

# Clark County, Washington



Clark County is located in the southwest area of Washington state. Clark County borders Oregon on both the south and west sides, Cowlitz County to the north, and Skamania County to the east.

The area was part of a large tract of western land first known in 1844 as "Vancouver District." In 1849, Clark County was formed, named in honor of explorer William Clark of the famous Lewis and Clark Expedition.<sup>1</sup> Clark County was one of the first two counties in what would later become Washington State.

## 2014 Population

Clark is the 5<sup>th</sup> most populous county in the state, with a 2014 population of 442,800. From 2000 to 2010, the county's population grew by 80,125 people, or 23%. This was the second-fastest rate of growth in the state.<sup>2</sup>

In 2014, just over half of the Clark County population (53%) lived in incorporated cities. The 4 largest were:<sup>2</sup>

- Vancouver, county seat: 167,400
- Camas: 20,880
- Battle Ground: 18,680
- Washougal: 14,910

## Education

In 2013, the majority of Clark County residents over age 25, or 92%, had graduated from high school. Over one-fourth (27%) of residents had obtained at least a bachelor's degree.<sup>3</sup>

## Income

The median annual household income in 2013 in Clark County was \$57,588.<sup>4</sup>

## Poverty

In 2013, 15% of families with children in Clark County were below the Federal Poverty Level.<sup>4</sup> The Federal Poverty Level for a family of four in 2013 was \$23,550.<sup>5</sup>

## Race/Ethnicity

Clark County's racial/ethnic demographics for 2013 were:<sup>6</sup>

• White*:	85%	(375,289)
• Hispanic:	8%	(37,171)
• Asian*:	4%	(18,171)
• Two or more races*:	4%	(18,585)
• Black*:	2%	(10,319)
• Amer. Indian/Alaska Native*:	1%	(3,847)
• Pacific Islander*:	1%	(2,945)
• Other*:	3%	(14,661)

\*Race groups are non-Hispanic.

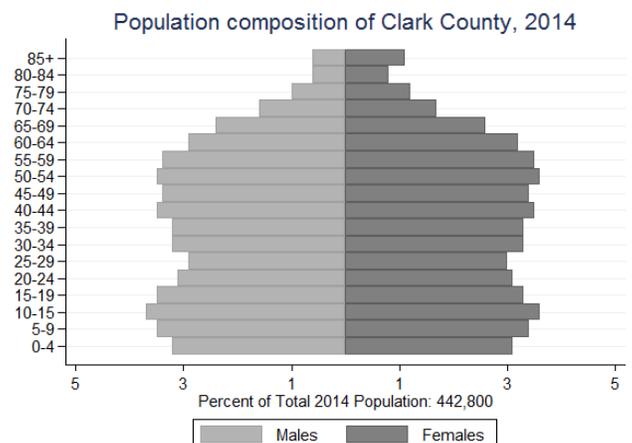
## Language Spoken at Home

In 2013, 86% (355,654) of residents over age 5 spoke English at home. Fourteen percent (59,460) spoke a language other than English at home. Forty-one percent of the people who spoke a language other than English at home speak English *less than* "very well" (24,151) The languages spoken by these people were:<sup>3</sup>

• Indo-European: <sup>7</sup>	8,143	• Spanish:	9,429
• Asian/Pacific Islander:	6,338	• Other:	241

## Age/Sex Characteristics

The median age of Clark County residents in 2014 was 38.1 years. The percent of the Clark County population broken down by age group and gender can be seen below.<sup>8</sup>



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