

Demographics

Total Population

Over the 1990-2000 time period, the total population of Mason County increased by 29% or about 3% each year. The county's population increased at a slower pace for the 2000-2005 time period. Between 2000-2005, the total county population increased by 5% or about 1% each year. (D1-2)

Total Population, Mason County 1990-2010

Area	# in 1990	# in 2000	# in 2005	% Change 1990-2005	# in 2010
Mason County	38,341	49,405	51,900	↑ 35%	58,604

Population by Unincorporated and Incorporated Areas

Though Mason County's total population has grown substantially, the proportion of residents living in unincorporated areas (the county) versus incorporated areas (the City of Shelton) has largely remained unchanged. In 2005, about 83% of county residents lived in unincorporated areas of Mason County and 17% within Shelton. (D1)

Population in Unincorporated/Incorporated Areas, Mason County 1990-2005

Area	# in 1990	# in 2000	# in 2005	% Change 1990-2005
Unincorporated	31,100	40,963	43,165	↑ 39%
Incorporated (Shelton)	7,241	8,442	8,735	↑ 21%

Population by School District Boundaries

Between 1990-2005, all school districts boundary areas in Mason County experienced some growth in population. Three school district boundary areas experienced an increase in population of more than 3000+ residents – North Mason, Pioneer and Shelton. (D3-5)

Population within School District Boundary Areas, Mason County 1990-2005

Area	# in 1990	# in 2000	# in 2005	% Change 1990-2005
Grapeview	1,861	1,753	1,956	↑ 5%
Hood Canal	3,927	4,843	5,155	↑ 31%
Mary M. Knight	988	1,241	1,268	↑ 28%
North Mason	8,730	11,046	11,838	↑ 36%
Pioneer	4,888	7,948	8,429	↑ 72%
Shelton	16,247	20,692	21,350	↑ 31%
Southside	1,853	1,954	2,005	↑ 8%

Notes:

- The data represents everyone who resides within the area represented by the school district's geographical boundary and is not connected to school attendance.
- Population by school district boundary will rarely add up to a county's total population. This is due to the fact that schools district boundaries may cross county lines thereby including a portion of a neighboring county's residential population.

Between 1990-2005, the population of Washington State increased by 29%. (D1)

Between 2000-2005, the total population of Mason County increased by 2,495 residents. The majority, 92%, of this increase was due to net migration (in-migrants to the county minus out-migrants). The remaining 8% was due to natural increase (births minus deaths). (D1)

By 2015, Mason County is projected to have nearly 64,000 residents. (D2)

All 2005 and 2010 population figures are estimates. Census years, 1990 and 2000, are the only years that we have complete official counts of the total population.

The population density of Mason County was 54.0 residents per square mile in 2005. (D6)

There are 961.1 square miles of land in Mason County. (D6)

In Washington State, the majority of residents live within the boundaries of an incorporated city or town. In 2005, 61% of state residents lived within an incorporated area and 39% in an unincorporated area. (D1)

Five out of seven Mason County school district boundary areas grew in population by more than 25% between the 1990-2005 time period. (D3-5)

= Number or count
% = Percent

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Population by Age and Gender

In 2005, 22% of Mason County residents were between the ages of 0-17, 61% between the ages of 18-64 and 17% age 65+. (D7)

Population by Age and Gender, Mason County 1990-2005

Age	# in 1990	# in 2000	# in 2005	% Change 1990-2005	# Female in 2005	# Male in 2005
0-4	2,518	2,663	2,680	↑ 6%	1,279	1,402
5-9	2,887	3,181	3,004	↑ 4%	1,458	1,546
10-14	2,782	3,540	3,516	↑ 26%	1,713	1,802
15-17	1,490	2,235	2,293	↑ 54%	1,143	1,150
18-19	879	1,289	1,334	↑ 52%	569	764
20-24	1,979	2,507	2,823	↑ 43%	1,156	1,667
25-29	2,476	2,594	2,593	↑ 5%	1,112	1,480
30-34	2,988	2,882	2,724	9% ↓	1,195	1,529
35-39	3,158	3,596	3,273	↑ 4%	1,559	1,714
40-44	2,685	4,008	3,922	↑ 46%	1,877	2,045
45-49	2,177	3,830	4,081	↑ 87%	1,963	2,119
50-54	1,877	3,392	3,847	↑ 105%	1,898	1,948
55-59	1,879	2,862	3,800	↑ 102%	1,959	1,841
60-64	2,315	2,677	3,447	↑ 49%	1,757	1,689
65-69	2,361	2,451	2,732	↑ 16%	1,336	1,395
70-74	1,765	2,253	2,205	↑ 25%	1,080	1,126
75-79	1,056	1,684	1,593	↑ 51%	805	788
80-84	623	1,003	1,106	↑ 78%	628	478
85+	446	758	928	↑ 108%	581	347

In 2000, the median age for Mason County residents was 40. (D8)

In 2000, the median age for the Hispanic population of Mason County was 23. (D8)

In 2000, the median age for the American Indian & Alaskan Native population of Mason County was 29. (D8)

Five main categories of race were officially designated for use in 2000 census. These categories were: 1) American Indian & Alaskan Native, 2) Asian, 3) Black or African American, 4) Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander, and 5) White or Caucasian.

Hispanic is defined as an ethnicity. Persons who define themselves as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race. Hispanic origin can be viewed as heritage, nationality, lineage, or country of birth for the individual or their parents/ancestors.

Population by Race and Ethnicity

In 2004, 4% of Mason County residents were American Indian & Alaskan Native, 1% were Asian, 1% were Black, 0% were Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander, 91% were White and 2% Two or More races. (D6)

Population by Race and Ethnicity, Mason County 2000-2004

Race and Ethnicity	# in 2000	# in 2004	% Change 2000-2004
AIAN	1,883	1,821	3% ↓
Asian	536	496	7% ↓
Black	599	660	↑ 10%
NHOPI	229	212	7% ↓
White	44,945	46,362	↑ 3%
Two or More	1,213	1,249	↑ 3%
Hispanic	2,361	2,743	↑ 16%

The Hispanic population of Mason County changed dramatically between 1990 and 2004. In 1990, 883 residents identified themselves as Hispanic. In comparison 2,743 residents were estimated to be Hispanic in 2004. This represents a 211% increase in the Mason County Hispanic population. (D8-9)

Mason County is home to the Skokomish and Squaxin Island Indian Tribes. In 2000, the Skokomish Reservation population was 730. The Squaxin Island Reservation & Off-Reservation Trust Land had a population of 405 in 2000. (D10)

Notes:

- AIAN = American Indian and Alaskan Native.
- NHOPI = Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.
- Individuals who are Hispanic can be of any race.
- 2005 data for race and ethnicity is not currently available.

Population by Place of Birth

The majority of Mason County residents are native born, that is born within the boundaries of United States territories or of American parents. The foreign born population of Mason County was small, 4% in 2000. However, the number of foreign born residents within the county doubled between 1990-2000. (D11)

Population by Place of Birth, Mason County 1990-2000

Place of Birth	# in 1990	# in 2000	% Change 1990-2000
Foreign Born	1,102	2,175	↑ 97%
Native	37,239	47,230	↑ 27%

Note:

- Native = A native born resident can be someone born in the United States, Puerto Rico, outlying U.S. areas, or born abroad but of American parents.

Place of Birth for Foreign Born Residents

About 3 in 5, or 58% of foreign born residents living in Mason County were from the Americas in 2000. The Americas include the Caribbean, Central America, South America, and Northern America (i.e. Canada). (D11)

Place of Birth for Foreign Born Residents, Mason County 2000

Region of Birth	# in 2000	% of Total 2000
Africa	10	0%
Asia	345	16%
Europe	521	24%
Latin America	945	43%
Northern America	327	15%
Oceania	27	1%

Note:

- Oceania = Countries such as New Zealand and Australia.

Veteran Status for Residents

About 1 in 5, or 22% Mason County adult residents served in the Armed Forces at some point in their lifetime. (D12)

Military Service among Residents 18+, Mason County 2000

Military Service	# in 2000	% of Total 2000
Civilian Veteran	8,274	22%
Active Duty	153	0%

Note:

- Civilian veteran = a person who has served on active duty in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, even for a short time but is not now active duty personnel.

10% of Washington State residents were foreign born in 2000. (D13)

In 2000, 42% of foreign born Washington State residents described themselves as naturalized citizens of the U.S. and 58% as non-citizens. (D13)

About 28% of foreign born Washington State residents were from Latin American. (D13)

In 2000, 49% of foreign born Mason County residents described themselves as naturalized citizens of the U.S. and 51% as non-citizens. (D11)

It is important to note that foreign born residents can legally live within the United States without going through the immigration citizenship process. Legal entry can be provided through visas and some individuals may be legal residents but have not gone through the formal steps of turning that residency into citizenship.

Of the foreign born population living in Mason County, 38% entered the U.S. between 1990-2000. Very recent entry to the U.S. (e.g. during the last decade) may indicate need for language translation services or need for culturally competent approaches to the delivery of services. (D11)

The number of residents age 18+ on active duty in a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces has remained stable. In 2005, 151 residents were estimated to be on active duty. (D1)

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