

# 2019 Statistical Profile: City of Olympia

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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.

## Demographics

Population, 2000	42,514
Population, 2010	46,478
Population, 2019	52,770
Pop. Growth per Year, 2000-'10	0.9%
Pop. Growth per Year, 2010-'19	1.8%

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

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

<b>Race and Ethnic Categories, 2010:</b>		
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%

<b>Hispanic or Latino (Of Any Race), 2010:</b>		
	2,919	6%

## Housing

<b>Housing Units, 2019 Estimate:</b>		
Single-Family	13,010	52%
Multifamily	11,270	45%
Manufactured Homes	900	4%

<b>Average Home Sale Price, 2018:</b>	\$366,951
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## Employment and Income

<b>Median Household Income (in 2017 \$\$\$)<sup>1</sup>:</b>	
2008-2012 (ACS Estimate)	\$50,064
2013-2017 (ACS Estimate)	\$55,539

<b>Households by Income Category, 2013-2017<sup>1</sup>:</b>		
Less than \$24,999	5,211	24%
\$25,000 to \$49,999	4,874	22%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	3,749	17%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	3,003	14%
\$100,000 or more	5,123	23%

<b>Taxable Retail Sales, 2018:</b>	\$2,162,792,491
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<b>Total Jobs, 2014 Estimate<sup>2</sup>:</b>	
Resource, Construction, Utilities	1,375
Manufacturing, Wholesale Trade	1,625
Retail, Accommodation, Food	10,185
Transportation, Warehousing	530
Services	20,175
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	3,695
Government	15,755

## Development Activity

<b>New Housing Units Permitted</b>	
Average per Year, 2000-'10	225
Average per Year, 2011-'17	321
Total New Units Permitted, 2018	548

<b>Subdivision Activity, 2017:</b>	<b># Appl.</b>	<b># Lots</b>
Short Plat	5	11
Long Plat	0	0