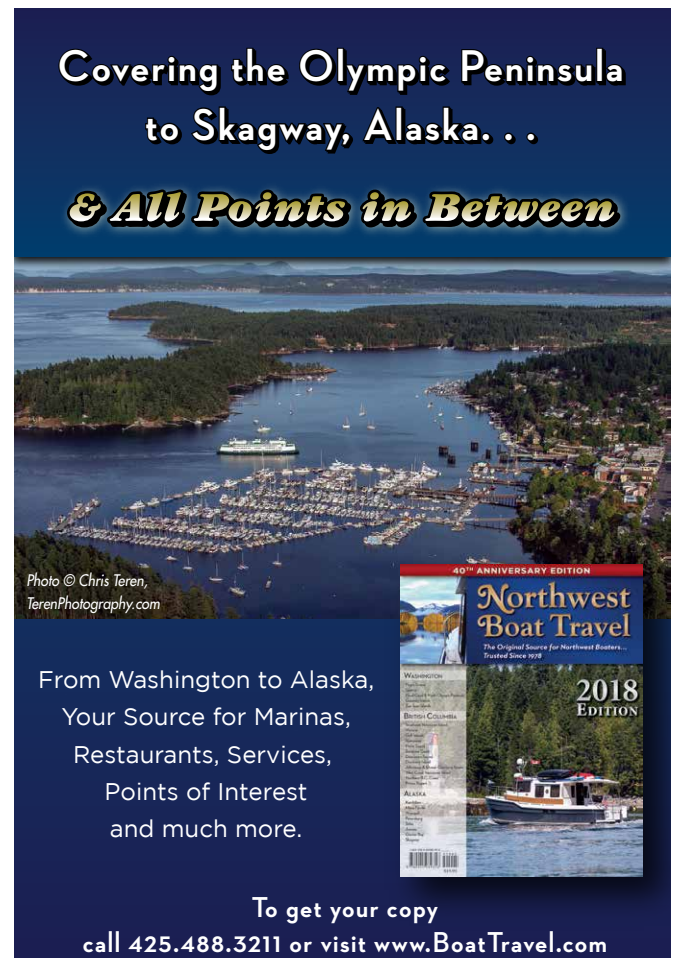
Running

Running reigns supreme in Greater Seattle. The biggest challenge for some is finding a flat course. At the downtown waterfront during lunch time, around Green Lake after work, along Shilshole Bay at sunset—if you like to run, there's a route that meets your training requirements.

The moderate, rarely humid summers and mild winters are well-suited to running. A myriad of annual events include the Seattle Marathon, the Saint Patrick's Day Dash and the Beat-the-Bridge Run—a uniquely Seattle race between two drawbridges. Visit www.racecenter.com and click on "Race Calendar" for a Northwest Race Calendar.

Sailing/Boating

In Washington, boating is a central part of the culture. More than a quarter of all Washington households own a boat.



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Before setting sail, visit boattravel.com and purchase a copy of *Northwest Boat Travel*. The Seattle District Corps of Engineers also offers a free brochure and classes providing guidelines for passing through the locks, bridges and local waterways. (206) 764-3742.

For kayaks, canoes, and other human-powered craft, the Cascadia Marine Trail stretches over 140 miles through Puget Sound to the Canadian border, offering up-close encounters with Northwest sea life and over 66 shoreline campsites. The Lakes-To-Locks Water Trail, which joins the Cascadia Marine Trail, has 100 launch sites for non-motorized boats. (206) 545-9161, www.wta.org/water-trails.

Local maritime festivals celebrate maritime skill and culture. The Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival held each September is a favorite. (360) 385-3628, www.woodenboat.org/festival.

San Juan Islands

Natural beauty and a relaxed atmosphere make these islands north of Seattle in the Salish Sea a popular getaway destination. Their relatively gentle terrain and rural roads are a special haven for bicyclists. The islands are accessed by ferry, private boat, airplane or floatplane. Several companies also offer charter cruises from Seattle. Island accommodations fill up well in advance, so call ahead. Contact: San Juan Islands Visitors Bureau, (888) 468-3701, www.visitsanjuans.com.

Washington State Tourism

For information on statewide activities, events and attractions, or to order a State Visitors' Guide call (800) 544-1800 or visit www.experiencewa.com.

Water Fun

Lake Washington, Lake Union, Puget Sound and numerous area rivers offer a bounty of year-round aquatic activities.

Puget Sound, one of the world's richest marine ecosystems, is home to resident pods of killer whales and the world's largest species of octopus. For a unique experience, go whale watching out of Westport where more than 20,000 gray whales migrate each year along the Washington coast. Scuba diving at underwater parks, like those in Edmonds and West Seattle, offer close-up views of local sea life—Dungeness crab, rockfish, anemones, wolf eels and even the occasional sea lion.

Winter Sports

Although Seattle rarely gets more than a dusting of snow, great skiing, snowboarding and other winter fun await at these Western Washington Ski areas:

Crystal Mountain (90 minutes from Tacoma, 105 minutes from Seattle): (360) 663-2265, Snowline (888) 754-6199, www.crystallmountainresort.com.

Mount Baker (2 1/2 hours NE of Seattle): (360) 734-6771, Snowline (360) 671-0211, www.mtbaker.us.

Steven's Pass (On US Hwy 2, 78 miles NE of Seattle): (206) 812-4510, Snowlines (206) 634-1645 or (425) 353-4400, www.stevenspass.com.

The Summit at Snoqualmie (On I-90, 45 minutes east of Seattle): (425) 434-7669, Snowline (206) 236-1600, www.summitatsnoqualmie.com.

White Pass (3 hours SE of Seattle): (509) 672-3101, Snowline (509) 672-3100, www.skiwhitepass.com.

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