

Statistical Profile: Town of Bucoda

Town info: (360) 278-3525

Demographics

Population, 1990	536
Population, 2000	628
Population, 2009	665
Av. Ann. Pop. Growth, 1990-2000	1.6%
Av. Ann. Pop. Growth, 2000-2009	0.6%
Households, 2000	219
Average Household Size, 2000	2.87
Age Structure, 2000:	
19 and under	208 33%
20 - 64	367 58%
65 and over	53 8%
Median Age	34 --
Race and Ethnic Categories, 2000:	
White	578 92.0%
Black/African American	0 0.0%
American Indian & Alaska Native	5 0.8%
Asian	14 2.2%
Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander	2 0.0%
Other Race	10 1.6%
Two or More Races	21 3.3%
Hispanic*	13 2.1%

Settled in 1856 by Aaron Webster, Bucoda was first known as Seatco from the Coastal Salish word "Tsi-at-co," meaning "devil" or "ghost place." From 1878 to 1887, Seatco was the site of Washington Territory's first penitentiary.

In 1890, the name was officially changed to Bucoda, from the first two letters of the last names of J.M. Buckley, a railroad executive; Sam Coulter, a local businessman; and J.B. David, a Portland investor.

From Aaron Webster's first sawmill in 1857 through the early 1950s, the community's economy was dependent upon forest products and nearby coal mines. Incorporated on July 7, 1910, Bucoda is now a quiet residential community.

Housing

Housing Units, 2000:	
Single-Family	196
Multifamily	0
Manufactured Homes	33
Census Median House Value, 2000	\$70,000

Employment and Income

Median Household Income:		Taxable Retail Sales, 2008	\$1,992,540
1989 (Census 1990 in 1999 \$'s)	\$25,756		
1999 (Census 2000)	\$34,286		
Households by Income Category, 1999:		Total Jobs, 2003:	40
Less than \$14,999	29 15%	Manufacturing	<10
\$15,000 to \$24,999	44 22%	Retail	<10
\$25,000 to \$49,999	65 33%	Finance/Services	20
\$50,000 to \$74,999	39 20%	Federal, State, & Local Gov't	<10
\$75,000 or more	19 10%	Tribal Gov't & Enterprises	0
		Other	<10

Development Activity

Total New Permitted Residential Units, 2008:		Subdivision Activity, 2008:	# Appl.	# Lots
Single-Family	3	Short Plat	0	0
Multifamily	2	Long Plat	N/A	N/A
Manufactured Homes	0			
Total	5			

Explanation: *Person of Hispanic Origin can be of any race.

Source: TRPC, Profile 2009 (www.trpc.org).