

2017 Statistical Profile: City of Tumwater

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Demographics

Population, 2000	12,698
Population, 2010	17,371
Population, 2017	23,210
Pop. Growth per Year, 2000-'10	3.2%
Pop. Growth per Year, 2010-'17	4.2%
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 --

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.

Race and Ethnic Categories, 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%

Housing

Housing Units, 2017 Estimate:		
Single-Family	6,010	58%
Multifamily	3,540	34%
Manufactured Homes	760	7%
Average House Sale Price, 2016:	\$275,299	

Employment and Income

Median Household Income¹:		
1999 (Census 2000)	\$43,329	
2011-2015 (ACS Estimate)	\$56,512	
Households by Income Category, 2011-2015¹:		
Less than \$24,999	1,730	22%
\$25,000 to \$49,999	1,431	18%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	2,025	25%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	1,323	17%
\$100,000 or more	1,478	19%

Taxable Retail Sales, 2016: \$656,565,963

Total Jobs, 2014 Estimate²:		20,610
Manufacturing		800
Construction and Utilities		1,770
Transportation and Warehousing		3,190
Retail		575
Services		4,230
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate		1,035
Government		9,005

Development Activity

New Housing Units Permitted		
Average per Year, 2000-'10	141	
Average per Year, 2010-'15	151	
Total New Units Permitted, 2016	249	

Subdivision Activity, 2016:			
	# Appl.	# Lots	
Short Plat	2	5	
Long Plat	1	40	

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).