

POPULATION CHANGE IN CITIES, TOWNS AND COUNTIES, 1990-2000

Based on Census 2000 numbers, the five largest cities in the central Puget Sound region continue to be Seattle, Tacoma, Bellevue, Everett and Federal Way. The cities of Lakewood, Shoreline, Sammamish, Burien, and University Place, all of which incorporated during the last decade, have joined the list of the central Puget Sound region's 25 largest cities. Kent was the only city that moved upwards in ranking — from ninth to sixth. The other cities remained at the same ranking or showed a decrease from 1990 to 2000.

Between 1990 and 2000, Snohomish County experienced the highest percent change in population (30.1 percent) among the four central Puget Sound counties, followed by Kitsap County (22.3 percent), Pierce County (19.6 percent), and King County (15.2 percent).

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TECHNICAL NOTES: Real growth is defined as an increase in population due to positive net migration, whereas growth due to annexation is simply the result of changes in municipal boundaries. Please note that real and annexed population change could not be calculated for cities that incorporated after the 1990 Census. Estimates of real population change assume fluid jurisdictional boundaries over time. For jurisdictions that annexed land between 1990 and 2000, the estimates account only for that portion of real population change that occurred in such areas subsequent to the date of annexation.

TABLE 1. Incorporations in the Central Puget Sound Region, 1990-2000

City	County	Date of Incorporation	Estimated Population Incorporated
Federal Way	King	Feb-90	57,849
SeaTac	King	Feb-90	23,812
Burien	King	Feb-93	27,610
Woodinville	King	Mar-93	8,800
Newcastle	King	Sep-94	7,751
Shoreline	King	Aug-95	48,600
University Place	Pierce	Aug-95	30,500
Edgewood	Pierce	Feb-96	10,500
Lakewood	Pierce	Feb-96	65,200
Covington	King	Aug-97	12,500
Maple Valley	King	Aug-97	10,556
Kenmore	King	Aug-98	16,874
Sammamish	King	Aug-99	29,400

SOURCE: Washington State Office of Financial Management (OFM)

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TABLE 2. Twenty-Five Largest Cities in the Central Puget Sound Region, 2000

	Population 1990	Rank 1990	Population 2000	Rank 2000
Seattle	516,259	1	563,374	1
Tacoma	176,664	2	193,556	2
Bellevue	86,874	3	109,569	3
Everett	69,961	4	91,488	4
Federal Way	67,554	5	83,259	5
Kent	37,960	9	79,524	6
Lakewood	-	-	58,211	7
Shoreline	-	-	53,025	8
Renton	41,688	6	50,052	9
Redmond	35,800	10	45,256	10
Kirkland	40,052	7	45,054	11
Auburn	33,102	11	40,314	12
Edmonds	30,744	12	39,515	13
Bremerton	38,142	8	37,259	14
Sammamish	-	-	34,104	15
Lynnwood	28,695	13	33,847	16
Puyallup	23,875	14	33,011	17
Burien	-	-	31,881	18
Bothell	12,345	19	30,150	19
University Place	-	-	29,933	20
Des Moines	17,283	18	29,267	21
SeaTac	22,694	15	25,496	22
Marysville	10,328	21	25,315	23
Mercer Island	20,816	16	22,036	24
Mountlake Terrace	19,320	17	20,362	25

SOURCE: 1990 and 2000 U.S. Census of Population and Housing

TABLE 3. Cities with Population Increases Greater Than 10,000, 1990-2000

Seattle	47,115
Kent	41,564
Bellevue	22,695
Everett	21,527
Bothell	17,805
Bainbridge Island	17,227
Tacoma	16,892
Federal Way	15,705
Marysville	14,987
Des Moines	11,984
Mukilteo	11,012

SOURCE: 1990 and 2000 U.S. Census of Population and Housing

TABLE 4. Cities with Population Increases Due to Real Population Growth Greater Than 50 Percent, 1990-2000

DuPont	314.2%
Monroe	173.4%
Bainbridge Island	130.8%
South Prairie	112.2%
Arlington	111.3%
Granite Falls	107.0%
Marysville	98.9%
Stanwood	96.2%
North Bend	84.1%
Lake Stevens	82.5%
Gold Bar	77.5%
Orting	76.2%
Black Diamond	74.1%
Mukilteo	73.6%
Duvall	64.0%
Mill Creek	54.3%
Enumclaw	53.8%
Bothell	50.7%

SOURCE: 1990 and 2000 U.S. Census of Population and Housing, Washington State Office of Financial Management (OFM)

TABLE 5. Cities with Population Increases Due to Municipal Boundary Change Greater Than 50 Percent, 1990-2000

Bainbridge Island	428.3%
Lake Forest Park	237.7%
Black Diamond	105.1%
Bothell	93.5%
Mukilteo	83.6%
Gig Harbor	82.5%
Arlington	78.8%
Kent	68.1%
Des Moines	53.6%

SOURCE: 1990 and 2000 U.S. Census of Population and Housing, Washington State Office of Financial Management (OFM)

TABLE 6. Population Change in Cities, Towns, and Counties in the Central Puget Sound Region

	Land Area (sq miles) 1990	Land Area (sq miles) 2000	Land Area Change 1990-2000	Land Area Change (%) 1990-2000	Population 1990	Population 2000	Population Change 1990-2000	Population Change (%) 1990-2000	Population Incorp. & Annexed 1990-2000	Real Population Change 1990-2000 ⁽¹⁾
Central Puget Sound	6287.873	6287.873	0.000	0.0%	2,748,895	3,275,847	526,952	19.2%	0	526,952
Incorporated	461.428	684.004	222.576	48.2%	1,497,447	2,156,185	658,738	44.0%	400,893	257,845
Unincorporated	5826.445	5603.869	-222.576	-3.8%	1,251,448	1,119,662	-131,786	-10.5%	-400,893	269,107
King County	2126.111	2126.111	0.000	0.0%	1,507,319	1,737,034	229,715	15.2%	0	229,715
Incorporated ⁽²⁾	286.613	391.415	104.802	36.6%	994,271	1,384,270	389,999	39.2%	233,814	156,185
Unincorporated	1839.498	1734.696	-104.802	-5.7%	513,048	352,764	-160,284	-31.2%	-233,814	73,530
Algona	2.000	2.020	0.020	1.0%	1,694	2,460	766	45.2%	0	766
Auburn ⁽²⁾	20.377	21.755	1.378	6.8%	33,102	40,314	7,212	21.8%	2,825	4,387
Beaux Arts	0.080	0.080	0.000	0.0%	303	307	4	1.3%	0	4
Bellevue	26.896	30.908	4.012	14.9%	86,874	109,569	22,695	26.1%	11,227	11,468
Black Diamond	3.785	6.237	2.452	64.8%	1,422	3,970	2,548	179.2%	1,495	1,053
Bothell ⁽²⁾	5.548	12.252	6.704	120.8%	12,345	30,150	17,805	144.2%	11,544	6,261
Burien ⁽⁴⁾	-	7.302	-	-	-	31,881	-	-	29,612	-
Carnation	5.078	5.197	0.119	2.3%	1,243	1,893	650	52.3%	45	605
Clyde Hill	1.500	1.503	0.003	0.2%	2,972	2,890	-82	-2.8%	9	-91
Covington ⁽⁴⁾	-	6.163	-	-	-	13,783	-	-	12,500	-
Des Moines	3.374	6.060	2.686	79.6%	17,283	29,267	11,984	69.3%	9,262	2,722
Duvall	1.228	2.029	0.801	65.2%	2,770	4,616	1,846	66.6%	72	1,774
Enumclaw	3.751	3.784	0.033	0.9%	7,227	11,116	3,889	53.8%	1	3,888
Federal Way ⁽³⁾	19.900	21.177	1.277	6.4%	67,554	83,259	15,705	23.2%	5	15,700
Hunts Point	0.330	0.330	0.000	0.0%	513	443	-70	-13.6%	0	-70
Issaquah	6.091	9.317	3.226	53.0%	7,786	11,212	3,426	44.0%	104	3,322
Kenmore ⁽⁴⁾	-	6.100	-	-	-	18,678	-	-	16,874	-
Kent	19.748	29.413	9.665	48.9%	37,960	79,524	41,564	109.5%	25,835	15,729
Kirkland	10.420	10.396	-0.024	-0.2%	40,052	45,054	5,002	12.5%	-27	5,029
Lake Forest Park	1.063	3.679	2.616	246.1%	4,031	13,142	9,111	226.0%	9,582	-471
Maple Valley ⁽⁴⁾	-	5.572	-	-	-	14,209	-	-	10,556	-
Medina	1.605	1.605	0.000	0.0%	2,981	3,011	30	1.0%	0	30
Mercer Island	6.200	6.200	0.000	0.0%	20,816	22,036	1,220	5.9%	0	1,220
Newcastle ⁽⁴⁾	-	4.328	-	-	-	7,737	-	-	7,763	-
Normandy Park	2.629	2.706	0.077	2.9%	6,709	6,392	-317	-4.7%	90	-407
North Bend	3.543	3.543	0.000	0.0%	2,578	4,746	2,168	84.1%	0	2,168
Pacific ⁽²⁾	3.000	3.592	0.592	19.7%	4,622	5,527	905	19.6%	195	710
Redmond	15.233	16.644	1.411	9.3%	35,800	45,256	9,456	26.4%	271	9,185
Renton	16.547	17.311	0.764	4.6%	41,688	50,052	8,364	20.1%	590	7,774
Sammamish ⁽⁴⁾	-	21.181	-	-	-	34,104	-	-	29,400	-
SeaTac ⁽³⁾	12.500	12.584	0.084	0.7%	22,694	25,496	2,802	12.3%	127	2,675
Seattle	83.782	83.782	0.000	0.0%	516,259	563,374	47,115	9.1%	0	47,115
Shoreline ⁽⁴⁾	-	12.757	-	-	-	53,025	-	-	53,541	-
Skykomish	1.000	1.000	0.000	0.0%	273	214	-59	-21.6%	0	-59
Snoqualmie	1.607	5.143	3.536	220.0%	1,546	1,631	85	5.5%	0	85
Tukwila	7.756	8.775	1.019	13.1%	11,874	17,181	5,307	44.7%	2,764	2,543
Woodinville ⁽⁴⁾	-	6.117	-	-	-	9,194	-	-	8,882	-
Yarrow Point	0.350	0.355	0.005	1.4%	962	1,008	46	4.8%	18	28
Kitsap County	395.996	395.996	0.000	0.0%	189,731	231,969	42,238	22.3%	0	42,238
Incorporated	28.372	63.000	34.628	122.0%	51,055	72,073	21,018	41.2%	15,135	5,883
Unincorporated	367.624	332.996	-34.628	-9.4%	138,676	159,896	21,220	15.3%	-15,135	36,355
Bainbridge Island	1.518	32.073	30.555	2012.8%	3,081	20,308	17,227	559.1%	13,197	4,030
Bremerton	21.102	23.655	2.553	12.1%	38,142	37,259	-883	-2.3%	1,282	-2,16
Port Orchard	3.054	3.840	0.786	25.7%	4,984	7,693	2,709	54.4%	241	2,468
Poulsbo	2.698	3.432	0.734	27.2%	4,848	6,813	1,965	40.5%	415	1,550
Pierce County	1675.557	1675.557	0.000	0.0%	586,203	700,820	114,617	19.6%	0	114,617
Incorporated ⁽²⁾	62.090	114.382	52.292	84.2%	246,278	385,203	138,925	56.4%	113,431	25,494
Unincorporated	1613.467	1561.175	-52.292	-3.2%	339,925	315,617	-24,308	-7.2%	-113,431	89,123
Bonney Lake	5.737	6.666	0.929	16.2%	7,494	9,687	2,193	29.3%	17	2,176
Buckley	4.105	4.105	0.000	0.0%	3,516	4,145	629	17.9%	0	629

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Carbonado	0.300	0.389	0.089	29.7%	495	621	126	25.5%	5	121
DuPont	5.268	5.911	0.643	12.2%	592	2,452	1,860	314.2%	0	1,860
Eatonville	0.949	1.639	0.690	72.7%	1,374	2,012	638	46.4%	84	554
Edgewood ⁽⁴⁾	-	0.089	-	-	-	9,089	-	-	10,500	-
Fife	2.840	5.504	2.664	93.8%	3,864	4,784	920	23.8%	815	10
Fircrest	1.080	1.564	0.484	44.8%	5,258	5,868	610	11.6%	462	148
Gig Harbor	1.353	4.178	2.825	208.8%	3,236	6,465	3,229	99.8%	2,669	56
Lakewood ⁽⁴⁾	-	0.200	-	-	-	58,211	-	-	65,200	-
Milton ⁽²⁾	2.014	2.312	0.298	14.8%	4,995	5,795	800	16.0%	98	702
Orting	1.500	2.576	1.076	71.7%	2,106	3,760	1,654	78.5%	49	1,605
Puyallup	9.963	11.864	1.901	19.1%	23,875	33,011	9,136	38.3%	1,387	7,749
Roy	0.315	0.369	0.054	17.1%	258	260	2	0.8%	0	2
Ruston	0.500	0.500	0.000	0.0%	693	738	45	6.5%	0	45
South Prairie	0.390	0.395	0.005	1.3%	180	382	202	112.2%	0	202
Steilacoom	2.174	2.174	0.000	0.0%	5,728	6,049	321	5.6%	0	321
Sumner	3.869	5.432	1.563	40.4%	6,281	8,504	2,223	35.4%	984	1,239
Tacoma	47.769	49.052	1.283	2.7%	176,664	193,556	16,892	9.6%	7	16,885
University Place ⁽⁴⁾	-	7.966	-	-	-	29,933	-	-	30,995	-
Wilkeson	0.470	0.471	0.001	0.2%	366	395	29	7.9%	0	29
Snohomish County	2090.209	2090.209	0.000	0.0%	465,642	606,024	140,382	30.1%	0	140,382
Incorporated ⁽²⁾	84.352	115.206	30.854	36.6%	205,843	314,639	108,796	52.9%	38,513	70,283
Unincorporated	2005.857	1975.003	-30.854	-1.5%	259,799	291,385	31,586	12.2%	-38,513	70,099
Arlington	8.133	10.034	1.901	23.4%	4,037	11,713	7,676	190.1%	3,182	4,494
Brier	2.171	2.190	0.019	0.9%	5,633	6,383	750	13.3%	37	71
Darrington	1.221	1.372	0.151	12.4%	1,042	1,136	94	9.0%	18	7
Edmonds	7.490	9.042	1.552	20.7%	30,744	39,515	8,771	28.5%	7,739	1,032
Everett	30.497	32.966	2.469	8.1%	69,961	91,488	21,527	30.8%	1,205	20,322
Gold Bar	1.000	1.426	0.426	42.6%	1,078	2,014	936	86.8%	101	835
Granite Falls	0.646	1.672	1.026	158.8%	1,060	2,347	1,287	121.4%	153	1,134
Index	0.190	0.190	0.000	0.0%	139	157	18	12.9%	0	18
Lake Stevens	1.611	2.045	0.434	26.9%	3,380	6,361	2,981	88.2%	191	2,790
Lynnwood	7.018	9.918	2.900	41.3%	28,695	33,847	5,152	18.0%	1,099	4,053
Marysville	4.085	9.276	5.191	127.1%	10,328	25,315	14,987	145.1%	4,772	10,215
Mill Creek	2.809	3.594	0.785	27.9%	7,172	11,525	4,353	60.7%	460	3,893
Monroe	3.423	5.332	1.909	55.8%	4,278	13,795	9,517	222.5%	2,099	7,418
Mountlake Terrace	3.870	3.954	0.084	2.2%	19,320	20,362	1,042	5.4%	47	995
Mukilteo	2.728	6.136	3.408	124.9%	7,007	18,019	11,012	157.2%	5,855	5,157
Snohomish	2.160	2.598	0.438	20.3%	6,499	8,494	1,995	30.7%	233	1,762
Stanwood	1.556	2.015	0.459	29.5%	1,961	3,923	1,962	100.1%	76	1,886
Sultan	2.500	3.951	1.451	58.0%	2,236	3,344	1,108	49.6%	57	1,051
Woodway	1.040	1.040	0.000	0.0%	914	936	22	2.4%	0	22

SOURCES: a. Estimates of population from U.S. Census: 1990 STF-1A, 2000 PL94-171

b. Estimates of land area and incorporated/annexed population from Washington State Office of Financial Management

- NOTES:
1. Estimates of "real population change" assume fluid jurisdictional boundaries over time. For jurisdictions that annexed land between April 1 1990 and April 1 2000, the estimates account only for that portion of real population change that occurred in such areas subsequent to the date of annexation. Real population change could not be calculated for cities that incorporated after April 1, 1990.
 2. 1990 estimates for the cities of Bothell, Milton, and Pacific and 2000 estimates for the cities of Auburn, Bothell, Milton, and Pacific represent city-wide estimates across county boundaries. As such, the sum of the municipal-level estimates for King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties will not match the county-level estimates for incorporated areas for these counties.
 3. Federal Way and SeaTac incorporated in February 1990 just prior to the 1990 Census. 1990 Census estimates of area and population for Federal Way and SeaTac were based on Census Designated Place (CDP) boundaries which differed slightly from the boundaries of incorporation.
 4. Buriem 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 changed its name to Bainbridge Island in 1991.