

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, fahrenheit	
30-year average, mean annual	52.4
January 2004 average high	44.8
January 2004 average low	35.7
July 2004 average high	78.3
July 2004 average low	58.0
Rainfall	
30-year average, in inches	36.35
2004, in inches	31.55

ELECTIONS (November 2)

Active registered voters	387,479
Percentage voted last general election	82.42
Total voted	319,373

CITY EMPLOYEES

General Government Administration (includes Judicial and Legal)	1,512
Public Safety	2,820
Utilities	2,956
Transportation	569
Housing and Human Services	358
Planning and Development	464
Cultural and Recreation	1,923
Total Employees	10,602

PENSION BENEFICIARIES

Employees' Retirement	4,927
Firemen's Pension	972
Police Pension	772

VITAL STATISTICS

Rates per thousand of residents	
Births (2003)	12.7
Deaths (2003)	8.0

FIRE PROTECTION

Personnel	
Uniformed	1,046
Other	72
Boats	2
Fire fighting apparatus	163
Stations	33
Fire loss - property	
Total City fire loss	\$45,790,140
Per capita	\$80.07
Training tower	1
Alarm center	1
Utility shop	1

LIBRARY (Municipal)

Personnel	
Full-time	320
Part-time	311
Central and branch libraries	24
Mobile units	4
Books, audio and video materials, newspapers, and magazines – circulated	6,575,866
Collection, print and non-print	1,889,599
Library cards in force	386,127

PARKS AND RECREATION

Personnel	
Full-time - permanent	793
Part-time - permanent	167
Temporary	901
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	25
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	658
Facility use permits issued ^b	N/A
Picnic permits issued	3,028
Ball field usage (scheduled hours)	147,482
Weddings	165
Aquarium specimens on exhibit	14,577

^a Activities under contract with private nonprofit organizations.

^b Includes permits with fee waivers.

BUILDING PERMITS

Year	Issued Permit Value	Number of Permits Issued
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	6,683
2004	1,597,349,890	7,209

MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC PLANT

Personnel (Full Time Equivalents)	1,593
Customers	372,818
Plant capacity (KW)	1,888,700
Maximum system load (KW)	1,798,926
Total system energy (1,000 KW) (firm load)	9,560,928

Operating Revenue and Meters by Year

Year	Operating Revenue	Meters
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	709,330,438	379,257
2003	741,761,472	380,828
2004	777,918,589	383,883

MUNICIPAL WATER PLANT & GROUND WATER

Sources: Cedar and Tolt Rivers and Highline Well Field	
Population served	1,348,200
Reservoirs, standpipes, tanks	38
Fire hydrants	18,762
Water mains	
Supply, in miles	181 Miles
Distribution, in miles	1,657 Miles
Billed water consumption, in gallons	
Daily average	127,725,423
Water storage, in gallons	494,080,000

Operating Revenue and Meters by Year

Year	Operating Revenue	Meters
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
2004	141,313,235	181,038

MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE & WASTEWATER UTILITY

Established	April 1, 1956
Combined sewers, life-to-date, in miles	972
Sanitary sewers, life-to-date, in miles	451
Storm drains, life-to-date, in miles	467
Pumping stations	68

Operating Revenue by Year

Year	Operating Revenue
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
2004	161,022,070

MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE UTILITY

Transfer stations	2
Residential can customers	163,977
Residential dumpsters customers	155,581
Commercial customers	8,618

Operating Revenue by Year, CAFR Basis

Year	Operating Revenue ^a
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
2004	115,143,857

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

POLICE PROTECTION

Personnel	
Sworn	1,183
Student Officers	59
Civilian	477
Stations (5 precincts)	5
Vehicles	
Patrol cars	252
Motorcycles	48
Scooters	58
Trucks, vans, minibuses	69
Automobiles	187
Patrol boats	7
Bicycles	126
Horses	9
Intake filings and citations	
Non-traffic criminal filings	10,704
Non-traffic infraction filings	6,715
Traffic	56,556
Parking	505,790
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
2004	572,600	2,433,100
King County		1,788,300
Percentage in Seattle		32%

^a Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management.

^b Based on population in King and Snohomish Counties.

PROPERTY TAXES

Assessed valuation (January 2004)	\$83,938,095,638
Tax levy (City)	\$280,335,406

EXAMPLE – PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS

Property tax levied by:	Dollars per Thousand	Tax Due
City of Seattle	\$3.35967	\$1,165.81
Emergency medical services	.23717	82.30
State of Washington	2.75678	956.60
School District No. 1	2.36021	818.99
King County	1.43146	496.72
Port of Seattle	.25402	88.14
Totals	<u>\$10.39931</u>	<u>\$3,608.56</u>

PUBLIC EDUCATION (2003-04 School Year)

Enrollment (October 1)	46,416
Teachers and other certified employees (October 1)	3,410
School programs	
Regular elementary programs	62
Regular middle school programs	10
Regular high school programs	10
Other school programs	19
Total number of school programs	101

STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND BRIDGES

Arterial streets	1,534 Miles
Non-arterial streets - paved	2,404 Miles
Non-arterial streets - unpaved	8 Miles
Sidewalks	1,954 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	4,298
Outlying	1,967
Parking Pay Stations - Downtown	500
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.

PORT OF SEATTLE

Bonded indebtedness

General obligation bonds	\$ 397,285,000
Utility revenue bonds	2,199,900,000
PFC bonds	243,475,000
Commercial Paper	47,705,000

Waterfront (mileage)

Salt water	13.4
Fresh water	0.7

Value of land facilities

Waterfront	\$1,751,007,430
Sea-Tac International Airport	3,354,494,250

Marine Container Facilities/Capacities

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

Sea-Tac International Airport

Scheduled passenger airlines	24
Cargo airlines	5
Charter airlines	1
Loading bridges	72

