

2017 Statistical Profile: City of Yelm

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Demographics

Population, 2000		3,289
Population, 2010		6,848
Population, 2017		8,665
Pop. Growth per Year, 2000-'10		7.6%
Pop. Growth per Year, 2010-'17		3.4%
Households, 2010		2,299
Average Household Size, 2010		2.95
Age Structure, 2010:		
17 and under	2,467	36%
18 - 64	3,862	56%
65 and over	519	8%
Median Age	29	--
Race and Ethnic Categories, 2010:		
White	5,585	82%
Black/African American	225	3%
American Indian & Alaska Native	125	2%
Asian	159	2%
Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander	65	1%
Other Race	191	3%
Two or More Races	498	7%
Hispanic or Latino (Of Any Race), 2010:		
	642	9%

The word “Yelm” comes from “shelm”, the Coastal Salish word which means “shimmering heat waves from the sun.” Inhabited originally by members of the Nisqually Indian Tribe, the first permanent American settlers came in 1853 to join sheep farmers from the Hudson's Bay Company who were already in the area.

With the coming of the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1873, Yelm began to prosper having found an outlet for its agricultural and forestry products.

Its economic base was further enhanced when an irrigation company formed in 1916, making Yelm a center for production of beans, cucumbers, and berries.

Housing

Housing Units, 2017 Estimate:		
Single-Family	2,440	77%
Multifamily	600	19%
Manufactured Homes	130	4%
Average House Sale Price, 2016	\$233,849	

Employment and Income

Median Household Income¹:		Taxable Retail Sales, 2016:	\$202,609,237
1999 (Census 2000)	\$39,453	Total Jobs, 2014 Estimate²:	3,835
2011-2015 (ACS Estimate)	\$49,029	Manufacturing	185
Households by Income Category, 2011-2015¹:		Construction and Utilities	150
Less than \$24,999	689	Transportation and Warehousing	1,290
\$25,000 to \$49,999	645	Retail	35
\$50,000 to \$74,999	559	Services	1,170
\$75,000 to \$99,999	372	Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	320
\$100,000 or more	330	Government	680

Development Activity

New Housing Units Permitted		Subdivision Activity, 2016:	# Appl.	# Lots
Average per Year, 2000-'10	130	Short Plat	0	0
Average per Year, 2010-'15	105	Long Plat	0	0
Total New Units Permitted, 2016	75			

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).