

Jefferson County Demographics

A Profile of the Community that We Live In

Jefferson County is a county located in the U.S. state of Washington, named after Thomas Jefferson. As of the 2010 census, the **population is 29,924**. The county seat is at Port Townsend, which is also the county's only incorporated city.

Jefferson County was formed out of Thurston County on December 22, 1852, by the legislature of Oregon Territory, and included the northern 4,854 square miles (12,571.8 km²) portion

of the Olympic Peninsula. On April 26, 1854, the legislature of Washington Territory created Clallam County from the northwestern 2,670 square miles (6,915.3 km²) portion of this original area.

The Hood Canal Bridge connects Jefferson County to Kitsap County, Washington. The Keystone-Port

Townsend route of the Washington State Ferries connects the county to Whidbey Island in Island County, Washington.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the county has a total area of 2,184 square miles (5,656.5 km²), of which 1,814 square miles (4,698.2 km²) is land and 369 square miles (955.7 km²) (16.91%) is water.

The county is split in three parts by its landforms:

- 1) Eastern Jefferson County along the Strait of Juan de Fuca, Admiralty Inlet, and Puget Sound
- 2) Central Jefferson County, which is uninhabited and lies in the Olympic Mountains within Olympic National Park and Olympic National Forest
- 3) Western Jefferson County, along the Pacific Ocean.

Because of the mountainous barrier,

there is no road lying entirely within Jefferson County that connects the eastern and western parts. The mountains also block the damp Chinook winds, which make the climate much more wet in the West than in the Eastern "banana belt."

CENSUS-RECOGNIZED COMMUNITIES

Brinnon, Marrowstone, Port Hadlock-Irondale, Port Ludlow, Port Townsend, Quilcene

OTHER COMMUNITIES

Adelma Beach, Beckett Point, Cape George, Center, Chimacum, Clearwater, Coyle, Crocker Lake, Dabob, Discovery Bay, East Quilcene, Fort Flagler, Fort Worden, Gardiner, Glen Cove, Indian Island, Kala Point, Kalaloch, Leland, Mats Mats, Mount Walker, Oak Bay, Queets, Shine.

RACIAL MAKEUP

- White Non-Hispanic Alone (90.3%)
- Two or more races (3.0%)
- Hispanic or Latino (2.7%)
- American Indian and Alaska Native alone (1.9%)
- Asian alone (1.1%)
- Black Non-Hispanic Alone (0.6%)

FIRE SERVICES

Number of Districts: 6

INDUSTRIES PROVIDING EMPLOYMENT:

- Educational, health and social services (18.3%),
- Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services (12.7%)
- Retail trade (11.3%)
- Construction (10.5%)
- Manufacturing (10.4%).

JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

- Number of schools 13
- Elementary schools 6
- Middle Schools 1
- High Schools 3
- Number of schools districts 5
- Total number of students 2,836

TYPE OF WORKERS:

- Private wage or salary: 64%
- Government: 19%
- Self-employed, not incorporated: 16%
- Unpaid family work: 1%



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