

# Economic Development Council of Mason County



## Population – 2007

Mason County	54,600
Unincorporated	45,705
Shelton	8,895

## Labor Force – 2007

Labor Force	25,090
Employed	23,610
Unemployed	1,480
Unemployment Rate	5.9%

## Average Annual Wages – 2007

Overall Average Wage	\$29,696
Manufacturing	\$36,950
Transportation & Warehousing	\$32,006
Wholesale Trade	\$24,613
Retail Trade	\$23,135

## Per Capita Income – 2005

Mason County	\$26,645
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## Major Local and State Tax

Mason County Retail Sales Tax	8.3%
State Business and Occupation Tax (tax on gross receipts; applies to most manufactures)	\$0.00484

## Property Tax Rates average – 2004

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	696
Wal-Mart	Retail	420
Simpson Timber Company	Forest Products	400
Taylor Shellfish Inc.	Shellfish	400
Olympic Panel Products	Forest Products	360

<b>Colleges and Universities</b>	
Olympic College – Shelton	2 year community/technical college
WSU – extension	Limited 4 year program
<b>Infrastructure</b>	
Airports	Sanderson Field: general aviation
Highways	Highway 101, Highway 3
Rail	Rail America, Union Pacific
Trucking	17 trucking companies available
<b>Utility Providers</b>	
Electric Power	Public Utility Districts 1 & 3
Natural Gas	Cascade Natural Gas
Telecommunications & internet service providers	Hood Canal Communications, Qwest
<b>Incentives</b>	
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.	
<b>Lifestyle</b>	
Annual Precipitation	63 inches
Median Home Cost (2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2006)	\$190,000
Hospitals	Mason General Hospital
Parks (city, county, state, & national)	13
Golf courses	5

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