

2016 Statistical Profile: City of Yelm

City info: (360) 458-3244

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Demographics

Population, 2000	3,289
Population, 2010	6,848
Population, 2016	8,480
Avg. Ann. Pop. Growth, 2000-2010	7.6%
Avg. Ann. Pop. Growth, 2010-2016	4.4%

Households, 2010	2,299
Average Household Size, 2010	2.95

Age Structure, 2010:		
17 and under	2,467	36%
18 - 64	3,862	56%
65 and over	519	8%
Median Age	29	--

Race and Ethnicity, 2010:		
White	5,585	82%
Black/African American	225	3%
American Indian & Alaska Native	125	2%
Asian	159	2%
Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander	65	1%
Other Race	191	3%
Two or More Races	498	7%

Hispanic or Latino (Of Any Race), 2010:		
	642	9%

Housing

Housing Units, 2016 Estimate:		
Single-Family	2,350	77%
Multifamily	600	20%
Manufactured Homes	120	4%

Average House Sale Price, 2014	\$190,588
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Employment and Income

Median Household Income¹:		
1999 (Census 2000)	\$39,453	
2010-2014 (ACS Estimate)	\$49,658	

Households by Income Category, 2010-2014¹:		
Less than \$24,999	613	25%
\$25,000 to \$49,999	650	26%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	507	20%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	372	15%
\$100,000 or more	358	14%

The word “Yelm” comes from “shelm”, the Coastal Salish word which means “shimmering heat waves from the sun.” Inhabited originally by members of the Nisqually Indian Tribe, the first permanent American settlers came in 1853 to join sheep farmers from the Hudson's Bay Company who were already in the area.

With the coming of the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1873, Yelm began to prosper having found an outlet for its agricultural and forestry products.

Its economic base was further enhanced when an irrigation company formed in 1916, making Yelm a center for production of beans, cucumbers, and berries.

Taxable Retail Sales, 2015:	\$193,696,165
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Total Jobs, 2014 Estimate²:		3,835
Manufacturing		185
Construction and Utilities		150
Transportation and Warehousing		1,290
Retail		35
Services		1,170
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate		320
Government		680

Development Activity

Residential Building Permits		
Avg. Ann. New Unit Permits 2000-'10	130	
Avg. Ann. New Unit Permits 2011-'14	111	
Total New Unit Permits 2015	78	

Subdivision Activity, 2015:		
# Appl.	# Lots	
Short Plat	1	2
Long Plat	0	0

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](http://www.trpc.org) (www.trpc.org).