



Cowlitz County Demographics: 2020

County, Cities, & Unincorporated Areas*

Cowlitz County is home to **110,500** residents.

Castle Rock	2,446
Kalama	2,960
Kelso	12,720
Longview.....	37,818
Woodland (Cowlitz County portion).....	6,447
Unincorporated Cowlitz County	48,339

Age

The percentage of Cowlitz County’s population that is under age 18 is roughly the same as the state average. The county’s 18-49 year-old population is smaller, and its population age 50 and older is larger, than the state average.

0-4	5.8% (6,395)
5-11	9.0% (9,896)
12-17	7.7% (8,504)
18-34	18.0% (19,881)
35-49	17.1% (18,874)
50-64	20.8% (22,973)
65-79	16.7% (18,434)
80+	5.0% (5,543)

Income & Education

After accounting for age[&], the proportion of Cowlitz County residents living below the poverty level appears to be about 25% higher than the state average.

Adults age 25+ with a 4-year degree or higher	17%
Residents below the poverty level [#]	13%
Median household income.....	\$58,791

Gender

After accounting for age[&], the gender makeup of Cowlitz County is similar to the state average.

Males.....	49% (54,645)
Females	51% (55,855)

Selected Social Characteristics

After accounting for age[&], the proportion of Cowlitz County adults age 20 and older who are married appears to be about 5% lower than the state average.

Adults age 18+ who are civilian veterans	11%
Households with a broadband internet subscription.....	86%
Adults age 20+ who are currently married	54%

Race/ethnicity

After accounting for age[&], the proportion of Cowlitz County residents who are White appears to be about 20-25% higher than the state average.

White.....	82.4% (91,093)
Hispanic.....	9.8% (10,793)
Asian	1.8% (2,003)
Native American.....	1.4% (1,502)
Black	0.7% (790)
Pacific Islander	0.3% (366)
Two or more races	3.6% (3,953)

Residents age 5+ who speak a language other than English at home.....	6.6%
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Data Sources & Technical Notes

*City/unincorporated populations will not add up to the county total because they are from different data files.

#The poverty level depends on household size and was \$26,246 for a family of four (two parents and two children) in 2020. Source: Poverty Thresholds, US Census. Retrieved August 2022 from <https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/demo/income-poverty/historical-poverty-thresholds.html>.

&This figure takes into account the fact that Cowlitz County's population is older than the state average. We account for this because older residents are more likely to be female, more likely to be married, less likely to live in poverty, and more likely to be White, than younger residents.

Total County Population, Age Groups, Gender, and Race/Ethnicity

Washington State Office of Financial Management. Estimates of April 1, 2020 population by age, sex, race, and Hispanic origin. Retrieved January 2022 from <https://ofm.wa.gov/washington-data-research/population-demographics/population-estimates/estimates-april-1-population-age-sex-race-and-hispanic-origin>.

Note: Race groups exclude Hispanic ethnicity; all residents who identify as Hispanic are included in "Hispanic", regardless of race.

Cities/unincorporated

Washington State Office of Financial Management. Historical estimates of April 1, 2020 population and housing for the state, counties, and cities. Retrieved August 2022 from <https://ofm.wa.gov/washington-data-research/population-demographics/population-estimates/historical-estimates-april-1-population-and-housing-state-counties-and-cities>.

Income, education, language spoken at home, broadband internet, & veteran status

U.S. Census Bureau. American Community Survey, 2020 (5-year Estimates). Data Profiles for Cowlitz County, WA. Selected Social Characteristics (Table DP02). Retrieved August 2022 from <https://data.census.gov/cedsci/>.

Marriage

U.S. Census Bureau. American Community Survey, 2020 (5-year Estimates). Data Profiles for Cowlitz County, WA. Subject Tables: Marital Status (Table S1201). Retrieved August 2022 from <https://data.census.gov/cedsci/>.

Median income & poverty

U.S. Census Bureau. American Community Survey, 2020 (5-year Estimates). Data Profiles for Cowlitz County, WA. Selected Economic Characteristics (Table DP03). Retrieved August 2022 from <https://data.census.gov/cedsci/>.