

Education and Quality of Life

Thurston County residents enjoy a high overall quality of life that is generated by a wide variety of factors. Some of these factors, including those related to housing, employment, and the local economy are addressed in other chapters of The Profile. This chapter attempts to provide information on factors that are not addressed elsewhere.

Education

Thurston County has a variety of educational opportunities available to the students and adults of the community. These include both public and private primary, secondary, and higher education institutions.

Public Schools

Eight school districts provide primary and secondary education to most of Thurston County's students. These school districts offer a wide variety of services and opportunities for students, including the Head Start program for preschoolers, advanced placement courses for high school students, and numerous community-based learning experiences for all grade levels.

School districts in the County range in size from rural Griffin, with a total of 650 students district-wide, to the more urban North Thurston Public Schools, which had 14,194 students during the 2010-2011 school year. Most of the students however are educated in the three school districts that serve the metropolitan area in the north portion of the County. In the 2010-2011 school year, North Thurston served 35 percent of the students in the Thurston County, Olympia served 23 percent, and Tumwater served 16 percent of the total students in the County. Yelm was the next largest school district and served 14 percent of the Thurston County's students.

The County contains 76 public K-12 schools. Most of these schools are traditional public schools and offer a full range of academic and activity programs, but some non-traditional public schools are also available. The County contains 11 traditional high schools, 14 middle schools, one school that serves grades K-8 and 40 elementary schools. Ten non-traditional schools that focus primarily on high school age students also exist.

Table VI-1 lists school enrollment by jurisdiction.

Map 4 in Chapter II shows the boundaries of public school districts in Thurston County.

For more information about South Sound High School, call (360) 412-4880 or visit www.nthurston.k12.wa.us/southsound.

For more information about New Market, visit www.newmarketskills.com.

Tables VI-2 to VI-5 shows statistics for Thurston County's public schools.

To learn about tools used for measuring student progress and test scores, see the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction's web site at www.k12.wa.us under Assessment, Research, and Curriculum.

Table VI-6 illustrates Thurston County private school enrollment.

Table VI-7 displays enrollment figures for Thurston County's institutes of higher education.

For more information about South Puget Sound Community College, visit www.spscc.ctc.edu.

For more information about The Evergreen State College, visit www.evergreen.edu.

South Sound High School, part of North Thurston Public Schools, offers alternative school options for secondary students in the North Thurston Public Schools. The school provides a standard high school curriculum focused on graduation requirements in a three period day structured to meet the needs of the individual. The school also offers a work based learning program for qualified students.

New Market Skills Center provides career and technical education classes for high school juniors and seniors from 25 high schools in Thurston, Mason, Grays Harbor, and Lewis Counties. New Market serves an average of 800 students per year and provides academic support classes for students returning to school to complete their high school diploma requirements. Students can earn high school or college credits, as well as a variety of industry certifications and licenses that meet national industry standards.

Private Schools

In addition to these public schooling options, there were 19 private State Board of Education approved schools in Thurston County that served a total of 1,978 students during the 2010-2011 academic year. Most of the students enrolled in these private schools were in elementary and middle schools, but some were also enrolled in high school. Of the private schools, six provide programs through grade 12, and two of the schools (Northwest Christian High School and the new Pope John Paul II High School) are solely targeted to high school students.

Higher Education

South Puget Sound Community College is the largest institution of higher education in Thurston County, with an enrollment of approximately 7,000 students. The college offers day and evening classes, continuing education courses, basic education, job skills training, and personal enrichment courses. While about 47 percent of the College's students are enrolled in academic programs in preparation for transfer to four-year colleges, South Puget Sound's historic foundation of technical training continues, with more than 30 professional-technical programs currently offered. The College also cooperates with private companies and public agencies to provide customized training and professional development.

The Evergreen State College is a public college of liberal arts and sciences with a national reputation for innovation in teaching and learning. Founded in 1967, Evergreen opened its doors in 1971 and

now enrolls more than 4,800 students. While most of Evergreen's students are enrolled at the Olympia campus in fulltime undergraduate programs, the College also provides an evening and weekend studies program, and three graduate programs in Environmental Studies, Public Administration, and Teaching. In addition, Evergreen offers educational programs at its Tacoma site, a Tribal program at reservation sites, and a program in Grays Harbor County.

Saint Martin's University is a four-year co-educational, comprehensive university with a strong liberal arts foundation. It offers 20 undergraduate programs in the liberal arts and professions, 6 graduate programs and numerous pre-professional and certification programs. Established in 1895 by the Roman Catholic Benedictine Order, Saint Martin's is located on a 280-acre campus in Lacey. More than 1,100 students attend the university's main campus, and about 650 students are enrolled in courses at extension campuses at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Centralia Community College, Tacoma Community College, and Olympic College in Bremerton. The University and Abbey employ about 450 people.

For more information about Saint Martin's University, visit www.stmartin.edu.

Educational Attainment

Educational attainment in Thurston County exceeds national levels and was slightly higher than state levels according to the 2005/2009 American Community Survey data. While little more than 28 percent of the national population (when averaged over the years from 2005 to 2009) aged 25 or older had obtained a bachelor or graduate degree, almost 31.2 of the County and 30.8 percent of the State's population achieved this level of education. Conversely, almost 15 percent of the national population aged 25 or older had left school without getting a high school diploma or General Educational Development (GED) degree, compared with roughly 11 percent of the State population and 8 percent of the County population.

Table VI-8 lists educational attainment by jurisdiction and compares educational attainment locally with state and national figures.

These proportions of the national, state, and local populations without a high school diploma or GED were lower than in 2000 (when 20 percent of the national population, 13 percent of the State population, and 10 percent of the County population aged 25 and over had not graduated or received their GED), and show that the County has maintained a higher level of educational attainment than the rest of the nation and state, even as education levels have increased nationwide.

Timberland Regional Library

For more information about Timberland Regional Library, visit www.TRL.org or call (360) 704-4636 in the Olympia area. Outside the Olympia area call toll-free at 1-800-562-6022.

The Timberland Regional Library (TRL) District serves 464,420 residents in Grays Harbor, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, and Thurston Counties by providing library services through 27 branches, and five Cooperative Library Centers. Statistics gathered throughout 2010 revealed:

- 369,617 library cardholders
- More than 4.8 million items circulated
- Over 2.6 million visitors
- 560,000+ public computer sessions

In Thurston County, TRL has five branches located in Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater, Yelm, and Tenino. In addition, library kiosks have been installed in the Rochester Community Center in Rochester, the Hawks Prairie campus of South Puget Sound Community College, the Rainier Historic School building in Rainier, and the Nisqually Tribal Library.

TRL also offers an annual one-book, one-community program entitled “Timberland Reads Together” which encourages citizens to all read one book or from one author and enjoy related events and book discussions. TRL offers free Wi-Fi access from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. seven days a week and most libraries provide meeting space that can be reserved for free to businesses and other community organizations.

Social Services

Table VI-9 reviews public assistance in Thurston County.

To learn more about Thurston County’s Public Health and Social Services Department and their publications, *The Health Status of Thurston County and Strategies to Improve Access to Care*, refer to their web site at www.co.thurston.wa.us/health.

Thurston County is home to many organizations and agencies that provide human services to its citizens. In addition to state agencies which are part of the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), there are many private non-profit service organizations which fit into the following general categories: emergency services, children’s services, health and related services, family and senior services, and youth services.

The Crisis Clinic of Thurston and Mason Counties is a 24-hour free, confidential and anonymous hotline for crisis intervention, information and community referral. The clinic can help with emotional support, assistance in identifying problems, identifying steps to resolve problems and locating resources. People have called the Crisis Clinic every hour since 1972 to talk with skilled volunteers about

stress, loneliness, depression, relationships, anger, illness, job loss, chemical dependency, domestic violence, child abuse/neglect, suicide issues, single parenting and much more. The clinic can refer callers to over 800 community resources, including emergency material needs, support groups, financial assistance, mental health support, employment assistance, and more.

Call the Crisis Clinic at:
360-586-2800.

Call the Youth Help Line at:
360-586-2777.

Toll-free from North Mason
County: 1-800-627-2211.

Please visit
www.crisis-clinic.org to learn
more.

Fire Protection

Fifteen fire districts and three city fire departments in Olympia, Tumwater and Bucoda serve the residents of Thurston County. Fire districts also provide Emergency Medical Services (Medic One), funded by a countywide special levy administered by Thurston County.

Map 5 and **Map 6** in Chapter II provide an overview of the County's fire districts and coordinated fire response areas.

Law Enforcement

A total of nine agencies provide law enforcement in Thurston County. Of these agencies, the City of Olympia and Thurston County have the largest number of full-time employees. These law enforcement employees do not include those individuals employed by correctional facilities.

The crime index for Thurston County can be found in **Table VI-10**.

Adult Correctional Facilities

Thurston County has three adult correctional facilities: the Thurston County Corrections Facility, the Corrections Services Program in Olympia, and the Nisqually Department of Corrections. The Thurston County Corrections facility has a total operational bed capacity of 408 inmates and provides direct supervision to minimum-security, Chemical Dependency, and internal inmate worker program beds. As part of this facility, the Correctional Options Annex can house up to 92 inmates serving sentences in work release or community betterment labor projects and serves as the processing and monitoring center for up to 100 court-ordered offenders on Correctional Options Programs, such as Electronic Monitoring, Day Reporting, and Day Jail.

In 2008, inmate labor activity from the Thurston County Corrections facility produced over 16,712 hours of community betterment and inmate worker activities. Community betterment projects included litter control, noxious weed removal, park cleanup, and fairground details. Inmate worker activities included janitorial work, car washing, and serving as court runners.

The Nisqually Department of Corrections is a 45-bed facility run by the Nisqually Tribe. The inmate population is made up of both tribal and non-tribal individuals, and inmates range from those being held pending arraignment following their initial arrest to individuals who have been sentenced to one year or less. Types of confinement include those held on outstanding warrants, those awaiting pre-trial services, and those in treatment programs and/or community corrections program placement. While inmates are held, the facility offers correctional services such as Work Release Programs and Day Reporting. Once individuals have left the facility, the facility offers programs such as continuing education, Drug and Alcohol Assessment and Counseling Services, and religious and spiritual services.

The Corrections Services Program in Olympia is responsible for ensuring that the City meets its legal mandate to provide for the incarceration of misdemeanor offenders. To that end, the City operates a 28-bed, short-term municipal jail and contracts with other providers for longer-term sentences. The program seeks to use alternatives to incarceration wherever possible and the implementation of inmate work crews in recent years has helped to control the costs of the facility and enabled more people to serve sentences locally.

Juvenile Correctional Facilities

The Thurston County Juvenile Court provides legal intervention for youth up to 18 years of age who have been arrested and/or charged with criminal activity or have had legal issues pursuant to a civil procedure, which may include Truancy, Youth at Risk or Children in Need of Services. The Juvenile Court provides Court Services, Probation Services, and Detention Services to the citizens of Thurston County.

Maple Lane School, in the Rochester/Grand Mound area, also served as a state run medium/maximum security juvenile correctional facility in Thurston County, but was closed in 2011. The facility offered serious and middle offenders academic programs as well as on-campus work experience, but was closed as a result of State budget cuts. Juveniles at the facility were transferred to other state run facilities.

**Table VI-1
Student Enrollment, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005-2010, and Classroom Teachers, 2010-2011
Thurston County Public School Districts**

School District	Student Enrollment										Average Annual Rate of Change		2010 - 2011	
	1990-1991	1995-1996	2000-2001	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2010-2011	90/91-00/01	00/01-10/11	Classroom Teachers (Total FTE)	Students/Teacher
Griffin	557	657	604	663	677	656	637	667	650	650	0.8%	0.7%	34	19.1
North Thurston	11,793	13,150	12,231	13,370	13,601	13,843	14,025	13,952	14,194	14,194	0.4%	1.5%	733	19.4
Olympia	7,677	8,632	8,650	9,231	9,055	9,331	9,435	9,381	9,386	9,386	1.2%	0.8%	469	20.0
Rainier	619	846	921	935	940	952	1,803	929	900	900	4.1%	-0.2%	46	19.6
Rochester	1,405	1,967	1,773	2,096	2,330	2,285	2,300	2,367	2,312	2,312	2.4%	2.7%	123	18.8
Tenino	1,355	1,493	1,370	1,419	1,362	1,377	1,321	1,274	1,262	1,262	0.1%	-0.8%	69	18.3
Tumwater ¹	5,431	6,242	6,039	6,901	6,279	6,339	6,274	6,287	6,367	6,367	1.1%	0.5%	340	18.7
Yelm	3,301	4,172	4,172	5,064	5,232	5,452	5,560	5,470	5,529	5,529	2.4%	2.9%	276	20.0
Total	32,138	37,159	35,760	39,679	39,476	40,235	41,355	40,327	40,600	40,600	1.1%	1.3%	2,090	19.8

Source: Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, www.k12.wa.us.

Explanations: ¹ Enrollment includes New Market Skills Center and Tumwater West Educational Center (juvenile detention facility) for 1995 on. Centralia School District 401L of Lewis County serves a small portion of southern Thurston County, and is not included in the data in this report. See Map 4 in Chapter II for School Districts.

**Table VI-2
General Fund Expenditures and Revenue by Thurston County School Districts
Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

District	FTE Enrollment	Expenditures		Revenue		Revenue Sources Per Pupil			
		Total	Per Pupil	Total	Per Pupil	Local	State	Federal	Other
Griffin	626.69	\$6,537,563	\$10,432	\$6,891,198	\$10,996	\$2,713	\$6,739	\$812	\$224
North Thurston	13,475.86	\$120,866,114	\$8,969	\$124,637,985	\$9,249	\$1,763	\$6,184	\$1,002	\$16
Olympia	9,027.16	\$84,191,933	\$9,327	\$83,893,187	\$9,293	\$1,862	\$6,134	\$786	\$62
Rainier	884.94	\$7,934,943	\$8,967	\$7,900,582	\$8,928	\$1,534	\$6,079	\$1,037	\$0
Rochester	2,203.64	\$20,771,319	\$9,426	\$21,682,175	\$9,839	\$1,462	\$6,985	\$1,195	\$0
Tenino	1,221.09	\$12,461,967	\$10,206	\$12,025,949	\$9,849	\$1,815	\$6,560	\$1,118	\$5
Tumwater	6,677.63	\$59,450,468	\$8,903	\$60,482,326	\$9,057	\$1,646	\$6,282	\$760	\$16
Yelm	5,264.60	\$45,565,223	\$8,655	\$46,107,150	\$8,758	\$1,346	\$6,216	\$936	\$1
County Total	39,381.61	\$357,779,531	\$9,085	\$363,620,551	\$9,233	\$1,705	\$6,256	\$915	\$26
State Total	1,012,356.69	\$9,661,442,054	\$9,544	\$9,874,105,866	\$9,754	\$1,657	\$6,400	\$1,292	\$73
						17.0%	65.6%	13.2%	0.7%

Source: Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, "General Fund Expenditures, Revenue, and Ending Total Fund Balance Per Pupil by County", Fiscal Year 2009-2010 (www.k12.wa.us).

Explanations: "FTE" refers to Full-Time Equivalent students and typically reflects a lower number than simple headcount.

Table VI-3
Graduation and Dropout Rates, Thurston County High Schools
School Year 2009-2010

School District	Graduation Rates, Grade 12			Dropout Rates, Grades 9-12 ¹		
	Oct. 2009 Net Enrollment/ Net Served	Total Graduates	Percent Graduated	Oct. 2009 Net Enrollment	Total Dropouts	Percent Dropouts
North Thurston						
North Thurston HS	289	272	94.1%	1,374	47	3.4%
River Ridge HS	228	213	93.4%	1,122	39	3.5%
Timberline HS	331	305	92.1%	1,531	56	3.7%
Olympia						
Capital HS	325	313	96.3%	1,310	26	2.0%
Olympia HS	404	391	96.8%	1,713	28	1.6%
Rainier						
Rainier Senior High	62	57	91.9%	332	10	3.0%
Rochester						
Rochester HS	97	91	93.8%	526	17	3.2%
Tenino						
Tenino HS	80	79	98.8%	395	13	3.3%
Tumwater						
A. G. West Black Hills HS	192	177	92.2%	838	28	3.3%
Tumwater HS	253	223	88.1%	1,092	43	3.9%
Yelm						
Yelm HS	326	313	96.0%	1,129	36	3.2%
Thurston County²	2,824	2,578	91.3%	12,711	489	3.8%
Washington State	70,684	65,545	92.7%	320,793	14,781	4.6%

Source: Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, Graduation and Dropout Statistics for Washington's Counties, Districts, and Schools: School Year 2009-2010, Appendix A: School Level Graduation Dropout Data; Appendix C: County Level Graduation Dropout Data (www.k12.wa.us).

Explanation: Net Enrollment is total enrollment less transfers.

¹Dropout rates are now reported in aggregate form. Previously, total dropouts were broken out into "Known Dropouts", "GED", and "Unknown Location" categories.

²Thurston County total includes the following alternative and/or vocational schools: South Sound High School; Avanti High School; H.E.A.R.T. High; New Market Skills Center; Secondary Options; Yelm Extension School.

**Table VI-4
Racial and Ethnic Distribution of Students
Thurston County Public School Districts, School Year 2010-2011**

District	Black/African American		Asian		Pacific Islander		American Indian		Hispanic ¹		Two or More Races		White		Total ²
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Griffin	17	2.6%	18	2.8%	3	0.5%	23	3.5%	25	3.8%	21	3.2%	542	83.4%	650
N. Thurston	924	6.5%	1,348	9.5%	193	1.4%	226	1.6%	2,116	14.9%	1,324	9.3%	8,029	56.6%	14,194
Olympia	176	1.9%	706	7.5%	45	0.5%	75	0.8%	645	6.9%	446	4.8%	7,293	77.7%	9,386
Rainier	9	1.0%	4	0.4%	3	0.3%	11	1.2%	37	4.1%	46	5.1%	790	87.8%	900
Rochester	45	1.9%	15	0.6%	2	0.1%	69	3.0%	412	17.8%	77	3.3%	1,692	73.2%	2,312
Tenino	18	1.4%	7	0.6%	5	0.4%	10	0.8%	62	4.9%	19	1.5%	1,141	90.4%	1,262
Tumwater ³	126	2.0%	196	3.1%	36	0.6%	78	1.2%	530	8.3%	344	5.4%	5,052	79.3%	6,367
Yelm	71	1.3%	61	1.1%	33	0.6%	84	1.5%	491	8.9%	370	6.7%	4,418	79.9%	5,529
Total	1,386	3.4%	2,355	5.8%	320	0.8%	576	1.4%	4,318	10.6%	2,647	6.5%	28,957	71.3%	40,600

Source: Washington State Superintendent of Public Instruction, www.k12.wa.us.

Explanations: ¹Hispanic is not duplicated in other categories in this dataset.

²Total column includes individuals for whom racial and ethnic data was not provided.

³Asian and Pacific Islander data provided by Tumwater School District.

Table VI-5
School-Age Poverty Population: Thurston County School Districts
2005-2009 Five-Year Estimate

School District	Total Population ²	Population Age 5-17 ³	Age 5-17 Below Poverty ³	Percent Below Poverty
Centralia ¹	22,301	3,981	1,029	25.8%
Griffin	4,984	746	0	0.0%
North Thurston	87,160	14,661	1,694	11.6%
Olympia	58,885	9,701	1,065	11.0%
Rainier	4,894	669	133	19.9%
Rochester ¹	11,844	1,564	139	8.9%
Tenino	9,536	1,439	67	4.7%
Tumwater	34,503	6,233	659	10.6%
Yelm ¹	27,363	5,251	720	13.7%
Thurston County S.D. Total	261,470	44,245	5,506	12.4%
Washington State Total	6,332,211	1,095,815	157,358	14.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2009 American Community Survey Five-Year Estimates.

Explanation: ¹District boundaries cross outside Thurston County.

²Data represents the population of the entire school district.

³Data represents the population for whom poverty has been determined.

**Table VI-6
Private School Enrollment for Thurston County
School Years 2000-2001 to 2010-2011**

School Name	Students Enrolled										
	00-01	01-02	02-03	03-04	04-05	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11
Griffin School District											
Sunrise Beach School (P-12)	7	7	2	13	16	N/A	41	55	89	60	53
North Thurston School District											
Community Christian Academy (K-8)	273	247	241	217	177	190	183	193	226	209	220
Faith Lutheran School (P-6)	107	129	109	104	123	137	147	155	163	180	133
Gospel Outreach of Olympia (K-12)	N/A	N/A	N/A	51	N/A	37	42	66	57	56	49
Holy Family School (P-8)	187	166	142	152	172	176	143	147	137	101	78
Northwest Christian High School (9-12)	130	138	146	169	188	185	209	220	222	207	196
Pope John Paul II High School (9-12)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	21
Olympia School District											
Cornerstone Christian School (P-8)	78	85	91	83	89	100	106	102	104	96	73
Evergreen Christian School (P-8)	510	486	347	410	425	441	418	444	358	327	345
Nova School (6-8)	52	32	81	51	94	93	89	91	97	105	107
Olympia Christian School (K-8)	54	74	63	20	76	63	59	76	63	38	43
Olympia Community School (P-5)	20	26	17	N/A	23	28	25	23	20	19	21
Rising Tide School (K-12)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	17
St. Michael School (K-8)	252	252	254	261	254	256	267	267	271	269	265
The Children's Inn (P-6)	24	31	34	27	48	48	46	26	30	20	17
Rainier School District											
Children's School of Excellence (P-9)	N/A	60	64	29	40	41	56	64	56	70	22
Tumwater School District											
Olympia Waldorf School (P-8)	98	103	144	168	149	156	158	164	144	141	148
Serendipity Children's Center (P-3)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	19	29	33
Yelm School District											
Eagle View Christian School (P-12)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	137
Our Redeemer Lutheran School (1-8)	46	38	35	31	26	12	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total for Schools in Thurston County	1,838	1,874	1,770	1,786	1,900	1,963	1,989	2,093	2,056	1,927	1,978

Source: Washington State Superintendent of Public Instruction, P-105 Reporting Form (www.k12.wa.us).
Explanation: Only schools receiving approval from the State Board of Education are included in this table.

Table VI-7
Thurston County College Enrollment, 1990, 1995, 2000-2010

Enrollment		South Puget Sound Community College	St. Martin's University	The Evergreen State College
Fall 1990	Head Count	4,684	625	3,340
	<i>FTE</i>	2,301	472	3,310
Fall 1995	Head Count	5,151	923	3,625
	<i>FTE</i>	2,960	724	3,586
Fall 2000	Head Count	5,796	974	4,125
	<i>FTE</i>	3,418	776	3,996
Fall 2001	Head Count	5,769	926	4,227
	<i>FTE</i>	3,466	768	4,151
Fall 2002	Head Count	6,030	965	4,367
	<i>FTE</i>	3,730	807	4,290
Fall 2003	Head Count	6,548	998	4,380
	<i>FTE</i>	3,995	866	4,265
Fall 2004	Head Count	6,160	1,084	4,410
	<i>FTE</i>	3,722	906	4,292
Fall 2005	Head Count	6,426	1,268	4,470
	<i>FTE</i>	3,773	1,085	4,364
Fall 2006	Head Count	6,974	1,256	4,416
	<i>FTE</i>	3,964	1,035	4,294
Fall 2007	Head Count	7,458	1,270	4,586
	<i>FTE</i>	4,015	1,093	4,483
Fall 2008	Head Count	8,361	1,228	4,696
	<i>FTE</i>	4,404	1,063	4,616
Fall 2009	Head Count	7,133	1,272	4,891
	<i>FTE</i>	4,672	1,073	4,835
Fall 2010	Head Count	7,110	*	4,833
	<i>FTE</i>	4,857	*	4,779

Source: TRPC Survey.

Explanations: Includes only those persons enrolled at campuses located in Thurston County. Head count includes both full- and part-time persons. FTE is Full-Time Equivalent. Data for St. Martin's not collected for 2010.

*No data was provided for 2010.

**Table VI-8
Highest Level of Education by Jurisdiction
2005-2009 Five-Year Estimates**

Jurisdiction	No HS Diploma		HS Grad/GED		Some College		Assoc. Degree		Bachelor Degree		Grad/Prof Degree	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Bucoda	52	14.7%	133	37.6%	90	25.4%	27	7.6%	29	8.2%	23	6.5%
Lacey	2,541	10.0%	5,780	22.7%	7,506	29.5%	2,416	9.5%	4,993	19.6%	2,196	8.6%
Olympia	1,767	5.8%	5,900	19.3%	6,931	22.7%	2,536	8.3%	7,769	25.4%	5,696	18.6%
Rainier	164	13.4%	557	45.5%	259	21.2%	116	9.5%	85	7.0%	42	3.4%
Tenino	139	12.8%	389	35.8%	284	26.1%	143	13.2%	106	9.8%	26	2.4%
Tumwater	779	7.4%	2,650	25.3%	2,838	27.1%	943	9.0%	2,248	21.5%	1,014	9.7%
Yelm	461	14.1%	949	29.1%	905	27.7%	345	10.6%	369	11.3%	234	7.2%
Unincorporated County	6,786	7.5%	24,083	26.7%	23,894	26.5%	9,567	10.6%	15,659	17.3%	10,265	11.4%
County Total	12,689	7.8%	40,441	24.9%	42,707	26.3%	16,093	9.9%	31,258	19.2%	19,496	12.0%
Chehalis Reservation ¹	66	22.9%	128	44.4%	68	23.6%	13	4.5%	11	3.8%	2	0.7%
Nisqually Reservation ¹	115	28.1%	158	38.6%	60	14.7%	31	7.6%	30	7.3%	15	3.7%
Washington State	456,307	10.6%	1,056,338	24.6%	1,057,672	24.7%	398,582	9.3%	853,672	19.9%	466,867	10.9%
United States	30,445,177	15.4%	57,861,698	29.3%	40,105,283	20.3%	14,663,437	7.4%	34,384,717	17.4%	19,980,460	10.1%

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2005-2009 American Community Survey Five-Year Estimates.

Explanation: Based on population aged 25 years and older.

¹Data is for the reservation as a whole, including those portions outside Thurston County.

Table VI-9
Public Assistance Programs, Thurston County, Fiscal Year 2009

Assistance Category	Total Grant Money	Persons Served	
		Monthly Average	Percentage of Population
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	\$10,839,041	4,654	1.86%
Diversion	\$448,142	88	0.04%
Refugee Assistance	\$17,556	6	0.00%
General Assistance	\$3,634,204	975	0.39%
Food Assistance	\$31,837,759	23,347	9.35%
Medical Assistance	\$118,779,395	41,335	16.9%
State Supplemental SSI	\$455,265	767	1.86%

Source: Office of Financial Management 2009 Washington State Data Book, (www.ofm.wa.gov/databook) and Department of Social and Health Services.

Explanations: Persons living in one county may be served by a local office in another county. Services are reported by county of service rather than county of residence.

**Table VI-10
Crime Index for Thurston County Jurisdictions and Washington State, 2000, 2005, 2008-2010**

Jurisdiction	Incidence of Crime Index Offenses Per 1,000 People														
	All Crime Index Offenses				Violent Crimes				Property Crimes						
	2000	2005	2008	2009	2010	2000	2005	2008	2009	2010	2000	2005	2008	2009	2010
Lacey	49.9	56.0	48.2	40.9	41.0	3.0	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.0	46.9	53.2	45.6	38.4	38.9
Olympia	71.7	61.6	53.5	49.7	59.7	3.7	2.7	3.3	2.7	3.3	68.0	58.9	50.1	47.0	56.4
Rainier	35.8	26.5	14.4	21.7	15.5	0.6	0.6	1.1	3.4	1.1	35.2	25.9	13.2	18.2	14.4
Tenino	64.8	41.9	32.0	34.5	27.3	1.8	2.8	1.8	3.2	0.5	63.0	39.1	30.2	31.4	26.9
Tumwater	40.5	45.3	45.7	33.9	40.0	2.4	3.8	2.8	3.5	3.0	38.1	41.5	43.0	30.5	37.0
Yelm	69.0	59.7	47.6	43.7	41.4	2.0	2.2	2.7	3.6	1.7	67.0	57.5	44.9	40.2	39.7
Unincorp. County	27.9	28.2	26.0	23	23.5	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.4	25.5	25.6	23.7	20.8	21.1
Thurston County	42.0	41.2	36.6	32.4	34.9	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.5	39.2	38.5	34.0	30.0	32.4
Washington State	51.6	52.9	40.7	40	39.8	3.7	3.5	3.2	3.2	3.0	47.9	49.4	37.4	36.6	36.8

Source: Washington Association of Sheriff's and Police Chiefs & Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission, "Preliminary Crime in Washington 2010 Annual Report."

Note: Care should be taken in drawing conclusions and making decisions about problems based solely on crime and arrest data that is reported to WUCR. Factors relating to crime reporting practices, law enforcement policies, population characteristics and attitudes all contribute to variation in reported data.

Explanations: Offenses included in the Crime Index are murder and non-negligent homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. The offenses in the Crime Index were selected as indicators of the total amount of criminal activity because they are serious offenses that are the focus of widespread concern. They occur with sufficient frequency to reflect fluctuations in the overall level of criminal activity. They are most likely to be reported accurately to law enforcement due to their seriousness. They are offenses that can be clearly and specifically defined. The varying severity of offenses is not taken into account in the All Crime Index, resulting in equal weight being given to a shoplifting and a forcible rape. For this reason, the Crime Index is broken out into violent crimes and property crimes for some general distinction between these different offenses.

The way crime statistics are reported is currently changing in Washington State. The data has previously been reported using the Summary Uniform Crime Reporting Program (UCR). Since additional facts are generally collected by most law enforcement agencies, the National Uniform Crime Reporting program was redesigned to include new guidelines and greater depth to the data. The program—National Incident-Based Reporting (NIBRS)—collects a multitude of data on each single crime occurrence. There is already a small percentage of agencies that are providing NIBRS data. Eventually, Washington State will provide NIBRS crime statistics rather than Summary data for all reporting agencies.