

1990 Census of Population and Housing
 040 Washington
 050 Whatcom County

LABOR FORCE STATUS

Persons 16 years and over.....	99,170
In labor force.....	64,846
Percent in labor force.....	65.4
Civilian labor force.....	64,773
Employed.....	61,657
Unemployed.....	3,116
Percent unemployed.....	4.8
Armed Forces.....	73
Not in labor force.....	34,324
Males 16 years and over.....	48,385
In labor force.....	36,029
Percent in labor force.....	74.5
Civilian labor force.....	35,956
Employed.....	34,235
Unemployed.....	1,721
Percent unemployed.....	4.8
Armed Forces.....	73
Not in labor force.....	12,356
Females 16 years and over.....	50,785
In labor force.....	28,817
Percent in labor force.....	56.7
Civilian labor force.....	28,817
Employed.....	27,422
Unemployed.....	1,395
Percent unemployed.....	4.8
Armed Forces.....	0
Not in labor force.....	21,968
Females 16 years and over.....	50,785
With own children under 6 years.....	7,437
Percent in labor force.....	56.5
With own children 6 to 17 years only.....	8,085
Percent in labor force.....	77.4
Own children under 6 years in families and subfamilies... All parents present in household in labor force.....	10,277 5,516
Own children 6 to 17 years in families and subfamilies..... All parents present in household in labor force.....	20,369 14,125
Persons 16 to 19 years.....	7,643
Not enrolled in school and not high school graduate.....	456
Employed or in Armed Forces.....	187
Unemployed.....	104
Not in labor force.....	165

COMMUTING TO WORK

Workers 16 years and over.....	60,439
Percent drove alone.....	75.2
Percent in carpools.....	11.2
Percent using public transportation.....	1.5
Percent using other means.....	1.1
Percent walked or worked at home.....	9.9
Mean travel time to work (minutes).....	17.2

OCCUPATION

Employed persons 16 years and over.....	61,657
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Executive, administrative, and managerial occupations.....	6,730
Professional specialty occupations.....	7,849
Technicians and related support occupations.....	1,663
Sales occupations.....	7,905
Administrative support occupations, including clerical.....	8,775
Private household occupations.....	173
Protective service occupations.....	824
Service occupations, except protective and household.....	8,202
Farming, forestry, and fishing occupations.....	3,117
Precision production, craft, and repair occupations.....	8,012
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors.....	3,019
Transportation and material moving occupations.....	2,605
Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers.....	2,783

INDUSTRY

Employed person 16 years and over.....	61,657
Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries.....	3,406
Mining.....	49
Construction.....	5,398
Manufacturing, nondurable goods.....	3,797
Manufacturing, durable goods.....	5,018
Transportation.....	2,471
Communications and other public utilities.....	1,009
Wholesale trade.....	2,479
Retail trade.....	13,403
Finance, insurance, and real estate.....	3,046
Business and repair services.....	2,189
Personal services.....	1,836
Entertainment, and recreation services.....	922
Health services.....	4,294
Educational services.....	6,142
Other professional and related services.....	3,938
Public administration.....	2,260

CLASS OF WORKER

Employed persons 16 years and over.....	61,657
Private wage and salary workers.....	45,521
Government workers.....	9,523
Local government workers.....	3,565
State government workers.....	4,674
Federal government workers.....	1,284
Self-employed workers.....	6,116
Unpaid family workers.....	497
Total housing units.....	55,742

YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT

1989 to March 1990.....	2,170
1985 to 1988.....	4,030
1980 to 1984.....	5,780
1970 to 1979.....	16,189
1960 to 1969.....	6,751
1950 to 1959.....	4,806
1940 to 1949.....	4,210
1939 or earlier.....	11,806

BEDROOMS

No bedroom.....	1,772
1 bedroom.....	7,021
2 bedrooms.....	18,830
3 bedrooms.....	19,539
4 bedrooms.....	6,675
5 or more bedrooms.....	1,905

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS	
Lacking complete plumbing facilities.....	548
Lacking complete kitchen facilities.....	483
Condominium housing units.....	1,489
SOURCE OF WATER	
Public system or private company.....	46,029
Individual drilled well.....	6,119
Individual dug well.....	2,106
Some other source.....	1,488
SEWAGE DISPOSAL	
Public sewer.....	35,805
Septic tank or cesspool.....	19,453
Other means.....	484
Occupied housing units.....	48,543
HOUSE HEATING FUEL	
Utility gas.....	14,084
Bottled, tank, or LP gas.....	1,721
Electricity.....	20,052
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.....	3,605
Coal or coke.....	29
Wood.....	8,529
Solar energy.....	30
Other fuel.....	344
No fuel used.....	149
YEAR HOUSEHOLDER MOVED INTO UNIT	
1989 to March 1990.....	13,105
1985 to 1988.....	14,255
1980 to 1984.....	6,665
1970 to 1979.....	8,556
1960 to 1969.....	2,755
1959 or earlier.....	3,207
TELEPHONE	
No telephone in unit.....	1,805
VEHICLES AVAILABLE	
Occupied housing units.....	48,543
None.....	2,835
1.....	14,337
2.....	19,717
3 or more.....	11,654
MORTGAGE STATUS AND SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS	
Specified owner-occupied housing units.....	22,306
With a mortgage.....	15,202
Less than \$300.....	582
\$300 to \$499.....	3,221
\$500 to \$699.....	4,926
\$700 to \$999.....	4,515
\$1,000 to \$1,499.....	1,373
\$1,500 to \$1,999.....	381
\$2,000 or more.....	204
Median (dollars).....	653
Not mortgaged.....	7,104
Less than \$100.....	386
\$100 to \$199.....	3,421
\$200 to \$299.....	2,526
\$300 to \$399.....	574
\$400 or more.....	197

Medi an (dol lars).....	194
SELECTED MONTHLY OWNER COSTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN 1989	
Speci fi ed owner-occupi ed housi ng uni ts.....	22, 306
Less than 20 percent.....	13, 495
20 to 24 percent.....	3, 348
25 to 29 percent.....	1, 928
30 to 34 percent.....	1, 122
35 percent or more.....	2, 252
Not computed.....	161
GROSS RENT	
Speci fi ed renter-occupi ed housi ng uni ts.....	16, 628
Less than \$200.....	1, 226
\$200 to \$299.....	1, 886
\$300 to \$499.....	7, 933
\$500 to \$749.....	4, 000
\$750 to \$999.....	845
\$1, 000 or more.....	162
No cash rent.....	576
Medi an (dol lars).....	425
GROSS RENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN 1989	
Speci fi ed renter-occupi ed housi ng uni ts.....	16, 628
Less than 20 percent.....	4, 816
20 to 24 percent.....	2, 283
25 to 29 percent.....	1, 986
30 to 34 percent.....	1, 323
35 percent or more.....	5, 490
Not computed.....	730
INCOME IN 1989	
Househol ds.....	48, 645
Less than \$5, 000.....	2, 453
\$5, 000 to \$9, 999.....	4, 395
\$10, 000 to \$14, 999.....	4, 644
\$15, 000 to \$24, 999.....	9, 763
\$25, 000 to \$34, 999.....	8, 403
\$35, 000 to \$49, 999.....	9, 014
\$50, 000 to \$74, 999.....	6, 543
\$75, 000 to \$99, 999.....	1, 793
\$100, 000 to \$149, 999.....	1, 036
\$150, 000 or more.....	601
Medi an househol d i ncome (dol lars).....	28, 367
Fami l i es.....	32, 528
Less than \$5, 000.....	888
\$5, 000 to \$9, 999.....	1, 522
\$10, 000 to \$14, 999.....	2, 017
\$15, 000 to \$24, 999.....	5, 785
\$25, 000 to \$34, 999.....	6, 048
\$35, 000 to \$49, 999.....	7, 471
\$50, 000 to \$74, 999.....	5, 781
\$75, 000 to \$99, 999.....	1, 555
\$100, 000 to \$149, 999.....	953
\$150, 000 or more.....	508
Medi an fami l y i ncome (dol lars).....	35, 007
Nonfami l y househol ds.....	16, 117
Less than \$5, 000.....	1, 663
\$5, 000 to \$9, 999.....	3, 017
\$10, 000 to \$14, 999.....	2, 737
\$15, 000 to \$24, 999.....	3, 990

\$25,000 to \$34,999.....	2,281
\$35,000 to \$49,999.....	1,437
\$50,000 to \$74,999.....	701
\$75,000 to \$99,999.....	146
\$100,000 to \$149,999.....	70
\$150,000 or more.....	75
Median nonfamily household income (dollars).....	16,273
Per capita income (dollars).....	13,753
INCOME TYPE IN 1989	
Households.....	48,645
With wage and salary income.....	37,078
Mean wage and salary income (dollars).....	31,471
With nonfarm self-employment income.....	7,895
Mean nonfarm self-employment income (dollars).....	21,930
With farm self-employment income.....	1,501
Mean farm self-employment income (dollars).....	13,695
With Social Security income.....	12,217
Mean Social Security income (dollars).....	7,998
With public assistance income.....	2,803
Mean public assistance income (dollars).....	4,282
With retirement income.....	7,908
Mean retirement income (dollars).....	10,102
POVERTY STATUS IN 1989	
All persons for whom poverty status is determined.....	123,108
Below poverty level.....	15,142
Persons 18 years and over.....	91,823
Below poverty level.....	11,108
Persons 65 years and over.....	15,056
Below poverty level.....	1,414
Related children under 18 years.....	31,105
Below poverty level.....	3,874
Related children under 5 years.....	8,455
Below poverty level.....	1,372
Related children 5 to 17 years.....	22,650
Below poverty level.....	2,502
Unrelated individuals.....	23,984
Below poverty level.....	7,241
All families.....	32,528
Below poverty level.....	2,405
With related children under 18 years.....	16,368
Below poverty level.....	1,878
With related children under 5 years.....	6,762
Below poverty level.....	1,065
Female householder families.....	3,622
Below poverty level.....	1,082
With related children under 18 years.....	2,671
Below poverty level.....	1,019
With related children under 5 years.....	939
Below poverty level.....	618

Percent below poverty level:

All persons.....	12.3
Persons 18 years and over.....	12.1

Persons 65 years and over.....	9.4
Related children under 18 years.....	12.5
Related children under 5 years.....	16.2
Related children 5 to 17 years.....	11.0
Unrelated individuals.....	30.2
All families.....	7.4
With related children under 18 years.....	11.5
With related children under 5 years.....	15.7
Female householder families.....	29.9
With related children under 18 years.....	38.2
With related children under 5 years.....	65.8
URBAN AND RURAL RESIDENCE	
Total population.....	127,780
Urban population.....	75,697
Percent of total population.....	59.2
Rural population.....	52,083
Percent of total population.....	40.8
Farm population.....	3,596
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	
Persons 3 years and over enrolled in school.....	37,132
Preprimary school.....	2,277
Elementary or high school.....	21,174
Percent in private school.....	10.3
College.....	13,681
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT	
Persons 25 years and over.....	79,410
Less than 9th grade.....	4,609
9th to 12th grade, no diploma.....	8,716
High school graduate.....	24,273
Some college, no degree.....	19,132
Associates degree.....	5,233
Bachelor's degree.....	12,019
Graduate or professional degree.....	5,428
Percent high school graduate or higher.....	83.2
Percent bachelor's degree or higher.....	22.0
RESIDENCE IN 1985	
Persons 5 years and over.....	119,169
Lived in same house.....	54,636
Lived in different house in U.S.....	62,146
Same State.....	48,630
Same county.....	33,480
Different county.....	15,150
Different State.....	13,516
Lived abroad.....	2,387
DISABILITY OF CIVILIAN NONINSTITUTIONALIZED PERSONS	
Persons 16 to 64 years.....	82,510
With a mobility or self-care limitation.....	2,030
With a mobility limitation.....	1,246
With a self-care limitation.....	1,351
With a work disability.....	6,680
In labor force.....	3,265
Prevented from working.....	2,766
Persons 65 years and over.....	15,056
With a mobility or self-care limitation.....	2,230
With a mobility limitation.....	1,694
With a self-care limitation.....	1,209

CHILDREN EVER BORN PER 1,000 WOMEN	
Women 15 to 24 years.....	179
Women 25 to 34 years.....	1,359
Women 35 to 44 years.....	1,904
VETERAN STATUS	
Civilian veterans 16 years and over.....	15,256
65 years and over.....	3,733
NATIVITY AND PLACE OF BIRTH	
Native population.....	117,847
Percent born in state of residence.....	58.6
Foreign-born population.....	9,933
Entered the U.S. 1980 to 1990.....	3,129
LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME	
Persons 5 years and over.....	119,169
Speak a language other than English.....	7,845
Do not speak English 'very well'.....	2,942
Speak Spanish.....	2,536
Do not speak English 'very well'.....	1,072
Speak Asian or Pacific Island language.....	1,454
Do not speak English 'very well'.....	770
ANCESTRY	
Total ancestries reported.....	166,438
Arab.....	101
Austrian.....	409
Belgian.....	252
Canadian.....	1,465
Czech.....	671
Danish.....	2,059
Dutch.....	14,279
English.....	24,093
Finnish.....	693
French (except Basque).....	5,877
French Canadian.....	1,566
German.....	34,174
Greek.....	396
Hungarian.....	419
Irish.....	16,947
Italian.....	3,250
Lithuanian.....	192
Norwegian.....	9,874
Polish.....	2,364
Portuguese.....	346
Romanian.....	71
Russian.....	856
Scotch-Irish.....	4,304
Scottish.....	5,594
Slovak.....	458
Subsaharan African.....	66
Swedish.....	7,121
Swiss.....	1,055
Ukrainian.....	473
United States or American.....	4,460
Welsh.....	1,799
West Indian (excluding Hispanic origin groups).....	50
Yugoslavian.....	812
Other ancestries.....	19,892

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

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Summary Tape File 1

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Summary Tape File 3

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