

CHILD EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Mason County Data Series

PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

School enrollment within Mason County slightly declined between the 1996/97 and 2000/01 school years. Nearly 5 in 10 public school students in Mason County were in the Shelton School district. (DS116-123)

Public and Private School Enrollment, Mason County 1996/97-2000/01

AREA	# 1996/97	# 1998/99	# 2000/01	% CHANGE 1996/97-2000/01
Public	8,674	8,528	8,454	↓ 3%
Private	218	197	196	↓ 10%
Total	8,892	8,725	8,650	↓ 3%

Includes children attending school for grades Kindergarten through 12th grade

Public School Enrollment, Mason County School Districts 1996/97-2000/01

AREA	# 1996/97	# 1998/99	# 2000/01	% OF TOTAL 2000/01	% CHANGE 1996/97-2000/01
Grapeview	186	189	195	2%	↑ 5%
Hood Canal	464	383	388	5%	↓ 16%
Mary M. Knight	219	239	233	3%	↑ 6%
North Mason	2,509	2,430	2,423	29%	↓ 3%
Pioneer	895	883	795	9%	↓ 11%
Shelton	4,155	4,153	4,196	50%	↑ 1%
Southside	*	251	224	3%	*

Data unavailable. Southside School District data was not included in all reports. Homeschool and private school students not included in totals.

SCHOOL DROPOUTS

About 150 Mason County public school students, enrolled in 9-12th grade, drop out of school each year (based on 1996-2000 data). Though the county drop out rate bounces around between 5-8%, it has consistently been higher than the state over the 1996-2000 school years. (DS125-128)

Public School Drop Outs among 9-12th Graders, Mason County and Washington State 1996/97-2000/01

AREA	# 1996/97	# 1998/99	# 2000/01	% 1996/97	% 1998/99	% 2000/01
Mary M. Knight	3	0	2	4%	0%	3%
North Mason	16	12	4	2%	1%	0%
Shelton	183	117	163	11%	7%	9%
Mason County	202	129	169	8%	5%	6%
WA State	11,935	11,785	15,811	4%	4%	5%

The Grapeview, Hood Canal, Pioneer, and Southside School Districts are not included because they do not have students in grades 9-12.

In 2000, the Census estimated that about 588 Mason County children over the age of 3 were enrolled in preschool or nursery school. (DS124)

A dropout is defined as a student who leaves school for any reason, except death, before graduation or completion of a program of studies and does not transfer to another school. (DS128)

In the 2000/01 school year, 93 students or about 3% of Mason County public school students (grade 9-12) were reported as "unknown". During that same time period about 6% of public school students in Washington State were classified as "unknown". (DS128)

If a student leaves the district, and does not indicate he or she is dropping out, and the district is not contacted by another school requesting student records, the student's enrollment status is reported as "unknown". (DS128)

% = Percent
= Number or count

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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

About 445 Mason County public school students, enrolled in 12th grade, graduate from high school each year (based on 1996-2000 data). About 9 in 10 Mason County 12th grade students graduated from high school in 2000/01. (DS125-128)

**Public School Graduates among 12th Graders,
Mason County and Washington State 1996/97-2000/01**

AREA	#	#	#	%	%	%
	1996/97	1998/99	2000/01	1996/97	1998/99	2000/01
Mary M. Knight	11	15	17	92%	100%	94%
North Mason	149	156	151	93%	90%	87%
Shelton	234	284	302	78%	93%	83%
Mason County	394	455	470	83%	92%	91%
WA State	51,741	55,418	56,277	83%	84%	82%

The Grapeview, Hood Canal, Pioneer, and Southside School Districts are not included above because they do not have students in grades 9-12.

WASHINGTON ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT LEARNING (WASL)

**Percent of Students Meeting Standard for All WASL Tests by Grade,
Mason County School Districts 2001-2002 School Year**

AREA	% 4 TH GRADE	% 7 TH GRADE	% 10 TH GRADE
Grapeview	13%	21%	*
Hood Canal	12%	13%	*
Mary M. Knight	60%	8%	62%
North Mason	17%	20%	26%
Pioneer	13%	12%	*
Shelton	20%	14%	32%
Southside	24%	33%	*
WA State	29%	22%	30%

**Percent of Students Meeting Standard for All WASL Tests by Grade,
Mason County School Districts 1999-2000 School Year**

AREA	% 4 TH GRADE	% 7 TH GRADE	% 10 TH GRADE
Grapeview	22%	0%	*
Hood Canal	12%	7%	*
Mary M. Knight	30%	10%	22%
North Mason	25%	20%	19%
Pioneer	9%	10%	*
Shelton	12%	10%	14%
Southside	41%	24%	*
WA State	24%	19%	21%

* School district has no students in the grade.

To pass All WASL tests, means that students met the standard for the Math, Reading, Writing, and Listening tests.

About 31% of new Washington State high school graduates enroll at a community or technical college in the year following high school. An estimated 29% of graduates go directly to a 4 year institution or out of state for higher education. (DS130)

Nearly half of all students enrolling at a Washington State community college had to take a developmental (remedial) math course because they did not pass the test for college level math course entry. (DS130)

Nearly 1 in 5 students enrolling at a Washington State community college had to take a developmental (remedial) writing course because they did not pass the test for college level writing course entry. (DS130)

The WASL is a series of tests administered each year to public school students in 4th, 7th, and 10th grade. The WASL includes testing student knowledge in four subject areas: Math, Reading, Writing, and Listening.

10th Grade WASL scores have been found to correlate with how well students do on College Placement Tests. The higher a student's WASL score in a subject, the higher their score on college placement test for that subject. (DS131)

CHILDREN IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Around 1 in 10 public school students in Mason County school districts were enrolled in special education programs. (DS132)

Students Enrolled in Public School Special Education Programs, Mason County School Districts 1999/2000-2001/2002 School Year

AREA	% 1999-2000	% 2000-2001	% 2001-2002
Grapeview	14%	11%	11%
Hood Canal	15%	13%	9%
Mary M. Knight	10%	9%	7%
North Mason	13%	11%	11%
Pioneer	15%	13%	10%
Shelton	12%	13%	11%
Southside	13%	15%	11%
WA State	12%	12%	11%

PRENATAL CARE

Each year, an average of 20 Mason County women received late or no prenatal care during pregnancy (based on 1997-2001 data). Over the 1997-2001 time period about 4% of pregnant women in the county received late or no prenatal care. (DS135)

Women Receiving Late or No Prenatal Care during Pregnancy, Mason County and Washington State 1997-2001

	# 1997	# 2001	# PER YEAR 1997-2001	RATE 1997	RATE 2001	RATE 1997-2001
Mason County	11	24	20	2.2	4.8	4.1
WA State	2,385	2,208	2,310	3.4	3.0	3.2

Rate per 100 births.

PREGNANCY

An average of 56 teens per year were pregnant in Mason County (based on 1996-2000 data). The teen pregnancy rate for 1996-2000 was significantly higher than the state, at 20.1 and 16.0 respectively. (DS137)

Pregnancy by Age Group, Mason County and Washington State 1996-2000

Mason County	# 1996	# 2000	# PER YEAR 1996-2000	RATE 1996	RATE 2000	RATE 1996-2000
Age 10-17	58	58	56	21.4	20.5	20.1
Age 18+	607	672	644	66.9	71.0	69.7
WA State						
Age 10-17	5,644	4,770	5,282	17.6	14.2	16.0
Age 18+	98,550	102,229	100,106	73.3	73.2	73.1

Rate per 1,000 women.

School districts in Washington State provide special education and related services to children with disabilities from the age of birth to 21. (DS133)

About 61 children under 3 in Mason County were enrolled in the Infant Toddler Early Education Program in 2000. This program serves children who have developmental delays or disabilities. (DS134)

Mason County ranked 17th highest for late or no prenatal care among pregnant women when compared to all 39 Washington counties (based on 1997-2001 data). (DS135)

Mothers who receive late or no prenatal care are more likely to have babies with health problems. Inadequate nutrition, smoking, anemia, and diabetes can affect pregnancy outcomes and can be addressed by appropriate prenatal care. Getting late or no prenatal care is associated with a greater likelihood of having babies who are low-birth weight or still-born or who die in the first year of life. (DS136)

Mason County had the 6th highest teen pregnancy rate in the state (based on 1996-2000 data for youth age 10-17). There are 39 counties in the state. (DS137)

BIRTHS

An average of 34 births per year occurred among Mason County teens (based on 1997-2000 data). The teen birth rate for 1997-2001 was significantly higher than the state, at 12.3 and 8.4 respectively. The birth rate for adult Mason County women was nearly the same as the state for the 1997-2001 time period (55.2 compared to 55.5 respectively). (DS138)

Births by Age Group, Mason County and Washington State 1996-2000

Mason County	# 1997	# 2001	# PER YEAR 1997-2001	RATE 1997	RATE 2001	RATE 1997-2001
Age 10-17	29	23	34	10.5	8.1	12.3
Age 18+	492	520	515	53.7	55.1	55.2
WA State						
Age 10-17	3,111	2,362	2,796	9.5	6.9	8.4
Age 18+	75,008	77,146	76,748	55.3	54.9	55.5

Rate per 1,000 women.

BIRTH WEIGHT

Between 1997-2001, about 6% of births to Mason County mothers involved a low birth weight baby. About 34 low birth weight babies per year were born to Mason County women (based on 1997-2001 data). (DS135)

Births by Birth Weight, Mason County and Washington State 1997-2001

Mason County	# 1997	# 2001	# PER YEAR 1997-2001	RATE 1997	RATE 2001	RATE 1997-2001
Normal Weight	500	506	514	96.0	93.2	93.8
Low Weight	21	37	34	4.0	6.8	6.2
WA State						
Normal Weight	73,580	74,554	74,625	94.4	94.2	94.3
Low Weight	4,381	4,588	4,533	5.6	5.8	5.7

Rate per 100 births. Normal birth weight is defined as 2500 grams or more (5lb. 8oz). Low birth weight is defined as less than 2500 grams at birth.

SUBSTANCE USE DURING PREGNANCY

Self-Reported Substance Use During Pregnancy, Mason County and Washington State 1997-2001

Mason County	# 1997-2001	# PER YEAR 1997-2001	RATE 1997-2001
Smoking	687	137	26.2
Drinking	24	5	1.0
WA State			
Smoking	52,749	10,550	13.9
Drinking	4,613	923	1.3

Rate per 100 births.

Rates can vary slightly from year to year. A rate that is significantly higher is an especially important finding.

Mason County had the 9th highest teen birth rate in the state (based on 1997-2001 data for youth age 10-17). (DS137)

Mason County had the 7th highest rate for low birth weight babies when compared to all 39 Washington counties (based on 1997-2001 data). (DS135)

Mason County had the 7th highest rate for mothers who smoked during pregnancy when compared to all 39 Washington counties (based on 1997-2001 data). (DS135)

The rate of smoking during pregnancy for Mason County teens (ages 10-17 yrs) was 34.1 per 100 births (based on 1997-2001 data). The state rate for that same time period was 24.7 for teens statewide. (DS135)

Women who smoke while pregnant have a greater chance of having a premature birth, a small baby, or a stillborn baby. Some types of birth defects (such as cleft lip, cleft palate, clubfoot, limb defects, and some heart defects) have been linked to the mother's smoking. (DS139)

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