

2016 Statistical Profile: City of Rainier

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Demographics

Population, 2000		1,492
Population, 2010		1,794
Population, 2016		1,885
Avg. Ann. Pop. Growth, 2000-2010		1.9%
Avg. Ann. Pop. Growth, 2010-2016		1.0%

Households, 2010		656
Average Household Size, 2010		2.73

Age Structure, 2010:

17 and under	468	26%
18 - 64	1,157	64%
65 and over	169	9%
Median Age	37	--

Race and Ethnicity, 2010:

White	1,628	91%
Black/African American	22	1%
American Indian & Alaska Native	21	1%
Asian	19	1%
Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander	2	0%
Other Race	20	1%
Two or More Races	82	5%

Hispanic or Latino (Of Any Race), 2010:

	89	5%
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Housing Units, 2016 Estimate:

Single-Family	590	76%
Multifamily	30	4%
Manufactured Homes	160	21%

Average House Sale Price, 2014	\$188,963
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Named for its view of Mt. Rainier, Rainier is situated amidst the ten al queth' prairies, which is the Lushootseed word meaning "the best yet." The community was first settled by Albert and Maria Gehrke who homesteaded in the area in 1890. Six years later, Albert and his two brothers, Theodore and Paul, built the community's first school and church, which today is a state historic landmark.

Lumbering brought prosperity to the town and its first lumber company, the Bob White Lumber Company, opened in 1906. Other lumber companies followed, including the Deschutes, Gruber and Docherty and Fir Tree. A series of fires in the Rainier area in the late 1920s and early 1930s destroyed several of these mill operations (in addition to many of the town's buildings).

Housing

Employment and Income

Median Household Income¹:

1999 (Census 2000)	\$42,955
2010-2014 (ACS Estimate)	\$66,716

Taxable Retail Sales, 2015: \$13,072,196

Total Jobs, 2014 Estimate²: 455

Households by Income Category, 2010-2014¹:

Less than \$24,999	92	14%
\$25,000 to \$49,999	128	19%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	164	24%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	134	20%
\$100,000 or more	159	23%

Manufacturing	30
Construction and Utilities	5
Transportation and Warehousing	55
Retail	5
Services	165
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	35
Government	155

Development Activity

Residential Building Permits

Avg. Ann. New Unit Permits 2000-'10	17
Avg. Ann. New Unit Permits 2011-'14	11
Total New Unit Permits 2015	1

Subdivision Activity, 2015:

# Appl.	# Lots
Short Plat	3
Long Plat	0
	0

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

²Numbers may not add due to rounding.

Source: TRPC, Profile 2016 (www.trpc.org).