

2016 Statistical Profile: City of Tumwater

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Demographics

Population, 2000		12,698
Population, 2010		17,371
Population, 2016		23,040
Avg. Ann. Pop. Growth, 2000-2010		3.2%
Avg. Ann. Pop. Growth, 2010-2016		5.8%
Households, 2010		7,566
Average Household Size, 2010		2.30
Age Structure, 2010:		
17 and under	3,767	22%
18 - 64	11,354	65%
65 and over	2,250	13%
Median Age	37	--
Race and Ethnicity, 2010:		
White	14,769	85%
Black/African American	301	2%
American Indian & Alaska Native	201	1%
Asian	841	5%
Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander	90	1%
Other Race	272	2%
Two or More Races	897	5%
Hispanic or Latino (Of Any Race), 2010:		
Hispanic ²	1,069	6%



Tumwater, originally called “New Market,” was the first permanent American settlement on Puget Sound. In 1845, a party of 30 men and women, led by Michael T. Simmons and George Bush, established a settlement when the area was still a British territory.

Initially, the community developed around the falls of the Deschutes River, called *SpEkwa’L*, “cascade,” by the Coastal Salish. The town was later known as “Tumwater,” Chinook jargon for “waterfall.” Tumwater was incorporated November 25, 1869 and reincorporated on November 12, 1875.

In 1896, Leopold Schmidt established a brewery at the falls, which became a focus of the city. In 1956, the construction of the freeway through the city razed most of the original downtown.

Now noted for its parks and museums, Tumwater has adopted the classic lines of the Old Brewhouse building for its civic structures along Israel Road.

Housing

Housing Units, 2016 Estimate:		
Single-Family	5,900	59%
Multifamily	3,400	34%
Manufactured Homes	760	8%
Average House Sale Price, 2014:	\$252,235	

Employment and Income

Median Household Income¹:		Taxable Retail Sales, 2015:	\$542,875,644
1999 (Census 2000)	\$43,329		
2010-2014 (ACS Estimate)	\$62,258	Total Jobs, 2014 Estimate²:	20,610
Households by Income Category, 2010-2014¹:		Manufacturing	800
Less than \$24,999	1,369 18%	Construction and Utilities	1,770
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1,384 18%	Transportation and Warehousing	3,190
\$50,000 to \$74,999	1,958 25%	Retail	575
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,422 18%	Services	4,230
\$100,000 or more	1,640 21%	Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	1,035
		Government	9,005

Development Activity

Residential Building Permits		Subdivision Activity, 2015:	# Appl.	# Lots
Avg. Ann. New Unit Permits 2000-'10	141	Short Plat	0	0
Avg. Ann. New Unit Permits 2011-'14	167	Long Plat	0	0
Total New Unit Permits 2015	88			

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).