

Economic Development Council of Mason County



Population – 2009

Mason County	56,800
Unincorporated	47,835
Shelton	8,965

Labor Force – 2009 (Office of Financial Management)

Labor Force	26,343
Employed	23,262
Unemployed	2,895
Unemployment Rate (workforceexplorer.com)	11%

Average Annual Wages – 2008 (Washington Prospector)

Overall Average Wage	\$31,994
Manufacturing	\$39,391
Transportation & Warehousing	\$34,826
Wholesale Trade	\$28,378
Retail Trade	\$24,675

Per Capita Income – 2007 (Bureau of Economic Analysis)

Mason County	\$28,883
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Major Local and State Tax

Mason County Retail Sales Tax	8.4%
State Business and Occupation Tax (tax on gross receipts; applies to most manufactures)	\$0.00484

Property Tax Rates average

Property Tax (assessed per \$1,000 value on property)	\$11.49
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Tax Facts

No corporate income tax
No personal income tax
No tax on interest, dividends, or capital gains
No inventory tax
No unitary tax

Top Private Employers Product / No. of employees

Little Creek Casino and Hotel	Tourism	720
Wal-Mart	Retail	365
Taylor Shellfish Inc.	Shellfish	325
Olympic Panel Products	Forest Products	255
Simpson Lumber Company	Lumber	210

Colleges and Universities	
Olympic College – Shelton	2 year community/technical college
WSU – extension	Limited 4 year program
Infrastructure	
Airports	Sanderson Field: general aviation
Highways	Highway 101, Highway 3
Rail	Rail America, Union Pacific
Trucking	17 trucking companies available
Utility Providers	
Electric Power	Public Utility Districts 1 & 3
Natural Gas	Cascade Natural Gas
Telecommunications & internet service providers	Hood Canal Communications, Qwest
Incentives	
Sales tax exemption on manufacturing equipment, B&O tax credit for new employees, sales tax exemption on new construction or renovation, R&D tax credits, industrial revenue bonds, and customized worker training grants.	
Lifestyle	
Annual Precipitation	63 inches
Median Home Cost (1 st Quarter 2009)	(WA Center for Real Estate Research) \$169,900
Hospitals	Mason General Hospital
Parks (city, county, state, & national)	13
Golf courses	5

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