

NORTH RAINIER HUB URBAN VILLAGE

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Highlights of existing neighborhood plan and statistics

NORTH RAINIER NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

Vision

"Entering the North Rainier Valley we are impressed by the neat, well-maintained, well-landscaped main thoroughfares that accommodate all major



Cheasty Boulevard, Source: Seattle Parks

modes of transportation. We are an interweaving of people of various backgrounds who live and work in a culturally and economically diverse area which maintains its ethnic roots. Business, light industrial, and high-tech job opportunities provide welcome employment for the Puget Sound region."

Key Strategies

- **Town Center** – Capitalize on the investment in light rail to focus growth in a "Town Center" at the intersection of Rainier Ave. S and MLK Jr. Way S.
- **New Housing** – Create multifamily, single family, and mixed-use housing, in clean, safe neighborhoods affordable to a broad range of people.
- **Encouraging Pedestrians and Bicyclists** – Create a "Main Street-style" pedestrian districts and concentrations of small commercial storefronts.
- **Rainier & MLK Streetscapes** – Improve these major north-south arterials to become more friendly to transit, bicyclists, and pedestrians.
- **Reclaiming North Rainier's Olmsted Parks & Boulevards** – Create continuity and connection between Mount Baker and Cheasty Boulevards linking the uplands of Beacon Hill to Lake Washington.
- **Community Service Node – North Rainier is home to several community services.** There users need easy access to transit; access at the street in order to reach commercial shopping destinations; and nearby opportunities for employment and affordable housing.
- **Charlestown to Genesee** – Because of the potential changes to the Charlestown to Genesee corridor along Rainier Ave. S the plan identifies recommendations for land use, zoning, and capital facilities.

* From North Rainier Neighborhood Plan February, 1999

Community Investment

In preparation for the significant public investment of Link Light Rail, Station Area Planning conducted between 1999 and 2001 implemented numerous neighborhood plan recommendations concerning station design, street improvements, zoning and transit connections. Recent community investments include: the Asian Counseling and Referral Services; the Eritrean Association of Greater Seattle; and Northwest African American Museum.

The Pro Parks Levy funded a number of projects including: renovations to the Amy Yee Tennis Center; a new community building at Bradner Gardens Park; new paths and drainage on Cheasty Boulevard; improvements to Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park; and development of the new York Park and Jimi Hendrix Park.

There have been numerous transportation infrastructure improvement projects in the N. Rainier planning area. Sound Transit rebuilt MLK Jr. Way S. The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT), in partnership with Sound Transit, committed to making improvements in the vicinity of the Mt. Baker Link light rail station area including: installation of a pedestrian signal and crosswalk at the Rainier Ave S/MLK Jr. Way S intersection (north leg of Rainier Ave S); roadway improvements to S Winthrop St, and accessible pedestrian signals at two intersections. SDOT has also implemented many neighborhood plan transportation improvements including: building new sidewalks, repairing sidewalks adjacent to Lighthouse for the Blind and Center House, Rainier Ave S asphalt resurfacing, and reconfiguration of skewed intersections.

The Mount Baker Link Light Rail Station opens July, 2009. It will provide an elevated station with side platforms. A Metro bus transit facility on the east side of Rainier Avenue South, south of South McClellan Street will facilitate transfers. Sound Transit projects 3,500 daily boardings by 2020. The anticipated travel times are:

- To Westlake Station - 14 minutes
- To Columbia City Station - Four minutes
- To Tukwila International Blvd. Station - 19 minutes

SDOT has completed the Southeast Transportation Study (SETS), which serves as the blueprint for programming transportation improvements in SE Seattle. SDOT is also working with community members to design and install new on-street parking regulations around Link light rail stations. These plans are designed to prevent commuters from "hide-and-ride" parking in the neighborhood streets once light rail service begins.



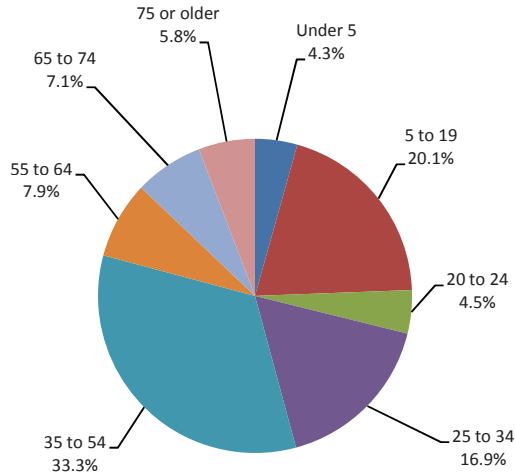
Mt. Baker Station, Source: Sound Transit

DEMOGRAPHIC SUMMARY

Source: 2000 Census

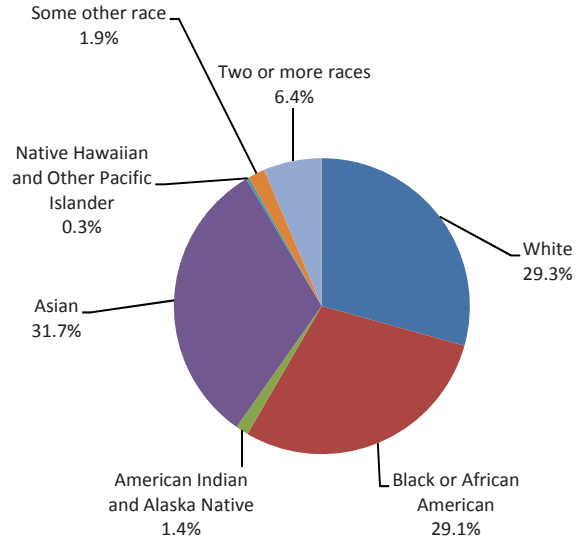
Population	1990*	2000	2007**
*1990 Village Boundary is slightly smaller ** Estimate	3,919	4,243	4,633

Age



Children (<8): 22.8% of pop.
Seniors (65+): 12.9% of pop.

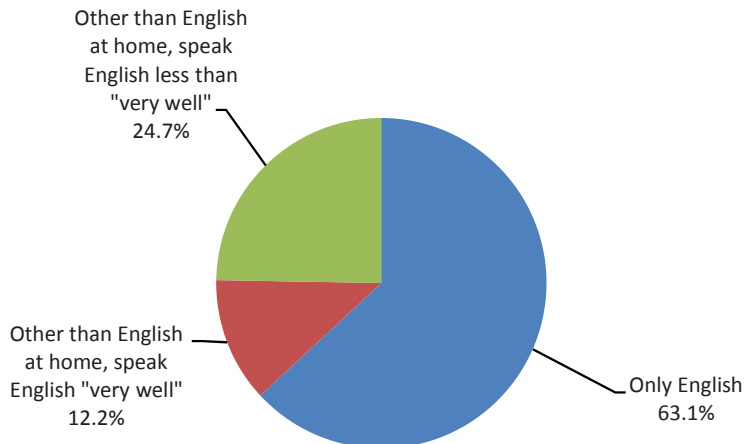
Race



Hispanic/Latino Ethnicity (of any race): 3.2%

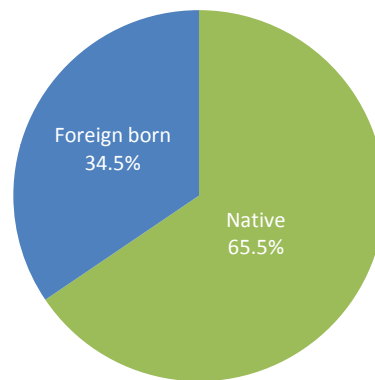
Language Spoken at Home

for population 5 years and over



Total speaking language other than English at home: 36.9%

Place of Birth



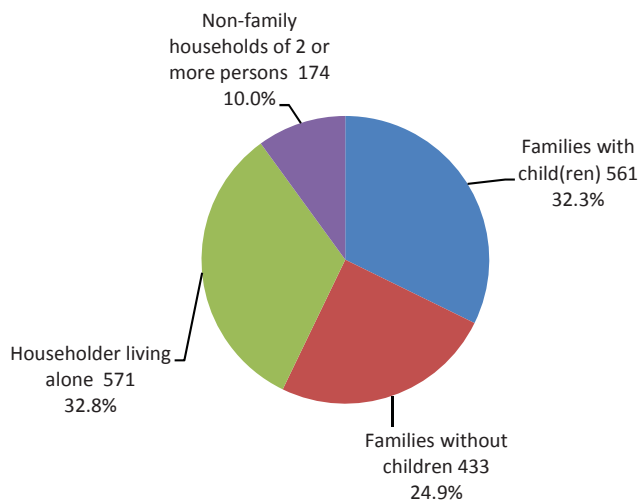
Entered U.S. within prior 10 years are:
-59% of foreign born
-20.3% of total population

*Note: Native includes born in U.S., Puerto Rico and other U.S. island areas, and born abroad to American parent

HOUSING & EMPLOYMENT

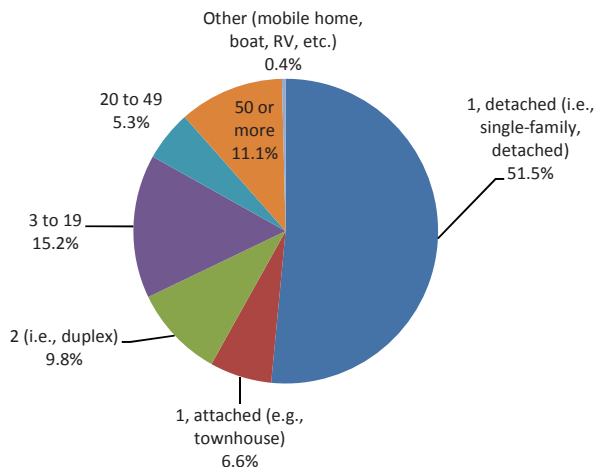
Source: 2000 Census and Washington State Employment Security Department

Types of Household



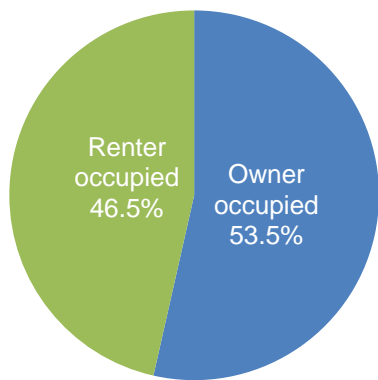
Number of Units in Structure

for all housing units

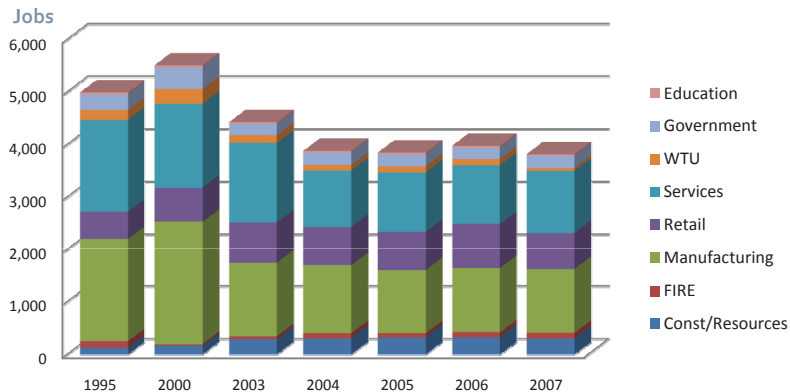


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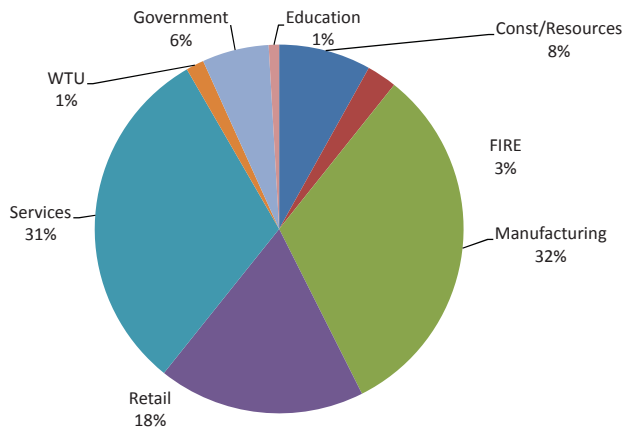
for all occupied housing units



Employment 1995-2007

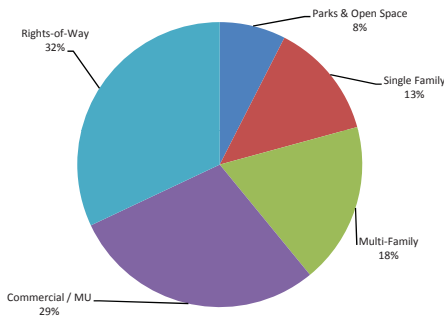


2007 Employment

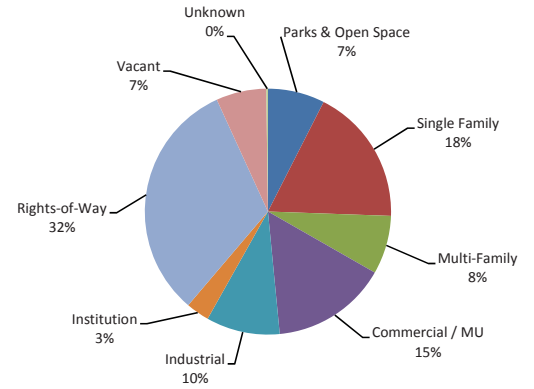


LAND USE & ZONING

Zoned Land Use 2009



Existing Land Use 2009



Built Units (Net)

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Total 2000-2008
Single Family/Duplex	3	7	3	7	2	-2	3	21	1	45
Accessory Dwelling Unit	1				1			1		3
Multi-Family	8	3	3	4	4	7	1		25	55
Mixed-Use					208	178	-3		33	416
Total	12	10	6	11	215	183	1	22	59	519

Comprehensive Plan 20 Year Growth Targets

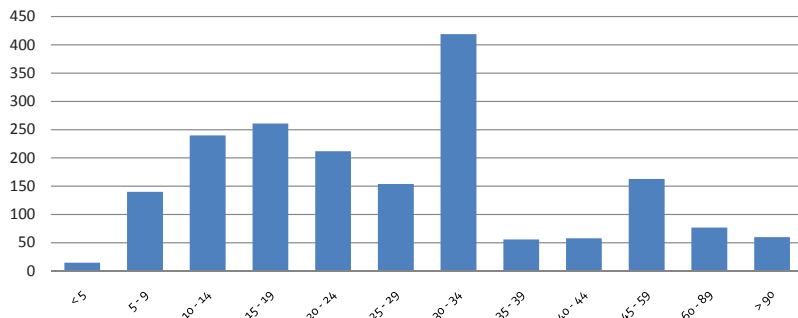
North Rainier Source: 2004 Comprehensive Plan	Land Area in Acres	Households (HH)			
		Existing 2004	Existing Density (HH/Ac)	Growth Target 2024	2024 Density (Est.)
	453	1,590	4	900	5

Development Capacity as of 2007

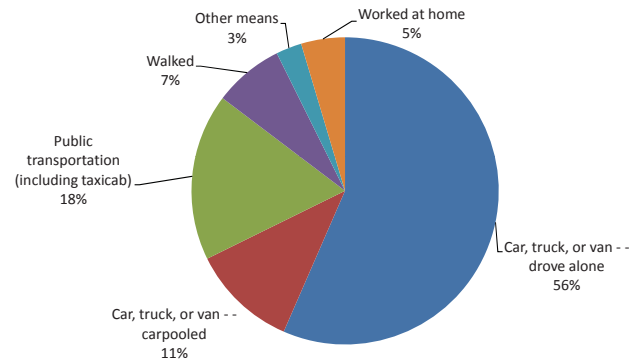
Housing Units	4,439
Commercial Square Feet	2,259,725
Jobs	7,532

TRANSPORTATION

Travel Time To Work



Commuting to Work



Web Access

If you have access to the internet, you may visit the following sites for more information:

- **Neighborhood Plan Updates** www.seattle.gov/dpd/Planning/Neighborhood_Planning/Overview/
- **Seattle Census Data** www.seattle.gov/dpd/Research/Population_Demographics/Census_2000_Data/
- **City of Seattle Comprehensive Plan** www.seattle.gov/dpd/Planning/Seattle_s_Comprehensive_Plan/Overview/