



demographics

Real Estate

Home sale prices (2014 third quarter)

Bellingham	Average \$365,000	Median \$312,000
Whatcom County	Average \$315,000	Median \$277,000

Rentals

Contact property management companies, or the Bellingham Herald, bellinghamherald.com

Average rent for 1-2 bedroom apartment	\$675-900
Average rent for 3 bedroom house	\$1,100-1,600

Taxes

Sales tax in Bellingham is 8.7%. Property taxes are assessed annually only at the local level and based on a rate of approximately 1% of the assessed value.

Cost of Living Index

National cost of living indexes provide a method for comparing the relative cost of living between various regions of the United States. 100% equals the average cost of living on a nationwide basis. These figures were compiled by the ACCRA Cost of Living Index (2010).

Overall	113%	Health Care	114%
Housing	134%	Goods/Services	100%
Transportation	115%	Grocery Items	116%
Utilities	83%		

Median Household Income - Bellingham

\$51,458 (2012 estimate)

Peace Health Medical Center - www.peacehealth.org/Whatcom

Peace Health/St. Joseph's is a regional full-service, acute-care facility with 253 beds. It has an award-winning cardiovascular center. There is a medical staff of over 400 physicians.

Transportation

WTA City Bus, Amtrak, Airporter Shuttle, Alaska Marine Highway System, Greyhound Bus, Bellingham International Airport: Alaska/Horizon, Allegiant, and private charters.

Area Crime Rate

The Bellingham Police Department provides Crime Statistics by neighborhood at www.cob.org/PIRCrimeStatistics/

Major Employers

Western Washington University	Zodiac Aerospace	Wal-Mart
Peace Health Medical Center	Silver Reef Casino	Logos (software)
City of Bellingham	Matrix Service Inc.	ConocoPhillips Refinery
Whatcom County Government	Whatcom Community College	CH2M Hill
BP Cherry Point Refinery	Anvil Corp.	Bellingham Technical College
School Districts	Alpha Technologies	Haggen, Inc. (grocery)
Aramark Food Services (WU)	Lithtex Northwest (printing)	Haskell Corp.
Fred Meyer (retail/grocery)	Smith Gardens Inc.	Sterling Health Plans
Alcoa Intalco Works	Costco	T-Mobile

Bellingham Whatcom County Tourism

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Population (Source: Office of Financial Management, www.ofm.wa.gov)

	1990	2000	2010	2014 (estimate)
Whatcom	127,780	166,814	201,140	207,600
Unincorporated	59,187	74,249	87,079	88,822
Incorporated	68,593	92,565	114,061	118,778
Bellingham	52,179	67,171	80,885	82,810
Blaine	2,489	3,770	4,684	4,865
Everson	1,490	2,035	2,481	2,570
Ferndale	5,398	8,758	11,415	12,710
Lynden	5,709	9,230	11,951	12,920
Nooksack	584	851	1,338	1,435
Sumas	744	960	1,307	1,468

Weather in Bellingham

www.wunderground.com/US/WA/Bellingham.html
www.wrcc.dri.edu/

Temperature Range (Fahrenheit)	Avg. Low	Avg. High	Record Low	Record High
January	31	43	-1	65
March	35	51	10	70
May	45	62	30	89
July	53	72	32	94
September	48	67	29	90
November	36	50	4	68

Temperature Duration Average Number of Days

Below 32° F	6
Above 90° F	0

Precipitation/Rain Approx. Number of Inches

Yearly	36.0
January	4.7
March	3.0
May	2.3
July	1.3
September	2.0
November	5.0

Yearly Averages & Facts

- Bellingham snowfall ~ 11 inches
- Ski area snowfall ~ 647 inches
- Sunny days ~ 71
- Partly sunny/cloudy days ~ 93
- Cloudy days ~ 201
- Measurable rain ~ 150 days
- Occasional strong winds ~ 25-35 mph
- Humidity ~ monthly averages of 73-83%

Contacts

Bellingham Public Library	360-778-7323 / bellingshampubliclibrary.org
Whatcom Chamber of Commerce	360-734-1330 / bellingsham.com
Council of Governments	360-676-6974 / cog.org
City Planning	360-778-8300 / cob.org
Whatcom County Govt.	360-676-6756 / co.whatcom.wa.us