

Household and Family Structure

Household Types

The majority of Mason County households consist of families. Families may be related by marriage, blood or adoption and may or may not include the presence of children. Nearly 1 in 4 county households consisted of individuals living alone in 2000. (D1)

Household (HH) Types, Mason County 2000

Type of Households	# HH in 2000	% of Total HH 2000
Family (2 or more person)	13,391	71%
Single person (Non-Family)	4,408	23%
2 or more persons (Non-Family)	1,113	6%
All Households	18,912	100%

Household Size by Type

In 2000, there were 13,391 family households and 5,521 non-family households in Mason County. The average size of a family household in Mason County was 3 in 2000. (D2-3)

Family and Non-Family Household (HH) Size, Mason County 2000

Household Size	# Family HH	% Family HH	% Non-Family HH
1 Person	N/A	N/A	80%
2 Person	6,757	50%	17%
3 Person	2,681	20%	2%
4 Person	2,250	17%	1%
5 Person	1,064	8%	0%
6 or More Persons	639	5%	0%

Living Arrangements of Children

Nearly 2 in 3 Mason County children lived in a married couple family household in 2000. About 1 in 4 county children lived in a single parent headed household in 2000. (D6)

Living Arrangements of Children 0-17, Mason County 2000

Population by Type of Arrangement	# in 2000	% of Total 2000
With Married Couple	7,246	62%
With Female Headed, No Husband Present	2,057	18%
With Male Headed, No Wife Present	887	8%
With Grandparent	700	6%
With Other Relative	223	2%
With Non-Relative	430	4%
Live on Own/Married	24	0%
Live in Group Quarters	52	0%
All Children Age 0-17	11,619	100%

The average size of Hispanic family households in Mason County was 4 in 2000. (D4)

The average size of American Indian & Alaskan Native family households in Mason County was 3 in 2000. (D5)

In 2000, there were 1,153 female headed households with children under 18 in Mason County. This would equate to about 9% of all family households in Mason County. (D1)

In 2000, there were 573 male headed households with children under 18 in Mason County. This would equate to about 4% of all family households in Mason County. (D1)

In 2000, there were 3,743 married couple headed households with children under 18 in Mason County. This would equate to about 28% of all family households in Mason County. (D1)

In 2000, married couple headed households with children under 18 represented about 36% of all family households in Washington State. (D8)

In 2000, female headed households with children under 18 represented about 10% of all family households in Washington State. (D8)

Group quarters includes children living at juvenile detention/correction institutions, group homes and emergency/transitional shelters.

In 2000, about 6% of all Mason County households consisted of unmarried couples living together in the same home. Includes opposite sex and same sex couples. (D27)

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Births

An average of 552 births occur each year among Mason County women age 15-44 (based on 2000-2004). (D9-13,36)

Births to Women age 15-44, Mason County and Washington State 2000-2004

Area	Rate 2000	Rate 2001	Rate 2002	Rate 2003	Rate 2004	Rate 2000-2004
Mason County	63.7	62.6	62.8	66.2	65.4	64.1
Washington	62.4	61.1	60.6	61.8	62.6	61.7

Note:

- Rate per 1,000 women of childbearing age 15-44.

Births by Mother's Race/Ethnicity, Mason County 2004

Race/Ethnicity	# in 2004	% of Total 2004
AIAN	30	5%
Asian	6	1%
Black/African American	1	0%
NHOPI	3	1%
White	494	88%
Two or More	21	4%
Unknown	4	1%
Hispanic	89	16%

Notes:

- AIAN = American Indian and Alaskan Native.
- NHOPI = Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.
- Individuals who are Hispanic can be of any race.

Marriage

On average 316 Mason County men and 322 county women get married each year (based on 2000-2004 data). (D16-20)

Marriages by Woman's Age and Location of Ceremony, Mason County 2000-2004

Woman's Age	% in 2000	% in 2001	% in 2002	% in 2003	% in 2004	Average # Per Year 2000-2004
Under 20	9%	11%	7%	9%	8%	30
20 to 29	42%	40%	44%	40%	40%	139
30 to 39	27%	23%	20%	17%	22%	74
40 to 49	14%	15%	17%	19%	18%	56
50 to 59	4%	7%	8%	12%	8%	26
60+	4%	4%	4%	4%	5%	14

In 2004, the birth rate for Mason County women age 18-19 was 94.0 per 1,000 in 2004. In comparison for Washington State women age 18-19 the birth rate was 54.4 per 1,000. (D13)

In 2004, the birth rate for Mason County women age 20-24 was 168.8 per 1,000 in 2004. In comparison for Washington State women age 20-24 the birth rate was 93.4 per 1,000. (D13)

235 or about 42% of all births in 2004 were to single Mason County moms. (D13)

In 2004, 27% of births to 'Mason County' moms were to women with less than a high school education. About 29% were to moms with a high school education/GED and 44% were to moms with some college or a college degree. (D13)

In 2004, 19% of births to 'Washington State' moms were to women with less than a high school education. About 24% were to moms with a high school education/GED and 57% were to moms with some college or a college degree. (D13)

In 2004, the birth rate for Mason County Hispanic women age 15-44 was 170.9 per 1,000 compared to 117.1 per 1,000 for Washington State. (D13-14)

Of women who married in Washington State during 2004: 7% were under age 20, 49% were age 20-29, 22% were age 30-39, 13% were age 40-49, 6% were age 50-59, and 3% were age 60+. (D20)

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Divorce

On average 233 Mason County men and 231 county women get divorced each year (based on 2000-2004 data). (D21-25)

Divorce by Woman's Age and Place of Decree, Mason County 2000-2004

Woman's Age	% in 2000	% in 2001	% in 2002	% in 2003	% in 2004	Average # Per Year 2000-2004
Under 20	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1
20 to 29	23%	20%	24%	29%	25%	49
30 to 39	34%	31%	29%	30%	29%	62
40 to 49	29%	37%	31%	24%	27%	60
50 to 59	11%	11%	15%	12%	16%	26
60+	2%	2%	1%	4%	3%	5

Note:

- Includes annulments.

On average 129 Mason County women who divorce have 1 or more children from the marriage (based on 2000-2004 data). (D21-25)

Divorces involving Children by Place of Wife's Residence, Mason County & Washington State 2004

Area	% No Children	% 1 Child	% 2 Children	% 3+ Children
Mason County	38%	31%	20%	11%
Washington	48%	21%	21%	10%

Notes:

- Includes annulments.
- Divorces/annulments involving children is based on residence of the woman (wife), which means that Mason County women are included in this data even if divorced in another county in Washington.
- Children may be of any age and may or may not be living in the home at the time of the divorce/annulment.

Marital Status

In 2000, nearly 1 in 5 Mason County residents age 15+ had never been married. About 3 in 5 Mason County residents age 15+ were married. (D15, 26)

Marital Status for Residents Age 15+, Mason County and Washington State 2000

Status	Mason # in 2000	Mason % of Total 2000	WA % of Total 2000
Never Married	8,334	21%	26%
Now Married, Spouse Present	23,146	58%	55%
Separated (Married, Spouse Absent)	830	2%	2%
Divorced	5,072	13%	11%
Widowed	2,627	7%	5%

Note:

- Percentage may not add to total due to rounding.

In 2004, the divorce rate for Mason County as the place of occurrence/deed was 4.0 per 1,000 compared to 4.2 per 1,000 for Washington State. (D25)

In Mason County during 2004, 193 divorce decrees were issued, 8 marriages were annulled and 7 legal separations were granted. (D25)

Of women who divorced in Washington State during 2004: 0% were under age 20, 23% were age 20-29, 32% were age 30-39, 29% were age 40-49, 12% were age 50-59, and 3% were age 60+. (D25)

Of all Mason County men divorcing in 2004: 16% were between the ages of 20-29, 28% between the ages of 30-39, 31% between the ages of 40-49 and 23% age 50 or up. A small percentage of men were of an unknown age at the time of divorce or annulment. (D25)

60% of Mason County women who divorced in 2004 had one or more children. In comparison, 51% of Washington State women who divorced in 2004 had one or more children. Children may be of any age and may or may not be living in the home at the time of divorce or annulment. (D25)

= Number or count
% = Percent
N/A = Not applicable

Changing Schools

In 2004, about 1 in 4 public school 10th grade students reported having changed schools five or more times since Kindergarten. (D28-29)

Middle School and High School Youth who have Changed Schools 5+ Times since Kindergarten, Mason County & Washington State 2004

Area	% of 8 th Graders	% of 10 th Graders
Mason County	17%	24%
Washington	16%	24%

Notes:

- Includes changing schools to move to middle and/or high school.
- Data does not include private school or home-schooled students.
- 8th grade students are usually age 13 and 10th grade students age 15.

Close to half of all Mason County residents lived in a different home in 2000 compared to five years earlier. (D15,26)

Residents Living in a Different Home compared to Five Years Earlier (in 1995), Mason County & Washington State 2000

Area	# in 2000	% of Total 2000
Mason County	21,609	46%
Washington	2,825,884	51%

Notes:

- Represents a change in homes for the population age 5+.
- Includes people who lived in a U.S. territory or foreign country five years earlier.

Foster Care

The Children's Administration of the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) administers programs that focus on the safety and protection of children. One program, Foster Care Placement, provides temporary or short-term placement away from their home for abused and neglected children or those whose family is in conflict. (D30-34)

Foster Care Placements of Children 0-17, Mason County & Washington State 2002/03 & 2003/04 Fiscal Year

	# in 2002/03	# in 2003/04	Use Rate 2002/03	Use Rate 2003/04
Mason County	164	183	1%	2%
Washington	10,773	10,703	1%	1%

Notes:

- Use Rate = Proportion of county residents accessing that specific form of assistance.
- Children may be placed in foster care more than once during the year.
- The fiscal year runs from July to June.

In 2000, 37% of county residents (who lived in a different home 5 years ago) had their previous home in Mason County. (D15)

In 2000, 43% of county residents (who lived in a different home 5 years ago) had their previous home in Washington State, but not in Mason County. (D15)

In 2000, 1% of Mason County residents (who lived in a different home 5 years ago) said that home was in a foreign country or at sea. (D35)

Adoption services were provided for 173 'Mason County' children age 0-17 through the state Department of Social and Health Services during the 2003/04 fiscal year. Adoption services support the permanent placement of children in DSHS custody into families. (D31)

An average of \$5,277 per client were expended to provide Adoption Services for 'Mason County' children age 0-17 in DSHS custody during the 2003/04 fiscal year. (D31)

An average of \$4,452 per client were expended to provide Adoption Services for 'Washington State' children age 0-17 in DSHS custody during the 2003/04 fiscal year. In 2003/2004, a total of 13,578 children age 0-17 were provided with adoption services through the state Department of Social and Health Services. (D33)

On average, \$5,357 per client were expended to provide Foster Care Placement services for 'Mason County' children age 0-17 in DSHS custody during the 2003/04 fiscal year. (D31)

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