

2016 Statistical Profile: Thurston County

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Demographics

Population, 2000	207,355
Population, 2010	252,264
Population, 2016	272,700
Avg. Ann. Pop. Growth, 2000-2010	2.0%
Avg. Ann. Pop. Growth, 2010-2016	1.6%

Households, 2010	100,650
Avg. Household Size, 2010	2.46

Age Structure, 2010:

17 and under	58,122	23%
18 - 64	161,378	64%
65 and over	32,764	13%
Median Age	39	--

Race and Ethnicity, 2010:

White	207,856	82%
Black/African American	6,752	3%
American Indian & Alaska Native	3,515	1%
Asian	13,037	5%
Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander	1,961	1%
Other Race	5,648	2%
Two or More Races	13,495	5%

Hispanic or Latino (Of Any Race), 2010:

	17,787	7%
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Salish Indian groups from the tribes now known as Nisqually, Squaxin, and Chehalis gathered shellfish and frequented the inlets and prairies of Puget Sound for centuries before Euro-American exploration and settlement.



The arrival of the early settlers established an American foothold in the area. By 1846, the settlers helped determine that the area would be part of the American Oregon Territory, rather than British (now Canadian) land.

Thurston County, originally to be called Simmons County, was named for Samuel Thurston when it was founded in 1852. By the end of 1853, the area north of the Columbia divided from Oregon and became its own territory – the Washington Territory. Thurston County was the most populous community in the new Washington in 1853 and continued to be so until the mid-1870s, when the Northern Pacific Railroad by-passed Olympia and made Tacoma its terminus on Puget Sound.

Housing

Housing Units, 2016 Estimate:

Single-Family	76,400	66%
Multifamily	25,600	22%
Manufactured Homes	13,200	11%

Average House Sale Price, 2014: \$247,828

Employment and Income

Median Household Income¹:

1999 (Census 2000)	\$46,975
2010-2014 (ACS Estimate)	\$62,286

Taxable Retail Sales, 2015: \$4,523,207,374

Households by Income Category, 2010-2014¹:

Less than \$24,999	17,658	17%
\$25,000 to \$49,999	21,560	21%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	21,364	21%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	16,247	16%
\$100,000 or more	24,701	24%

Total Jobs, 2014 Estimate²: **133,915**

Resource, Construction, Utilities	9,100
Manufacturing, Wholesale Trade	6,920
Retail, Accomodation, Food	23,800
Transportation, Warehousing	3,160
Services	47,445
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	9,825
Government	33,680

Development Activity

Residential Building Permits

Avg. Ann. New Unit Permits 2000-'10	2,069
Avg. Ann. New Unit Permits 2011-'14	1,212
Total New Unit Permits 2015	1,290

Subdivision Activity, 2015:

	# Appl.	# Lots
Short Plat	15	39
Long Plat	14	663
Large Lot	2	8

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 (www.trpc.org).