

CITY GOVERNMENT

Date of incorporation	December 2, 1869
Present charter adopted	March 12, 1946
Form: Mayor-Council (Nonpartisan)	

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Location:	
Between Puget Sound and Lake Washington	
125 nautical miles from Pacific Ocean	
110 miles south of Canadian border	
Altitude:	
Sea level to 521 feet	
Average elevation 10 feet	
Land Area (Square Miles)	83.1
Climate	
Temperature	
30-year average, mean annual	52.3
January 2003 average high	51.1
January 2003 average low	40.4
July 2003 average high	79.0
July 2003 average low	56.7
Rainfall	
30-year average, in inches	37.07
2003, in inches	41.27

ELECTIONS

Active registered voters	362,270
Percentage voted last general election	36.58
Total voted	132,513

CITY EMPLOYEES

General Government Administration (includes Judicial and Legal)	1,376
Public Safety	2,705
Utilities	2,949
Transportation	554
Housing and Human Services	311
Planning and Development	443
Cultural and Recreation	1,675
Total Employees	10,013

PENSION BENEFICIARIES

Employees' Retirement	4,876
Firemen's Pension	998
Police Pension	788

VITAL STATISTICS

Rates per thousand of residents	
Births (2002)	12.8
Deaths (2002)	8.3

FIRE PROTECTION

Personnel	
Uniformed	1,040
Other	70
Boats	2
Fire fighting apparatus	163
Stations	33
Fire loss - property	
Total City fire loss	\$22,433,417
Per capita	\$39.23
Training tower	1
Alarm center	1
Utility shop	1

LIBRARY (Municipal)

Personnel	
Full-time	301
Part-time	281
Central and branch libraries	24
Mobile units	4
Books, audio and video materials, newspapers, and magazines – circulated	
	5,804,388
Collection, print and non-print	2,004,718
Library cards in force	352,194

PARKS AND RECREATION

Personnel	
Full-time - permanent	798
Part-time - permanent	126
Temporary	1,040
Major parks	13
Open space acres acquired since 1989	630
Total acreage	6,036
Children's play areas	130
Neighborhood playgrounds	38
Community playfields	33
Community recreation centers	24
Visual and performing arts centers ^a	6
Theaters ^a	2
Community indoor swimming pools	8
Outdoor heated pool (one saltwater)	2
Boulevards	18
Golf courses (includes one pitch and putt)	5
Squares, plazas, triangles	62
Viewpoints	8
Bathing beaches (lifeguarded)	7
Park use permits issued	633
Facility use permits issued ^b	N/A
Picnic permits issued	2,921
Ball field usage (scheduled hours)	138,976
Weddings	160
Aquarium specimens on exhibit	14,577

^a Activities under contract with private nonprofit organizations.

^b Includes permits with fee waivers.

Statistics

BUILDING PERMITS

Year	Issued Permit Value	Number of Permits Issued
1994	\$621,237,548	5,019
1995	561,011,739	5,329
1996	664,854,251	5,409
1997	995,315,670	5,923
1998	1,159,231,667	6,756
1999	1,669,777,218	6,770
2000	1,612,566,932	6,510
2001	1,736,825,632	6,658
2002	1,282,588,182	6,728
2003	1,175,475,274	6683

MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC PLANT

Personnel (Full Time Equivalents)	1,625
Customers	365,445
Plant capacity (KW)	1,888,700
Maximum system load (KW)	1,645,998
Total system energy (1,000 KW) (firm load)	9,610,856

Operating Revenue and Meters by Year

Year	Operating Revenue	Meters
1994	\$335,113,006	347,114
1995	329,808,276	348,296
1996	356,670,693	350,088
1997	366,138,163	351,624
1998	363,913,130	354,721
1999	372,750,765	368,942
2000	505,628,699	372,329
2001	632,453,970	375,953
2002	698,617,249	379,257
2003	741,761,472	380,828

MUNICIPAL WATER PLANT & GROUND WATER

Sources: Cedar and Tolt Rivers and Highline Well Field	
Population served	1,330,327
Reservoirs, standpipes, tanks	38
Fire hydrants	18,356
Water mains	
Supply, in miles	181 Miles
Distribution, in miles	1,662 Miles
Billed water consumption, in gallons	
Daily average	130,670,298
Water storage, in gallons	506,570,000

Operating Revenue and Meters by Year

Year	Operating Revenue	Meters
1994	\$ 62,605,515	174,193
1995	65,400,593	174,672
1996	68,940,665	174,987
1997	71,956,360	175,698
1998	82,847,279	176,006
1999	86,254,799	177,122
2000	105,358,307	178,122
2001	105,345,318	179,330
2002	118,160,130	179,268
2003	129,561,327	180,149

MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE & WASTEWATER UTILITY

Established	April 1, 1956
Combined sewers, life-to-date, in miles	587
Sanitary sewers, life-to-date, in miles	908
Storm drains, life-to-date, in miles	461
Pumping stations	68

Operating Revenue by Year

Year	Operating Revenue
1994	\$102,044,080
1995	114,457,794
1996	121,151,483
1997	119,363,778
1998	120,706,449
1999	125,697,879
2000	130,816,605
2001	136,238,195
2002	144,485,761
2003	150,452,288

MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE UTILITY

Transfer stations	2
Residential can customers	91,317
Residential dumpsters customers	111,822
Commercial customers	8,710

Operating Revenue by Year, CAFR Basis

Year	Operating Revenue ^a
1994	\$ 69,846,474
1995	75,221,212
1996	77,349,623
1997	80,413,680
1998	81,451,385
1999	81,093,039
2000	85,257,112
2001	105,510,879
2002	112,089,944
2003	114,821,373

^a Separately issued financial statements of the Utility consider transfers in as operating revenues. CAFR statements do not.

POLICE PROTECTION

Personnel	
Sworn	1,224
Student Officers	3
Civilian	555
Stations (5 precincts)	5
Vehicles	
Patrol cars	252
Motorcycles	41
Scooters	63
Trucks, vans, minibuses	67
Automobiles	181
Patrol boats	7
Bicycles	126
Horses	9
Intake filings and citations	
Non-traffic criminal filings	10,502
Non-traffic infraction filings	17,350
Traffic	72,104
Parking	441,048
Jail	
County facilities	

POPULATION

Year	City of Seattle	Seattle Metropolitan Area ^{ab}
1910	237,194	N/A
1920	315,685	N/A
1930	365,583	N/A
1940	368,302	N/A
1950	467,591	844,572
1960	557,087	1,107,203
1970	530,831	1,424,611
1980	493,846	1,607,618
1990	516,259	1,972,947
2000	563,374	2,279,100
2001	568,100	2,376,900
2002	570,800	2,402,300
2003	571,900	2,416,800
King County		1,779,300
Percentage in Seattle		36%

^a Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management.

^b Based on population in King and Snohomish Counties.

STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND BRIDGES

Arterial streets	1,534 Miles
Non-arterial streets - paved	2,404 Miles
Non-arterial streets - unpaved	8 Miles
Sidewalks	1,953 Miles
Stairways	479
Length of stairways	33,683 Feet
Number of stairway treads	22,471
Street trees	
City maintained	34,000
Maintained by property owners	100,000
Total platted streets	1,666 Miles
Traffic signals	1,000
Parking meters	
Downtown ^c	7,136
Outlying	1,967
Bridges (movable)	
City-owned	4
City-operated	4
Bridges (fixed)	
City maintenance	85
Partial City maintenance	58
Retaining walls/seawalls	561

^c Includes Belltown, Central Business District, First Hill, International District, Pioneer Square, and the Waterfront.

PROPERTY TAXES

Assessed valuation (January 2003)	\$80,128,288,305
Tax levy (City)	\$251,590,502

EXAMPLE – PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS

Real value of property	\$335,000
Assessed value at	\$335,000

Property tax levied by:	Dollars per Thousand	Tax Due
City of Seattle	\$3.15990	\$1,058.57
Emergency medical services	.24143	80.88
State of Washington	2.89680	970.43
School District No. 1	2.39470	802.22
King County	1.34948	452.08
Port of Seattle	.25895	86.75
Totals	\$10.30126	\$3,450.93

PUBLIC EDUCATION (2002-03 School Year)

Enrollment (October 1)	46,730
Teachers and other certified employees (October 1)	3,337
School programs	
Regular elementary programs	62
Regular middle school programs	10
Regular high school programs	10
Other school programs	28
Total number of school programs	110

PORT OF SEATTLE

Bonded indebtedness

General obligation bonds	\$217,285,000
Utility revenue bonds	2,272,015,000
PFC bonds	250,940,000
Commercial Paper	105,050,000

Waterfront (mileage)

Salt water	13.4
Fresh water	0.7

Value of land facilities

Waterfront	\$1,759,061,526
Sea-Tac International Airport	2,865,196,245

Marine Container Facilities/Capacities

3 container terminals with 10 berths covering 448 acres
 1.486 million TEU's (20-ft. equivalent unit containers)
 1 grain facility, 4 general cargo facilities

Sea-Tac International Airport

Scheduled passenger airlines	26
Cargo airlines	11
Charter airlines	2
Loading bridges	64