

# Education

## School Enrollment

The majority, 98% of school-age children in Mason County attended public schools during the 2004/2005 school year. (D1-10)

### Public and Private School Enrollment, Mason County 2001/02-2004/05

Type	# in 2001/02	# in 2002/03	# in 2003/04	# in 2004/05	% Change 01/02-04/05
Public	8,452	8,328	8,366	8,266	2% ↓
Private	190	178	164	146	23% ↓
<b>All Students</b>	<b>8,642</b>	<b>8,506</b>	<b>8,530</b>	<b>8,412</b>	<b>3% ↓</b>

The largest public school districts in Mason County are Shelton and North Mason. (D12-15)

### Public School Enrollment by District, Mason County 2001/02-2004/05

Area	# in 2001/02	# in 2002/03	# in 2003/04	# in 2004/05	% Change 01/02-04/05
Grapeview	164	166	164	179	↑ 9%
Hood Canal	400	351	342	287	28% ↓
Mary M. Knight	236	237	209	202	14% ↓
North Mason	2,464	2,389	2386	2,363	4% ↓
Pioneer	787	780	797	754	4% ↓
Shelton	4,146	4,133	4201	4,209	↑ 2%
Southside	255	272	267	269	↑ 6%

## Public School Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity

About 1 in 5 public students in Mason County public schools are from a racial or ethnic minority population. First grade students are more likely than 9<sup>th</sup> grade students to be Hispanic. (D16)

### Public School Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity, Mason County 2004/05 (D1)

Race/Ethnicity	% 1 <sup>st</sup> Graders	% 9 <sup>th</sup> Graders	% All K-12 Students	# All K-12 Students
American Indian	6%	9%	7%	612
Asian & Pacific Islander	3%	4%	3%	222
Black	2%	1%	1%	109
Hispanic	13%	5%	8%	672
White	75%	81%	80%	6,617
Multi-Racial	0%	0%	0%	23
Unknown	0%	0%	0%	11
<b>All Students</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8,266</b>

In the 2003/2004 school year, Mason County public school districts reported that 92 students were registered for home-based education (home-schooling). (D11)

89% of private school students were White in the 2004/2005 school year. (D16)

In the 2004/2005 school year, 10% of students enrolled in the Shelton School District were American Indian, 12% were Hispanic and 75% were White. (D17)

In the 2004/2005 school year, 3% of students enrolled in the North Mason School District were American Indian, 4% were Hispanic, 4% were Asian, 2% were Black and 87% were White. (D17)

In the 2004/2005 school year, 3% of students enrolled in the Pioneer School District were American Indian, 5% Hispanic and 88% were White. (D17)

In the 2004/2005 school year, 37% of students enrolled in the Hood Canal School District were American Indian, 3% were Hispanic and 59% were White. (D17)

In the 2004/2005 school year, 89% of students enrolled in the Southside School District were White and 7% were Multi-Racial. (D17)

In the 2004/2005 school year, 6% of students enrolled in the Mary M. Knight School District were Hispanic and 88% were White. (D17)

In the 2004/2005 school year, 92% of students enrolled in the Grapeview School District were White. (D17)

# = Number or count  
% = Percent

## WASL Student Testing

The Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) is a standards-based student assessment program administered each year in public schools. The WASL tests student knowledge in three primary subject or standard areas: Math, Reading, and Writing. The WASL is used to: report to the people of Washington the level of proficiency of students relative to the Essential Academic Learning Requirements (EALRs), measure progress toward district and school improvement targets, serve as an accountability measure to meet federal requirements under the "No Child Left Behind" Act, and is one of the state's requirements for a standard high school diploma, beginning with the graduating class of 2008. (D18-19)

### WASL Test Results for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Public School Students, Mason County 2004/05

School District	% Met 0 Standards	% Met 1 Standard	% Met 2 Standards	% Met 3 Standards
Grapeview	28%	16%	28%	28%
Hood Canal	30%	19%	22%	30%
Mary M. Knight	14%	32%	27%	27%
North Mason	18%	16%	29%	38%
Pioneer	22%	26%	21%	31%
Shelton	20%	20%	25%	36%
Southside	23%	30%	23%	23%
<b>Washington</b>	16%	16%	23%	45%

### WASL Test Results for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Public School Students, Mason County 2004/05

School District	% Met 0 Standards	% Met 1 Standard	% Met 2 Standards	% Met 3 Standards
Grapeview	42%	21%	21%	16%
Hood Canal	28%	19%	31%	22%
Mary M. Knight	21%	7%	50%	21%
North Mason	32%	11%	26%	30%
Pioneer	24%	20%	23%	33%
Shelton	25%	16%	30%	30%
Southside	14%	14%	21%	52%
<b>Washington</b>	23%	15%	21%	41%

### WASL Test Results for 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Public School Students, Mason County 2004/05

School District	% Met 0 Standards	% Met 1 Standard	% Met 2 Standards	% Met 3 Standards
Grapeview	*	*	*	*
Hood Canal	*	*	*	*
Mary M. Knight	7%	13%	47%	33%
North Mason	19%	16%	19%	46%
Pioneer	*	*	*	*
Shelton	26%	20%	23%	31%
Southside	*	*	*	*
<b>Washington</b>	22%	14%	22%	42%

**Notes:**

\* District has no or few students in this grade level.

- May not add to total due to rounding.
- Listening is not included as a subject area or standard, though it was in previous WASL administration years.
- Science is being used with other grade levels as a subject or standard area, but is not incorporated in above percentages.

22% of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Mason County public school students said that last year their grades were mostly C's, D's or F's. (D20)

86% of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Mason County public school students said they have goals and plans for the future. (D20)

25% of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Mason County public school students said they feel the schoolwork they are assigned is only 'sometimes' meaningful and important. Another 16% said that assigned schoolwork was 'seldom or never' meaningful or important. (D20)

52% of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Mason County public school students said they 'almost always or often' enjoy being in school. (D20)

72% of 6<sup>th</sup> grade Mason County public school students said they 'almost always' try to do their best work in school. (D20)

35% of 10<sup>th</sup> grade Mason County public school students said that last year their grades were mostly C's, D's or F's. (D21)

18% of 10<sup>th</sup> grade Mason County public school students said what they were learning in school was going to be 'slightly or not at all' important to them later in life. (D21)

44% of 10<sup>th</sup> grade Mason County public school students said they 'almost always or often' enjoy being in school. (D21)

4% of 10<sup>th</sup> grade Mason County public school students thought they would not graduate from high school and another 7% thought they would graduate from high school, but would not go any further. (D21)

## Dropping Out of High School

During the 2003/2004 school year, a total of 219 public school students in grades 9-12 dropped out of high school in Mason County. The annual drop out rate for Mason County was higher when compared to the state overall. (D22)

### High School Dropout Rate for Public School Students, Mason County & Washington State 2003/04

Area	% of 9 <sup>th</sup> Graders	% of 10 <sup>th</sup> Graders	% of 11 <sup>th</sup> Graders	% of 12 <sup>th</sup> Graders	% (Rate) 9-12 <sup>th</sup> Combined	# 9-12 <sup>th</sup>
Mary M. Knight	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0
North Mason	0%	1%	9%	9%	5%	43
Shelton	6%	9%	12%	13%	10%	176
<b>Mason County</b>	4%	7%	11%	8%	8%	219
<b>Washington</b>	5%	6%	6%	6%	6%	18,365

Notes:

- Data are not present for Grapeview, Hood Canal, Pioneer and Southside School Districts have no or few students in these grade levels.
- Dropout = a student who leaves school for any reason, except death, before completing school with a regular diploma and does not transfer to another school.
- Includes students who attain a GED, as they have not attained a regular diploma.
- Includes students whose status in school is unknown, no other school has requested their records be transferred or the student did not tell the school they were dropping out.

## Graduating from High School

During the 2003/2004 school year, a total of 541 students graduated from Mason County public high schools. The annual graduation rate for Mason County was lower when compared to the state overall. (D22)

### On-time and Late Graduation Rate for Public School Students, Mason County & Washington State 2003/04

Area	# On-time	# Late	% (Rate) On-time	% (Rate) All/Extended
Mary M. Knight	10	0	91%	91%
North Mason	151	15	61%	67%
Shelton	338	27	60%	64%
<b>Mason County</b>	499	42	61%	66%
<b>Washington</b>	57,926	3,468	70%	74%

Notes:

- Data are not present for Grapeview, Hood Canal, Pioneer and Southside School Districts have no or few students in these grade levels.
- Extended graduation rate = on-time and late graduates.
- Students with disabilities who finish their education in the number of years expected based on their needs are considered on-time graduates.
- Includes on students graduating with a regular diploma, students attaining a GED are not include.

During the 2003/2004 school year a total of 150 Mason County high school students had a school enrollment status of 'unknown', their records had not been requested by another school and they had not told the school they were dropping out. (D22)

During the 2003/2004 school year a total of 10 Mason County high school students attained a GED. (D22)

The Mason County dropout rate for female high school students in 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade was 7% during the 2003/2004 school year. (D22)

The Mason County dropout rate for male high school students in 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade was 9% during the 2003/2004 school year. (D22)

The Mason County dropout rate for American Indian high school students in 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade was 10% during the 2003/2004 school year. (D22)

The Mason County dropout rate for Hispanic high school students in 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade was 11% during the 2003/2004 school year. (D22)

The Mason County dropout rate for White high school students in 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade was 8% during the 2003/2004 school year. (D22)

The Mason County high school graduation rate for American Indian students was 55% as of the 2003/2004 school year. (D22)

The Mason County high school graduation rate for Hispanic students was 50% as of the 2003/2004 school year. (D22)

The Mason County high school graduation rate for White students was 61% as of the 2003/2004 school year. (D22)

Dropout and graduation data should not be combined. Dropout figures express what is happening with all 9-12 grade high school students and graduation figures look only at students who are in their final year of high school.

## Recent Graduates in Community and Technical Colleges

Though figures for public and private university attendance are not available, data are available for the number of high school graduates from Mason County school districts who have enrolled in Washington State public Community and Technical colleges. Very recent high school graduate enrollment in state colleges provides some insight into continuing higher education patterns. (D23)

### Very Recent High School Graduates enrolled in Washington State Community and Technical Colleges, Mason County School Districts 2003/04-2004/05

School District	# Enrolled 2003/04	# Enrolled 2004/05	% of Graduates 2004/05
Mary M. Knight	6	3	30%
North Mason	67	66	40%
Shelton	132	108	30%

**Notes:**

- Data is not present for Grapeview, Hood Canal, Pioneer and Southside School Districts have no or few students in these grade levels.
- Does not include Running Start students as they were not high school graduates at time of college enrollment.
- Includes students who have attended a state community college or technical school within 5 years of graduating from high school.

## Adult Educational Attainment

About half, 51% of all Mason County residents age 25+ had attained more than a high school education in 2000. In comparison, 62% Washington State residents age 25+ had attained more than a high school education in 2000. (D24-25)

### Educational Attainment for Adults 25+, Mason County 2000

Highest Level	# in 2000	% of Total 2000
Less than 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	1,224	4%
9 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade, No Diploma	4,300	13%
High School Graduate/GED	11,017	32%
Some College, No Degree	9,709	29%
Associate Degree	2,405	7%
Bachelor's Degree	3,586	11%
Graduate or Professional Degree	1,695	5%
<b>High School or Less</b>	<b>16,541</b>	<b>49%</b>
<b>More than High School</b>	<b>17,395</b>	<b>51%</b>

**Note:**

- May not add to total due to rounding.

During the 2004/2005 school year, 45 high school graduates from the Shelton School District were enrolled at South Puget Sound Community College. (D23)

Having a low or minimal level of education can impact access to jobs, mobility along the career ladder, and earning potential which can in turn increase economic deprivation and the number of stress factors found in daily life.

In 2000, 14% of Mason County women age 25+ had less than a high school education. (D26)

In 2000, 17% of Mason County men age 25+ had less than a high school education. (D26)

In 2000, the educational attainment of Washington State residents age 25+ was: Less than 9<sup>th</sup> Grade = 4%, 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, No Diploma = 9%, High School Graduate or GED = 25%, Some College, No Degree = 26%, Associate Degree = 8%, Bachelor's Degree = 18%, and Graduate or Professional Degree = 9%. (D25)

33% of 8<sup>th</sup> grade Mason County public school students thought they would graduate from a 4 year college and another 30% thought they would go even further by getting an advanced graduate degree. (D27)

25% of 8<sup>th</sup> grade Mason County public school students thought the courses they were taking in school were 'very or quite' interesting and another 41% thought they were 'fairly' interesting. (D27)

## Language Spoken at Home

The majority, 94% of Mason County residents spoke English at home in 2000. Of the 6% of residents that spoke a language other than English at home, half spoke Spanish. (D28)

### Language Spoken at Home by Residents Age 5, Mason County 2000

Language	# in 2000	% of Residents Age 5+
Only English	43,791	94%
Spanish	1,574	3%
German	327	1%
French/Cajun	98	0%
Tagalog	90	0%
Korean	78	0%
Chinese	65	0%
Italian	57	0%
Other/Unspecified	677	1%

## Participation in Educational Programs

Most Mason County school districts had no students enrolled in the Transitional Bilingual or Migrant education programs. (D30)

### Participation in Transitional Bilingual, Migrant and Special Education Programs, Mason County & Washington State May 2005

Area	% in Bilingual Education	% in Migrant Education	% in Special Education
Grapeview	0%	0%	14%
Hood Canal	0%	0%	18%
Mary M. Knight	0%	0%	8%
North Mason	2%	0%	14%
Pioneer	0%	0%	14%
Shelton	5%	5%	14%
Southside	0%	0%	12%
<b>Washington</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>12%</b>

#### Notes:

- Transitional Bilingual Program = eligibility is linked to the ability of primarily non-English speaking students to learn in an all-English classroom.
- Migrant Education Program = eligibility is linked to parent or guardian employment patterns which include seeking temporary or seasonal work in the agricultural or fishing industry.
- Special Education = eligibility is linked to students having a defined disability that adversely impacts their education which requires a specially designed instruction plan to assure an adequate opportunity to learn.

## Unexcused Absences

Data for the 2004/2005 school year showed the following for the three largest school districts in Mason County:

- Of the 969 unexcused absences reported for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students in the Shelton School District, 80% occurred among low income students.
- Of the 833 unexcused absences for all 7<sup>th</sup> grade North Mason School District students, 53% occurred among low income students.
- Of the 213 unexcused absences for 7<sup>th</sup> grade Pioneer School District students, 77% occurred among low income students. (D32)

In 2000, 86% of Washington State residents age 5+ spoke only English at home and 6% spoke Spanish at home. (D25)

Of Mason County resident who were foreign born, only 37% said they spoke English at home. (D29)

In 2000, the Census asked about language spoken at home rather than what language residents could speak. Because a resident speaks another language at home does not mean that they cannot speak English.

In 2000, 47% of Mason County residents that spoke Spanish at home said they spoke English very well. (D29)

In 2000, about 178 Mason County households were considered linguistically isolated due to inability to speak English. (D28)

During the 2003/2004 school year, a majority of North Mason School District students receiving Transitional Bilingual services spoke Spanish. (D31)

During the 2003/2004 school year, a majority of Shelton School District students receiving Transitional Bilingual services spoke Spanish. (D31)

18% of 10<sup>th</sup> grade Mason County public school students said they cut or skipped an entire day of school at least once during the last month. (D21)

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