

THE PROFILE

For Thurston County; the Cities/Towns of Bucoda,
Lacey, Olympia, Rainier, Tenino, Tumwater, and Yelm;
and the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation
and the Nisqually Indian Tribe

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THURSTON REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL (TRPC) is a 22-member intergovernmental board made up of local governmental jurisdictions within Thurston County, plus the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation and the Nisqually Indian Tribe. The Council was established in 1967 under RCW 36.70.060, which authorized creation of regional planning councils.

TRPC’s mission is to **“Provide Visionary Leadership on Regional Plans, Policies, and Issues.”** The primary functions of TRPC are to develop regional plans and policies for **transportation** [as the federally recognized Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and state recognized Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO)], **growth management, environmental quality**, and other topics determined by the Council; provide **data and analysis to support local and regional decision making**; act as a **“convener”** to build **community consensus** on regional issues through information and citizen involvement; build **intergovernmental consensus** on regional plans, policies, and issues, and advocate local implementation; and provide **planning, historic preservation, and technical services** on a contractual basis.

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About This Document

First published in 1982 by Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC), The Profile is a compilation of statistics, trends, analyses, and comparisons for Thurston County and its individual jurisdictions. Since its inception The Profile has developed a reputation as a comprehensive and reliable tool for a wide variety of users needing current, accurate data for the region. The Profile is updated annually and published in early autumn.

In an effort to provide the most timely and complete statistics for Thurston County, The Profile contains the most current information available at the time of publication. Historical data are updated as preliminary reports are finalized or improved methodologies of data collection are established. Users frequently need historical data for employment, population, and housing statistics. Where space allows, this is provided.

The contents of The Profile were taken from many sources. All data from censuses, surveys or administrative records are subject to error arising from a number of factors: sampling variability (for statistics based on samples), reporting errors in the data for individual units, incomplete coverage, non-response, imputations, and processing error. Thurston Regional Planning Council cannot accept responsibility for the accuracy or limitations of the data presented in this report.

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Some of the source agencies for The Profile include:

- Economic Development Council of Thurston County
- Olympic Multiple Listing Service
- Thurston County Auditor's Office
- Thurston County Tax Assessor's Office
- Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC)
- Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs
- Washington State Department of Revenue
- Washington State Employment Security Department
- Washington State Office of Financial Management
- Washington State Superintendent of Public Instruction
- U.S. Bureau of the Census
- U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
- And many others.

Websites

Chapter I. History & Geography

- Washington State Office of Financial Management – <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/>
- Western Regional Climate Center - <http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/>
- Thurston Regional Planning Council - <http://www.trpc.org/>
- Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis – <http://www.chehalis-tribe.org/>
- Nisqually Indian Tribe – <http://www.nisqually-nsn.gov/>
- Squaxin Island Tribe – <http://www.squaxin-island.org/>
- State and National Historic Preservation programs – <http://www.dahp.wa.gov/>

Chapter II. Population & Demographics

- Washington State Office of Financial Management - <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/>
- U.S. Census Bureau - <http://www.census.gov/>
- Thurston Regional Planning Council - <http://www.trpc.org/>

Chapter III. Housing & Real Estate

- Housing Authority of Thurston County – <http://www.hatc.org/>
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - <http://www.hud.gov/>
- Washington Center for Real Estate Research - <http://www.cbe.wsu.edu/~wcrer/>
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- Thurston Regional Planning Council – <http://www.trpc.org/>

Chapter IV. Employment

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- Washington State Auditor's Office – <http://www.sao.wa.gov/>
- Thurston Regional Planning Council – <http://www.trpc.org/>

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- ACCRA Cost of Living Index – <http://www.coli.org/>
- U.S. Maritime Administration – http://www.marad.dot.gov/marad_statistics/index.html

Chapter VI. Education & Quality of Life

- Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction – <http://www.k12.wa.us/>
- Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs – <http://www.waspc.org/>
- Washington State Department of Social and Health Services – <http://www.dshs.wa.gov/>
- Washington State Office of Financial Management – <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/>
- South Sound High School – <http://www.nthurston.k12.wa.us/southsound/>
- New Market Vocational Skills Center – <http://www.newmarketskills.com>
- South Puget Sound Community College – <http://www.spscc.ctc.edu/>
- The Evergreen State College – <http://www.evergreen.edu/>
- St. Martin’s University – <http://www.stmartin.edu/>
- Timberland Regional Library – <http://www.timberland.lib.wa.us/>
- Crisis Clinic – <http://www.crisis-clinic.org/>
- Washington Information Network 2-1-1 – <http://www.win211.org/>
- Thurston County Public Health and Social Services – <http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/health/>
- U.S. Census Bureau – <http://www.census.gov/>

Chapter VII. Transportation

- Washington State Department of Transportation - <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/>
- Washington State Department of Licensing - <http://www.dol.wa.gov/>
- Port of Olympia – <http://www.portolympia.com/>
- Intercity Transit - <http://www.intercitytransit.com/>
- Thurston Regional Planning Council - <http://www.trpc.org/>
- U.S. Census Bureau – <http://www.census.gov/>
- U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Office of Freight Management and Operations – <http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/>

Chapter VIII. Environment & Natural Resources

- Olympic Region Clean Air Agency - <http://www.orcaa.org/>
- Puget Sound Partnership - <http://www.psp.wa.gov/>
- Thurston Conservation District - <http://www.thurstoncd.com/>
- Washington State Department of Ecology - <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/>
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- Thurston County Water Resources Programs – <http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/monitoring>