

CLALLAM COUNTY DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

Population, Housing, and Economy | May 2024

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Note on Data: A variety of data sources were used including the Office of Financial Management, U.S. Census Bureau decennial Census data ranging from 1960 to 2020, and American Community Survey Data. All of these data sources have different sample and collection methods, therefore they may not match each other.

Population Summary: Countywide

Overview

As of 2020, the US Census estimates that Clallam County is home to 77,155 people. Since 2010, the County has gained 5,751 people with an average annual growth rate of .8% and a total increase of 8%.

Approximately 40.6% of the population lives within the county’s three incorporated cities of Port Angeles, Sequim, and Forks, while 59.4% of the population lives in unincorporated areas of the County (Fig. 1). Since 2010, The population of incorporated areas increased by 2,143 people or 7.3%, and unincorporated areas increased by 3,608 people or 8.5% (Fig. 3).

Within the incorporated areas (Fig. 1), Port Angeles has the largest population with roughly 19,960 people making up 25.8% of the County population. The city grew by 922 people or 4.8% between 2010 and 2020. Sequim has 8,024 people and makes up 10.4% of the County’s population. Sequim was the fastest growing city within the county adding 1,418 people or 21.5%. Finally, Forks has 3,335 people or 4.3% of the County’s population. between 2010 and 2020. Its population has decreased by 197 people or -5.6%.

Because the unincorporated areas are outside incorporated cities, it is also beneficial to compare how the population is distributed throughout the county to evaluate where the rest of the population exists. The County is divided into four regional planning areas: Sequim Dungeness, Port Angeles, Straits, and Western. For instance, although the City of Sequim makes up only 10.4% of the population, approximately 43% of the entire county resides in the Sequim-Dungeness Planning Region (Fig. 2).

Clallam County remains a largely rural county with an overall density of 41 people per square mile, and large areas contain no or minimal population. Maps showing population density for each Planning Region are found in the appendix to this Report.

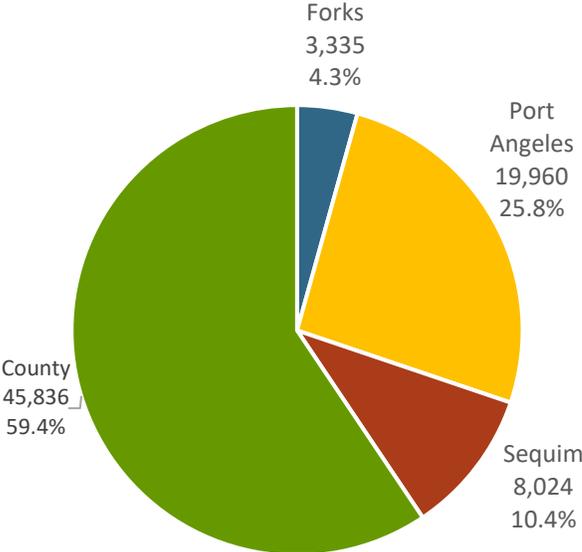


Fig 1: Population Distribution of County Jurisdictions
Office of Financial Management (OFM), 2023,

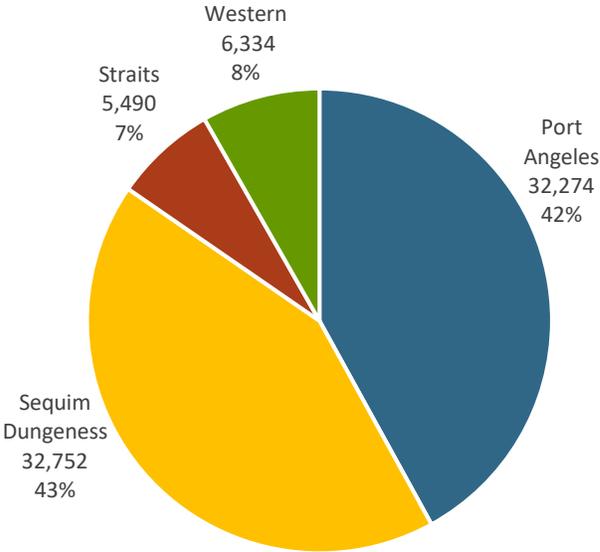


Fig 2: Population Distribution by Planning Region
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Fig. 3- Population Overview, 2000 - 2020

Area	Population Distribution of Clallam County						Population Change		
	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	2023*	2000 – 2010	2010 - 2020	Avg. Annual Growth
Clallam County	64,179	67,672	71,404	72,650	77,155	78,075	7,225 11.3%	5,751 8.1%	649 0.95%
Unincorporated Areas	38,328 59.7%	40,973 60.5%	42,228 59.1%	43,030 59.2%	45,836 59.4%	46,090 59.0%	3,900 10.2%	3,608 8.5%	375 0.92%
Incorporated Areas	25,851 40.3%	26,699 39.5%	29,176 40.9%	29,620 40.8%	31,319 40.6%	31,985 41.0%	3,325 12.9%	2,143 7.3%	273 0.99%
City of Forks	3,120 4.9%	3,282 4.8%	3,532 4.9%	3,565 4.9%	3,335 4.3%	3,395 4.3%	412 13.2%	-197 -5.6%	11 0.37%
City of Port Angeles	18,397 28.7%	18,480 27.3%	19,038 26.7%	19,140 26.3%	19,960 25.9%	20,240 25.9%	641 3.5%	922 4.8%	78 0.42%
City of Sequim	4,334 6.8%	4,937 7.3%	6,606 9.3%	6,915 9.5%	8,024 10.4%	8,350 10.7%	2,272 52.4%	1,418 21.5%	185 3.42%
Planning Regions	2000		2010		2020				
Sequim	23,328		28,974		32,752		5,646	3,778	471.2
Dungeness	36.1%		40.6%		42.4%		24.20%	13.0%	1.86%
Port Angeles	28,834		30,605		32,374		1,771	1,769	177
	44.7%		42.9%		42.0%		6.14%	5.8%	0.60%
Straits	5,545		5,325		5,490		-220	165	-2.8
	8.6%		7.4%		7.1%		-3.97%	3.1%	-0.04%
Western	6747		6,453		6,334		-294	-119	-20.7
	10.5%		9.0%		8.2%		-4.36%	-1.8%	-0.31%

Source: OFM, 2023, Olympia, WA
 *2023 data is OFM population estimates

Population Forecast

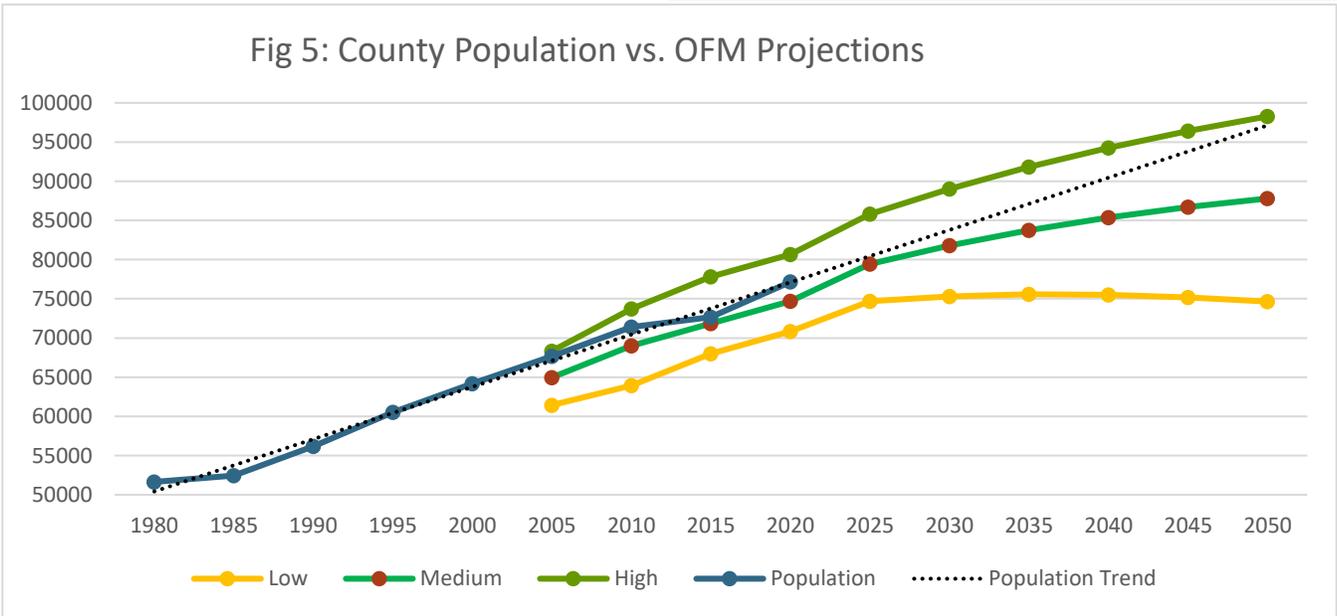
The State of Washington’s Office of Financial Management (OFM) prepares county population growth projections every five years that include a high, medium and low projection (Figures 4 & 5). The County must consider the OFM’s most recent 20-year projection for planning to accommodate population and employment growth. Since 2000, the County’s population has increased by nearly 12,976 people. Comparing this growth to OFM population projections, Clallam County has grown at a rate between the medium and high projections. If this growth continues, the 20-year population will trend slightly above the medium projection.

Fig 4: Historic Population Estimates 1960-2023			
US Decennial Census ¹		OFM Estimates ²	
Year	Population	Year	Population
1960	30,022	1965	31,900
1970	34,770	1975	41,100
1980	51,648	1985	52,465
1990	56,204	1995	60,548
2000	64,179	2005	67,672
2010	71,404	2015	72,650
2020	77,155	2023	78,075

OFM Population Projections for Clallam County 2025-2050 ²			
Year	Low	Medium	High
2005	61,442	64,969	68,335
2010	63,943	69,008	73,723
2015	68,000	71,868	77,825
2020	70,840	74,707	80,666
2025	74,691	79,459	85,816
2030	75,309	81,791	89,024
2035	75,580	83,755	91,835
2040	75,527	85,374	94,274
2045	75,198	86,700	96,396
2050	74,657	87,800	98,274

Sources:
 1. United States Census Bureau: Decennial Census
 2. WA Office of Financial Management: Population and Demographics

Fig 5: County Population vs. OFM Projections

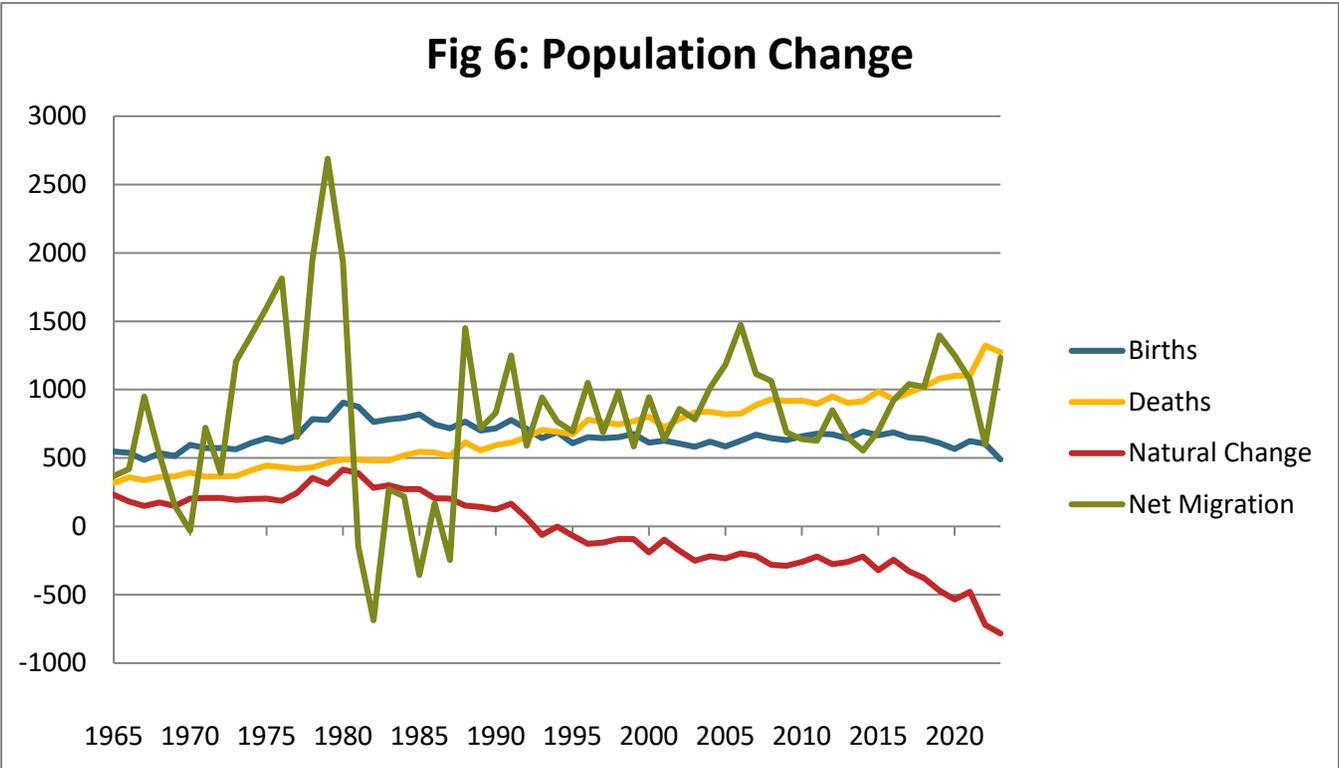


Changes in Population

The Office of Financial Management (OFM) keeps data on number of births, deaths, and net migration seen in Figure 6. Because net migration is difficult to track between decennial census years, the OFM uses residual net migration, which is the difference between the total population change per year and the natural increase, calculated by births minus deaths.

While the total population in Clallam County has been steadily increasing, the natural increase (births minus deaths) of the population has been declining. Since 1993, deaths have outnumbered births in the county. This means the increase in population is largely due to people moving into the county.

The climb of in-migration seen from 1970 to 1980 can largely be attributed to employment opportunities in the timber industry. The exodus thereafter is similarly related to loss of jobs in the same industry.

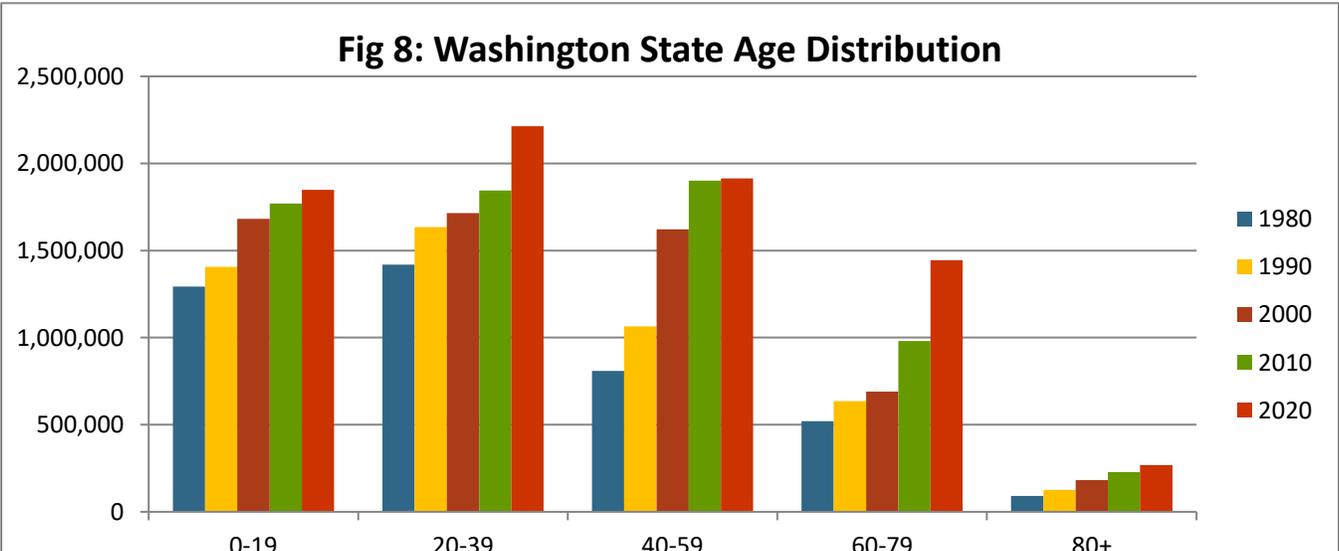
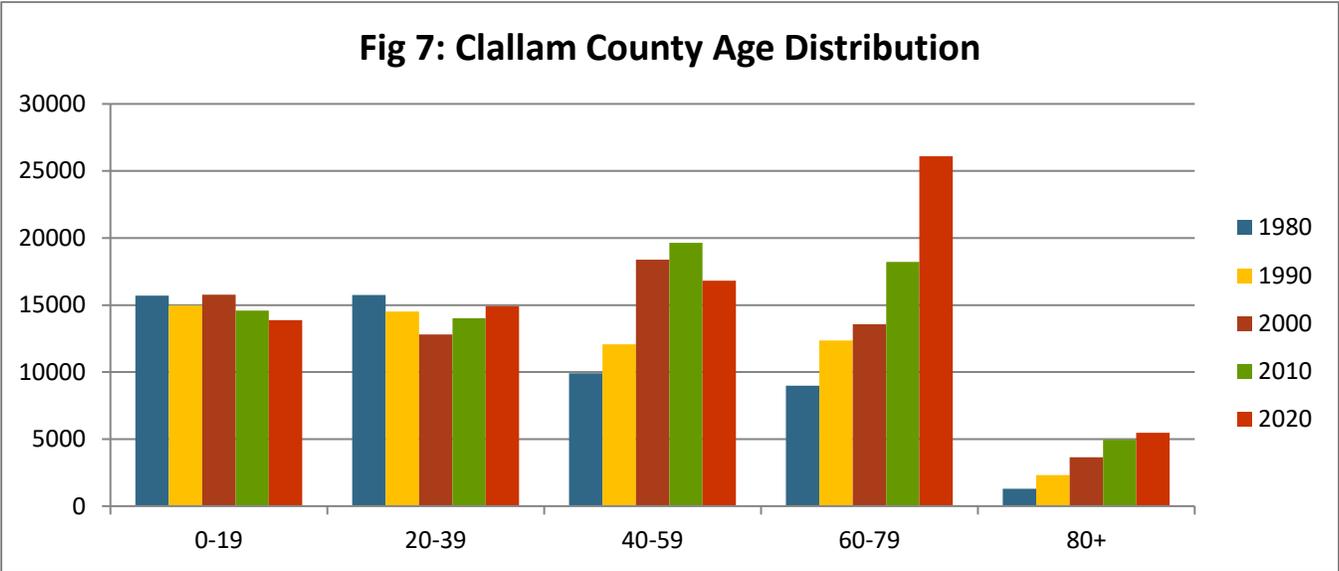


Age Profile

Figures 7 and 8 compare age group distribution of Census years 1980 to 2020 for Clallam County and Washington State. In Washington there is a general increase in each age group over all five decades. In Clallam County, however, age groups 0-19, 20-39, and 40-59 have fluctuated. Since 2000 there has been a slight decline in ages 0-19, while ages 20-39 has slightly increased. There is a disproportionate increase in the age group 60-79, while ages 80+ have been steadily increasing.

The decrease in the age group 0-19 could be attributed to the declining birth rate, and it could also indicate that the young adults moving into the County have smaller households with fewer children. Factors that could influence young adults and children moving into the county are education and job opportunities, housing costs, and housing availability.

The increase in age groups 60-79 and 80+ could be attributed to an aging population and more retirees moving into the county.



Source: Decennial Census, 1980-2010

Note: Graphs do not have comparable y-axis (population) but show general trends.

Population Summary: Planning Region



Planning Regions

Within the County’s Comprehensive plan, the County is divided into four regional planning areas: Sequim Dungeness, Port Angeles, Straits, and Western. The regional plan for each area provides direction to implement county-wide objectives and address local issues. It is important to analyze population changes within and between these regions, to guide future updates to the Comprehensive Plan.

Population figures presented in this section are based on the information in Figures 9-12, which show regional population densities and population changes from 2000, 2010, and 2020 Census data. For each region, population information is further summarized by City, Urban Growth Area (UGA), non-UGA county lands, and Tribal lands where available.

In order to analyze by Planning Region and each jurisdiction, Census blocks were clipped in ArcGIS with boundaries created by Clallam County Department of Community Development. Because census blocks change with each census and the methodology used to obtain data varies, there may be minor discrepancies in the data and these numbers should only be considered as estimates to show general trends across planning regions.

UGA’s are established by the County under the state Growth Management Act (GMA) to plan for accommodating a greater density of people, uses, amenities, services, and infrastructure. The County has designated UGA’s associated with the cities and communities of Sequim, Carlsborg, Port Angeles, Forks, Joyce, and Clallam Bay-Seiku.

Tribal communities at Blyn, Neah Bay, La Push, and near the mouth of the Elwha River also serve as urban centers. They are not designated by the County as UGAs because they are sovereign entities and are not subject to the GMA.

Regional Population Overview

Since 2010, the County has gained 5,751 people. This growth has predominantly been within the Sequim-Dungeness and Port Angeles planning regions. The Sequim-Dungeness region experienced the greatest growth, adding 3,778 people; and the Port Angeles Planning Region gained 1,769 people. Meanwhile, both the Straits and Western Planning Regions saw minimal population changes. The Straits region added 165 people, while the Western region lost an estimated 119 people. A 2020 population breakdown of each planning region is included in figures 9 & 12, and a breakdown of 2010 population is in figures 10, 11 & 12.

Sequim Dungeness Planning Region

The Sequim-Dungeness Planning Region had an estimated 2020 population of 32,752 people, making up 42.4% of County. It has been the fastest growing region since 2000, and is now the most populated planning region in Clallam County.

From 2010-2020 the Sequim Dungeness planning region added 3,778 residents or a 13.0% increase since 2010. Although it was the fastest growing planning region in Clallam County, the growth rate of the region slowed from the previous 10-year period. From 2000-2010, the planning region gained 5,646 people with a change of 24.20%. Over the twenty-year period, the Sequim-Dungeness planning region averaged an increase of approximately 471 people per year and an average annual growth rate of 1.8%.

The region includes the City of Sequim and Carlsborg UGA's. The City of Sequim is the second most populated city in the County, with a 2020 population of 8,024 people. From 2010 to 2020, growth slowed from the previous 10-year period, however, the City of Sequim added the most people and had the highest growth rate of incorporated areas in the county, adding 1,418 people and a change of 21.47%. However, nearly 68% of the region's population is located outside of the Sequim and Carlsborg UGA's. The non-UGA population grew by about 2,148 people, or 10.7%, between 2010 and 2020.

The density of the urban areas of this region ranges between 871.3 and 1269.8 people per square mile. The population density outside UGA areas remains rural at an average of 95.5 people per square mile over an area of 232.74 square miles. Large areas of the region remain at very low densities. Map I shows the density of the Sequim-Dungeness Planning Region.

Port Angeles Planning Region

The Port Angeles Planning Region had an estimated 2020 population of 32,374 people, or 42.0% of the County (Figure 10). From 2010 to 2020, the planning region increased by 1,769 people with a change of 5.8%. Growth stayed relatively steady compared to the previous 10-year period. Over the last twenty-years, the Port Angeles planning region averaged an increase of approximately 177 people per year and an average annual growth rate of 0.6%.

An estimated 22,741 people (70%) reside in the City of Port Angeles and its UGA, and 680 on the Lower Elwha S'Klallam tribal lands. Port Angeles is the largest and most densely populated jurisdiction in Clallam County with roughly 1,863 people per square mile. Overall, population density outside the Port Angeles UGA remains rural at 86 people per square mile spanned over roughly 104 square miles. There are significant areas of the region, particularly southwest of Port Angeles that are unpopulated or at very low densities. Map II shows the density of the Port Angeles Planning Region.

Straits Planning Region

The Straits Planning Region is the least populated area in the County with only 5,490 people or 7.1% of the County population in 2020. 30.8% percent of the population within the Straits Planning Region is located on the Makah Reservation, while 58.46% of the population within the Planning Region lives in non-UGA county lands. From 2010 to 2020, the Straits Planning Region gained 165 people. All that growth was within the Makah Reservation, while all other areas in the region had small reductions in population. Outside of the communities of Joyce, Clallam Bay-Sekiu, and Neah Bay the population density is only 7.6 persons per sq. mi., with large areas being unpopulated forest lands. Map III shows the density of the Straits Planning Region.

Western Planning Region

The Western Planning Region had an estimated 2020 population of 6,334 people resulting in an estimated 119 fewer people since 2010. This region includes the City of Forks, which is the primary population center in the western region. Together the city of Forks and its UGA make up 73% of the region's population with a density of approximately 803 people per sq. mile.

In 2020, Forks had a population of 3,335, decreasing by 197 since 2010. This represents the greatest decline in population of all Clallam County areas, and likely reflective of a loss of jobs in the timber industry. Although the city had a decline in population, it is estimated that the Forks UGA added 137 people to bring its population to 1,302.

Meanwhile, areas outside of the Forks UGA experienced very little change since 2010. These areas have an average density of only 4 people per sq. mi., with large areas being unpopulated forest lands. Map IV shows the density of the Straits Planning Region.

Fig. 9- Population Summary, 2020					
Planning Regions	Area (sq mi)	Population	Pop. Density (sq mi)	% of Pop. (of region)	% of Pop. (of county)
Sequim Dungeness	243	32,752	134.78	100	42.4
City of Sequim	6.32	8,024	1,269.8	24.5	10.4
Sequim UGA, County Portion	1.81	1,577	871.3	4.8	2.0
Carlsborg UGA	0.87	918	1055.2	2.8	1.2
County Lands	232.74	22,223	95.5	67.8	28.8
Jamestown S'Klallam Reservation & Trust ¹	2.0	10	5.0	0.03	0.01
Port Angeles	120	32,374	269.78	100	42
City of Port Angeles	10.71	19,960	1,863.7	61.6	25.8
Port Angeles UGA, County Portion	3.64	2,781	764.0	8.6	3.6
County Lands	104.1	8,953	86.0	27.6	11.6
Lower Elwha Reservation & Trust	1.56	680	435.9	2.1	0.9
Straits	471	5,490	11.66	100	7.1
Joyce UGA	0.55	89	161.8	1.6	0.1
Clallam Bay UGA	2.14	499	233.2	9.1	0.6
County Lands	421.42	3,210	7.6	58.5	4.2
Makah Reservation	46.89	1,692	36.1	30.8	2.2
Western	458	6,334	13.83	100%	8.2
City of Forks	4.12	3,335	809.4	52.6	4.3
Forks UGA, County Portion	3.66	1,302	355.7	20.5	1.7
County Lands	448.65	1,293	2.9	20.4	1.6
Quileute Reservation	1.57	404	257.3	6.4	0.5
County	1,738	77,155	44.38	-	100

¹ Total enrolment at the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe was 509 in 2024, with approximately half residing on the North Olympic Peninsula. With official recognition occurring in 1981, most Tribal members reside outside of reservation lands.

Fig. 10- Population Summary, 2010

Planning Regions	Area (sq mi)	Population	Pop. Density (pop./sq mi)	% of Pop. (of region)	% of Pop. (of county)
Sequim Dungeness	243	28,974	119.2	100%	40.58
City of Sequim	6.31	6,606	1,045.9	22.80	9.25
Sequim UGA, County Portion	1.81	1,443	797.2	4.98	2.02
Carlsborg UGA	0.87	843	968.9	2.91	1.18
County Lands	232.72	20,075	86.2	69.28	28.11
Jamestown S'Klallam Reservation & Trust	1.26	11	8.7	0.04	0.02
Port Angeles	120	30,605	255	100%	42.86
City of Port Angeles	10.7	19,038	1,779.8	62.21	26.6
Port Angeles UGA, County Portion	3.6	2,691	739.3	8.79	3.77
County Lands	104.1	8,267	84.7	27.01	11.58
Lower Elwha Reservation & Trust	1.56	609	390.4	1.99	0.85
Straits	471	5,325	11.3	100%	7.4
Joyce UGA	0.55	94	170.9	1.77	0.13
Clallam Bay/Seiku UGA	2.14	549	256.54	10.31	0.77
County Lands	421.42	3,268	7.75	61.37	4.58
Makah Reservation	46.89	1,414	30.16	26.55	1.98
Western	458	6,453	14.1	100%	9.0
City of Forks	3.66	3,532	965	54.73	4.95
Forks UGA, County Portion	4.12	1,165	282.8	18.05	1.63
County Lands	434.56	1,296	2.98	20.08	1.82
Quileute Reservation	1.57	460	293	7.13	0.64
County	1,738	71,404	41.08	-	100

Fig. 11- Population Summary, 2000

Planning Regions	Area (sq mi)	Population	Pop. Density (sq mi)	Population % of region	Population % of county
Sequim Dungeness	243	23,328	96	100.00	36.15
City of Sequim	6.31	4,334	686.8	18.58	6.72
Sequim UGA, County Portion	1.81	1,131	624.9	4.85	1.75
Carlsborg UGA	0.87	780	896.6	3.34	1.21
County Lands	232.72	17,067	73.3	73.16	26.45
Jamestown S'Klallam Reservation & Trust	1.26	16	12.7	0.07	0.02
Port Angeles	120	28,834	240.3	100.00	44.69
City of Port Angeles	10.70	18,397	1717.7	63.80	28.51
Port Angeles UGA, County Portion	3.64	2,668	733	9.25	4.13
County Lands	97.57	7,454	76.4	25.85	11.53
Lower Elwha Reservation & Trust	1.56	315	201.9	1.09	0.49
Straits	471	5,545	11.8	100.00	8.59
Joyce UGA	0.55	79	143.6	1.42	0.12
Clallam Bay/Seiku UGA	2.14	710	331.8	12.80	1.10
County Lands	421.42	3,400	8.1	61.32	5.27
Makah Reservation	46.89	1,356	28.9	24.45	2.10
Western	458	6,747	14.7	100.00	10.46
City of Forks	3.66	3,120	852.5	46.24	4.84
Forks UGA, County Portion	4.12	1,241	301.2	29.87	1.92
County Lands	434.56	2,015	4.6	29.87	3.12
Quileute Reservation	1.57	371	236.3	5.50	0.57
County	1,738	64,525	37.1	-	100.00

Fig. 12- Population Change by Planning Region

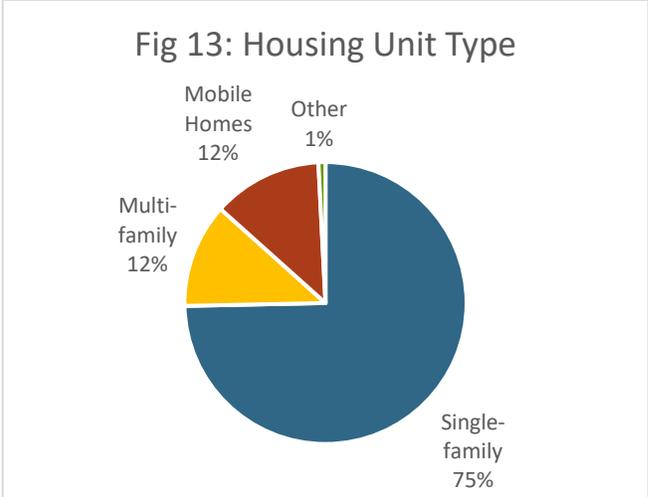
Planning Regions	Population			Pop. Change 2000 - 2010		Pop. Change 2010 - 2020		10-year Avg. 2000 - 2020	
	2000	2010	2020	Total	%	Total	%	Avg.	%
Sequim Dungeness	23,328	28,974	32,752	5,646	24.20%	3,778	13.04%	4,712	18.62%
City of Sequim	4,334	6,606	8,024	2,272	52.42%	1,418	21.47%	1,845	36.94%
Sequim UGA	1,131	1,440	1,577	309	27.32%	137	9.51%	223	18.42%
Carlsborg UGA	780	842	918	62	7.95%	76	9.03%	69	8.49%
County Lands	17,067	20,075	22,223	3,008	17.62%	2,148	10.70%	2,578	14.16%
Jamestown S'Klallam Reservation & Trust	16	11	10	-5	-31.25%	-1	-9.09%	-3	-20.17%
Port Angeles	28,834	30,605	32,374	1,771	6.14%	1,769	5.78%	1,770	5.96%
City of Port Angeles	18,397	19,038	19,960	641	3.48%	922	4.84%	782	4.16%
Port Angeles UGA	2,668	2,691	2,781	23	0.86%	90	3.34%	57	2.10%
County Lands	7,454	8,267	8,953	813	10.91%	686	8.30%	750	9.60%
Lower Elwha Reservation & Trust	315	609	680	294	93.33%	71	11.66%	183	52.50%
Straits	5,545	5,325	5,490	-220	-3.97%	165	3.10%	-28	-0.43%
Joyce UGA	79	94	89	15	18.99%	-5	-5.32%	5	6.83%
Clallam Bay/Seiku UGA	710	549	499	-161	-22.68%	-50	-9.11%	-106	-15.89%
County Lands	3,400	3,268	3,210	-132	-3.88%	-58	-1.77%	-95	-2.83%
Makah Reservation	1,356	1,414	1,692	58	4.27%	278	19.66%	168	11.97%
Western	6,747	6,453	6,334	-294	-4.36%	-119	-1.84%	-207	-3.10%
City of Forks	3,120	3,532	3,335	412	13.21%	-197	-5.58%	108	3.81%
Forks UGA	1,241	1,165	1,302	-76	-6.12%	137	11.76%	31	2.82%
County Lands	2,015	1,296	1,293	-719	-35.68%	-3	-0.23%	-361	-17.96%
Quileute Reservation	371	460	404	89	23.98%	-56	-12.17%	17	5.91%
County	64,525	71,404	77,155	6,879	10.66%	5,751	8.05%	6,315	9.36%

Housing Summary: Countywide

Housing Overview

According to the American Community Survey 5-year estimates, there were 37,930 housing units in Clallam County in 2020. Of those housing units, 74.3% were single family dwelling units, 11.9% were multi-family, 12.5% were mobile homes, and the remaining 0.8% were RVs, boats, or some other living arrangement (Figure 13). 89.9% of the total housing units were occupied and 10.1% were vacant; 72.9% of homes were owner occupied and 27.1% were renter occupied. An estimated 1,731 housing units across the county are seasonally occupied as short-term rentals or personal vacation homes (ACS, 2020).

Figure 14 shows that from 2000 to 2020, the county added an estimated 7,247 housing units. In unincorporated areas housing units increased by 4,371 units, while there has been an increase of 2,876 units in incorporated areas (OFM, 2020). This matches the pattern of greater population growth in unincorporated areas, as well as more available land upon which to build. Within the incorporated areas, the City of Sequim has added the most housing with 1,945 units from 2000 to 2020, while Forks has only added 46 new units in 20 years (OFM, 2020).



In 2020, the average household size was 2.2 people per household, down from 2.21 in 2010 (Census, 2020, 2010). This matches the greater trend in the United States of increasing numbers of smaller households due to families having fewer children and more people living alone.

Fig. 14- Total Housing Units, 2000-2020

	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	Total Change '00-'20	% Change, '00-'20
Clallam County	30,683	32,914	35,582	36,444	37,930	7,247	23.62%
Unincorporated	18,216	20,016	21,169	21,756	22,587	4,371	24.00%
Incorporated	12,467	12,898	14,413	14,688	15,343	2,876	23.07%
Forks	1,361	1,338	1,374	1,389	1,407	46	3.38%
Port Angeles	8,682	8,848	9,272	9,359	9,567	885	10.19%
Sequim	2,424	2,712	3,767	3,940	4,369	1,945	80.24%

Source: OFM, 2020, Olympia, WA

Housing Values & Characteristics

Characteristics

Nearly 67% of houses in Clallam County were built between 1970 and 2010- ranging between 11.9-22.5 across the four decades. 7.7% of the housing inventory was built after 2010, and approximately 26.5% of the homes in Clallam County were built prior to 1970. Figure 15 outlines the age of housing within Clallam County.

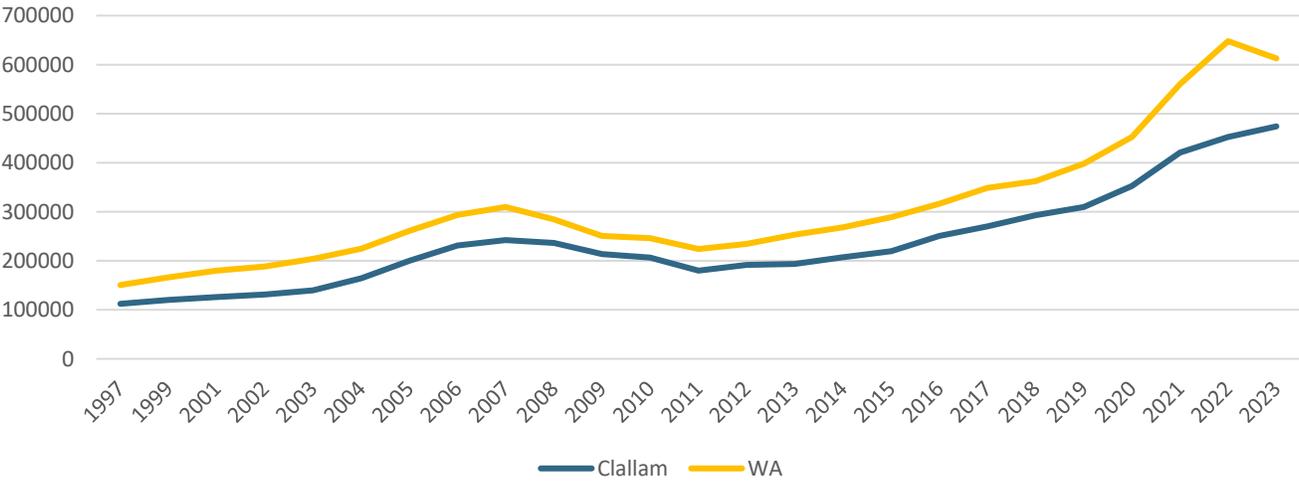
YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT	
2020 or later	0.5%
2010 or 2019	6.2%
2000 to 2009	15.1%
1990 to 1999	17.2%
1980 to 1989	11.9%
1970 to 1979	22.5%
1960 to 1969	7.0%
1950 to 1959	6.5%
1940 to 1949	5.3%
1939 or earlier	7.7%

Fig. 15- Source: ACS, 2022

Home Values

Housing prices in Clallam County have been consistently lower than the Washington State median (Fig. 16 & 17). Figures 16 depicts the housing bubble in 2006 and 2007, with the fall thereafter. Since 2011, the Clallam median housing price began to increase again. In 2023, the median home price was \$474,100, up from \$180,000 in 2011. In 2023, the mean home value in Washington dropped for the first time since 2011. While home values in Clallam continued to increase in 2023, the rate of increase has slowed.

Fig 16: Median Home Values



	2003	2005	2007	2009	2011	2013	2015	2017	2019	2021	2023
Clallam	140,000	200,000	242,000	213,700	180,000	193,400	219,300	270,300	309,800	420,600	474,100
WA State	203,800	260,900	309,600	250,400	223,900	253,800	289,100	348,900	397,900	560,400	613,000

Fig. 17- Source: Runstad Center for Real Estate Studies, University of Washington, 2024

Housing Summary: Planning Region

The summaries on this page were taken from the tables (Figures 18-21) presented on pages 16 through 19. The tables are divided by Planning Region into City, Urban Growth Area (UGA), non-UGA county lands, and Tribal lands where available. In order to analyze by Planning Region and each jurisdiction, Census blocks were clipped in ArcGIS with boundaries provided by Clallam County Department of Community Development. Due to changes in the Census Blocks and data collection methods over the years, the data should be considered as estimates showing general trends and comparisons.

Regional Population Overview

Mirroring trends in population growth, the Sequim Dungeness Planning Region has seen the greatest number of new housing units from 2010 to 2020 with 1,441 new units. During the same time the Port Angeles Planning Region gained 656 new housing units, the Western Planning Region gained 116 housing units, and the Straits Region added only 6 units. Of the three incorporated cities, owner-occupied units ranged between 54.2% - 58.7%, while in unincorporated county areas units were 78.7% owner-occupied. The county has an average household size of 2.2 residents. Overall, the vacancy rate decreased in the county, with the incorporated cities having the lowest vacancy rates.

Sequim Dungeness Planning Region

The Sequim Dungeness Planning Region has the smallest average household size in the county at 2.1 people per household. Likewise, The City of Sequim has the smallest average household size of the three incorporated cities with 1.88 people per household. The smaller household size could be in relation to the area's popularity with retirees and an older population with fewer children at home.

Port Angeles Planning Region

The Port Angeles Planning Region has 15,560 housing units, which is the most of all the planning regions in the county. The majority of these (9,567) are within the City of Port Angeles. The average household size for the Port Angeles Planning Region aligns closely with the county at 2.2.

The region also has the second lowest vacancy rate in Clallam County with 9.4% of homes being vacant. Port Angeles and its UGAs have a vacancy rate of 6.6% and 7.1% respectively, while rural areas of the county have a vacancy rate near 14%. The city of Port Angeles has the highest rate of housing units being rented in the county with 45.8%.

Straits Planning Region

The Straits Planning Region has the lowest number of housing units with 2,260 units in 2020. 83.4% (1,236) of those units were located outside urban areas. Between 2010 and 2020, the Straits Planning gained only 6 units with an average household size of 2.8.

Western Planning Region

There were 2,923 housing units within this region in 2020. Within the Western Planning Region, the City of Forks and its UGA made up 61.6% of housing units, with 1801 units. The average household size has increased to 2.5 people per household.

Fig. 18- Housing Units Change, 2000- 2020							
Planning Regions	Housing Units			Housing Change 2000 - 2010		Housing Change 2010 - 2020	
	2000	2010	2020	Total	%	Total	%
Sequim Dungeness							
Total Housing Units	11,856	15,469	16,916	3,613	30.47	1,447	9.35%
Occupied	10,627	13,642	15,397	3,015	28.37	1,755	12.86%
Vacant	1,229	1,827	1,519	598	48.66	-308	-16.86%
Owned	8,517	10,465	11,682	1,948	22.87	1,217	11.63%
Rented	2,110	3,177	3,715	1,067	50.57	538	16.93%
Avg Household Size	2.26	2.17	2.1	-0.09	-3.85	0	-3.23%
Port Angeles	2000	2010	2020	Total	%	Total	%
Total Housing Units	13,472	14,904	15,560	1,432	10.63	656	4.40%
Occupied	12,280	13,386	14,104	1,106	9.01	-13,372	-99.89%
Vacant	1,192	1,518	1,956	326	27.35	438	28.85%
Owned	8,197	8,851	8,882	654	7.98	31	0.35%
Rented	4,083	4,535	5,222	452	11.07	687	15.15%
Avg Household Size	2.31	2.27	2.2	-0.04	-1.77	0	-3.08%
Straits	2000	2010	2020	Total	%	Total	%
Total Housing Units	2,343	2,254	2,260	-89	-3.80	6	0.27%
Occupied	1,805	1,827	1,920	22	1.22	93	5.09%
Vacant	538	427	331	-111	-20.63	-96	-22.48%
Owned	1,332	1,410	1,470	78	5.86	60	4.26%
Rented	473	417	459	-56	-11.84	42	10.07%
Avg Household Size	2.54	2.43	2.8	-0.11	-4.50	0	15.23%
Western	2000	2010	2020	Total	%	Total	%
Total Housing Units	2,825	2,807	2,923	-18	-0.64	116	4.13%
Occupied	2,411	2,453	2,526	42	1.74	73	2.98%
Vacant	414	354	397	-60	-14.49	43	12.15%
Owned	1,688	1,683	1,642	-5	-0.30	-41	-2.44%
Rented	723	770	884	47	6.50	114	14.81%
Avg Household Size	2.52	2.32	2.5	-0.20	-8.00	0	7.76%

**Fig. 19- Housing Summary, 2020, Occupied vs. Vacant
American Community Survey**

Planning Region	Total Units	Occupied		Vacant		Owner Occupied		Renter Occupied		Household Size (avg)
		Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	
Sequim Dungeness	16,916	15,397	91.0	1,519	9.0	11,682	75.8	3,715	24.2	2.1
City of Sequim	4,369	4,063	93.0	306	7.0%	2,385	58.7	1,678	41.3	1.9
Sequim UGA, County Portion	769	680	88.4	89	11.6	429	63.1	251	36.9	2.3
Carlsborg UGA	513	494	96.3	19	3.7	405	82.0	89	18.0	1.8
County Lands	11,265	10,160	90.2	1,105	9.8	8,463	83.3	1,697	16.7	2.2
Port Angeles	15,560	14,104	90.6	1,456	9.4	8,882	62.9	5,222	37.1	2.2
City of Port Angeles	9,567	8,883	92.9	684	7.1	4,815	54.2	4,068	45.8	2.2
Port Angeles UGA, County Portion	1,388	1,296	93.4	92	6.6	754	58.2	542	41.8	2.1
County Lands	4,605	3,925	85.2	680	14.8	3,313	84.4	612	15.6	2.3
Straits	2,260	1,929	85.4	331	14.6	1,470	76.2	459	23.8	2.8
Joyce UGA	44	32	72.7	12	27.3	33	75.3	11	24.7	2.8
Clallam Bay-Seiku UGA	329	265	80.5	64	19.5	159	59.9	106	40.1	1.9
County Lands	1,887	1,632	86.5	255	13.5	1,278	78.3	354	22.7	2.0
Western	2,923	2,526	86.4	397	13.6	1,642	65.0	884	35.0	2.5
City of Forks	1,407	1,296	92.1	111	7.9%	737	56.9	559	43.1	2.5
Forks UGA, County Portion	394	348	88.3	46	11.7	245	70.5	103	29.5	3.7
County lands	1,122	882	78.6	240	21.4	660	74.8	222	25.2	1.5
Clallam County	37,994	34,128	89.8	3,868	10.2	26,860	78.7	8,667	25.4	2.2

Fig. 20- Housing Summary, 2010, Occupied vs. Vacant

Planning Region	Total	Occupied	Occupied %	Vacant	Vacant %	Average Household Size
Sequim Dungeness	15,469	13,642	88.2	1,827	11.8	2.17
City of Sequim	3,748	3,321	88.6	427	11.4	2.11
Sequim UGA, County Portion	719	656	91.2	63	8.8	2.27
Carlsborg UGA	478	447	93.5	31	6.5	2.27
County Lands	10,520	9,218	87.6	1,306	12.4	2.19
Jamestown Tribe	4	4	100.0	0	0.0	2.75
Port Angeles	14,904	13,386	89.8	1,518	10.2	2.27
City of Port Angeles	9,271	8,459	91.2	812	8.8	2.25
Port Angeles UGA, County Portion	1,326	1,232	92.9	94	7.1	2.17
County Lands	4,110	3,695	89.9	612	14.9	2.37
Lower Elwha Reservation & Trust	197	193	98.0	4	2.0	3.15
Straits	2,254	1,827	81.1	427	18.9	2.43
Joyce UGA	41	36	87.8	5	12.2	2.55
Clallam Bay-Seiku UGA	413	277	67.1	136	32.9	2.02
County Lands	1,236	1,514	122.5	286	23.1	2.49
Makah Reservation	564	497	88.1	67	11.9	2.82
Western	2,807	2,453	87.4	354	12.6	2.32
City of Forks	1,374	1,264	92.0	110	8.0	2.41
Forks UGA, County Portion	478	450	94.1	28	5.9	2.46
County lands	796	739	92.8	216	27.1	2.17
Quileute Reservation	159	142	89.3	17	10.7	3.06
Clallam County	35,582	31,329	88.0	4,253	12.0	2.22

Fig. 21- Owned vs. Rented, 2010

Planning Region	Total Occupied Units	Owned	Owned %	Rented	Rented %
Sequim Dungeness	13,642	10,456	76.6	3,177	23.3
City of Sequim	3,321	1,844	55.5	1,477	44.5
Sequim UGA, County Portion	656	466	71.0	190	29.0
Carlsborg UGA	447	372	83.2	75	16.8
County Lands	9,218	7,783	84.4	1,435	15.6
Jamestown Tribe	4	0	0.0	4	100.0
Port Angeles	13,386	8,851	66.1	4,535	33.9
City of Port Angeles	8,459	4,802	56.8	3,657	43.2
Port Angeles UGA, County Portion	1,232	881	71.5	351	28.5
County Lands	3,695	3,168	85.7	527	14.3
Lower Elwha Reservation & Trust	193	143	74.1	50	25.9
Straits	1,827	1,410	77.2	417	22.8
Joyce UGA	36	28	77.8	8	22.2
Clallam Bay-Seiku UGA	277	171	61.7	106	38.3
County Lands	1,514	1,211	80.0	303	20.0
Makah Reservation	497	347	69.8	160	32.2
Western	2,453	1,683	68.6	770	31.4
City of Forks	1,264	773	61.2	491	38.8
Forks UGA	450	344	76.4	106	23.6
County lands	739	566	76.6	173	23.4
Quileute Reservation	142	75	52.8	67	47.2
Clallam County	31,329	22,420	71.6	8,909	28.4

Economy Summary: Countywide

Income

The median income for Clallam County has slowly increased over time. In 2010, the median income was \$38,841 and by 2022 it was estimated to be \$66,139, which was an increase of 30.5% (Census, 2000; American Community Survey (ACS), 2022). Meanwhile, the estimated average household income in 2022 was \$90,108, signifying a small percentage of people with much higher incomes skewing the data higher. Income could not be analyzed at the regional level given the significant margin of error present in the available census data at smaller geographic areas.

Poverty

An estimated 8,971 or 11.8% of the Clallam County population lives in poverty. This is an improvement from 15.1% since 2014 (ACS, 2022). More men than women were living in poverty, at 12.8% versus 10.8% respectively.

People 25 years and older living in poverty make up 7,248 people within Clallam County. Of those people, 1,075 have not graduated high school, while 2,414 have graduated high school. 3,276 had at least some college education, and 481 had a bachelor's degree or higher.

Unemployment

Unemployment data was obtained through the Washington Employment Security Department (ESD). According to ESD, Clallam County has historically had a higher unemployment rate than both Washington State and the United States. Since 2010, the unemployment rate in Clallam County has generally declined, with the exception of increases in 2019 and 2020 when it reached 10.2%. This increase is likely related to the pandemic. Since 2020, however, the unemployment rate has rebounded to pre-pandemic levels. In 2023, Clallam County had an unemployment rate of 5.2%. ESD historic data indicates this is the lowest rate since 1990, which is the earliest date historic data was available.

Industry

From 2010 to 2020, Clallam County has added 1,741 employed people, 16 years and over. As seen in Figure 22 on the next page, the largest employment industry in Clallam County is "Educational services, health care and social assistance," with an estimated 7,156 jobs in 2020. Since 2000, this sector has added 1,855 jobs to the county. The second largest employment sector is "Retail" with 3,641 jobs, followed closely by "Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services" with 3,493 jobs which has added 1,101 jobs since 2000.

The "Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining" and "manufacturing" industries have notably lost the most jobs from 2000 to 2020. This data coincides with the reduced population in the Western Planning Region. "Wholesale trade" and "information" industries have also decreased in size. All other industries have made slight gains in the 20-year period.

Fig. 22- Jobs by Industry, 2000-2020

INDUSTRY	2000		2010		2020		Total Change 2000-2020	
	Jobs	%	Jobs	%	Jobs	%	Jobs	%
Civilian employed population 16 years and over	26,738	100	27,861	100	29,602	100.00	2,864	10.71
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	1,478	5.5	1,346	4.8	1,286	4.34	-192	-12.99
Construction	2,006	7.5	2,446	8.8	2,438	8.24	432	21.54
Manufacturing	1,578	5.9	1,947	7.0	1,322	4.47	-256	-16.22
Wholesale trade	648	2.4	468	1.7	591	2.00	-57	-8.80
Retail trade	3,119	11.7	3,332	12.0	3,641	12.30	522	16.74
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	1,255	4.7	1,666	6.0	1,523	5.14	268	21.35
Information	385	1.4	674	2.4	252	0.85	-133	-34.55
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	1,073	4.0	1,182	4.2	1,576	5.32	503	46.88
Professional, scientific/ management/ administrative/ waste management services	1,593	6.0	2,207	7.9	2,124	7.18	531	33.33
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	5,301	19.8	5,755	20.7	7,156	24.17	1,855	34.99
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	2,392	8.9	2,552	9.2	3,493	11.80	1,101	46.03
Other services, except public administration	1,516	5.7	1,990	7.1	1,865	6.30	349	23.02
Public administration	2,111	7.9	2,296	8.2	2,335	7.89	224	10.61

Appendix

Map I- Population Density- Sequim Dungeness Planning Region

Map II- Population Density- Port Angeles Planning Region

Map III- Population Density- Straits Planning Region

Map IV- Population Density- Western Planning Region