

# Geography, Climate & Population

## Geography

Snohomish County is located in northwest Washington State and covers 2,089 square miles. It ranges from the crest of the Cascade Mountains - including a 10,426-foot Glacier Peak - to the salty waters of Puget Sound. Though it encompasses an area greater than the state of Delaware, most of the county's development and residents can be found along the westernmost Puget Sound lowlands. We are located just 15 miles north of Seattle and 100 miles south of Vancouver, British Columbia. South Snohomish County is often defined as the developed western area between the King County line and 128<sup>th</sup> Street S.E. in south Everett.

## Climate

No, it doesn't rain here all the time. Contrary to popular belief, South Snohomish County enjoys a moderate year-round climate with an average July temperature of 75.1°F and an average January temperature of 33°F. The county receives an average of 8.4 days of snowfall annually, one inch per day, and 36.2 days of precipitation annually, 0.01 inch per day.

## Population

We're growing bigger – and better. South Snohomish County's population increased 30% from 1990 to 2000. According to the Puget Sound Regional Council, Snohomish County's population will grow from 606,024 in 2000 to an estimated 710,339 by the year 2010. By the year 2020, we could be

home to more than 832,135 residents. The total population of the eight incorporated cities - not including the unincorporated areas - represented by the South Snohomish County Chamber of Commerce was 144,552 in 2000.

### Snohomish County Population by Race

<u>Race</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>2000</u>
<b>Asian &amp; Pacific Islander</b>	22,987	36,375
<b>Black/African American</b>	6,189	10,113
<b>Hispanic Origin</b>	13,128	28,590
<b>Native American</b>	7,230	8,250
<b>White/Caucasian</b>	475,830	518,948
<b>Other Race</b>	N/A	31,978
<b>Total</b>		634,254

Source: Office of Financial Management

### Average Household Income

	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>
<b>Snohomish County</b>	\$38,857	\$54,022
<b>King County</b>	\$38,788	\$63,217
<b>Washington State</b>	\$33,461	\$50,152

Source: Office of Financial Management

### Snohomish County Population by Age Group

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>
<b>0-14</b>	112,318	138,793
<b>15-19</b>	29,011	43,194
<b>20-24</b>	29,791	35,676
<b>25-44</b>	169,961	199,747
<b>45-64</b>	80,730	133,210
<b>65+</b>	43,831	55,404
<b>Total</b>	<b>465,642</b>	<b>606,024</b>
<b>Median</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>34.7</b>

Source: U.S. Census