Skagit County: Population Summary

Skagit County is located in the Northwest sector of Washington State. About 71,000 people (59%) live in city areas, and 49,000 (41%) live in unincorporated areas. The largest cities are Mount Vernon (33,000), Anacortes (16,000), Sedro-Woolley (11,000) and Burlington (8,000). Four Tribal communities are included in the county boundary: Upper Skagit Tribe, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, Samish Indian Nation and Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe. There are 7 school districts and 3 County Commissioner districts (District 1 [Anacortes, LaConner], District 2 [Mt. Vernon], and District 3 [Burlington, Sedro Woolley and Concrete]). The west side of the county is relatively more populated, and the east side is more rural. Driving distance from the county seat of Mt. Vernon to the easternmost city of Marblemount is about 1 hour, and from Mt. Vernon to the westernmost city of Anacortes is approximately 30 minutes.

Age and Gender

	% of Population	Number of People
TOTAL	100%	120,000
Female	50%	61,000
Male	50%	60,000
Age Groups		
Age <5 (pre-school age children)	5%	6,000
Age <18 (children)	23%	27,000
Ages 5-17 (school-age children)	18%	21,000
Age 18+ (adult)	78%	93,000
Age 18-64 (workforce)	59%	71,000
Age 25+ (education completed)	68%	82,000
Age 65+ (retirement)	19%	23,000

Race, Ethnicity and Language

	% of Population	Number of People
Race and Ethnicity	100%	120,000
White, non-Hispanic	75%	91,000
Black/African American	1%	1,000
American Indian/Alaska Native	3%	3,000
Asian/Pacific Islander	3%	3,000
2+ Races	3%	4,000
Hispanic (any race)	18%	21,000
Language		
Language other than English spoken at home	14%	16,000
Among non-English speakers, % who speak English less than "very well"	36%	6,000

Source: All data from US Census and American Community Survey, unless otherwise specified. All population estimates are rounded to the nearest thousand. Some numbers may not add to 100%, or population subgroup estimates may not add to total population estimate, due to rounding.

Education & Resources

Education & Resources	% of Population	Number of People
Education		
HS graduate or higher (among ages 25+)	88%	73,000
Bachelor's degree or higher (among ages 25+)	24%	19,000
Veterans		
Served in any military branch (ages 18+)	13%	12,000
Youth with parent who is a Veteran	24%	7,000
Marital Status		
Currently married (among 18+)	54%	50,000

Poverty and Income

Income		
Median Household Income	$56,000	
Average Hourly Wage*	$18.99	
Poverty	**% of Population**	**Number of People**
People below 100% federal poverty level	14%	16,000
Children below 100% federal poverty level	19%	5,000

Employment

Employment Status	% of Population	Number of People
Unemployment*	6%	4,000
Employed (working for others or self-employed, age 18+)	52%	49,000

Households

Housing Capacity	% of Population	Number of People
Total Housing Units	52,000	
Occupied Households	45,000	
Multi-unit Housing (among housing units)	17%	9,000
Household Members		
Average Household Size	2.6 people	
Households with a child	30%	14,000
Adults age 65+ living alone	11%	5,000
Ownership	**% of Housing Units**	**# of Housing Units**
Owner-occupied housing	68%	31,000
Renter-occupied housing	32%	15,000