

## Education and Quality of Life

Thurston County residents enjoy an overall high quality of life. A wide variety of factors contribute to the overall picture. Other chapters address some of these, including those related to housing, employment, and the local economy. This chapter attempts to provide information on some factors not addressed elsewhere.

### Education

Thurston County has a variety of educational opportunities available to the students and adults of the community. These include both private and public primary, secondary, and higher education institutions. A number of these offer programs outside regular school hours, providing greater accessibility to working adults and students so that they may meet their educational goals.

#### Public Schools

There are eight school districts providing primary and secondary education to most of Thurston County's students. School districts in Thurston County provide a wide variety of services and opportunities for students, including the Head Start program for preschoolers, advanced placement courses for high school students, and numerous community-based learning experiences for all ages.

School districts in the County range in size from rural Griffin, with a total of 637 students district-wide, to the more urban North Thurston Public Schools with 14,025 students during the 2008-2009 school year. Roughly 73 percent of public school attendance is in three of the north County school districts. North Thurston serves 34 percent of the students, Olympia serves 23 percent, and Tumwater serves 15 percent of the County's students.

There are 69 schools in Thurston County (3 colleges, 12 high schools, 13 middle schools, and 41 elementary schools). While most of these schools are comprehensive and offer a full range of academic and activity programs, non-traditional schools are also available.

South Sound High School, part of North Thurston Public Schools, offers alternative school options for secondary students in the North Thurston Public Schools. The school provides a standard high school curriculum in a three period day structured to focus on the needs of

**Table VI-1** lists school enrollment by district.

**Map 7** in Chapter II shows the boundaries of public school districts in Thurston County.

For more information about South Sound High School, call (360) 412-4880 or visit [www.nthurston.k12.wa.us/southsound](http://www.nthurston.k12.wa.us/southsound).

the individual. They also offer GED preparation classes and a job to school program for qualified students.

For more information about New Market, visit [www.newmarketskills.com](http://www.newmarketskills.com).

**Tables VI-2 to VI-5** and **Figure VI-1** show statistics for Thurston County's public schools.

To learn more about tools used for measuring student progress and test scores, see the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction's web site at [www.k12.wa.us](http://www.k12.wa.us) under Assessment, Research, and Curriculum.

New Market Skills Center provides career and technical education classes for high school juniors and seniors from 26 high schools in Thurston, Mason, Grays Harbor, and Lewis Counties. New Market serves an average of 800 students and provides academic support classes for students returning to school to complete their high school diploma requirements. Students can earn high school or college credits, as well as a variety of industry certifications and licenses that meet national industry standards.

Washington's students are regularly tested by the state to find out if they are on track learning the important skills they need to be successful while in our schools and after graduation.

The Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) measures student learning in the state's academic standards. Students are tested in grades 3-8 and 10 in reading and math. Students are also tested in writing in grades 4, 7 and 10 and science in grades 5, 8 and 10.

### Private Schools

**Table VI-6** illustrates Thurston County private school enrollment.

In the 2008-09 academic year, there were 17 private State Board of Education approved schools in Thurston County serving 1,959 students. Many of the students enrolled in private schools are in elementary and middle schools.

### Higher Education

**Table VI-7** displays enrollment figures for Thurston County's institutes of higher education.

For more information about South Puget Sound Community College, visit [www.spscc.ctc.edu](http://www.spscc.ctc.edu).

South Puget Sound Community College is the largest institution of higher education in Thurston County, with an enrollment of more than 8,000 students. The college offers day and evening classes, continuing education courses, basic education, job skills training, and personal enrichment courses. While nearly half of the College's full-time students are enrolled in academic programs in preparation for transfer to four-year colleges, South Puget Sound's historic foundation of technical training continues, with more than 30 professional-technical programs currently offered. The College also cooperates with private companies and public agencies to provide customized training and professional development.

For more information about The Evergreen State College, visit [www.evergreen.edu](http://www.evergreen.edu).

The Evergreen State College is a public college of liberal arts and sciences with a national reputation for innovation in teaching and learning. Founded in 1967, Evergreen opened its doors in 1971 and

now enrolls more than 4,500 students. While most of Evergreen's students are enrolled fulltime in undergraduate programs, the College also provides an evening and weekend studies program. Evergreen also offers upper-division programs at its Tacoma campus and a Tribal program at reservation sites. Four graduate programs offer master's degrees in environmental studies, public administration, teaching, and education – curriculum and instruction.

Saint Martin's University is a four-year co-educational masters comprehensive university with a strong liberal arts foundation. It offers 20 undergraduate programs in the liberal arts and professions, 6 graduate programs and numerous pre-professional and certification programs. Established in 1895 by the Roman Catholic Benedictine Order, Saint Martin's is located on a 280-acre campus in Lacey. More than 1,100 students attend Saint Martin's main campus while about 650 are enrolled in courses at extension campuses at nearby McChord Air Force Base and Fort Lewis Army Post, at Centralia Community College, at Tacoma Community College, and at Olympic College in Bremerton. The University and Abbey employ about 450 people.

For more information about Saint Martin's University, visit [www.stmartin.edu](http://www.stmartin.edu).

## Educational Attainment

Educational attainment in Thurston County exceeds both state and national levels according to the 2000 Census. While little more than 24 percent of the national population aged 25 or older obtained a bachelor or graduate degree by 2000, almost 28 percent of the State's population and 30 percent of Thurston County's population achieved this level of education. Conversely, almost 20 percent of the national population aged 25 or older left school without getting a high school diploma or GED, compared to roughly 13 percent of the State's population and 10 percent of the County's.

American Community Survey data indicates that 30 percent of the State's population and 31 percent of Thurston County's achieved a bachelor or graduate degree in the period of 2005-2007, compared with 27 percent of the national population. During this time, 16 percent of the nation's population aged 25 or older left school without a high school diploma or GED, compared to approximately 11 percent of the State's population and less than 8 percent of Thurston County's.

**Tables VI-8 and VI-8-ACS** list educational attainment by jurisdiction and compares educational attainment locally with state and national figures.

## Timberland Regional Library

For more information about Timberland Regional Library, visit [www.trlib.org](http://www.trlib.org).

The Timberland Regional Library (TRL) District has 27 branches in five counties, Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, and Thurston, and serves over 459,000 people. In 2008, TRL circulated over 4.7 million items. TRL has 318,964 library cardholders. In 2008 TRL had over 2.7 million visitors to the libraries, over 6.4 million hits on the TRL web site, and over 700,000 sessions on public computers. Thurston County libraries serve over half of TRL's population base with five branches located in Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater, Yelm, and Tenino. The cities of Bucoda and Rainier have annexed to the library district for services. In addition, library kiosks have been installed in the Rochester Community Center in Rochester and at the Hawks Prairie campus of South Puget Sound Community College.

## Fire Protection

**Map 8** in Chapter II provides an overview of the County's fire districts.

Fifteen fire districts and three city fire departments in Olympia, Tumwater and Bucoda serve residents of Thurston County. Fire districts also provide Emergency Medical Services (Medic One), funded by a countywide special levy administered by Thurston County.

## Social Services

The Crisis Line/Referral Line is 360-586-2800 (1-800-627-2211 for North Mason County, Youth Line 360-586-2777). Visit [www.crisis-clinic.org](http://www.crisis-clinic.org) to learn more about the Crisis Clinic, and to view contact information for more than 800 human services agencies (local, state and federal).

For Western Counties 2-1-1, dial 877-246-1915 or simply 211. Visit [www.win211.org](http://www.win211.org) for more information.

**Table VI-9** reviews public assistance in Thurston County.

Thurston County is home to many organizations and agencies that provide human services to its citizens. In addition to state agencies which are part of the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), there are many private non-profit service organizations which fit into the following general categories: emergency services, children's services, health and related services, family and senior services, and youth services.

Crisis Clinic Resource Network and Western Counties 2-1-1, programs of Behavioral Health Resources (BHR), offer free telephone and online access to health and human services information throughout Thurston, Mason, Lewis, Pacific and Grays Harbor Counties.

The Crisis Clinic Resource Network is a 24-hour anonymous and confidential telephone service, staffed by trained volunteers, offering crisis intervention, emotional support, resource information and referrals for callers from Thurston, Mason and Lewis Counties.

Western Counties 2-1-1 operates 8am to 5pm Monday-Friday (excluding holidays), and provides specialized information and referral service via an easy-to-remember toll-free 3-digit phone number. Serving Thurston, Mason, Lewis, Pacific and Grays Harbor Counties, Western Counties 2-1-1 is part of Washington's statewide 2-1-1 system.

To learn more about Thurston County's Public Health and Social Services Department and their publications, The Health Status of Thurston County and Strategies to Improve Access to Care, refer to their web site at [www.co.thurston.wa.us/health](http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/health).

## Law Enforcement

There are a total of nine agencies responsible for law enforcement in Thurston County. The City of Olympia and Thurston County have the largest number of total full-time employees. Law enforcement employees do not include those employed by correctional facilities.

The crime index for Thurston County can be found in **Table VI-10**.

## Adult Correctional Facilities

The Thurston County Corrections Facility has a total operational bed capacity of 408 inmates, which includes 13 general population housing units. The Corrections Facility provides direct supervision of minimum-security beds, and Chemical Dependency and internal inmate worker program beds. The Correctional Options Annex houses up to 92 inmates serving sentences in work release and community betterment labor projects. The Annex also serves as the processing and monitoring center for up to 100 additional court-ordered offenders on Correctional Options Programs (i.e., Electronic Monitoring, Day Reporting, and Day Jail).

Inmate labor activity for 2008 produced over 25,624 hours of Community Betterment and inmate worker activities. Community Betterment work projects included litter control, noxious weeds, Parks and Fairgrounds details; inmate worker activities include janitorial work, car washing and court runner. The average daily population for 2008 including General Population, Work Release, Contract Beds and Community Betterment Programs was 394.

## Juvenile Correctional Facilities

Juvenile detention and correctional facilities in Thurston County include the Thurston County Juvenile Court and Maple Lane School, a state correctional institution. The Thurston County Juvenile Court provides legal intervention for youth up to 18 years of age who have been arrested and/or charged with criminal activity or have legal issues pursuant to a civil procedure, which may include Truancy, Youth at

Risk or Children in Need of Services. The Juvenile Court provides Court Services, Probation Services and Detention Services to the citizens of Thurston County.

Maple Lane School, in the Rochester/Grand Mound area, is a medium/maximum security fenced facility that provides serious and middle offenders an academic program as well as on-campus work experience. Maple Lane also has programs specifically designed for youth experiencing serious mental and emotional problems. Maple Lane School has an inpatient chemical dependency treatment program and specializes in the treatment of sex offenders.

**Table VI-1  
Student Enrollment, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005-2008, and Classroom Teachers, 2008/2009  
Thurston County Public School Districts**

School District	Student Enrollment								Average Annual Rate of Change		2008/2009 Classroom Teachers (Total FTE)	
	1990-1991	1995-1996	2000-2001	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	90/91-00/01	00/01-08/09	Teachers	Students/Teacher	
Griffin	557	657	604	663	677	656	637	0.8%	0.7%	38	16.8	
North Thurston	11,793	13,150	12,231	13,370	13,601	13,843	14,025	0.4%	1.7%	836	16.8	
Olympia	7,677	8,632	8,650	9,231	9,055	9,331	9,435	1.2%	1.1%	575	16.4	
Rainier	619	846	921	935	940	952	1,803	4.1%	8.8%	62	29.1	
Rochester	1,405	1,967	1,773	2,096	2,330	2,285	2,300	2.4%	3.3%	132	17.4	
Tenino	1,355	1,493	1,370	1,419	1,362	1,377	1,321	0.1%	-0.5%	73	18.1	
Tumwater <sup>1</sup>	5,431	6,242	6,039	6,901	6,279	6,339	6,274	1.1%	0.5%	366	17.1	
Yelm	3,301	4,172	4,172	5,064	5,232	5,452	5,560	2.4%	3.7%	296	18.8	
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,138</b>	<b>37,159</b>	<b>35,760</b>	<b>39,679</b>	<b>39,476</b>	<b>40,235</b>	<b>41,355</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>2,378</b>	<b>17.4</b>	

**Source:** Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, [www.k12.wa.us](http://www.k12.wa.us).  
**Explanations:** <sup>1</sup>Enrollment includes New Market Vocational Skills Center and Tumwater West Educational Center (juvenile detention facility) for 1995 on. Centralia School District 401L of Lewis County serves a small portion of southern Thurston County, and is not included in the data in this report.  
 See Map 7 in Chapter II for School Districts.

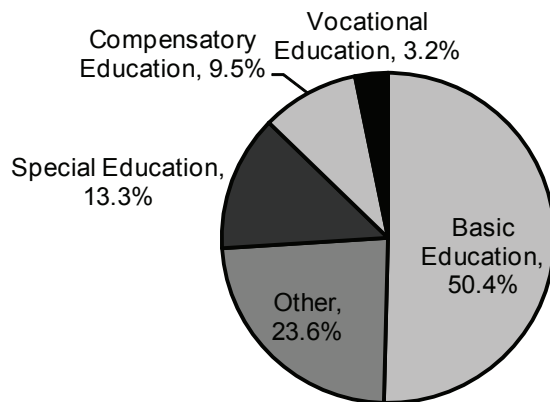
**Table VI-2  
General Fund Expenditures and Revenue by Thurston County School Districts  
Fiscal Year 2007-2008**

District	FTE		Expenditures		Revenue		Revenue Sources Per Pupil			
	Enrollment	Per Pupil	Total	Per Pupil	Total	Per Pupil	Local	State	Federal	Other
Griffin	630.91	\$9,695	\$6,116,843	\$9,695	\$6,378,247	\$10,110	\$2,764	\$6,746	\$415	\$184
North Thurston	13,158.29	\$8,647	\$113,785,525	\$8,647	\$114,173,567	\$8,677	27.3%	66.7%	4.1%	1.8%
Olympia	9,008.84	\$8,767	\$78,977,399	\$8,767	\$79,126,438	\$8,783	\$1,603	\$6,389	\$643	\$42
Rainier	925.1	\$8,210	\$7,595,292	\$8,210	\$7,658,934	\$8,279	18.5%	73.6%	7.4%	0.5%
Rochester	2,168.03	\$9,664	\$20,952,169	\$9,664	\$20,526,083	\$9,468	\$1,973	\$6,230	\$529	\$52
Tenino	1,305.20	\$9,069	\$11,837,188	\$9,069	\$12,257,058	\$9,391	22.5%	70.9%	6.0%	0.6%
Tumwater	6,595.17	\$8,860 <sup>1</sup>	\$57,199,791	\$8,860 <sup>1</sup>	\$57,612,149	\$8,736	\$1,369	\$6,415	\$496	\$0
Yelm	5,194.24	\$8,595	\$44,645,911	\$8,595	\$44,379,697	\$8,544	16.5%	77.5%	6.0%	0.0%
<b>County Total</b>	<b>38,985.78</b>	<b>\$8,750</b>	<b>\$341,110,117</b>	<b>\$8,750</b>	<b>\$342,112,175</b>	<b>\$8,775</b>	<b>\$1,229</b>	<b>\$7,481</b>	<b>\$744</b>	<b>\$14</b>
<b>State Total</b>	<b>990,495.70</b>	<b>\$9,267</b>	<b>\$9,179,302,727</b>	<b>\$9,267</b>	<b>\$9,255,294,942</b>	<b>\$9,344</b>	<b>13.0%</b>	<b>79.0%</b>	<b>7.9%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
							<b>\$1,921</b>	<b>\$6,843</b>	<b>\$627</b>	<b>\$1</b>
							<b>20.5%</b>	<b>72.9%</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
							<b>\$1,763</b>	<b>\$6,512</b>	<b>\$420</b>	<b>\$42</b>
							<b>20.2%</b>	<b>74.5%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
							<b>\$1,464</b>	<b>\$6,467</b>	<b>\$610</b>	<b>\$3</b>
							<b>17.1%</b>	<b>75.7%</b>	<b>7.1%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

Source: Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, "General Fund Expenditures, Revenue, and Ending Total Fund Balance Per Pupil by County", Fiscal Year 2007-2008 ([www.k12.wa.us](http://www.k12.wa.us)).

Explanations: "FTE" refers to Full-Time Equivalent students and typically reflects a lower number than simple headcount.  
<sup>1</sup>Per pupil expenditure figure provided by Tumwater School District.

**Figure VI-1**  
**Percent General Fund Expenditures per State Program**  
**Fiscal Year 2007-2008**



**Source:** Washington State Superintendent of Public Instruction, "School District & ESD Financial Reporting Summary, Fiscal Year 2007-2008"

**Explanations:** "Other" includes the categories "Support Services" (13.7%), "Pupil Transportation" (4.6%), "Food Services" (3.5%), "Skills Center" (1.2%), "Community Services" (0.1%), and "Other Instructional" (0.5%). Numbers may not add due to rounding.

**Table VI-3**  
**Graduation and Dropout Rates, Thurston County High Schools, School Year 2007-2008**

School District	Graduation Rates, Grade 12			Dropout Rates, Grades 9-12 <sup>2</sup>		
	Oct. 2007 Net Enrollment/ Net Served	Total Graduates	Percent Graduated	Oct. 2007 Net Enrollment	Total Dropouts	Percent Dropouts
<b>North Thurston</b>						
North Thurston HS	278	266	95.7%	1,375	67	4.9%
River Ridge HS	208	200	96.2%	1,139	60	5.3%
Timberline HS	270	258	95.6%	1,370	57	4.2%
<b>Olympia</b>						
Capital HS	306	297	97.1%	1,393	33	2.4%
Olympia HS	410	381	92.9%	1,753	34	1.9%
<b>Rainier</b>						
Rainier Senior High	66	58	87.9%	329	15	4.6%
<b>Rochester</b>						
Rochester HS	117	101	86.3%	540	27	5.0%
<b>Tenino</b>						
Tenino HS	117	115	98.3%	471	23	4.9%
<b>Tumwater</b>						
A. G. West Black Hills HS	215	186	86.5%	908	37	4.1%
Tumwater HS	215	194	90.2%	1,042	37	3.6%
<b>Yelm</b>						
Yelm HS	331	284	85.8%	1,132	27	2.4%
<b>Thurston County<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2,888</b>	<b>2,529</b>	<b>87.6%</b>	<b>12,845</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>5.1%</b>
<b>Washington State</b>	<b>69,566</b>	<b>62,042</b>	<b>89.2%</b>	<b>323,956</b>	<b>18,253</b>	<b>5.6%</b>

**Source:** Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Graduation and Dropout Statistics for Washington's Counties, Districts, and Schools: School Year 2007-2008, Appendix A: School Level Graduation Dropout Data; Appendix C: County Level Graduation Dropout Data ([www.k12.wa.us](http://www.k12.wa.us)).

**Explanation:** Net Enrollment is total enrollment less transfers.

<sup>1</sup>Thurston County total includes the following alternative and/or vocational schools: South Sound High School; Avanti High School; H.E.A.R.T. High; New Market Vocational Skills Center; Secondary Options; Yelm Extension School.

<sup>2</sup>Dropout rates are now reported in aggregate form. Previously, total dropouts were broken out into "Known Dropouts", "GED", and "Unknown Location" categories.

**Table VI-4  
Racial and Ethnic Distribution of Students  
Thurston County Public School Districts, School Year 2008-2009**

District	Black/African American		Asian		Pacific Islander		American Indian		Hispanic <sup>1</sup>		Two or More Races		White		Total <sup>2</sup>
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Griffin	19	3.0%	21	3.3%	11	1.7%	36	5.7%	14	2.2%	3	0.5%	529	83.0%	637
N. Thurston	1,266	9.0%	1,776	12.7%	45	0.3%	543	3.9%	1,465	10.4%	129	0.9%	8,378	59.7%	14,025
Olympia	223	2.4%	823	8.7%	78	0.8%	104	1.1%	475	5.0%	415	4.4%	7,091	75.2%	9,435
Rainier	31	1.7%	17	0.9%	4	0.2%	43	2.4%	67	3.7%	30	1.7%	1,606	89.1%	1,803
Rochester	56	2.4%	25	1.1%	2	0.1%	97	4.2%	364	15.8%	46	2.0%	1,689	73.4%	2,300
Tenino	10	0.8%	7	0.5%	5	0.4%	15	1.1%	60	4.5%	30	2.3%	1,123	85.0%	1,321
Tumwater <sup>3</sup>	175	2.8%	169	2.7%	73	1.2%	130	2.1%	295	4.7%	104	1.7%	5,271	84.0%	6,274
Yelm	132	2.4%	114	2.1%	77	1.4%	177	3.2%	372	6.7%	311	5.6%	4,352	78.3%	5,560
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,912</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>2,952</b>	<b>7.1%</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>3,112</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>1,068</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>30,039</b>	<b>72.6%</b>	<b>41,355</b>

Source: Washington State Superintendent of Public Instruction, [www.k12.wa.us](http://www.k12.wa.us).

Explanations: <sup>1</sup>Hispanic is not duplicated in other categories in this dataset.

<sup>2</sup>Total column includes individuals for whom racial and ethnic data was not provided.

<sup>3</sup>Asian and Pacific Islander data provided by Tumwater School District.

**Table VI-5**  
**Estimate of School-Age Poverty Population, Census 2000**  
**Thurston County School Districts**

<b>School District</b>	<b>Total Population<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Population Age 5-17<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Age 5-17 Below Poverty<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Percent Below Poverty</b>
Centralia <sup>1</sup>	21,105	3,680	780	21.2%
Griffin	5,225	975	70	7.2%
North Thurston	74,760	14,075	1,245	8.8%
Olympia	54,550	9,235	830	9.0%
Rainier	4,080	834	74	8.9%
Rochester <sup>1</sup>	11,175	2,045	235	11.5%
Tenino	8,195	1,770	205	11.6%
Tumwater	32,300	6,150	475	7.7%
Yelm <sup>1</sup>	21,315	4,565	660	14.5%
<b>Thurston County S.D. Total</b>	<b>232,705</b>	<b>43,329</b>	<b>4,574</b>	<b>10.6%</b>
<b>Washington State Total</b>	<b>5,894,120</b>	<b>1,096,365</b>	<b>141,670</b>	<b>12.9%</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.

Explanation: <sup>1</sup>District boundaries cross outside Thurston County.

<sup>2</sup>Data represents the population of the entire school district.

<sup>3</sup>Data represents the population for whom poverty has been determined.

**Table VI-5-American Community Survey (ACS)  
Estimate of School-Age Poverty Population, 2005-2007 3-Year Estimate  
Thurston County School Districts**

<b>School District</b>	<b>Total Population<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Population Age 5-17<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Age 5-17 Below Poverty<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Percent Below Poverty</b>
Centralia <sup>1</sup>	23,523	3,558	1,108	31.1%
North Thurston	83,408	13,452	1,822	13.5%
Olympia	61,384	10,091	1,501	14.9%
Tumwater	34,423	6,062	806	13.3%
Yelm <sup>1</sup>	26,695	5,192	701	13.5%
<b>Thurston County Total</b>	<b>233,113</b>	<b>38,052</b>	<b>5,191</b>	<b>13.6%</b>
<b>Washington State Total</b>	<b>6,371,390</b>	<b>1,090,942</b>	<b>156,934</b>	<b>14.4%</b>

**Source:** U.S. Census Bureau - 2005-2007 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimate.

**Explanation:** <sup>1</sup>District boundaries cross outside Thurston County.

<sup>2</sup>Data represents the population of the entire school district.

<sup>3</sup>Data represents the population for whom poverty has been determined.

**Table VI-6**  
**Private School Enrollment for Thurston County**  
**School Years 2000-2001 to 2008-2009**

School Name	Students Enrolled									
	00-01	01-02	02-03	03-04	04-05	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	
<b>Griffin School District</b>										
Sunrise Beach School (P-12)	7	7	2	13	16	N/A	41	55	89	
<b>North Thurston School District</b>										
Community Christian Academy (K-8)	273	247	241	217	177	190	183	193	226	
Faith Lutheran School (P-6)	107	129	109	104	123	137	147	155	163	
Gospel Outreach of Olympia (K-12)	N/A	N/A	N/A	51	N/A	37	42	66	57	
Holy Family School (P-8)	187	166	142	152	172	176	143	147	137	
Northwest Christian High School (9-12)	130	138	146	169	188	185	209	220	222	
<b>Olympia School District</b>										
Cornerstone Christian Elementary (K-8)	78	85	91	83	89	100	106	102	104	
Evergreen Christian School (P-8)	510	486	347	410	425	441	418	444	358	
Nova School (6-8)	52	32	81	51	94	93	89	91	97	
Olympia Christian School (P-10)	54	74	63	20	76	63	59	76	63	
Olympia Community School (K-3)	20	26	17	N/A	23	28	25	23	20	
St. Michael School (K-8)	252	252	254	261	254	256	267	267	271	
The Children's Inn (P-5)	24	31	34	27	48	48	46	26	30	
<b>Rainier School District</b>										
Children's School of Excellence (K-9)	N/A	60	64	29	40	41	56	64	56	
<b>Tumwater School District</b>										
Olympia Waldorf School (K-8)	98	103	144	168	149	156	158	164	144	
Serendipity Children's Center (P-3)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	19	
<b>Yelm School District</b>										
Our Redeemer Lutheran School (1-8)	46	38	35	31	26	12	N/A	N/A	N/A	
<b>Total for Schools in Thurston County</b>	<b>1,838</b>	<b>1,874</b>	<b>1,770</b>	<b>1,735</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>1,963</b>	<b>1,900</b>	<b>2,093</b>	<b>1,959</b>	

**Source:** Washington State Superintendent of Public Instruction, P-105 Reporting Form ([www.k12.wa.us](http://www.k12.wa.us)).

**Explanation:** Only schools receiving approval from the State Board of Education are included in this table.

**Table VI-7**  
**Thurston County College Enrollment, 1990, 1995, 2000-2008**

Enrollment		South Puget Sound Community College	St. Martin's University	The Evergreen State College
<b>Fall 1990</b>	Head Count	4,684	625	3,340
	<i>FTE</i>	2,301	472	3,310
<b>Fall 1995</b>	Head Count	5,151	923	3,625
	<i>FTE</i>	2,960	724	3,586
<b>Fall 2000</b>	Head Count	5,796	974	4,125
	<i>FTE</i>	3,418	776	3,996
<b>Fall 2001</b>	Head Count	5,769	926	4,227
	<i>FTE</i>	3,466	768	4,151
<b>Fall 2002</b>	Head Count	6,030	965	4,367
	<i>FTE</i>	3,730	807	4,290
<b>Fall 2003</b>	Head Count	6,548	998	4,380
	<i>FTE</i>	3,995	866	4,265
<b>Fall 2004</b>	Head Count	6,160	1,084	4,410
	<i>FTE</i>	3,722	906	4,292
<b>Fall 2005</b>	Head Count	6,426	1,268	4,470
	<i>FTE</i>	3,773	1,085	4,364
<b>Fall 2006</b>	Head Count	6,974	1,256	4,416
	<i>FTE</i>	3,964	1,035	4,294
<b>Fall 2007</b>	Head Count	7,458	1,270	4,586
	<i>FTE</i>	4,015	1,093	4,483
<b>Fall 2008</b>	Head Count	8,361	1,228	4,696
	<i>FTE</i>	4,404	1,063	4,616

**Source:** TRPC Survey.

**Explanations:** Includes only those persons enrolled at campuses located in Thurston County. Head count includes both full- and part-time persons. FTE is Full-Time Equivalent.

**Table VI-8  
Highest Level of Education by Jurisdiction, Census 2000**

Jurisdiction	Highest Educational Attainment of all People Aged 25 or Older											
	No HS Diploma		HS Grad/GED		Some College		Assoc. Degree		Bachelor Degree		Grad/Prof Degree	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Bucoda	109	29.9%	127	34.8%	84	23.0%	22	6.0%	14	3.8%	9	2.5%
Lacey	2,405	11.9%	4,406	21.9%	6,234	30.9%	1,681	8.3%	3,437	17.1%	1,981	9.8%
Olympia	2,374	8.4%	5,865	20.8%	6,598	23.4%	2,003	7.1%	7,149	25.3%	4,228	15.0%
Tenino	170	14.1%	281	31.0%	301	33.2%	71	7.8%	58	6.4%	25	2.8%
Rainier	129	14.5%	329	36.9%	255	28.6%	67	7.5%	80	9.0%	31	3.5%
Tumwater	637	7.6%	2,095	25.1%	2,237	26.8%	614	7.3%	1,741	20.8%	1,036	12.4%
Yelm	218	11.0%	705	35.5%	534	26.9%	179	9.0%	228	11.5%	124	6.2%
Unincorporated County	8,199	11.0%	18,456	24.7%	21,691	29.0%	6,119	8.2%	12,714	17.0%	7,636	10.2%
<b>County Total</b>	<b>14,241</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>32,264</b>	<b>23.8%</b>	<b>37,934</b>	<b>28.0%</b>	<b>10,756</b>	<b>7.9%</b>	<b>25,421</b>	<b>18.7%</b>	<b>15,070</b>	<b>11.1%</b>
Chehalis Reservation <sup>1</sup>	89	28.5%	118	37.8%	66	21.2%	19	6.1%	18	5.8%	2	6.0%
Nisqually Reservation <sup>1</sup>	56	18.2%	136	44.3%	75	24.4%	11	3.6%	23	7.5%	6	2.0%
<b>Washington State</b>	<b>494,336</b>	<b>12.9%</b>	<b>953,544</b>	<b>24.9%</b>	<b>1,010,801</b>	<b>26.4%</b>	<b>307,401</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>704,826</b>	<b>18.4%</b>	<b>356,599</b>	<b>9.3%</b>
<b>United States</b>	<b>35,715,625</b>	<b>19.6%</b>	<b>52,168,981</b>	<b>28.6%</b>	<b>38,351,595</b>	<b>21.0%</b>	<b>11,512,833</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>28,317,792</b>	<b>15.5%</b>	<b>16,144,813</b>	<b>8.9%</b>

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2000 Census.

Explanation: Based on population aged 25 years and older (as of 2000).

<sup>1</sup>Data is for the reservation as a whole, including those portions outside Thurston County.

**Table VI-8-American Community Survey (ACS)  
Highest Level of Education by Jurisdiction, 2005-2007 3-Year Estimate**

Jurisdiction	Highest Educational Attainment of all People Aged 25 or Older											
	No HS Diploma		HS Grad/GED		Some College		Assoc. Degree		Bachelor Degree		Grad/Prof Degree	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Lacey	1,971	8.6%	5,887	25.8%	6,335	27.8%	2,110	9.3%	4,745	20.8%	1,742	7.6%
Olympia	2,127	6.7%	6,266	19.7%	7,183	22.6%	2,671	8.4%	8,023	25.3%	5,466	17.2%
<b>County Total</b>	<b>12,287</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>41,805</b>	<b>26.5%</b>	<b>40,364</b>	<b>25.6%</b>	<b>14,346</b>	<b>9.1%</b>	<b>31,292</b>	<b>19.8%</b>	<b>17,874</b>	<b>11.3%</b>
<b>Washington State</b>	<b>470,614</b>	<b>11.1%</b>	<b>1,086,559</b>	<b>25.6%</b>	<b>1,018,950</b>	<b>24.0%</b>	<b>393,371</b>	<b>9.3%</b>	<b>825,337</b>	<b>19.4%</b>	<b>448,959</b>	<b>10.6%</b>
<b>United States</b>	<b>31,248,459</b>	<b>16.0%</b>	<b>58,762,191</b>	<b>30.0%</b>	<b>38,383,119</b>	<b>19.6%</b>	<b>14,392,617</b>	<b>7.4%</b>	<b>33,475,448</b>	<b>17.1%</b>	<b>19,384,549</b>	<b>9.9%</b>

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census - 2005-2007 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimate.

**Table VI-9**  
**Public Assistance Programs, Thurston County, Fiscal Year 2007**

Assistance Category	Total Grant Money	Persons Served	
		Monthly Average	Percentage of Population
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$9,335,006	4,039	1.70%
Diversion	\$427,781	82	0.03%
Refugee Assistance	N/A	N/A	N/A
General Assistance	\$2,906,440	785	0.33%
Food Assistance	\$20,065,608	17,497	7.35%
Medical Assistance	\$107,681,962	31,121	13.47%
State Supplemental SSI	\$434,312	714	0.30%

**Source:** Office of Financial Management 2007 Washington State Data Book, ([www.ofm.wa.gov/databook](http://www.ofm.wa.gov/databook)) and Department of Social and Health Services.

**Explanations:** Persons living in one county may be served by a local office in another county. Services are reported by county of service rather than county of residence.

**Table VI-10  
Crime Index for Thurston County Jurisdictions and Washington State, 1995-2008**

Jurisdiction	Incidence of Crime Index Offenses Per 1,000 People																	
	All Crime Index Offenses					Violent Crimes					Property Crimes							
	1995	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008	1995	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008	1995	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008
Lacey	50.0	49.9	56.0	50.0	51.4	48.2	2.9	3.0	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.6	47.1	46.9	53.2	47.3	48.9	45.6
Olympia	67.8	71.7	61.6	52.8	48.4	53.5	4.2	3.7	2.7	3.4	2.7	3.3	63.5	68.0	58.9	49.4	45.8	50.1
Rainier	--	35.8	26.5	26.4	19.9	14.4	--	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.8	1.1	--	35.2	25.9	25.8	18.2	13.2
Tenino	--	64.8	41.9	38.3	42.3	32.0	--	1.8	2.8	0.5	0.5	1.8	--	63.0	39.1	37.9	41.8	30.2
Tumwater	75.3	40.5	45.3	41.8	38.8	45.7	3.7	2.4	3.8	2.7	2.2	2.8	71.6	38.1	41.5	39.0	36.6	43.0
Yelm	--	69.0	59.7	66.8	46.0	47.6	--	2.0	2.2	4.8	2.7	2.7	--	67.0	57.5	62.0	43.3	44.9
Unincorp. County	32.9	27.9	28.2	25.2	21.4	26.0	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.2	1.8	2.3	30.5	25.5	25.6	23.0	19.6	23.7
<b>Thurston County</b>	<b>45.7</b>	<b>42.0</b>	<b>41.2</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>33.2</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>42.8</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>33.9</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>34.0</b>
<b>Washington State</b>	<b>62.2</b>	<b>51.6</b>	<b>52.9</b>	<b>48.2</b>	<b>43.3</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>57.4</b>	<b>47.9</b>	<b>49.4</b>	<b>44.7</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>36.9</b>

**Source:** Washington Association of Sheriff's and Police Chiefs & Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission, "Preliminary Crime in Washington 2008 Annual Report."

**Note:** Care should be taken in drawing conclusions and making decisions about problems based solely on crime and arrest data that is reported to WUCR. Factors relating to crime reporting practices, law enforcement policies, population characteristics and attitudes all contribute to variation in reported data.

**Explanations:** Offenses included in the Crime Index are murder and non-negligent homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. The offenses in the Crime Index were selected as indicators of the total amount of criminal activity because they are serious offenses that are the focus of widespread concern. They occur with sufficient frequency to reflect fluctuations in the overall level of criminal activity. They are most likely to be reported accurately to law enforcement due to their seriousness. They are offenses that can be clearly and specifically defined. The varying severity of offenses is not taken into account in the All Crime Index, resulting in equal weight being given to a shoplifting and a forcible rape. For this reason, the Crime Index is broken out into violent crimes and property crimes for some general distinction between these different offenses.

The way crime statistics are reported is currently changing in Washington State. The data has previously been reported using the Summary Uniform Crime Reporting Program (UCR). Since additional facts are generally collected by most law enforcement agencies, the National Uniform Crime Reporting program was redesigned to include new guidelines and greater depth to the data. The program—National Incident-Based Reporting (NIBRS)—collects a multitude of data on each single crime occurrence. There is already a small percentage of agencies that are providing NIBRS data. Eventually, Washington State will provide NIBRS crime statistics rather than Summary data for all reporting agencies.