

2017 Statistical Profile: Thurston County

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Demographics

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| Population, 2000 | 207,355 |
| Population, 2010 | 252,264 |
| Population, 2017 | 276,340 |
| Pop. Growth per Year, 2000-'10 | 2.0% |
| Pop. Growth per Year, 2010-'17 | 1.3% |

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

Age Structure, 2010:

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

Race and Ethnic Categories, 2010:

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| 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:

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| | 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, 2017 Estimate:

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| Single-Family | 77,400 | 66% |
| Multifamily | 26,800 | 23% |
| Manufactured Homes | 13,200 | 11% |

Average House Sale Price, 2016: \$283,272

Employment and Income

Median Household Income¹:

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| 1999 (Census 2000) | \$46,975 |
| 2011-2015 (ACS Estimate) | \$61,677 |

Taxable Retail Sales, 2016: \$4,910,757,871

Households by Income Category, 2011-2015¹:

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| Less than \$24,999 | 17,889 | 17% |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 21,676 | 21% |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999 | 22,182 | 22% |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999 | 16,235 | 16% |
| \$100,000 or more | 24,649 | 24% |

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

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| 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

New Housing Units Permitted

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|---------------------------------|-------|
| Average per Year, 2000-'10 | 2,069 |
| Average per Year, 2010-'15 | 1,229 |
| Total New Units Permitted, 2016 | 2,223 |

Subdivision Activity, 2016:

| | # Appl. | # Lots |
|------------|---------|--------|
| Short Plat | 15 | 36 |
| Long Plat | 11 | 619 |
| Large Lot | 7 | 21 |

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

²Numbers may not add due to rounding.

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