



WELCOME TO SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Quirky. Hip. Eclectic. Lush. Rugged. Intellectual. Artsy. These are just a few of the words one might use to describe Seattle, which according to the U.S. Census Bureau is the fastest growing big city in the United States. It's not hard to see why. Nicknamed the Emerald City because of its verdant surroundings, Seattle is beloved for being equal parts urban and outdoorsy.

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CLIMATE

If there is one thing for which Seattle is known, it's rain. Instead of heavy torrents, rain typically comes in the form of a constant, light drizzle, escalating to thunder an average of only seven days per year. Although it does snow occasionally, accumulation is rare.

Average High/Low Temperatures

January 47°F / 37°F

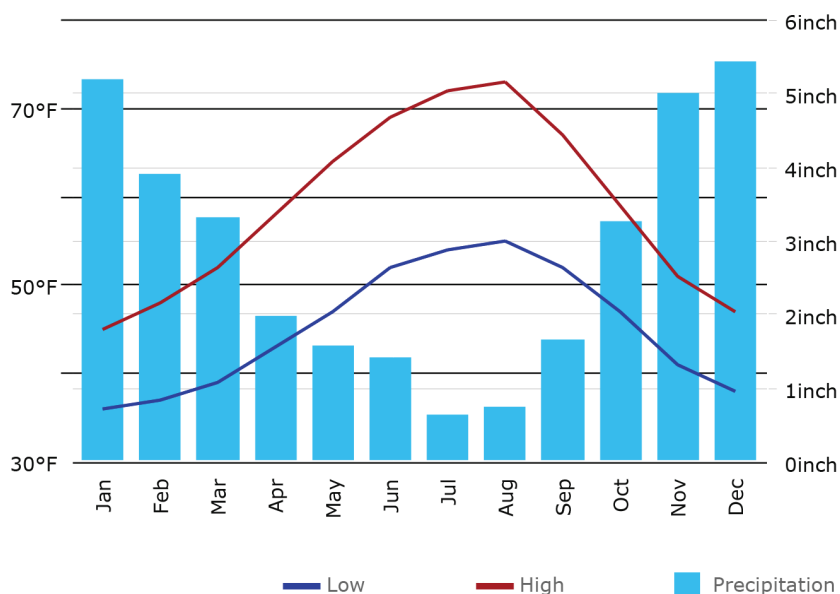
August 76°F / 56°F

Average Precipitation

Rain 37 in.

Snow 6.8 in.

Seattle, WA Climate Chart



GEOGRAPHY

Seattle is a geographical hodge-podge that marries islands with mountains and water with forests. Hugging the city to the east is Puget Sound, and to the west the Olympic Mountains. In between, the “Seven Hills” - a septet of hills on which the city was built - give Seattle a roller coaster terrain.



COST OF LIVING

Seattle isn't large as it is only the 15th largest metro area in the United States, but it's growing fast. The result is a fairly steep cost of living. However, the surrounding cities in the Greater Puget Sound area may prove to be much more affordable. Additionally, each city in the Greater Puget Sound area has a utility index that is less expensive than the national average.

Key Housing Figures*

Median Home Purchase Price

\$659,950

Median Monthly Rent (1BDRM)

\$1,906

*Sources: www.zillow.com - accessed 09/22/2017, www.numbeo.com - accessed 09/22/2017

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

State Highways 99, 513, 519, 520, 522

Interstates I-5 /I-405, I-90

Major Thoroughfares

5th Avenue, 12th Avenue, 15th Avenue,
Alaska Way, Aurora Avenue, Battery Street,
Broad Street, Broadway, Denny Way

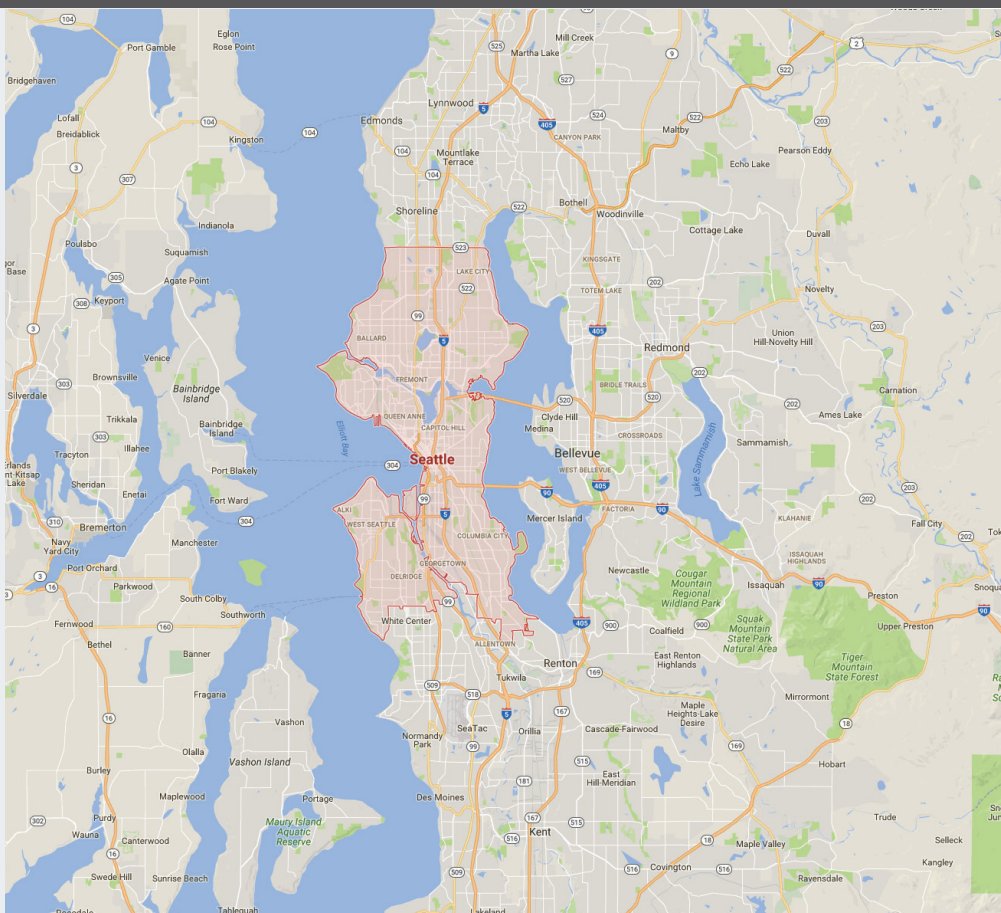
Airports

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA)

Department of Motor Vehicles

1000 2nd Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

<http://www.dol.wa.gov>



LIFESTYLE & ENTERTAINMENT

It is impossible for rain to ruin the day in Seattle because there are too many things to see and do, both indoors and outdoors. In fact, the city offers a rare hybrid of urban culture and outdoor adventure that is satisfying to athletes and intellectuals alike. Your inner tourist, for example, can ride to the top of the Space Needle, watch fishmongers throw fish at Pike Place Market, or sip a cup of coffee at the original Starbucks. The outdoorsman in you, meanwhile, can sail on Lake Union or hike Mt. Rainier. And, if you're still looking for more to do, you can satisfy your inner artist at one of Seattle's many museums, like Chihuly Garden.

SPORTS

Pro Teams

MLB: Seattle Mariners

MLS: Seattle Sounders

NFL: Seattle Seahawks

Major Venues

Centurylink Field

Safeco Field



OUTDOORS & ADVENTURE



Parks & Trails

Discovery Park
Gas Works Park
Kerry Park
Olympic Sculpture Park
Washington Park



Fun on the Water

Elliot Bay
Green Lake
Lake Union
Lake Washington
Puget Sound



Attractions

Chihuly Garden & Glass
Seattle Aquarium
Seattle Great Wheel
Seattle Space Needle
Woodland Park Zoo



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seattletimes.com
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visitseattle.org

SHOPPING & DINING



No-Beans Cuisine

The city specializes in fresh seafood and sustainable, locally sourced fare, both of which have earned it a top spot on Condé Nast Traveler's list of the 20 "Best American Cities for Foodies."



Diverse Shopping

Although it has all the big brands you'll find in any major metropolis, check out Westlake Center Plaza and Pacific Place malls in downtown Seattle for an eclectic selection of uncommon wares.

ART & CULTURE

Like its most famous - albeit fictional - resident, Dr. Frasier Crane, Seattle is sophisticated. Oozing with art, the area is celebrated for its museums and theaters.

Theaters:

- ACT Theatre
- Annex Theatre
- Broadway Performance Hall
- Center Theatre
- Kirkland Performance Center
- Langston Hughes Performing Arts Theater
- Moore Theatre
- Neptune Theatre
- Paramount Theatre
- Seattle Musical Theatre
- Seattle Repertory Theatre
- Theater Schmeater

Museums:

- Burke Museum of Natural History & Culture
- Experience Music Project Museum
- Frye Art Museum
- Museum of History & Industry
- Naval Undersea Museum
- Nordic Heritage Museum
- Northwest African American Museum
- Pacific Science Center
- Seattle Art Museum
- Seattle Asian Art Museum
- Seattle Children's Museum
- Seattle Pinball Museum



EDUCATION IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Notable Colleges & Universities



Art Institute of Seattle
Seattle, WA



Seattle University
Seattle, WA



Seattle Pacific University
Seattle, WA



University of Washington
Seattle, WA



Washington State University
Pullman, WA

Elementary & High School

Seattle Public Schools

There are 154 public schools in the Seattle Public School district. Average test scores are better than the average for Washington. The student-to-teacher ratio of 18:1 is also better than the average ratio for the state.

Seattle Educational Attainment

Bachelor's Degree	91%
Graduate's or Professional Degree	58%

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