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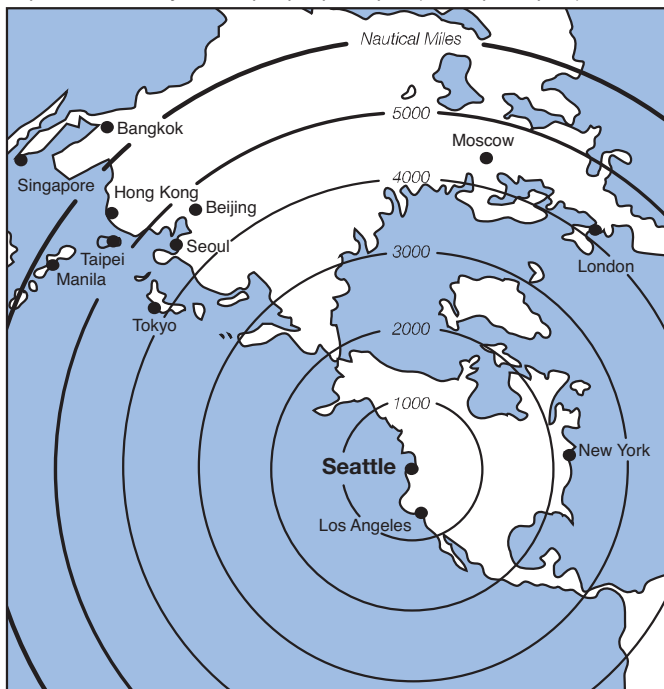
LOCATION

Founded in 1869, the City of Seattle has become a center for commerce, culture, science and innovation in the Pacific Northwest region. Seattle lies 113 miles (182 km) south of the U.S.-Canadian border and serves as a hub for travel and transportation to Alaska, Pacific Asia, Europe and the Salish Sea region (inland marine waters of Washington State and British Columbia). Surrounded by mountains and water, the Seattle area features picture-perfect views, a mild climate and abundant recreational opportunities year-round.

Latitude: 47° 39' North Longitude: 122° 17' West

City Profile

Land Area: 84 sq mi (217 sq km)  
Population: 612,000 (As of April 1, 2010)  
Population Density: 7,286 people per sq mi (2,821 per sq km)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Population

Year	Seattle	Metro Area*	Pacific NW Region**
2010 (estimate)	612,000	3,707,400	15,069,765
2000	563,374	3,275,847	13,379,320
1990	516,259	2,748,867	11,000,384
1980	493,846	2,240,000	9,508,809
1970	530,831	1,939,000	7,738,635

Sources: WA State OFM; BC Stats; & U.S. Census Quick Facts.  
\*King, Snohomish, Pierce and Kitsap Counties.  
\*\*Washington, Oregon and British Columbia

Race/Ethnic Group	Seattle* (2000 Census)	King Co. (2008 Est.)	WA State (2008 Est.)
<b>TOTAL Pop.</b>	<b>563,374</b>	<b>1,884,200</b>	<b>6,587,600</b>
<b>White</b>	<b>394,889</b> (70.1%)	<b>1,428,353</b> (75.8%)	<b>5,566,607</b> (84.5%)
<b>Black or African American</b>	<b>47,541</b> (8.4%)	<b>114,619</b> (6.1%)	<b>237,917</b> (3.6%)
<b>American Indian &amp; Alaska Native</b>	<b>5,659</b> (1.0%)	<b>17,987</b> (1.0%)	<b>109,792</b> (1.7%)
<b>Asian &amp; Pacific Islander</b>	<b>76,714</b> (13.6%)	<b>257,932</b> (13.7%)	<b>470,361</b> (7.1%)
Hawaiian/ Pac. Islander	2,804	-	-
Chinese	19,415	-	-
Filipino	15,867	-	-
Japanese	8,979	-	-
Korean	4,863	-	-
Vietnamese	11,943	-	-
Other Asian	12,843	-	-
<b>Pop. Hispanic/ Latino ethnicity (any race)</b>	<b>29,719</b> (5.3%)	<b>127,933</b> (6.8%)	<b>613,929</b> (9.3%)
<b>Two or More Races</b>	<b>25,148</b> (4.5%)	<b>65,309</b> (3.5%)	<b>202,922</b> (3.1%)
<b>Other Race</b>	<b>13,423</b> (2.5%)	-	-

(Source: U.S. Census 2000; Washington State OFM 2008 Population Estimates)  
\*Population figures from 2010 Census will be available after April, 2011, at [www.seattle.gov/oir/](http://www.seattle.gov/oir/)

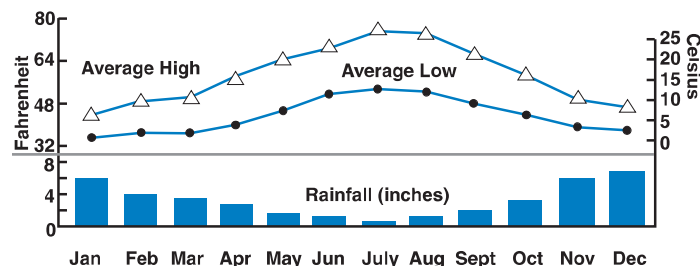
QUALITY OF LIFE

Seattle is a vibrant metropolitan hub in a stunning natural setting. The city offers a wide range of housing options, exceptional arts, sports and entertainment opportunities, an abundance of shops and restaurants and easy access to outdoor recreational activities in any season. Seattle is frequently ranked among top U.S. cities as judged by education levels, the number and quality of arts organizations, communications connectivity, international diversity and culture of innovation.

Climate

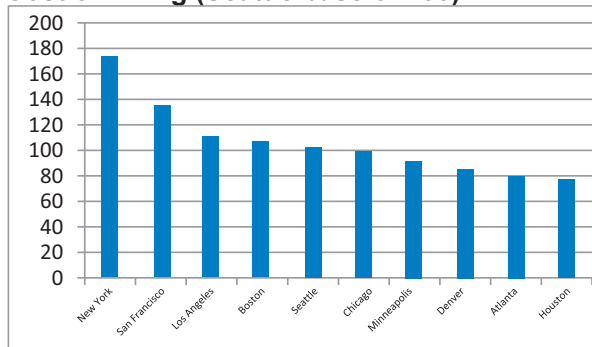
High temperatures in July average about 75° F (24° C), while low temperatures in winter drop below freezing an average of 15 days per year. Average yearly rainfall in Seattle is 36.2 inches (92 cm), compared to 19.5 inches (50 cm) in San Francisco, 34.5 (88 cm) in Chicago, 39 inches (99 cm) in Washington, DC and 40.3 inches (102 cm) in New York City.

Monthly Temperature and Rainfall in Seattle



Source: NOAA Climatological Data, Seattle

## Cost of Living (Seattle base of 100)



Data provided by C2ER; costs include housing, utilities, transportation and health care, from average of 4 quarters ending March 2010. See <http://cgi.money.cnn.com/tools/costofliving/costofliving.html>

## Median Family Income

New York	\$103,600
San Francisco	\$99,400
Los Angeles	\$63,000
Boston	\$91,800
<b>Seattle</b>	<b>\$85,600</b>
Chicago	\$75,100
Minneapolis	\$84,000
Denver	\$75,900
Atlanta	\$71,800
Houston	\$44,500

HUD FY 2010 / Metro Area (<http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/il/il10/index.html>)

## Rentals

Average monthly apartment rental costs in Seattle (2010)

1 bedroom/1 bath	2 bedroom/1 bath	3 bedroom/2 bath
\$1,024	\$1,138	\$1,504

Source: Apartment Ratings (<http://www.apartmentratings.com/rate/WA-Seattle-Pricing.html>)

## EDUCATION

Persons over 25, a comparison of major U.S. cities; percentage completing:

	BA or Higher	High School	English Not Spoken at Home
<b>Seattle</b>	<b>56.0</b>	<b>92.5</b>	<b>20.8</b>
San Francisco	52.0	85.9	44.2
Washington, DC	48.5	87.1	12.6
Boston	44.7	85.5	33.6
Denver	40.3	84.3	25.6
New York	34.0	79.2	47.5
Chicago	33.1	80.3	34.3
Los Angeles	30.3	73.6	60.5
Miami	22.3	68.6	77.1
Detroit	12.4	77.0	11.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 American Community Survey

## Major Universities and Colleges

	Number of Students	Internet Home Page
University of Washington (public)	46,653	<a href="http://www.washington.edu">www.washington.edu</a>
Seattle University (Jesuit)	6,616	<a href="http://www.seattleu.edu">www.seattleu.edu</a>
Seattle Pacific University (Wesleyan, Evangelical Christian)	4,000	<a href="http://www.spu.edu">www.spu.edu</a>
Art Institute of Seattle (design, media arts, fashion, culinary)	2,300	<a href="http://www.ais.edu">www.ais.edu</a>
DigiPen Institute of Technology (production animation; game design, interactive simulation, computer engineering/science)	883	<a href="http://www.digipen.edu/">www.digipen.edu/</a>
Cornish College of the Arts	800	<a href="http://www.cornish.edu">www.cornish.edu</a>
Seattle Community Colleges, four campuses	50,000	<a href="http://www.seattlecolleges.com">www.seattlecolleges.com</a>

\*Enrollment figures for Fall 2008-2009.

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

### Health Care

Seattle serves as a regional health care center with institutions such as Swedish Medical Center, University of Washington Medical Center and School of Medicine, Harborview Medical Center, Group Health Cooperative Hospital, Virginia Mason Medical Center, Northwest Hospital, Valley General Hospital, Children's Hospital and the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center (the world's largest research center for cancer control and prevention).

## Religion

All major religions are represented in the greater Seattle area. In addition to various Protestant, Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches, there are numerous Jewish synagogues, Buddhist temples and Islamic mosques.

## ECONOMY

The Seattle MSA accounts for 1.93 million jobs and has an estimated **gross metropolitan product** of \$218.77 billion (<http://www.bea.gov/regional/gdpmetro/action.cfm>). The largest employer in the city proper is the **University of Washington**, with 28,188 faculty and staff and 43,504 students (autumn, 2009 FTEs). The University has annual revenue of \$3.7 billion and annual research funding of \$1.2 billion (2009 Annual Report).

**Aerospace** has long been a key industry in the Seattle area, thanks to the Boeing Company. Aerospace employs 82,000 people (including 7,000 engineers) statewide, produces annual revenue of \$32 billion, and includes a cluster of 650 companies. The region is home to final assembly operations for Boeing's 737, 747, 767, 777 and 787 aircraft. Local educational institutions have developed specialized curricula and programs to provide the expertise needed for the aerospace industry. Boeing also produces the P-8A Poseidon in Renton and through Insitu, a Boeing subsidiary, is working on a Small Tactical Unmanned Air System Tier II project for the U.S. Navy.

**Information and communications technology (ICT)** companies such as Microsoft, Amazon and Real Networks generate annual revenue within the State of Washington of \$13.6 billion and account for a total of 186,800 ICT jobs. A recent study of ICT jobs in the Seattle/King County area identified 50,400 in software publishing, 25,400 in computer system design and 9,100 in wireless telecommunications. Seattle area video game companies generate more than one third of the \$10 billion annual revenue attributed to the game industry nationwide. The Seattle MSA is a leader in Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) and is home to companies such as Impinj and Intermec. The region is also emerging as a world leader in cloud computing and virtualization through the presence of Microsoft Azure, Amazon Web Services, Parallels, Skytap and Symform.

**The clean technology** industry in Seattle/Washington State accounted for 61,775 jobs in 2009 in the sectors of energy efficiency, renewable energy, reducing pollution and pollution cleanup. The sectors of wind, solar, biomass, wave/tidal and geothermal energy employ 17,000 people in an estimated 2,008 companies that received \$635 million in venture capital investments in the 2006 to 2008 period. Washington State has the largest coordinated hydro-electric system in the world, providing 73% of the state's electrical power. Seattle City Light (city owned utility) has been carbon-neutral for several years.

The Life Sciences Discovery Fund supports a thriving **life science industry** in Seattle (biopharmaceuticals, medical devices, global health and agriculture-energy-environment). Washington State created the fund in 2005 as a \$350 million commitment to life science research over a 10-year period. According to a Washington Research Council Life Sciences Economic Impact Study (Nov. 2009), the life science industry generated \$6.4 billion in revenues in 2008 and accounts for more than 22,000 direct jobs.

**Healthcare** (hospitals, healthcare products and services, training and research), accounts for 96,000 jobs in Seattle and annual revenue of \$10 billion. Collaboration among professionals in healthcare, biotechnology and information technology has led to new developments in **bioinformatics** (using databases/algorithms to enhance biological research) and **health informatics** (using computer technologies for the collection, storage, communication and optimal use of health related data).

With an endowment of more than \$36 billion, the Seattle-based **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** is a major supporter of Seattle's global health and biotechnology industries. Foundation funding helped the University of Washington move the **Departments of Genome Sciences and Bioengineering** into a new, shared facility and helped establish a **Department of Global Health** run jointly by the Schools of Public Health and Medicine. The South Lake Union biotech area near the University benefits from a \$15 million biotech incubator and close

proximity to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, the Institute for Systems Biology, the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (Seattle office), Amgen's Helix Campus on Elliot Bay, the Allen Institute for Brain Science, the Pacific Northwest Research Institute, the Infectious Disease Research Institute, PATH (Program for Appropriate Technology in Health), the Seattle Biomedical Research Institute and the Benaroya Research Institute at Virginia Mason.

A **marine technology** sector accounts for annual revenues of \$1.7 billion, a labor force of 7,600 and annual exports of \$167.7 million. It includes 100 boat-building firms and 41 ship building/repair firms state-wide. The **Arts** sector includes 3,578 arts-related businesses employing 18,493 people (according to a 2007 Creative Industries Report by Americans for the Arts). Seattle is the center of a thriving **gourmet coffee industry** (Seattle-based Starbucks is known worldwide); a dynamic **recreation equipment** sector (thanks to organizations such as the Mountaineers and companies such as K2 Sports, REI, Filson and MSR); and the nation's largest **marine and fisheries** sector (fisheries exports from Washington State exceed the total of all other U.S. states combined based on both value and weight). Other important sectors are **wood products, transportation equipment, food products and apparel design**.

The Seattle region now includes **35 wineries with more than 80 acres of vineyards**. The Puget Sound appellation breaks down into sub-areas of Woodinville, Seattle and North Sound. Statewide, 400 wineries and 350 grape growers comprise an industry valued at \$3 billion annually. Leading reds are Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah. Leading white varieties are Chardonnay, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon.

Major facilities of the **Defense Department**, one of the largest employers in the region, include Joint Base Fort Lewis McChord (south of Tacoma), the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (Bremerton), Bangor Naval Submarine Base and Naval Station Everett. Statewide, military and defense supported 191,000 jobs and \$12.2 billion in total output for FY 2009 (PSRC Prosperity Partnership Newsletter Sept. 13, 2010).

## Cluster Employment

Number of full and part-time positions (not including resource or construction)

	2000	2008	2009
Aerospace	91,000	83,900	84,400
Clean Technology	2,000	20,900	20,500
Information Technology	87,700	106,500	109,000
Life Sciences	19,100	22,500	22,400
Logistics & Int'l Trade	40,800	43,700	40,100
Military	n/a	127,400*	-
Tourism/Visitors	95,100	104,200	97,900
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>335,700</b>	<b>381,700</b>	<b>374,300</b>

Source: PSRC, Prosperity Partnership. Estimates are for covered employment, except Military, which was estimated from U.S. Department of Defense data and surveys of Puget Sound military installations. \* 2007 Estimate. Source: Puget Sound Regional Council

## INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS

### Top 10 Public Companies Headquartered

#### in Seattle or Washington State.

(Ranked by 2009 revenue, figures in millions)

Company	2009 Revenues	Type of Business
Costco Wholesale Corp.	\$71,422	Worldwide wholesale club operator
Microsoft Corp.	58,437	Software, services, internet tech.
Amazon.com Inc.	24,509	Online retailer
Starbucks Corp.	9,775	Coffee roaster, retailer
Nordstrom Inc.	8,627	Apparel retailer
Paccar Inc.	8,087	Heavy-duty truck manufacturing, financial services
Weyerhaeuser Co.	5,528	Natural resources, forest products
Expeditors Int'l of WA	4,092	Int'l logistics company, 160 offices worldwide
Alaska Air Group Inc.	3,400	Holding co., Alaska, Horizon Airlines
Expedia Inc.	2,955	Online travel, vacation site

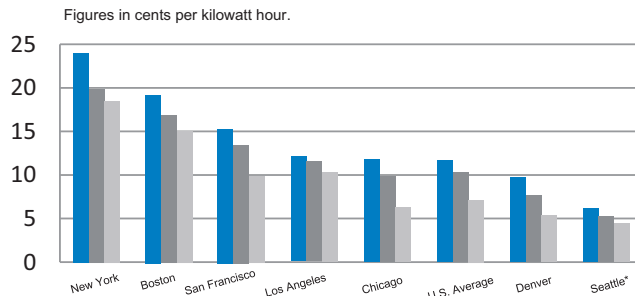
### Downtown Seattle Office Space: 3rd Qtr 2010

	Total Inventory (sq ft)	Vacancy Rate	Asking Rate (per sq ft)
All Classes	42,386,861	20.0%	\$17.00-\$39.00
Class A	32,132,353	21.4%	\$20.00-\$39.00
Class B	8,107,417	16.7%	\$18.00-\$34.00
Class C	2,147,091	12.0%	\$17.00-\$26.00

Source: CB Richard Ellis

## Electricity Rates Comparison (2009)

Average residential, commercial and industrial electrical rates:



Source: Seattle City Light (municipal owned utility), Finance Division  
Contact: Robert Bartley, Seattle City Light robert.bartley@seattle.gov 206-684-3877

## Water

Service is provided by the City of Seattle. Pressure range minimum is 30 psi and maximum is 100 psi. Commercial/industrial monthly rate for ¾" - 4" meter is \$13.00-\$121.40. Charge for water usage is as follows:  
Off-peak season (September-May) \$ 3.62/100 cu ft  
Peak season (May-September) \$ 4.63/100 cu ft

## Sanitary Sewer

Service includes treatment at King County's treatment plants, whose cost is incorporated into rates billed through the individual cities. The commercial/industrial sewer rate in Seattle is \$10.28/100 cu ft.

## Natural Gas

Puget Sound Energy supplies Seattle and King County with natural gas. The basic monthly commercial/industrial rate for general service is \$15 plus \$1.176 per therm.

Utility Sources: [http://www.seattle.gov/util/Services/Billing/Rates\\_Summary/](http://www.seattle.gov/util/Services/Billing/Rates_Summary/)

## City of Seattle Tax Rates, 2010

### Tax Rates, 2010 Property Tax

(\$9.04 per \$1,000 assessed value), apportioned as follows:

City	32.0%
State	25.0%
Schools	22.0%
County	16.0%
Medic 1/EMS	3.0%
Port	2.0%
<b>Total: \$9.63 per \$1,000 assessed value, collected by King County</b>	

### Retail Sales Tax of 9.5% apportioned as follows:\*

State of Washington	6.50%
City of Seattle	.85%
Metro	.90%
Sound Transit	.90%
King County	.15%
King County Criminal Justice Levy	.10%
King County Mental Health Tax	.10%

\*An additional .5% is added to the sales tax rate for food and beverages sold in restaurants, taverns and bars throughout King County for construction of professional baseball stadium.

### City Business & Occupation Tax

Retail/Wholesale	.215%
Manufacturing/Extracting	.215%
Manufacturing/Wholesaling Grain & Flour	.0215%
International Finance	.150%
Printing/Publishing	.215%
Service, Other	.415%

### State Business & Occupation Tax

Retail	.00471%
Wholesale, Manufacturing, Extracting, Insurance Agents/Brokers, Printing/Publishing, Royalties, Child Care Service & Other Activities	.00484%
Commercial Aircraft/Aerospace Manufacturing, Wholesaling	.002904%
Wood Products Manufacturing, Wholesaling, Sale of Standing Timber	.003424%

Source: Department of Finance, City of Seattle

## Admission & Gambling Taxes

Admissions tax	5.00%
Amusement Games (less prizes)	2.00%
Bingo (less prizes)	10.00%
Punch cards/Pull tabs	5.00%

## TOURISM and CONFERENCE CENTERS

The Seattle-King County area attracts more than 8.8 million overnight visitors annually who spend \$6.9 billion and contribute more than \$416 million in state and local tax revenues. Direct visitor spending supports 50,000 jobs in the Seattle region. The Port of Seattle has seen cruise ship growth in recent years, with an estimated 186 sailings and 429,413 passengers expected in 2011.

Major venues for conferences, conventions and special events include the Washington State Convention and Conference Center, a wide variety of local hotels, the Bell Harbor International Conference Center, Qwest Field Events Center, Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue and the Seattle Center (site of the 1962 World's Fair).

For visitor information contact: Seattle's Convention and Visitors Bureau at (866) 732-2695 or (206) 461-5840 or [www.visitseattle.org](http://www.visitseattle.org). The Seattle Visitor Center and Concierge Services, located in the Convention Center, offers Seattle information, attraction tickets and tour bookings.

## Hotels

There are 10,708 hotel rooms in downtown Seattle and more than 34,459 hotel rooms in the Seattle/King County area. Call (866) 285-2535 or [www.seattlesupersaver.com](http://www.seattlesupersaver.com) for information or reservations at over 100 Seattle area hotels (a free hotel reservation service operated by Seattle's Convention and Visitors Bureau).

## Restaurants

Cuisine in the Seattle area is famous for fresh seafood, local farm produce and other Northwest specialties. A wide variety of ethnic restaurants are among the more than 9,000 restaurants in Greater Seattle, [www.seattle.citysearch.com](http://www.seattle.citysearch.com).

## Major Attractions

Among the most popular urban attractions are the Seattle Center and the Space Needle, Pike Place Market, the Hiram Chittenden Locks, Woodland Park Zoo, Tillicum Indian Village, Seattle Aquarium, waterfront, lakeside and sound beaches, Pioneer Square, International District, and local wineries and breweries. Outdoor activities include boating, fishing, golf, water sports, hiking, biking, mountain climbing and skiing. Seattle is situated on the shores of Lake Washington, Lake Union and Puget Sound, flanked by two major mountain ranges (Olympics and Cascades), with Mount Rainier in full view and remote wilderness less than an hour away. Nearby are the San Juan Islands, Pacific Ocean beaches and major rivers. For more information see [www.visitseattle.org](http://www.visitseattle.org).

## Arts, Culture and Festivals

Major arts organizations includes the Seattle Symphony (performing in Benaroya Hall), Seattle Opera and the Pacific Northwest Ballet (performing in Marion Oliver McCaw Hall), numerous art galleries, the Seattle Asian Art Museum, the Experience Music Project rock and roll museum, the Seattle Art Museum and the Olympic Sculpture Park on the Seattle waterfront. Theater arts in Seattle include with 80 companies, 25 of which are professional. Other festival celebrations include SEAFair, Northwest Folklife, Seattle International Film Festival, Bumbershoot Arts Festival, Giant Magnet – Seattle International Children's Festival, the Bite of Seattle food festival and Festal Cultural Festivals at Seattle Center. Seattle hosts large-scale musical concerts and has gained international attention as the place of origin of trend-setting rock, pop and jazz groups. Seattle's Convention & Visitors Bureau offers a comprehensive, searchable calendar of events on its web site for convenient trip planning at [www.visitseattle.org](http://www.visitseattle.org)

## Professional Sports

Seattle is home to Mariners baseball (MLB), Seahawks football (NFL), Seattle Storm women's basketball (WNBA Champions in 2010 & 2004) and Seattle Sounders FC (MLS, 2009 U.S. Open Cup Champions).

## Economic Impact of Travel

	Seattle-King County (2008)	Washington State* (2009)
Travel-Generated Employment	53,400 jobs	147,600 jobs
Direct Travel Spending	\$7.51 bil.	\$14.20 bil.
Direct Travel-Industry Earnings	\$2.24 bil.	\$4.17 bil.
State Tax Receipts	\$266.60 mil.	\$671.00 mil.
Local Tax Receipts	\$185.40 mil.	\$287.00 mil.

Source: Dean Runyan Associates <http://www.deanrunyan.com/impactsWA.html>  
\*Includes Seattle-King County

## INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE

Seattle has gained an international reputation for its quality of life, innovative companies and global competitiveness. Advantages include the region's strategic geographic location (equidistant from London and Tokyo), advanced manufacturing capability and infrastructure, a critical mass of advanced technology, collaboration among technology sectors, diverse economic base, quality educational and health care institutions, a well-educated work force, cultural and recreational opportunities and the international outlook of its people. Approximately 18% of the population of Seattle and 31% of the population of Bellevue is foreign-born (American Community Survey 2006-2008).

The Seattle metro area (MSA) produced **\$24.2 billion in total exports** in 2008, according to a Brookings Institution study <http://www.brookings.edu/metro/MetroExports/>. Seattle exports in 2008 supported 196,000 jobs and accounted for 12.1% of Gross Metropolitan Product. Major export industries are transportation equipment, services (business, professional and technical), tourism, computer/electronics products and intellectual property royalties. Services account for approximately 30% of Seattle exports.

The 2009 value of **Washington State originated exports was \$51.4 billion**, not including exports of business, professional and technical services (estimated to be up to \$10 billion annually). Washington State ranks first in the U.S. for exports per capita, valued at \$7,900 in 2009. International trade supports one out of every three jobs in the local economy. Commercial ties abroad are complemented by strong civic, cultural and personal relationships that include sister city, sister county, sister port and sister state ties throughout the world.

## Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle

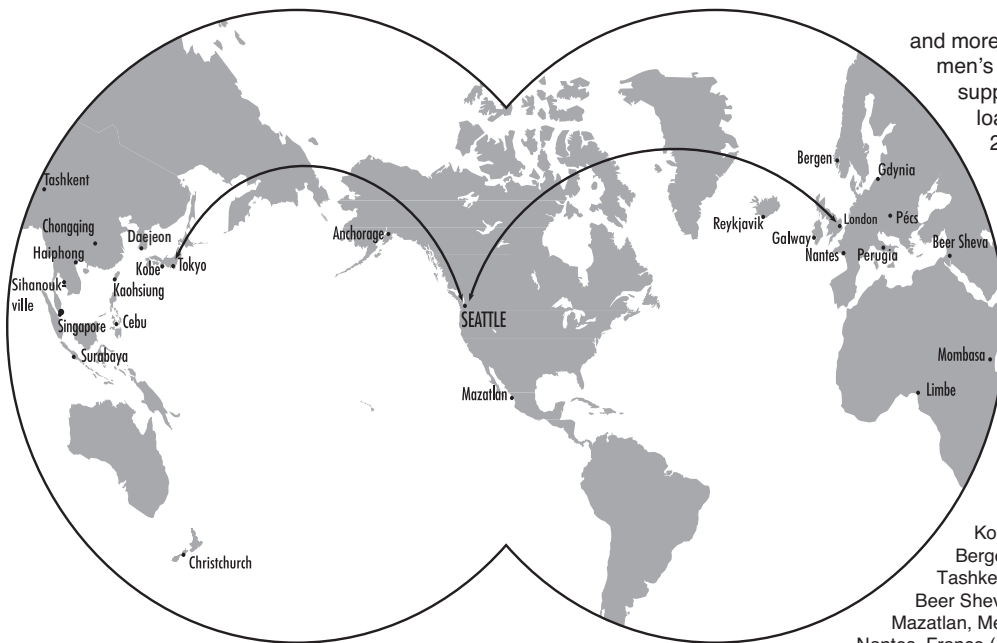
The Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle is a partnership of the City of Seattle, the City of Everett, the Ports of Seattle, Tacoma and Everett, the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce, King County, Snohomish County, Pierce County and union leadership created to promote the Greater Seattle area as one of North America's premier international trade gateways and commercial centers. The Trade Alliance organizes business missions, hosts trade delegations, and provides trade related information about the region. For further information, call (206) 389-7301, [tdags@seattlechamber.com](mailto:tdags@seattlechamber.com) or see the Trade Alliance website [www.seattletradealliance.com](http://www.seattletradealliance.com)

## Top 10 Trading Partners, WA State

2009 WISERTrade exports (State originated) in billions of USD (\$)

1. China (Mainland)	\$9.11
2. Canada	\$6.79
3. Japan	\$5.57
4. United Arab Emirates	\$2.76
5. Korea, Republic of	\$2.03
6. Ireland	\$1.86
7. India	\$1.84
8. Hong Kong	\$1.74
9. France	\$1.70
10. Germany	\$1.44

**TOTAL ALL COUNTRIES \$34.84**



and more than 340 slips on concrete floating docks. Fishermen's Terminal also provides the most comprehensive support services available on the West Coast, with loading docks supporting vessels up to 300 feet and 2,800 linear feet of loading dock, secure outdoor storage, indoor lockers, forklifts, cranes and other equipment on site. The facility includes a wide array of on-site businesses catering specifically to the needs of the commercial fishing and workboat industries. Companies in the nearby Ballard, Magnolia and Queen Anne neighborhoods also offer marine supplies, vessel repairs and other specialty services. Nearby, the Maritime Industrial Center offers additional vessel moorage, storage, re-supply, maintenance and repair facilities.

## Seattle's 21 Sister Cities

Listed with date of establishment

Kobe, Japan (1957)	Reykjavik, Iceland (1986)
Bergen, Norway (1967)	Daejeon, Korea (1989)
Tashkent, Uzbekistan (1973)	Kaohsiung, Taiwan (1991)
Beer Sheva, Israel (1977)	Pécs, Hungary (1991)
Mazatlan, Mexico (1979)	Cebu, Philippines (1991)
Nantes, France (1980)	Perugia, Italy (1991)
Christchurch, New Zealand (1981)	Surabaya, Indonesia (1992)
Mombasa, Kenya (1981)	Gdynia, Poland (1993)
Chongqing, China (1983)	Haiphong, Vietnam (1996)
Limbe, Cameroon (1984)	Sihanoukville, Cambodia (1999)
Galway, Ireland (1986)	

## Top 10 Exports by Industry Sector

2009 WISERTrade exports (State originated) in billions of USD (\$)

1. Aircraft, Spacecraft and Parts	\$26.34
2. Oil Seeds, Misc. Grain, Seed Fruit	4.19
3. Cereals	2.59
4. Mineral Fuel & Oil	1.83
5. Electric Machinery, Sound Equip., TV Equip.	1.64
6. Industrial Machinery, Including Computers	1.64
7. Optic, Photo etc., Medical or Surgical	1.50
8. Edible Fruit and Nuts	0.90
9. Wood, Articles of Wood	0.85
10. Toys, Games and Sports Equipment	0.84
<b>TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES</b>	<b>\$42.32</b>

*\*Does not include software, education, architectural design or other important service sector exports from the Seattle area.*

## TRANSPORTATION

### Railroads and Bus Service

Burlington Northern and Union Pacific provide transcontinental rail service and operate three intermodal yards in Seattle. Passenger service to major U.S. cities is provided by Amtrak. Various bus lines connect Seattle with major cities in the U.S., Canada, and as far south as Tijuana, Mexico. Seattle is served by a county-wide bus system with a ride-free zone in Seattle's downtown district. The public transportation network includes a trolley line, light rail, commuter rail (from Tacoma and Everett to Seattle), and over 100 miles of HOV lanes and regional express bus routes.

### Harbor Facilities

The Port of Seattle is among the top ten container ports in the U.S., with products valued at \$33.4 billion crossing its docks in 2009. It is served by over 20 ocean carriers and numerous Alaska barge operators, two major transcontinental railroads, and numerous trucking companies that link Seattle to market hubs throughout North America. The Port encompasses over 500 acres of container handling space, with 24 container cranes and facilities to handle chilled or frozen meat and fish, fruit, vegetables, forest products, steel and grain. Maritime business activities at the Port are responsible for pumping \$430 million in local purchases and \$2.5 billion in business revenue into the local economy each year. The Port also owns and operates Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, Fishermen's Terminal and Maritime Industrial Center, Harbor Island Marina, Shilshole Bay Marina, and Bell Street Pier, an 11-acre complex with an international conference center, marina, shops and restaurants. Cruise terminals at Bell Street Pier and Terminal 30 serve the Alaska cruise industry with more than 200 ship calls each year. The World Trade Center complex, adjacent to the Bell Street Pier, strengthens Seattle's role as a center for international trade.

### Fisherman's Terminal

Fishermen's Terminal serves as the homeport for the U.S. North Pacific fishing fleet and is a growing center for other commercial workboats as well. Recent improvements provide 2,500 feet of linear moorage

## Seattle-Tacoma Int'l Airport (Sea-Tac)

Sea-Tac is a major gateway connecting Asia, Europe and the U.S. In 2009, Sea-Tac served 31.2 million passengers and transported 269,804 metric tons of air freight. Of the 29 airlines at Sea-Tac, 10 are all-cargo and 12 are foreign-flagged carriers that offer non-stop service to 21 international destinations. The airport is 13 miles (21 km) from Seattle's central business district and 14 miles from the Port's marine terminals. In the continental U.S., Sea-Tac is the closest airport to Asia and is approximately 9 hours by air from either Tokyo or London. There are more than 45 scheduled flights to international destinations each week.

## Carriers with Direct International Flights

Air Canada	American	Delta	Korean Air
Air France	Asiana Airlines	EVA Airlines	Lufthansa
Air BC	British Airways	Hainan	NW Airlines
Alaska	China Air	Horizon	United Airlines

## Cities Served by Direct Flights from Seattle

Amsterdam	Kelowna	San Jose del Cabo
Beijing	London	Seoul
Calgary	Mazatlan	Taipei
Cancun	Mexico City	Tokyo
Copenhagen	Paris	Toronto
Edmonton	Puerto Vallarta	Vancouver
Frankfurt	Reykjavik	Victoria

## COMMUNICATIONS

The Seattle area has a major print newspaper (The Seattle Times) and a wide variety of special focus and non-English newspapers (see <http://www.yellowpages.com/seattle-wa/newspapers>). There are also several on-line news sources such as the [seattlepi.com](http://seattlepi.com), [crosscut.com](http://crosscut.com) and [publicola.net](http://publicola.net). All major TV networks have affiliates in Seattle. Cable service is provided by Comcast or Broadstripe. Seattle ranks 13th among U.S. television markets, according to Nielsen Media Research 2010-2011 rankings.

## GOVERNMENT

### Foreign Consulate & Economic/Cultural Offices

Australia	(206) 575-7446	Latvia	(425) 773-0103
Austria	(360) 466-0252	Lithuania	(206) 725-4576
Belgium	(206) 728-5145	Malta	(425) 788-3120
Brazil	(253) 218-9542	Mexico	(206) 448-3526
Cambodia	(206) 217-0830	Netherlands	(425) 637-3050
Canada	(206) 443-1777	New Zealand	(206) 527-1896

Chile	(360) 754-8747	Norway	(206) 284 2323
Croatia	(206) 772-2968	Russian Federation	(206) 728-1910
Cyprus	(425) 827-1700	Seychelles	(253) 874-4579
Estonia	(206) 310-2153	Spain	(425) 237-9373
Ethiopia	(206) 364-6401	Sweden	(425) 952-6299
Finland	(425) 885-7320	Switzerland	(206) 228-8110
France	(206) 256-6184	Taipei Economic & Cultural Office	(206) 441-4586
Germany	(206) 230-5138	Turkey	(425) 739-6722
Hungary	(206) 432-9767	Uganda	(206) 571-9798
Iceland	(206) 783-4100	United Kingdom	(425) 453-9400
Ireland	(425) 290-7839	Uzbekistan	(206) 331-1189
Italy	(206) 851-8023		
Jamaica	(253) 872-8950		
Japan	(206) 682-9107		
Korea	(206) 441-1014		
Kirgizstan	(206) 941-7934		

Consular Association of Washington: (206) 432-9767 (Consul of Hungary)

## U.S. Federal Government Offices in Seattle

### Departments

**Agriculture** (Marketing & Regulatory Services)

**Commerce** (Census Bureau, Economic Development Administration, International Trade Administration Export Assistance Center, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration)

**Defense** (Army Corps of Engineers)

**Health and Human Services** (Region 10 Office)

**Homeland Security** (Citizenship & Immigration Services, Coast Guard, Customs & Border Protection, Secret Service, Transportation Security Admin.)

### Independent Agencies

**Environmental Protection Agency** (Region 10 Office)

**Federal Communications Commission** (Seattle Office)

**Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco** (Seattle Branch)

**Federal Trade Commission** (Northwest Regional Office)

**Peace Corps** (Seattle Regional Office)

**Small Business Admin.** (Region 10 Office, Seattle U.S. Export Assistance Center)

**Social Security Admin.** (Region 10 Office)

### King County

King County government provides criminal justice services, Metro transit bus services, wastewater and solid waste management, public health/human services and election management. The County Executive (elected at-large) and the County Council's 9 members (elected by district) serve 4 year terms.

### Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)

The PSRC is comprised of cities and towns, counties (King, Pierce, Snohomish and Kitsap), ports, tribes and transit agencies working together to develop policies and make decisions about growth management, transportation and economic development. The goal is to build a common vision for the region's future, expressed through VISION 2040 (growth strategy); Transportation 2040 (long-range transportation plan); and Prosperity Partnership (regional economic strategy). The PSRC serves as a data resource and distributes about \$160 million in federal transportation funds each year. The Council receives 75 percent of its revenue from federal grants, 6 percent from state grants, and 19 percent from member dues and other local sources.

### Port of Seattle

The Port has five commissioners elected at large in King County for four-year overlapping terms. The Port manages the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, Seattle marine facilities and Fishermen's Terminal (see Transportation section, above).

### City of Seattle

The Mayor and a nine-member City Council are elected at large for four-year terms. Offices are non-partisan. City Council terms are overlapping with elections held every odd-numbered year.

<b>Mayor</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Michael McGinn	2013

<b>City Council</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>	<b>City Council</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Tim Burgess	2011	Sally Clark	2011
Jean Godden	2011	Bruce Harrell	2011
Tom Rasmussen	2011	Sally Bagshaw	2013
Richard Conlin	2013	Nick Licata	2013
Mike O'Brien	2013		

### City Bond Rating

Standard & Poor's rates the City's unlimited and limited tax general obligation bonds AAA. Moody's rates the City's unlimited and limited tax general obligation bonds AAA and AA1 respectively. Fitch Ratings rates the City's unlimited and limited tax general obligation bonds AAA and AA+ respectively.

## Proposed 2011 General Fund Budget Summary (in millions, USD)

Source: City Department of Finance

### Revenue Forecast\*

Property Taxes	\$254.50	28%
Utility Taxes	\$174.50	20%
B & O Taxes	\$166.60	19%
Sales Taxes	\$151.10	17%
Fees and Charges	\$85.10	9%
Traffic Fines	\$32.20	4%
Misc.	\$15.50	2%
Gov't & Private Grants	\$11.20	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$890.70</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Expenditures

Public Safety	\$515.60	58%
Arts, Culture & Recreation	\$141.60	16%
Administration	\$100.90	11%
Health & Human Services	\$51.40	6%
Utilities & Transportation	\$37.50	4%
Neighborhoods & Development	\$28.40	3%
Funds, Sub-funds & Other	\$13.10	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$888.50</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* Includes pass-through revenues

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Office/Agency	Phone	Website
City of Seattle		
City Directory Assistance	684-2489	<a href="http://www.seattle.gov/directory/">www.seattle.gov/directory/</a>
Mayor's Office	684-4000	<a href="http://www.seattle.gov/mayor/">www.seattle.gov/mayor/</a>
Office of Econ. Dev.	684-8090	<a href="http://www.seattle.gov/economicdevelopment/">www.seattle.gov/economicdevelopment/</a>
Customer Service Bureau	684-2489	<a href="http://www.seattle.gov/customerservice/">www.seattle.gov/customerservice/</a>
Arts & Cultural Affairs	684-7171	<a href="http://www.seattle.gov/arts">www.seattle.gov/arts</a>
Seattle Public Library	386-4636	<a href="http://www.spl.org">www.spl.org</a>
Enterprise Seattle	389-8650	<a href="http://www.enterpriseseattle.org">www.enterpriseseattle.org</a>
Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce	389-7200	<a href="http://www.seattlechamber.com">www.seattlechamber.com</a>
Port of Seattle	728-3000	<a href="http://www.portseattle.org">www.portseattle.org</a>
Prosperity Partnership	587-5663	<a href="http://www.prosperitypartnership.org">www.prosperitypartnership.org</a>
Puget Sound Regional Council	464-7090	<a href="http://www.psrc.org">www.psrc.org</a>
Seattle Convention & Visitors Bureau	461-5840	<a href="http://www.visitseattle.org">www.visitseattle.org</a>
Small Business Administration Information Center	553-7310	<a href="http://www.sba.gov/wa/seattle">www.sba.gov/wa/seattle</a>
WA State Dept. of Commerce	256-6100	<a href="http://www.commerce.wa.gov">www.commerce.wa.gov</a>
Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle	389-7301	<a href="http://www.seattletradealliance.com">www.seattletradealliance.com</a>
U.S. Census Bureau, Seattle Regional Office	381-6200	<a href="http://www.census.gov/rosea/www">www.census.gov/rosea/www</a>
U.S. Economic Development Administration, Seattle Regional Office	220-7660	<a href="http://www.eda.gov/AboutEDA/Regions.xml">www.eda.gov/AboutEDA/Regions.xml</a>
U.S. Export Assistance Center	553-5615	<a href="http://www.buyusa.gov/seattle">www.buyusa.gov/seattle</a>

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