

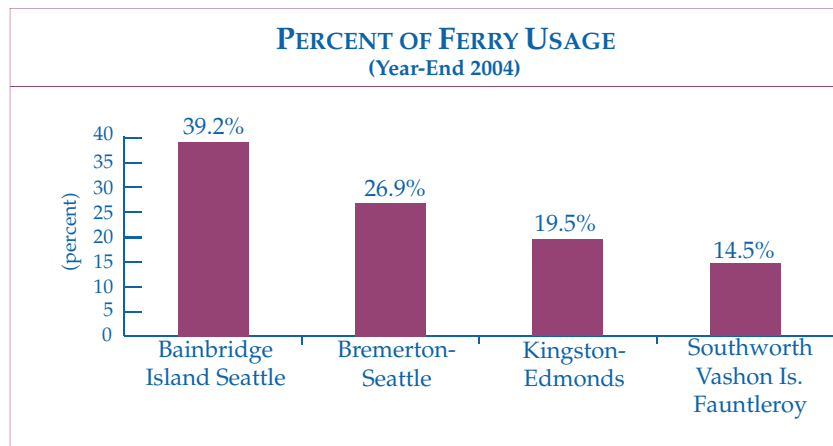
# FERRY RIDERSHIP

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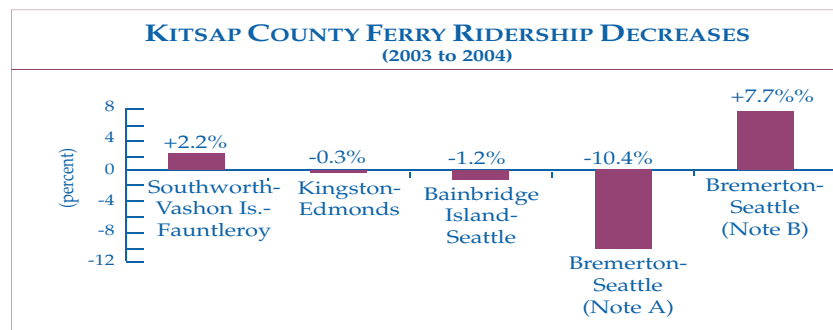
**Bainbridge Island Ferry Run is Most Used:**

Kitsap County is serviced by four major ferry runs, the Bainbridge Island-Seattle run, the Kingston-Edmonds run, the Bremerton-Seattle run and the Southworth-Vashon Island-Fauntleroy (Port Orchard-Seattle) run. The Bainbridge Island-Seattle ferry run continues to carry the most riders (see TABLE #1). Almost 40% of all ferry riders rode the Bainbridge Island-Seattle route. The next most used route in 2004 was the Kingston-Edmonds run with 26.9% of the riders. The Southworth-Vashon Island-Fauntleroy ferry run had 19.5% of the riders and the Bremerton-Seattle ferry run carried 14.5% of the riders.

**TABLE 1**



**TABLE 2**



**Notes A/B:** WSF Passenger-Only Ferries were discontinued in 2004. Column A is comparing the total of large ferries and passenger-only ferries (a loss of -10.4% in total Bremerton-Seattle Ridership. Column B is comparing just the larger ferry ridership of 2003 to 2004, which shows a gain of +7.7%.

**All Ferry Runs But Southworth Lost Riders from 2003 to 2004:**

A 20-percent ferry fare increase, which occurred June 3, 2001, continues to affect the ridership statistics of all of the ferry runs to and from Kitsap County (see TABLE #2). Ridership for the Bremerton-Seattle route lost the most riders, if you compare last year's total ridership figure (large ferries and passenger-only ferries). But, when you compare the total ridership of the large ferries in 2003 to 2004, you see that the Bremerton-Seattle Run experienced the largest gain (+7.7%). The Kingston-Seattle run was almost exactly the same as last year with just a slight decrease of -0.3% in ridership. The Bainbridge Island-Seattle run experienced the largest drop, but that was still only a drop of -1.2% in ridership.

**More Ferry Riders During Summer Months:**

The ferry ridership for all four ferry runs is always higher during the summer months, Quarters ending in June and September (see TABLE #3). Ridership was down almost 2% for all Kitsap routes from 2003 to 2004.

**TABLE 3**

<b>KITSAP COUNTY TOTAL FERRY RIDERSHIP</b> (IN THOUSANDS)					
	Bremerton Seattle	Kingston Edmonds	Bainbridge Island Seattle	Southworth Fauntleroy Vashon	<b>TOTAL</b>
Mar 2004	198.9	343.4	514.8	250.8	<b>1,307.9</b>
Jun 2004	211.4	384.9	588.7	289.8	<b>1,474.9</b>
Sep 2004	189.5	360.9	541.0	267.0	<b>1,358.4</b>
Dec 2004	182.2	353.7	525.0	269.6	<b>1,330.5</b>
Totals for 2003	2,649.8	4,424.3	6,513.5	3,140.6	<b>16,782.2</b>
Totals for 2004	2,375.1	4,411.9	6,434.7	3,209.7	<b>16,431.4</b>
Difference	-10.4%	-0.3%	-1.2%	+2.2%	<b>-1.7%</b>

**Ferry Ridership in the 1990s Showed an Increase of 34% Over the 1980s:**

For the decade as a whole, ferry ridership in the 1990s surpassed 214 million riders in the Puget Sound area. This is a 34% increase over ferry ridership in the 1980s. Two major cross-Sound routes, Bainbridge Island-Seattle (72% increase) and Kingston-Edmonds (33% increase), experienced the greatest increases during the decade. If the current trend continues of only 17.9 million riders/year, this next decade would show only about 180 million riders total (a decrease of about 16% when compared to the 1990's). Time will tell.