

# POPULATION TRENDS

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**Kitsap County Population Estimated Gain of 2,500 in 2004:**

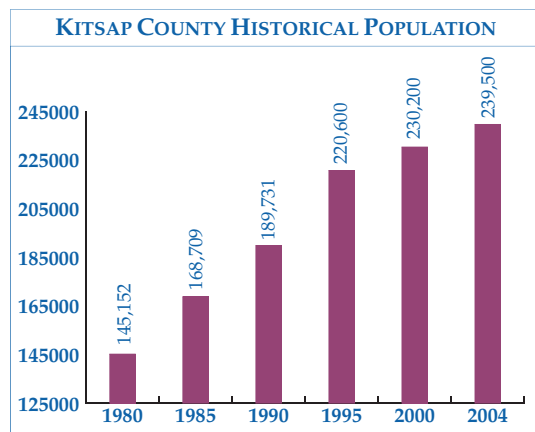
The 2,500 population gain for 2004 in Kitsap County was due largely to an influx of people moving into the unincorporated areas of the county. Usually, the growth has been into the cities. In fact, the city of Bremerton experienced a decrease in population of 1,210 people (-3.12%). Poulsbo experienced the highest percentage gain of +2.71%. Bainbridge Island and Port Orchard experienced about the same growth of +1.92% and +1.90% respectively. The unincorporated areas experienced the largest number of people gain, but the percentage of gain was just +1.82%. Bremerton lost -3.12% of its population. That will probably change by 2005 year end due to people moving into the new condominiums on the Bremerton waterfront.

**Largest City in Kitsap County is Bremerton:**

The city of Bremerton had an estimated year-end population of 37,520. Bainbridge Island is the second largest city with a population of 21,760. Port Orchard had an estimated year-end population of 8,060 and Poulsbo had a population of 7,200.

KITSAP COUNTY POPULATION								
	1980	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
<b>Kitsap County</b>	147,152	189,731	220,600	230,200	233,400	234,700	237,000	239,500
Annual Growth Rate	-	+2.89%	+2.38%	+0.22	+1.39%	+0.56%	+0.98%	+1.82%
<b>Bremerton</b>	36,208	38,142	39,610	36,160	37,260	37,530	38,730	37,520
Annual Growth Rate	-	+0.53%	+0.77%	-0.30%	+3.04%	+0.72%	+3.20%	-3.12%
<b>Port Orchard</b>	4,787	4,984	6,240	7,270	7,810	7,900	7,910	8,060
Annual Growth Rate	-	+0.41%	+5.81%	+0.21%	+7.43%	+1.15%	+0.13%	+1.90%
<b>Poulsbo</b>	3,453	4,848	5,765	6,500	6,965	7,005	7,010	7,200
Annual Growth Rate	-	+4.04%	+3.00%	+0.85%	+7.15%	+0.57%	+0.07%	+2.71%
<b>Bainbridge Island</b>	2,196	3,081	17,910	20,150	20,740	20,920	21,350	21,760
Annual Growth Rate	-	+4.03%	*	+1.56%	+2.93%	+0.87%	+2.06%	+1.92%

*\*Incorporation of entire Island of Bainbridge Island (1991)*



**Historical Population Trends:**

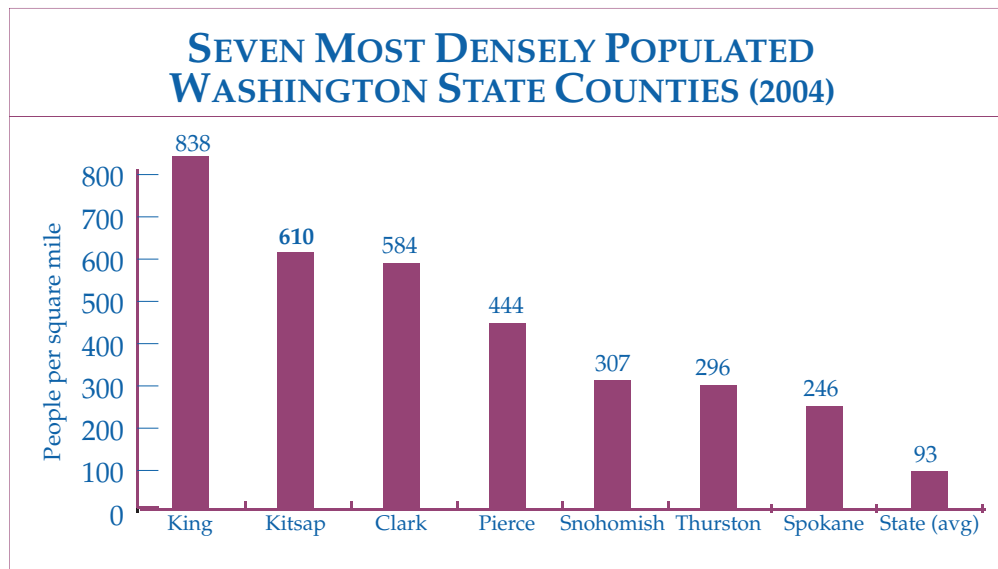
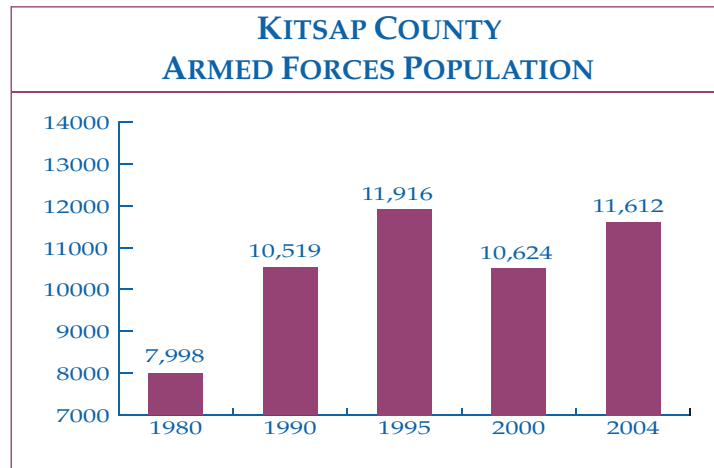
Kitsap County ranks 17th out of 39 counties in the State as the fastest (percentage) growing from 1990-2000. During the 20-year period of 1970 to 1990, Kitsap County's population grew from 101,732 to 189,731, an increase of 87%, representing 88,000 people. By comparison, the state population grew by 42.6% over the same period. In the last ten years (1990 to 2000), Kitsap County grew by 22%. The state population grew by 21% during the same ten-year period.

**Older Population Percentage Same as Ten Years Ago:**

Kitsap population aged 65 and over was 10.6% in 1990 and it increased only slightly to 10.9% in 2004. This is less than the state average of 11.3%. Only nine of the 39 Washington State counties have smaller 65 and over populations than Kitsap County. Seven Washington State counties register over 19.8% of their populations are 65 years old and over.

**Armed Forces Personnel in Kitsap County:**

Although Armed Forces personnel population has been reduced in other parts of Washington State, Kitsap County has maintained a fairly steady military population. In this last report, the Washington State Office of Financial Management changed the way they were counting Navy personnel. They are only counting personnel at their "home port" area.



**Kitsap County Population Density is 2nd Highest out of 39 Counties in the State:**

Although the general appearance of Kitsap County seems “rural” due to the vistas of water, mountains and trees, it is, in fact, the second most dense county in the state of Washington, second only to King County.

SEVEN MOST DENSELY POPULATED WASHINGTON STATE COUNTIES (2004)			
COUNTY	2004 People/Sq. Mi.	LAND AREA (Square Miles)	2004 POPULATION
King	838	2,135.001	1,788,300
<b>Kitsap</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>392.70</b>	<b>239,500</b>
Clark	584	656.30	383,300
Pierce	444	1,675.00	744,000
Snohomish	307	2,098.00	644,600
Thurston	296	737.00	218,500
Spokane	246	1,758.30	432,000
<i>State (avg.)</i>	93	66,662.10	6,167,800

**Kitsap County Median Household Income Ranks 7th out of 39 Counties in the State:**

Kitsap County enjoys a relative high Median Household Income compared to the majority of Washington state counties. It ranks 7th out of the 39 counties. King County enjoys the highest Median Household Income (\$61,465). Kitsap County’s Median Household Income of \$49,676 is less than the state average of \$51,762.

EIGHT HIGHEST MEDIAN INCOME WASHINGTON STATE COUNTIES (2004)	
COUNTY	Median Household Income
King	\$61,465
Snohomish	\$59,566
Benton	\$51,752
Clark	\$51,195
Pierce	\$51,114
San Juan	\$50,939
Thurston	\$49,676
<b>Kitsap</b>	<b>\$48,646</b>
<i>State (avg)</i>	\$51,762