

1990 Census of Population and Housing
 040 Washington
 160 Bellingham city

URBAN AND RURAL RESIDENCE	
Total population.....	52,278
Urban population.....	52,278
Percent of total population.....	100.0
Rural population.....	0
Percent of total population.....	0.0
Farm population.....	0
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	
Persons 3 years and over enrolled in school.....	17,568
Preprimary school.....	772
Elementary or high school.....	6,603
Percent in private school.....	7.2
College.....	10,193
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT	
Persons 25 years and over.....	31,186
Less than 9th grade.....	1,565
9th to 12th grade, no diploma.....	3,041
High school graduate.....	7,921
Some college, no degree.....	7,671
Associates degree.....	2,205
Bachelor's degree.....	5,941
Graduate or professional degree.....	2,842
Percent high school graduate or higher.....	85.2
Percent bachelor's degree or higher.....	28.2
RESIDENCE IN 1985	
Persons 5 years and over.....	49,452
Lived in same house.....	18,154
Lived in different house in U.S.....	30,317
Same State.....	24,507
Same county.....	14,301
Different county.....	10,206
Different State.....	5,810
Lived abroad.....	981
DISABILITY OF CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED PERSONS	
Persons 16 to 64 years.....	35,600
With a mobility or self-care limitation.....	803
With a mobility limitation.....	590
With a self-care limitation.....	503
With a work disability.....	2,772
In labor force.....	1,302
Prevented from working.....	1,186
Persons 65 years and over.....	6,477
With a mobility or self-care limitation.....	1,033
With a mobility limitation.....	820
With a self-care limitation.....	512
CHILDREN EVER BORN PER 1,000 WOMEN	
Women 15 to 24 years.....	126
Women 25 to 34 years.....	977
Women 35 to 44 years.....	1,688
VETERAN STATUS	
Civilian veterans 16 years and over.....	5,947
65 years and over.....	1,634

NATIVITY AND PLACE OF BIRTH	
Native population.....	48,562
Percent born in state of residence.....	56.2
Foreign-born population.....	3,716
Entered the U.S. 1980 to 1990.....	1,349
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME	
Persons 5 years and over.....	49,452
Speak a language other than English.....	3,329
Do not speak English 'very well'.....	1,283
Speak Spanish.....	960
Do not speak English 'very well'.....	380
Speak Asian or Pacific Island language.....	939
Do not speak English 'very well'.....	503
ANCESTRY	
Total ancestries reported.....	68,245
Arab.....	36
Austrian.....	146
Belgian.....	127
Canadian.....	482
Czech.....	370
Danish.....	902
Dutch.....	2,907
English.....	10,537
Finnish.....	363
French (except Basque).....	2,567
French Canadian.....	667
German.....	14,364
Greek.....	242
Hungarian.....	246
Irish.....	7,674
Italian.....	1,491
Lithuanian.....	134
Norwegian.....	4,278
Polish.....	1,126
Portuguese.....	129
Romanian.....	20
Russian.....	468
Scotch-Irish.....	1,942
Scottish.....	2,421
Slovak.....	205
Subsaharan African.....	39
Swedish.....	2,871
Swiss.....	404
Ukrainian.....	237
United States or American.....	1,465
Welsh.....	831
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups).....	42
Yugoslavian.....	564
Other ancestries.....	7,948
HOUSING	
Total housing units.....	22,162
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT	
1989 to March 1990.....	847
1985 to 1988.....	1,424
1980 to 1984.....	1,702
1970 to 1979.....	5,073
1960 to 1969.....	2,548

1950 to 1959.....	1,954
1940 to 1949.....	1,878
1939 or earlier.....	6,736
BEDROOMS	
No bedroom.....	1,051
1 bedroom.....	3,725
2 bedrooms.....	8,193
3 bedrooms.....	6,130
4 bedrooms.....	2,388
5 or more bedrooms.....	675
SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS	
Lacking complete plumbing facilities.....	73
Lacking complete kitchen facilities.....	155
Condominium housing units.....	541
SOURCE OF WATER	
Public system or private company.....	22,100
Individual drilled well.....	50
Individual dug well.....	12
Some other source.....	0
SEWAGE DISPOSAL	
Public sewer.....	21,514
Septic tank or cesspool.....	648
Other means.....	0
Occupied housing units.....	21,228
HOUSE HEATING FUEL	
Utility gas.....	8,707
Bottled, tank, or LP gas.....	171
Electricity.....	9,534
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.....	977
Coal or coke.....	9
Wood.....	1,489
Solar energy.....	0
Other fuel.....	221
No fuel used.....	120
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT	
1989 to March 1990.....	6,925
1985 to 1988.....	6,509
1980 to 1984.....	2,333
1970 to 1979.....	2,983
1960 to 1969.....	1,026
1959 or earlier.....	1,452
TELEPHONE	
No telephone in unit.....	564
VEHICLES AVAILABLE	
Occupied housing units.....	21,228
None.....	2,008
1.....	7,810
2.....	7,836
3 or more.....	3,574
MORTGAGE STATUS AND SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS	
Specified owner-occupied housing units.....	9,132
With a mortgage.....	6,117
Less than \$300.....	217
\$300 to \$499.....	1,415

\$500 to \$699.....	2,092
\$700 to \$999.....	1,634
\$1,000 to \$1,499.....	494
\$1,500 to \$1,999.....	193
\$2,000 or more.....	72
Median (dollars).....	634
Not mortgaged.....	3,015
Less than \$100.....	124
\$100 to \$199.....	1,481
\$200 to \$299.....	1,121
\$300 to \$399.....	208
\$400 or more.....	81
Median (dollars).....	195

SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN 1989

Specified owner-occupied housing units.....	9,132
Less than 20 percent.....	5,634
20 to 24 percent.....	1,261
25 to 29 percent.....	795
30 to 34 percent.....	422
35 percent or more.....	940
Not computed.....	80

GROSS RENT

Specified renter-occupied housing units.....	10,415
Less than \$200.....	752
\$200 to \$299.....	1,216
\$300 to \$499.....	5,137
\$500 to \$749.....	2,508
\$750 to \$999.....	524
\$1,000 or more.....	123
No cash rent.....	155
Median (dollars).....	426

GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN 1989

Specified renter-occupied housing units.....	10,415
Less than 20 percent.....	2,699
20 to 24 percent.....	1,367
25 to 29 percent.....	1,233
30 to 34 percent.....	881
35 percent or more.....	3,971
Not computed.....	264

INCOME IN 1989

Households.....	21,277
Less than \$5,000.....	1,422
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....	2,336
\$10,000 to \$14,999.....	2,339
\$15,000 to \$24,999.....	4,658
\$25,000 to \$34,999.....	3,557
\$35,000 to \$49,999.....	3,186
\$50,000 to \$74,999.....	2,450
\$75,000 to \$99,999.....	692
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	382
\$150,000 or more.....	255
Median household income (dollars).....	24,714
Families.....	11,624
Less than \$5,000.....	380
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....	517
\$10,000 to \$14,999.....	662
\$15,000 to \$24,999.....	2,332

\$25,000 to \$34,999.....	2,151
\$35,000 to \$49,999.....	2,442
\$50,000 to \$74,999.....	2,030
\$75,000 to \$99,999.....	606
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	319
\$150,000 or more.....	185
Median family income (dollars).....	33,705
Nonfamily households.....	9,653
Less than \$5,000.....	1,076
\$5,000 to \$9,999.....	1,879
\$10,000 to \$14,999.....	1,707
\$15,000 to \$24,999.....	2,363
\$25,000 to \$34,999.....	1,364
\$35,000 to \$49,999.....	727
\$50,000 to \$74,999.....	380
\$75,000 to \$99,999.....	50
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	41
\$150,000 or more.....	66
Median nonfamily household income (dollars).....	15,533
Per capita income (dollars).....	13,698
INCOME TYPE IN 1989	
Households.....	21,277
With wage and salary income.....	16,112
Mean wage and salary income (dollars).....	29,504
With nonfarm self-employment income.....	2,886
Mean nonfarm self-employment income (dollars).....	20,642
With farm self-employment income.....	119
Mean farm self-employment income (dollars).....	6,193
With Social Security income.....	5,408
Mean Social Security income (dollars).....	7,851
With public assistance income.....	1,341
Mean public assistance income (dollars).....	4,157
With retirement income.....	3,482
Mean retirement income (dollars).....	9,267
POVERTY STATUS IN 1989	
All persons for whom poverty status is determined.....	48,164
Below poverty level.....	8,033
Persons 18 years and over.....	38,462
Below poverty level.....	6,635
Persons 65 years and over.....	6,477
Below poverty level.....	649
Related children under 18 years.....	9,623
Below poverty level.....	1,319
Related children under 5 years.....	2,738
Below poverty level.....	488
Related children 5 to 17 years.....	6,885
Below poverty level.....	831
Unrelated individuals.....	15,033
Below poverty level.....	5,327
All families.....	11,624
Below poverty level.....	927
With related children under 18 years.....	5,645
Below poverty level.....	760
With related children under 5 years.....	2,462
Below poverty level.....	462

Female householder families.....	1,838
Below poverty level.....	539
With related children under 18 years.....	1,350
Below poverty level.....	494
With related children under 5 years.....	526
Below poverty level.....	329
Percent below poverty level:	

All persons.....	16.7
Persons 18 years and over.....	17.3
Persons 65 years and over.....	10.0
Related children under 18 years.....	13.7
Related children under 5 years.....	17.8
Related children 5 to 17 years.....	12.1
Unrelated individuals.....	35.4
All families.....	8.0
With related children under 18 years.....	13.5
With related children under 5 years.....	18.8
Female householder families.....	29.3
With related children under 18 years.....	36.6
With related children under 5 years.....	62.5
LABOR FORCE STATUS	
Persons 16 years and over.....	43,268
In labor force.....	27,746
Percent in labor force.....	64.1
Civilian labor force.....	27,728
Employed.....	26,416
Unemployed.....	1,312
Percent unemployed.....	4.7
Armed Forces.....	18
Not in labor force.....	15,522
Males 16 years and over.....	20,521
In labor force.....	14,598
Percent in labor force.....	71.1
Civilian labor force.....	14,580
Employed.....	13,890
Unemployed.....	690
Percent unemployed.....	4.7
Armed Forces.....	18
Not in labor force.....	5,923
Females 16 years and over.....	22,747
In labor force.....	13,148
Percent in labor force.....	57.8
Civilian labor force.....	13,148
Employed.....	12,526
Unemployed.....	622
Percent unemployed.....	4.7
Armed Forces.....	0
Not in labor force.....	9,599
Females 16 years and over.....	22,747
With own children under 6 years.....	2,710
Percent in labor force.....	57.7
With own children 6 to 17 years only.....	2,599
Percent in labor force.....	82.3

Own children under 6 years in families and subfamilies...	3,350
All parents present in household in labor force.....	1,806
Own children 6 to 17 years in families and subfamilies.....	6,147
All parents present in household in labor force.....	4,596
Persons 16 to 19 years.....	3,780
Not enrolled in school and not high school graduate.....	190
Employed or in Armed Forces.....	67
Unemployed.....	45
Not in labor force.....	78
COMMUTING TO WORK	
Workers 16 years and over.....	25,731
Percent drove alone.....	72.6
Percent in carpools.....	11.1
Percent using public transportation.....	3.1
Percent using other means.....	1.2
Percent walked or worked at home.....	10.1
Mean travel time to work (minutes).....	15.3
OCCUPATION	
Employed persons 16 years and over.....	26,416
Executive, administrative, and managerial occupations.....	2,961
Professional specialty occupations.....	4,192
Technicians and related support occupations.....	751
Sales occupations.....	3,719
Administrative support occupations, including clerical.....	3,916
Private household occupations.....	75
Protective service occupations.....	288
Service occupations, except protective and household.....	4,046
Farming, forestry, and fishing occupations.....	530
Precision production, craft, and repair occupations.....	2,759
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors.....	1,221
Transportation and material moving occupations.....	847
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers.....	1,111
INDUSTRY	
Employed person 16 years and over.....	26,416
Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries.....	576
Mining.....	9
Construction.....	1,836
Manufacturing, nondurable goods.....	1,519
Manufacturing, durable goods.....	1,708
Transportation.....	896
Communications and other public utilities.....	317
Wholesale trade.....	967
Retail trade.....	6,975
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....	1,219
Business and repair services.....	888
Personal services.....	778
Entertainment, and recreation services.....	435
Health services.....	1,796
Educational services.....	3,557
Other professional and related services.....	1,992
Public administration.....	948
CLASS OF WORKER	
Employed persons 16 years and over.....	26,416
Private wage and salary workers.....	19,512
Government workers.....	4,850
Local government workers.....	1,593
State government workers.....	2,844
Federal government workers.....	413

Self-employed workers.....	1,954
Unpaid family workers.....	100

Source: US Bureau of the Census (<http://www.census.gov>)

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Summary Tape File 1

(http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/MetadataBrowserServlet?type=dataset&id=DEC_1990_STF1_&lang=en)

Summary Tape File 3

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