

IMMIGRATION AND MIGRATION

Mason County Data Series

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 the county was fairly small, 4% in 2000. However, the number of foreign born residents within Mason County doubled (97% increase) between 1990-2000. (DS 72-73)

Place of Birth, Mason County 1990-2000

	# 1990	# 2000	% OF TOTAL 1990	% OF TOTAL 2000	% CHANGE 1990-2000
Native Resident+	37,239	47,230	97%	96%	↑ 27%
Foreign Born	1,102	2,175	3%	4%	↑ 97%

+ A native born resident can be someone born in the United States, Puerto Rico, outlying US areas, or born abroad but of American parents.

Data may not add to total due to rounding. Data may not match county totals due to Census survey methods.

Place of Birth, Washington State 1990-2000

	% OF TOTAL 1990	% OF TOTAL 2000	% CHANGE 1990-2000
Native Resident+	93%	90%	↑ 16%
Foreign Born	7%	10%	↑ 91%

FOREIGN BORN RESIDENTS PLACE OF BIRTH

Nearly 6 in 10 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). Nearly half (48%) of the foreign born residents from the Americas came to the USA over the last decade. (DS74)

Place of Birth for Foreign Born Residents, Mason County and Washington State 1990-2000

	# MASON 2000	% OF TOTAL MASON 2000	% OF TOTAL STATE 2000	MASON # ENTERING US BETWEEN 1990-2000
Africa	10	0%	3%	6
Americas*	1,272	58%	36%	613
Asia	345	16%	39%	133
Europe	521	24%	21%	76
Oceania*	27	1%	1%	6
Total	2,175	100%	100%	834

Data may not add to total due to rounding.

* Oceania includes countries such as New Zealand and Australia. The Americas include countries such as Canada and Mexico.

Census 2000 showed that nearly 1 in 2 residents living in Mason County were born in Washington State. (DS73)

About 5 in 10 "foreign born" residents living in Mason County described themselves as citizens of the US in 2000. This means that 5 in 10 were not citizens. (DS73)

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.

Nearly 4 in 10 foreign born Mason County residents were from Central America in 2000. Central America includes Mexico, but many residents were from other Central American countries. (DS74)

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BILINGUAL AND MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

A small portion of students enrolled in public schools within Mason County participate in either the Bilingual or Migrant Education programs. The Shelton School District serves a slightly higher percent of students classified as migrant when compared with the state (5% compared to 3% respectively). (DS75)

Students Enrolled in Transitional Bilingual Education Program, Mason County School Districts 1999/2000-2001/2002 School Year

AREA	% 1999-2000	% 2000-2001	% 2001-2002
Hood Canal	1%	0%	0%
North Mason	1%	1%	1%
Shelton	2%	3%	3%
WA State	6%	6%	6%

Eligibility for the Bilingual Program is based on the score resulting from a language test. Grapeview, Mary M. Knight, Pioneer, and Southside School Districts showed less than 1% of students enrolled in the program.

Students Enrolled in Migrant Education Program, Mason County School Districts 1999/2000-2001/2002 School Year

AREA	% 1999-2000	% 2000-2001	% 2001-2002
Shelton	4%	5%	5%
WA State	3%	3%	3%

Eligibility for the Migrant Program assists students whose parents or guardians move across school district boundaries to work in temporary or seasonal agricultural/fishing work. Grapeview, Hood Canal, Mary M. Knight, North Mason, Pioneer, and Southside School Districts showed less than 1% of students enrolled in the program.

LIVING IN THE SAME PLACE

In 2000, 54% of the Mason County population lived in the same house now that they had lived in 5 years ago. The state showed a slightly lower percent of residential stability with 49% reporting living in the same place. (DS76-77)

Living in Same Place of Residence, Mason County 1990-2000

	# 1990	# 2000	% OF TOTAL 1990	% OF TOTAL 2000	% CHANGE 1990-2000
Same House	16,282	25,148	45%	54%	↑ 55%
Different House	19,576	21,609	54%	46%	↑ 10%

Data for individuals living in a different house includes a small portion of residents who live abroad. Data may not add to total due to rounding.

Living in Same Place of Residence, Washington State 1990-2000

	% OF TOTAL 1990	% OF TOTAL 2000	% CHANGE 1990-2000
Same House	46%	49%	↑ 30%
Different House	54%	51%	↑ 16%

Census 2000 gathered information on the ancestry of Mason County residents. Ancestry refers to how people view their ethnic identity. The question was intended to get a feel for individual attachment to a particular ethnicity.

Of the 521 foreign born residents who listed Europe as their place of birth, 144 said they were of German ancestry and 120 British in 2000. (DS78)

Of the 345 foreign born residents who listed Asia as their place of birth, 117 said they were of Philippine ancestry in 2000. (DS78)

Of the 1,272 foreign born residents who listed the Americas as their place of birth: 529 said they were of Mexican ancestry, 345 of Guatemala ancestry, and 327 of Canadian ancestry in 2000. (DS78)

Of the 834 foreign born county residents who entered the US during the last decade (1990-2000), 15% were US citizens. The process of obtaining US citizenship takes years and is not an option for all persons as sponsorship or special circumstances must be present. (DS78)

Of the 415 foreign born county residents who entered the US between 1980-1989, 62% were US citizens. (DS78)

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