

Population of Cities and Towns

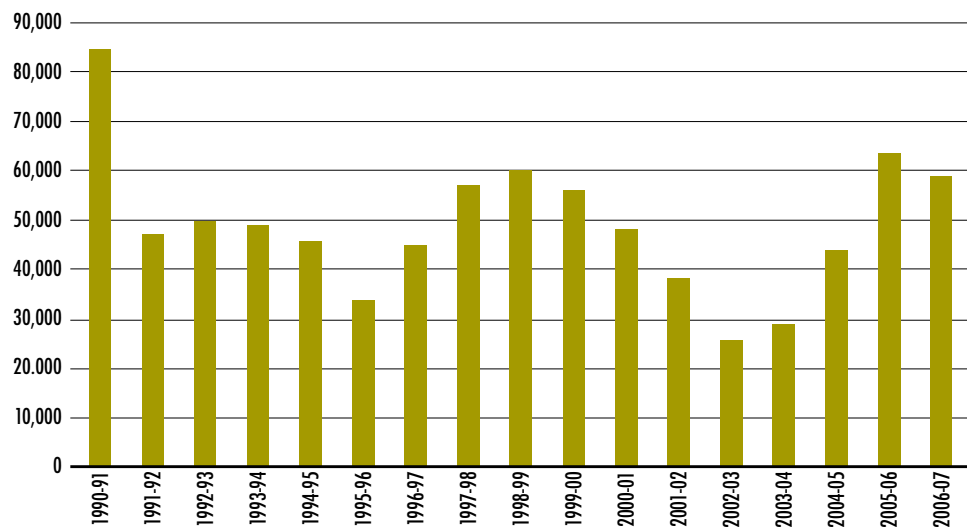
This issue of Puget Sound Trends presents the Washington State Office of Financial Management's official April 1, 2007 population estimates for cities, towns, and counties in the central Puget Sound region. See Appendix A for a map of the region and its municipalities, and Appendix B for a table of the population estimates.

The Central Puget Sound

The population of the central Puget Sound experienced another year of significant growth during 2006-07, at levels slightly below but still comparable to what was seen during the preceding year 2005-06. As of April 1, 2007, the region's population was estimated to have reached 3,582,900, an increase of 58,900 persons or 1.7 percent over the previous year.

Since making its recovery from the 2000/01 economic recession, the region's economy has been growing at a far stronger rate than the national average. The steady creation of employment opportunities in the central Puget Sound area has acted as a magnet for in-migration by job seekers from other parts of the state and country.

Figure 1. Annual Population Change in the Central Puget Sound



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Washington State Office of Financial Management

The April 1, 2007 population of the central Puget Sound counties was estimated at 1,861,300 for King County, 244,800 for Kitsap County, 790,500 for Pierce County, and 686,300 for Snohomish County. In the last year, King County was estimated to have grown by 26,000 or 1.4 percent. Growth in Kitsap County was significantly more modest, with the county adding just 1,400 persons or 0.6 percent. Pierce and Snohomish counties, on the other hand, exhibited vigorous growth levels, adding 17,000 and 14,500 persons, respectively, at a rate of 2.2 percent. Since the last U.S. Census in 2000, the region altogether has grown by over 300,000 persons.

Table 1. Population of the Central Puget Sound Counties

	Census 2000	OFM 2006	OFM 2007	Change 2006-07	Pct Chg 2006-07	Change 2000-07	Avg Annl Pct Chg 2000-07
King	1,737,046 \$	1,835,300	1,861,300	26,000	1.4%	124,254	1.0%
Kitsap	231,969	243,400	244,800	1,400	0.6%	12,831	0.8%
Pierce	700,818 \$	773,500	790,500	17,000	2.2%	89,682	1.7%
Snohomish	606,024	671,800	686,300	14,500	2.2%	80,276	1.8%
Region	3,275,857 \$	3,524,000	3,582,900	58,900	1.7%	307,043	1.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Washington State Office of Financial Management.

Note: \$ Indicates a correction to the federal 1990 census count and/or a revised state estimate.

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The 82 incorporated cities and towns of the central Puget Sound are home to about two-thirds or 66 percent of the region's total population. Since 2000, our cities are estimated to have grown by 199,800 persons or 9.3 percent. Annexation of previously unincorporated communities accounts for 20.2 percent of the increase. The remainder of the increase is due to real population change, i.e., natural population change (births minus deaths) and net migration (people moving in minus people moving out).

Table 2 presents a list of 10 cities that experienced the greatest nominal population growth between 2000 and 2007. These 10 cities accounted for over half of the growth that occurred in the region's incorporated areas over the last seven years.

Table 2. Top 10 Cities with the Greatest Nominal Population Growth, 2000-2007

Municipality	County	Population 2000	Population 2007	Change 2000-07	Percent Change 2000-07	Population Annexed 2000-07
Seattle	King	563,374 \$	586,200	22,826	4.1%	0
Issaquah	King	11,212	24,710	13,498	120.4%	6,207
Marysville	Snohomish	25,315	36,210	10,895	43.0%	5,734
Everett	Snohomish	91,488	101,800	10,312	11.3%	4,712
Renton	King	50,052	60,290	10,238	20.5%	1,201
Bellevue	King	109,827	118,100	8,273	7.5%	2,747
Tacoma	Pierce	193,556	201,700	8,144	4.2%	3
Auburn	Kin/Prc	43,047	50,470	7,423	17.2%	529
Kent	King	79,524	86,660	7,136	9.0%	882
Lake Stevens	Snohomish	6,361	13,350	6,989	109.9%	6,145

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Washington State Office of Financial Management.

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The list is mostly dominated by the region's traditional population centers, such as Seattle, Tacoma, Bellevue, Everett, Renton, Auburn and Kent. But it also includes newer emerging population centers such as Issaquah, Marysville and Lake Stevens.

Annexation activities contributed to nearly all of the growth in Lake Stevens and to roughly half of the growth in Issaquah, Marysville and Everett. On the other hand, real population change accounted for most of the growth in Auburn, Renton and Kent and for all of the growth in Seattle and Tacoma.

Table 3 presents a list of the 10 cities and towns with the greatest percentage population growth from 2000 to 2007. The cities of Issaquah, Lake Stevens and Marysville are represented on both "Top 10 Cities" lists in tables 2 and 3, being places that experienced significant levels as well as rates of population growth.

Table 3. Top 10 Cities with the Greatest Percentage Population Growth, 2000-2007

Municipality	County	Population 2000	Population 2007	Change 2000-07	Percent Change 2000-07	Population Annexed 2000-07
Snoqualmie	King	1,631	8,600	6,969	427.3%	0
Roy	Pierce	260	870	610	234.6%	503
DuPont	Pierce	2,452	7,045	4,593	187.3%	0
Issaquah	King	11,212	24,710	13,498	120.4%	6,207
Lake Stevens	Snohomish	6,361	13,350	6,989	109.9%	6,145
Bonney Lake	Pierce	9,687	15,740	6,053	62.5%	2,152
Mill Creek	Snohomish	11,525	17,620	6,095	52.9%	3,081
Orting	Pierce	3,931 §	5,940	2,009	51.1%	0
Fife	Pierce	4,784	7,180	2,396	50.1%	4
Marysville	Snohomish	25,315	36,210	10,895	43.0%	5,734

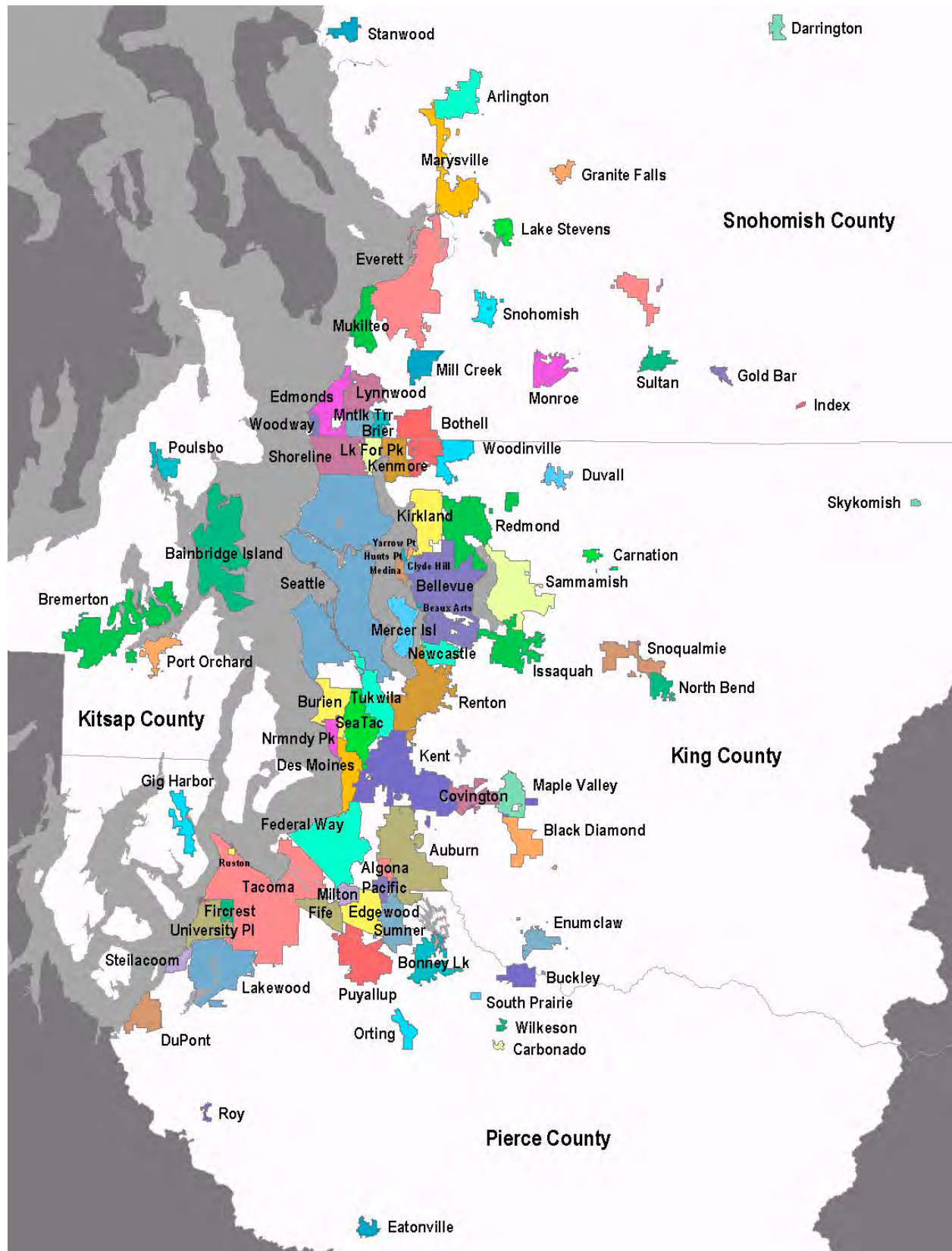
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Some of the cities and towns on this list have experienced extraordinary rates of growth over the past seven years. The city of Roy more than tripled in size from 2000 to 2007, largely as a result of completing a major annexation. The city of DuPont has also nearly tripled in size, with growth due entirely to real population change. The cities of Issaquah and Lake Stevens have more than doubled in population, with annexation contributing to half of the growth in Issaquah and real population change accounting for nearly all of the growth in Lake Stevens. (Note: Growth for the city of Snoqualmie is somewhat overstated, due to an undercount of its population by the 2000 Census. The city, however, has more than doubled in size in six years from 2001 to 2007.)

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Appendix A: Cities and Towns of the Central Puget Sound Region



Appendix B. Population of Cities, Towns, and Counties in the Central Puget Sound

County Municipality	Census 2000	OFM 2001	OFM 2002	OFM 2003	OFM 2004	OFM 2005	OFM 2006	OFM 2007	Population Change 2000-07	Population Change (%) 2000-07	Population Annexed 2000-07
Central Puget Sound	3,275,847	\$ 3,323,700	\$ 3,362,000	\$ 3,387,500	3,416,600	3,460,400	3,524,000	3,582,900	307,053	9.4%	--
Unincorporated	1,116,254	\$ 1,132,117	\$ 1,142,688	\$ 1,152,553	1,170,650	1,193,748	1,207,614	1,222,850	106,596	9.5%	-40,399
Incorporated	2,159,593	\$ 2,191,583	\$ 2,219,312	\$ 2,234,947	2,245,950	2,266,652	2,316,386	2,360,050	200,457	9.3%	40,399
King	1,737,046	\$ 1,758,312	\$ 1,774,312	\$ 1,779,300	1,788,300	1,808,300	1,835,300	1,861,300	124,254	7.2%	--
Unincorporated	349,234	\$ 353,040	\$ 351,136	\$ 351,843	356,795	364,498	367,070	368,255	19,021	5.4%	-15,499
Incorporated	1,387,812	\$ 1,405,272	\$ 1,423,176	\$ 1,427,457	1,431,505	1,443,802	1,468,230	1,493,045	105,233	7.6%	15,499
Algona	2,460	2,500	2,525	2,590	2,605	2,660	2,695	2,725	265	10.8%	0
Auburn (part)	42,901	43,420	43,970	43,890	43,670	43,540	43,820	44,300	1,399	3.3%	510
Beaux Arts	307	310	295	302	300	297	300	310	3	1.0%	0
Bellevue	109,827	111,500	117,000	116,400	116,500	115,500	117,000	118,100	8,273	7.5%	2,747
Black Diamond	3,970	4,015	4,015	3,995	4,000	4,080	4,085	4,120	150	3.8%	0
Bothell (part)	16,119	\$ 16,244	\$ 16,264	\$ 16,250	16,250	16,250	16,600	16,950	831	5.2%	2
Burien	31,881	31,830	31,810	31,480	31,130	31,040	31,080	31,410	-471	-1.5%	0
Carnation	1,893	1,920	1,905	1,905	1,895	1,900	1,900	1,900	7	0.4%	10
Clyde Hill	2,890	2,900	2,895	2,830	2,790	2,780	2,795	2,810	-80	-2.8%	0
Covington	13,783	13,840	14,395	14,850	15,190	16,610	17,240	17,190	3,407	24.7%	375
Des Moines	29,267	29,600	29,510	29,120	29,020	28,960	29,020	29,090	-177	-0.6%	401
Duvall	4,616	4,860	5,190	5,460	5,545	5,595	5,735	5,845	1,229	26.6%	0
Enumclaw (part)	11,116	11,180	11,195	11,140	11,160	11,190	11,220	11,320	204	1.8%	0
Federal Way	83,259	83,890	83,850	83,500	83,590	85,800	86,530	87,390	4,131	5.0%	2,722
Hunts Point	443	455	455	445	450	450	480	480	37	8.4%	0
Issaquah	11,212	12,950	13,790	15,110	15,510	17,060	19,570	24,710	13,498	120.4%	6,207
Kenmore	18,678	18,790	19,180	19,200	19,170	19,290	19,680	19,940	1,262	6.8%	0
Kent	79,524	81,900	84,275	84,210	84,560	84,920	85,650	86,660	7,136	9.0%	882
Kirkland	45,054	45,770	45,790	45,630	45,800	45,740	47,180	47,890	2,836	6.3%	24
Lake Forest Park	12,871	\$ 12,889	\$ 12,860	12,750	12,770	12,730	12,770	12,770	-101	-0.8%	0
Maple Valley	14,209	14,590	15,040	15,730	16,280	17,870	19,140	20,020	5,811	40.9%	0
Medina	3,011	2,990	3,010	2,970	2,955	2,930	2,945	2,950	-61	-2.0%	0
Mercer Island	22,036	21,970	21,955	21,840	21,830	21,710	21,860	22,380	344	1.6%	0
Milton (part)	814	815	815	820	800	815	825	825	11	1.4%	0
Newcastle	7,737	7,815	8,205	8,320	8,375	8,890	9,175	9,550	1,813	23.4%	0
Normandy Park	6,392	6,405	6,395	6,345	6,400	6,385	6,415	6,435	43	0.7%	0
North Bend	4,746	4,755	4,735	4,680	4,660	4,685	4,690	4,705	-41	-0.9%	0
Pacific (part)	5,373	5,380	5,405	5,525	5,545	5,640	5,815	5,945	572	10.6%	-2
Redmond	45,256	45,490	46,040	46,480	46,900	47,600	49,890	50,680	5,424	12.0%	401
Renton	50,052	51,140	53,840	54,900	55,360	56,840	58,360	60,290	10,238	20.5%	1,201
Sammamish	34,104	34,560	34,660	35,930	36,560	38,640	39,730	40,260	6,156	18.1%	0
SeaTac	25,496	25,380	25,320	25,100	25,130	25,140	25,230	25,530	34	0.1%	0
Seattle	563,376	\$ 568,102	\$ 570,802	\$ 571,900	572,600	573,000	578,700	586,200	22,824	4.1%	0
Shoreline	53,296	\$ 53,421	\$ 53,250	52,730	52,740	52,500	52,830	53,190	-106	-0.2%	0
Skykomish	214	215	215	210	210	210	210	210	-4	-1.9%	0

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Snoqualmie	1,631	3,416 *	4,210	4,785	5,110	6,345	7,815 *	8,600	6,969	427.3%	0
Tukwila	17,181	17,230	17,270	17,230	17,240	17,110	17,930	18,000	819	4.8%	0
Woodinville	9,809 \$	9,825 \$	9,830 \$	9,905	9,915	10,140	10,350	10,390	581	5.9%	19
Yarrow Point	1,008	1,010	1,010	1,000	990	960	970	975	-33	-3.3%	0
Kitsap	231,969	233,400	234,700	237,000	239,500	240,400	243,400	244,800	12,831	5.5%	--
Unincorporated	159,896	160,625	161,345	162,000	164,960	167,920	169,090	170,000	10,104	6.3%	-320
Incorporated	72,073	72,775	73,355	75,000	74,540	72,480	74,310	74,800	2,727	3.8%	320
Bainbridge Island	20,308	20,740	20,920	21,350	21,760	22,200	22,600	23,080	2,772	13.6%	0
Bremerton	37,259	37,260	37,530	38,730	37,520	34,580	35,910	35,810	-1,449	-3.9%	66
Port Orchard	7,693	7,810	7,900	7,910	8,060	8,250	8,310	8,350	657	8.5%	7
Poulsbo	6,813	6,965	7,005	7,010	7,200	7,450	7,490	7,560	747	11.0%	247
Pierce	700,818 \$	713,398 \$	724,998 \$	733,700	744,000	755,900	773,500	790,500	89,682	12.8%	--
Unincorporated	315,359 \$	323,741 \$	329,124 \$	332,980	339,477	345,940	355,089	365,910	50,551	16.0%	-3,404
Incorporated	385,459 \$	389,657 \$	395,874 \$	400,720	404,523	409,960	418,411	424,590	39,131	10.2%	3,404
Auburn (part)	146	565	1,040	1,465	2,465	3,930	5,135	6,170	6,024	4126.0%	19
Bonney Lake	9,687	9,980	12,360	12,950	13,740	14,370	15,230	15,740	6,053	62.5%	2,152
Buckley	4,145	4,330	4,410	4,505	4,510	4,515	4,535	4,555	410	9.9%	0
Carbonado	621	650 *	647	655 +	658 +	645 +	666 +	655	34	5.5%	0
DuPont	2,452	2,855	3,295	3,685	4,425	5,410	6,610	7,045	4,593	187.3%	0
Eatonville	2,012	2,040	2,070	2,095	2,165	2,330	2,385	2,380	368	18.3%	0
Edgewood	9,089	9,220	9,320	9,405	9,440	9,460	9,510	9,560	471	5.2%	0
Enumclaw (part)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0
Fife	4,784	4,820	4,815	4,905	4,885	4,855	6,135	7,180	2,396	50.1%	4
Fircrest	5,868	5,890	5,925	5,935	5,995	6,080	6,260	6,270	402	6.9%	0
Gig Harbor	6,465	6,485	6,540	6,655	6,680	6,765	6,765	6,780	315	4.9%	44
Lakewood	58,293 \$	58,272 \$	58,662 \$	58,940	59,010	58,850	59,000	58,950	657	1.1%	0
Milton (part)	4,981	5,005	5,180	5,205	5,225	5,285	5,665	5,695	714	14.3%	343
Orting	3,931 \$	4,186 \$	4,060	4,295	4,440	4,820	5,560	5,940	2,009	51.1%	0
Pacific (part)	154	145	145	140	135	130	125	110	-44	-28.6%	0
Puyallup	33,014	33,900	34,920	35,490	35,690	35,830	36,360	36,790	3,776	11.4%	322
Roy	260	367 *	865	870	865	865	875	870	610	234.6%	503
Ruston	738	740	740	745	745	745	740	750	12	1.6%	0
South Prairie	382	430 *	440	440	435	440	440	440	58	15.2%	0
Steilacoom	6,049	6,085	6,095	6,120	6,160	6,175	6,200	6,220	171	2.8%	0
Summer	8,504	8,585	8,670	8,780	8,835	8,940	9,025	9,035	531	6.2%	14
Tacoma	193,556	194,500	194,900	196,300	196,800	198,100	199,600	201,700	8,144	4.2%	3
University Place	29,933	30,190	30,350	30,720	30,800	30,980	31,140	31,300	1,367	4.6%	0
Wilkeson	395	417 *	425	420	420	440	450	455	60	15.2%	0
Snohomish	606,024	618,600	628,000	637,500	644,800	655,800	671,800	686,300	80,276	13.2%	--

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Unincorporated	291,142	294,088	300,460	305,730	309,418	315,390	316,365	318,685	27,543	9.5%	-21,176
Incorporated	314,882	324,512	327,540	331,770	335,382	340,410	355,435	367,615	52,733	16.7%	21,176
Arlington	11,927	12,770	13,280	14,330	14,700	14,980	15,430	16,720	4,793	40.2%	829
Bothell (part)	13,965	14,160	14,490	14,660	14,680	14,750	15,090	15,450	1,485	10.6%	10
Brier	6,383	6,440	6,445	6,450	6,460	6,475	6,480	6,480	97	1.5%	0
Darrington	1,136	1,307 *	1,335	1,385	1,405	1,435	1,465	1,485	349	30.7%	44
Edmonds	39,544	39,590	39,460	39,580	39,620	39,860	40,360	40,560	1,016	2.6%	0
Everett	91,488	95,990	96,070	95,470	96,840	97,500	101,100	101,800	10,312	11.3%	4,712
Gold Bar	2,014	2,035	2,055	2,075	2,075	2,085	2,125	2,175	161	8.0%	5
Granite Falls	2,347	2,540	2,760	2,915	3,010	3,060	3,095	3,195	848	36.1%	0
Index	157	160	160	160	157	155	155	160	3	1.9%	0
Lake Stevens	6,361	6,590	6,640	6,910	7,135	7,185	9,650	13,350	6,989	109.9%	6,145
Lynnwood	33,847	34,010	33,990	34,500	34,540	34,830	35,230	35,490	1,643	4.9%	2
Marysville	25,315	26,770	27,580	28,370	28,800	29,460	32,150	36,210	10,895	43.0%	5,734
Mill Creek	11,525	11,970	12,055	12,260	12,760	14,320	17,460	17,620	6,095	52.9%	3,081
Monroe	13,795	14,210	14,670	15,160	15,480	15,920	16,170	16,290	2,495	18.1%	21
Mountlake Terrace	20,362	20,370	20,470	20,380	20,390	20,390	20,390	20,810	448	2.2%	56
Mukilteo	18,019	18,340	18,520	19,190	19,220	19,360	19,620	19,940	1,921	10.7%	0
Snohomish	8,494	8,565	8,575	8,640	8,585	8,700	8,920	8,970	476	5.6%	323
Stanwood	3,923	3,975	4,085	4,190	4,315	4,580	4,940	5,200	1,277	32.6%	214
Sultan	3,344	3,775	3,910	4,095	4,135	4,225	4,440	4,530	1,186	35.5%	0
Woodway	936	945	990	1,050	1,075	1,140	1,165	1,180	244	26.1%	0

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Cross-County Municipality Totals:											
Auburn	43,047	43,985	45,010	45,355	46,135	47,470	48,955	50,470	7,423	17.2%	529
Bothell	30,150 \$	30,470 \$	30,820 \$	30,910	30,930	31,000	31,690	32,400	2,250	7.5%	12
Enumclaw	11,116	11,180	11,195	11,140	11,160	11,190	11,220	11,320	204	1.8%	0
Milton	5,795	5,820	5,995	6,025	6,025	6,100	6,490	6,520	725	12.5%	343
Pacific	5,527	5,525	5,550	5,665	5,680	5,770	5,940	6,055	528	9.6%	-2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Washington State Office of Financial Management

Notes:

The county and municipal populations shown for 2000 are, with a few exceptions, the 2000 federal census Public Law 94-171 counts. Some 2000 counts may differ from the federal census.

\$ Indicates a correction to the federal 1990 census count and/or a revised state estimate.

* State Certified Special Census. A population and housing count that meets all special census certification requirements.

+ Informal population count. Does not meet criteria for a special census.

Burien incorporated in February 1993. Woodinville incorporated in March 1993. Newcastle incorporated in September 1994. Shoreline and University Place incorporated in August 1995. Edgewood and Lakewood incorporated in February 1996. Covington and Maple Valley incorporated in August 1997. Kenmore incorporated in August 1998. Sammamish incorporated in August 1999. Winslow annexed the remainder of, and changed its name to, Bainbridge Island in February 1991. Pacific annexed population and housing in Pierce County in July 1995. Auburn annexed land in Pierce County in May 1998. Enumclaw annexed land in Pierce County for municipal purposes.