

2016 Statistical Profile: City of Olympia

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City of
OLYMPIA

Demographics
Housing
Employment and Income
Development Activity

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| Population, 2000 | | 42,514 |
| Population, 2010 | | 46,478 |
| Population, 2016 | | 51,600 |
| Avg. Ann. Pop. Growth, 2000-2010 | | 0.9% |
| Avg. Ann. Pop. Growth, 2010-2016 | | 2.1% |
| Households, 2010 | | 20,761 |
| Avg. Household Size, 2010 | | 2.18 |
| Age Structure, 2010: | | |
| 17 and under | 9,064 | 20% |
| 18 - 64 | 30,955 | 67% |
| 65 and over | 6,459 | 14% |
| Median Age | 38 | -- |
| Race and Ethnicity, 2010: | | |
| White | 38,895 | 84% |
| Black/African American | 931 | 2% |
| American Indian & Alaska Native | 498 | 1% |
| Asian | 2,799 | 6% |
| Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander | 180 | 0% |
| Other Race | 847 | 2% |
| Two or More Races | 2,328 | 5% |
| Hispanic or Latino (Of Any Race), 2010: | | |
| | 2,919 | 6% |

The Coastal Salish Indian people considered Olympia as “the black bear place” before Edmund Sylvester and Levi Lathrop Smith became the first Americans to permanently settle in the area in 1846.

Olympia became the port of entry for Puget Sound in 1851 and the county seat for Thurston County, Oregon Territory in 1852. When Washington became a separate territory in 1853, Olympia was designated as temporary Territorial Capital (made permanent in 1855). The community was officially incorporated in 1859.

Despite a challenge from Tumwater and West Olympia in 1861, the city has remained the county seat. Named state capital in 1889, the city developed around the waterfront and is a hub of commerce and government.

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| Housing Units, 2015 Estimate: | | |
| Single-Family | 12,770 | 52% |
| Multifamily | 10,950 | 44% |
| Manufactured Homes | 900 | 4% |

Average House Sale Price, 2014: \$274,338

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| Median Household Income¹: | | |
| 1999 (Census 2000) | \$40,846 | |
| 2010-2014 (ACS Estimate) | \$52,834 | |

Taxable Retail Sales, 2015: \$1,967,071,544

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| Households by Income Category, 2010-2014¹: | | |
| Less than \$24,999 | 5,098 | 25% |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 4,813 | 23% |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999 | 3,556 | 17% |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999 | 2,783 | 13% |
| \$100,000 or more | 4,407 | 21% |

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| Total Jobs, 2014 Estimate²: | 53,345 |
| Manufacturing | 1,375 |
| Construction and Utilities | 1,625 |
| Transportation and Warehousing | 10,185 |
| Retail | 530 |
| Services | 20,175 |
| Finance, Insurance, Real Estate | 3,695 |
| Government | 15,755 |

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| Residential Building Permits | |
| Avg. Ann. New Unit Permits 2000-'10 | 225 |
| Avg. Ann. New Unit Permits 2011-'14 | 327 |
| Total New Unit Permits 2015 | 435 |

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| Subdivision Activity, 2015: | # Appl. | # Lots |
| Short Plat | 7 | 15 |
| Long Plat | 2 | 62 |

Explanation: ¹Estimates based on survey data and may have a large margin of error.

²Numbers may not add due to rounding.

Source: TRPC, [Profile 2016](http://www.trpc.org) (www.trpc.org).