

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	52.4
January 2005 average high	47.4
January 2005 average low	36.8
July 2005 average high	75.3
July 2005 average low	55.8
Rainfall	
30-year average, in inches	36.35
2005, in inches	35.44

ELECTIONS (November 8)

Active registered voters	349,835
Percentage voted last general election	55.47
Total voted	194,061

CITY EMPLOYEES

General Government Administration (includes Judicial and Legal)	1,517
Public Safety	2,835
Utilities	2,947
Transportation	591
Housing and Human Services	345
Planning and Development	488
Cultural and Recreation	1,984
Total Employees	10,707

PENSION BENEFICIARIES

Employees' Retirement	5,011
Firemen's Pension	953
Police Pension	780

VITAL STATISTICS

Rates per thousand of residents	
Births (2004)	12.6
Deaths (2004)	7.6

FIRE PROTECTION

Personnel	
Uniformed	1,051
Other	76
Boats	2
Fire fighting apparatus	163
Stations	33
Fire loss - property	
Total City fire loss	\$16,657,222
Per capita	\$29.13
Training tower	1
Alarm center	1
Utility shop	1

LIBRARY (Municipal)

Personnel	
Full-time	324
Part-time	317
Central and branch libraries	24
Mobile units	4
Books, audio and video materials, newspapers, and magazines – circulated	7,449,761
Collection, print and non-print	2,173,903
Library cards in force	454,990

PARKS AND RECREATION

Personnel	
Full-time - permanent	750
Part-time - permanent	187
Temporary	882
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)	9
Park use permits issued	649
Facility use permits issued ^b	N/A
Picnic permits issued	3,273
Ball field usage (scheduled hours)	142,360
Weddings	197
Aquarium specimens on exhibit	14,600

^a Activities under contract with private nonprofit organizations.

^b Includes permits with fee waivers.

Statistical Data

BUILDING PERMITS

Year	Issued Permit Value	Number of Permits Issued
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
2005	1,682,031,014	7,178

MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC PLANT

Personnel (Full Time Equivalents)	1,560
Customers	375,869
Plant capacity (KW)	1,888,700
Maximum system load (KW)	1,714,080
Total system energy (1,000 KW) (firm load)	9,703,046

Operating Revenue and Meters by Year

Year	Operating Revenue	Meters
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
2005	748,552,561	387,032

MUNICIPAL WATER PLANT & GROUND WATER

Sources: Cedar and Tolt Rivers and Highline Well Field	
Population served	1,350,346
Reservoirs, standpipes, tanks	38
Fire hydrants	18,475
Water mains	
Supply, in miles	181 Miles
Distribution, in miles	1,644 Miles
Billed water consumption, in gallons	
Daily average	118,854,138
Water storage, in gallons	494,080,000

Operating Revenue and Meters by Year

Year	Operating Revenue	Meters
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
2005	146,118,856	182,037

MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE & WASTEWATER UTILITY

Established	April 1, 1956
Combined sewers, life-to-date, in miles	968
Sanitary sewers, life-to-date, in miles	464
Storm drains, life-to-date, in miles	474
Pumping stations	68

Operating Revenue by Year

Year	Operating Revenue
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	150,721,637
2004	162,117,805
2005	176,482,071

MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE UTILITY

Transfer stations	2
Residential garbage customers	165,561
Residential dumpsters customers	115,838
Commercial garbage customers	8,697

Operating Revenue by Year, CAFR Basis

Year	Operating Revenue ^a
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	111,738,282
2004	112,167,705
2005	111,230,835

^a Beginning in 2003 the Utility reports state refuse and sales taxes as a payable rather than addition to operating revenue.

POLICE PROTECTION

Personnel	
Sworn	1,192
Student Officers	87
Civilian	481
Stations (5 precincts)	5
Vehicles	
Patrol cars	252
Motorcycles	48
Scooters	55
Trucks, vans, minibuses	79
Automobiles	189
Patrol boats	9
Bicycles	137
Horses	8
Municipal Court filings and citations	
Non-traffic criminal filings	12,098
Criminal traffic filings	2,098
DUI filings	1,437
Non-traffic infraction filings	7,416
Traffic infractions	59,120
Parking infractions	438,303
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
2005	573,000	2,464,100
King County		1,808,300
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 2005)	\$88,278,105,726
Tax levy (City)	\$294,371,932

EXAMPLE – PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS

Real value of property	\$368,700
Assessed value at	\$368,700

Property tax levied by:	Dollars per Thousand	Tax Due
City of Seattle	\$3.35344	\$1,236.41
Emergency medical services	.23182	85.47
State of Washington	2.68951	991.62
School District No. 1	2.30181	848.68
King County	1.38229	509.65
Port of Seattle	.25321	93.36
Totals	<u>\$10.21208</u>	<u>\$3,765.19</u>

PUBLIC EDUCATION (2004-05 School Year)

Enrollment (October 1)	46,200
Teachers and other certified employees (October 1)	3,305
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 and unpaved	2,412 Miles
Sidewalks	1,956 Miles
Stairways	482
Length of stairways	34,643 Feet
Number of stairway treads	23,211
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	2,819
Outlying	904
Parking Pay Stations - Downtown	758
Parking Pay Stations - Outlying	318
Bridges (movable) – City-owned and -operated	4
Bridges (fixed)	
City maintenance	84
Partial City maintenance	61
Retaining walls/seawalls	582

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

PORT OF SEATTLE

Bonded Indebtedness

General obligation bonds	\$ 380,225,000
Utility revenue bonds	2,475,545,000
PFC bonds	235,635,000
Commercial Paper	70,210,000

Waterfront (mileage)

Salt water	13.4
Fresh water	0.7

Value of Land Facilities

Waterfront	\$1,714,740,176
Sea-Tac International Airport	\$3,851,013,525

Marine Container Facilities/Capacities

4 container terminals with 10 berths covering 501 acres
 2.088 million TEU's (20-ft. equivalent unit containers)
 1 grain facility, 1 general cargo facility, 1 barge terminal
 2 cruise terminals

Sea-Tac International Airport

Scheduled passenger airlines	27
Cargo airlines	8
Charter airlines	5
Loading bridges	72

