

2017 Statistical Profile: City of Olympia

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Demographics
Housing
Employment and Income
Development Activity

Population, 2000	42,514
Population, 2010	46,478
Population, 2017	52,160
Pop. Growth per Year, 2000-'10	0.9%
Pop. Growth per Year, 2010-'17	1.7%

Households, 2010	20,761
Avg. Household Size, 2010	2.18

Age Structure, 2010:		
17 and under	9,064	20%
18 - 64	30,955	67%
65 and over	6,459	14%
Median Age	38	--

Race and Ethnic Categories, 2010:		
White	38,895	84%
Black/African American	931	2%
American Indian & Alaska Native	498	1%
Asian	2,799	6%
Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander	180	0%
Other Race	847	2%
Two or More Races	2,328	5%

Hispanic or Latino (Of Any Race), 2010:		
	2,919	6%

Housing Units, 2017 Estimate:		
Single-Family	12,940	52%
Multifamily	11,140	45%
Manufactured Homes	900	4%

Average House Sale Price, 2016:	\$310,116
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Median Household Income¹:		
1999 (Census 2000)	\$40,846	
2010-2015 (ACS Estimate)	\$53,647	

Households by Income Category, 2011-2015¹:		
Less than \$24,999	5,166	25%
\$25,000 to \$49,999	4,666	22%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	3,878	19%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	2,850	14%
\$100,000 or more	4,310	21%

The Coastal Salish Indian people considered Olympia as “the black bear place” before Edmund Sylvester and Levi Lathrop Smith became the first Americans to permanently settle in the area in 1846.

Olympia became the port of entry for Puget Sound in 1851 and the county seat for Thurston County, Oregon Territory in 1852. When Washington became a separate territory in 1853, Olympia was designated as temporary Territorial Capital (made permanent in 1855). The community was officially incorporated in 1859.

Despite a challenge from Tumwater and West Olympia in 1861, the city has remained the county seat. Named state capital in 1889, the city developed around the waterfront and is a hub of commerce and government.

Taxable Retail Sales, 2016:	\$2,094,838,734
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Total Jobs, 2014 Estimate²:		53,345
Manufacturing		1,375
Construction and Utilities		1,625
Transportation and Warehousing		10,185
Retail		530
Services		20,175
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate		3,695
Government		15,755

New Housing Units Permitted		
Average per Year, 2000-'10	225	
Average per Year, 2010-'15	349	
Total New Units Permitted, 2016	366	

Subdivision Activity, 2016:			
	# Appl.	# Lots	
Short Plat	3	7	
Long Plat	0	0	

Explanation: ¹Estimates based on survey data and may have a large margin of error.

²Numbers may not add due to rounding.

Source: TRPC, [Profile](http://www.trpc.org/TheProfile) (www.trpc.org/TheProfile).