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Clark County Community Needs Assessment

Introduction

This needs assessment identifies opportunities and challenges for the Community Action Advisory Board (CAAB), government agencies, and community agencies to improve the quality of life in Clark County. It is our hope that the report will be used to help guide the efforts of the many excellent and effective programs and services currently provided in our community. It may additionally support new work in areas of high need.

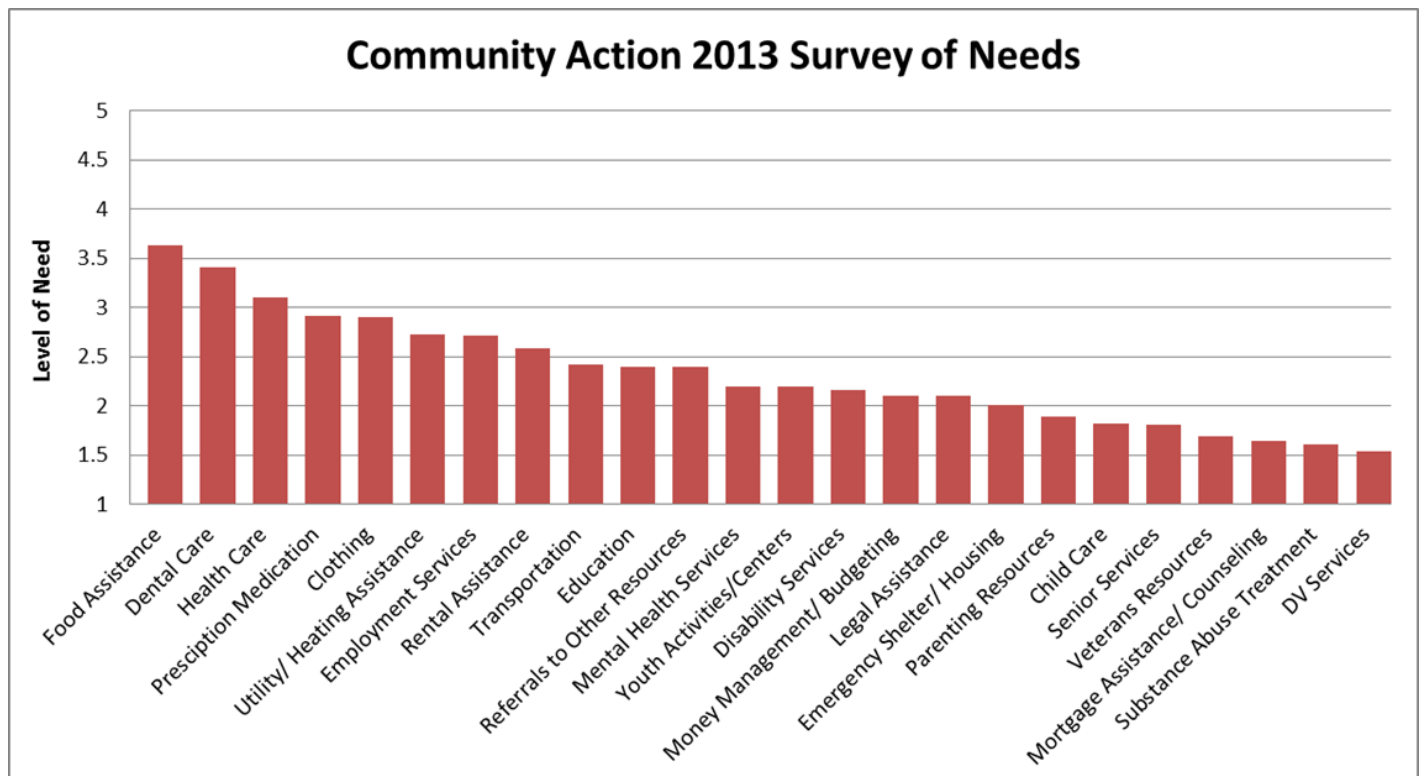
This needs assessment may be used in conjunction with the:

- Clark County 10 Year Homeless Plan
- Aging Task Force Plan
- Clark County Poverty Report

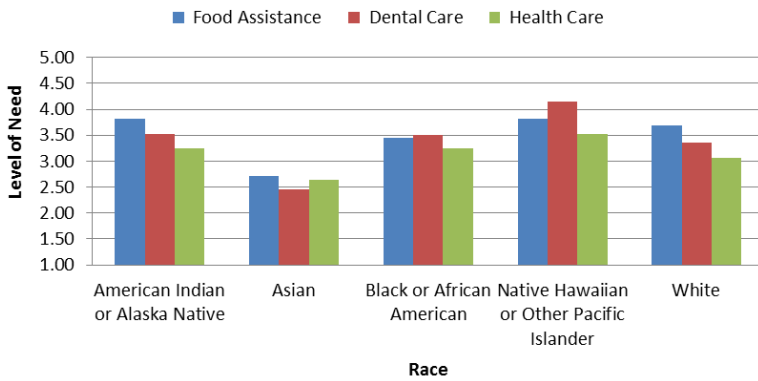
Community Action 2013 Survey of Needs

Every three years, Community Action agencies in Washington must perform a community survey of needs to identify gaps in services. The Clark County survey was conducted from June through August, 2013. Over 30 diverse local agencies participated in the outreach effort, leading to over 800 respondents.

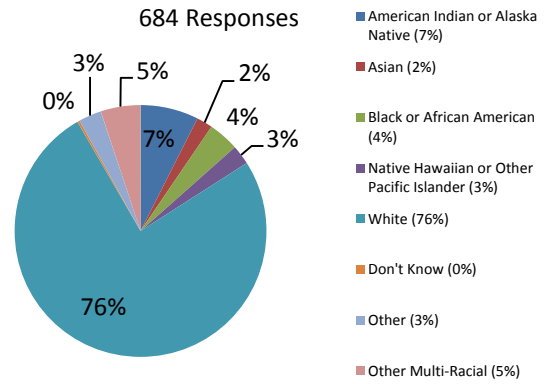
Households were asked to rank their need in 25 categories. Five represents the highest level of need and zero represents no need. Food assistance, dental care and health care were identified as the highest level of need through the survey. The same three top needs were identified in the 2010 survey of needs, in the same order of importance.



Top 3 Needs by Race

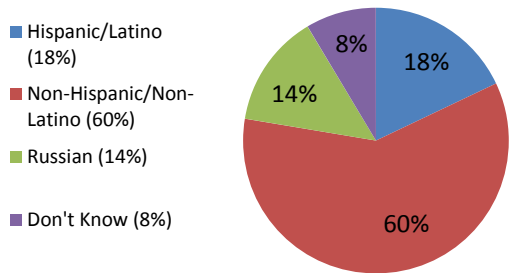


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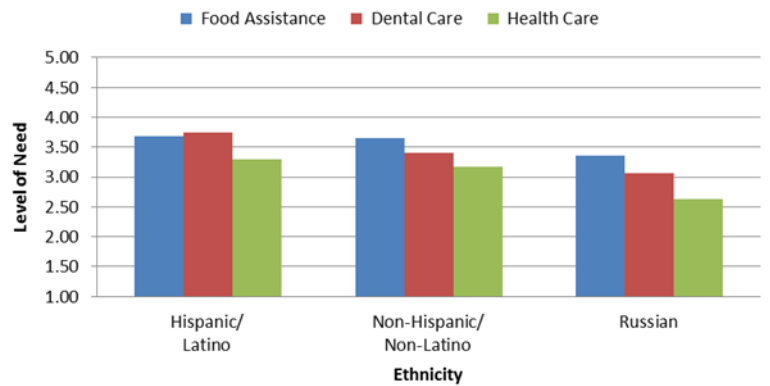


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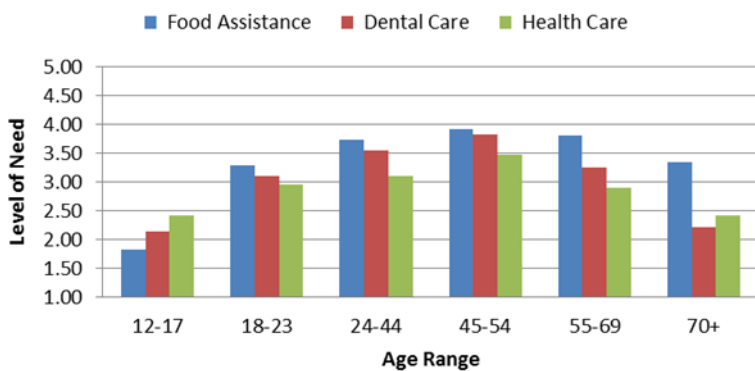
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Top 3 Needs by Ethnicity

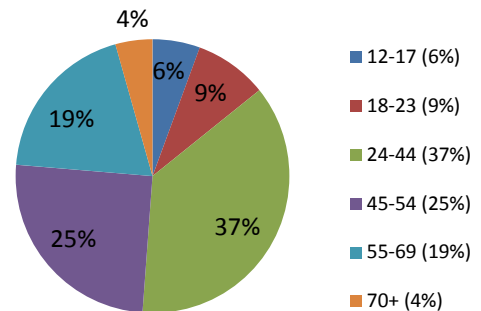


Top 3 Needs by Age Range

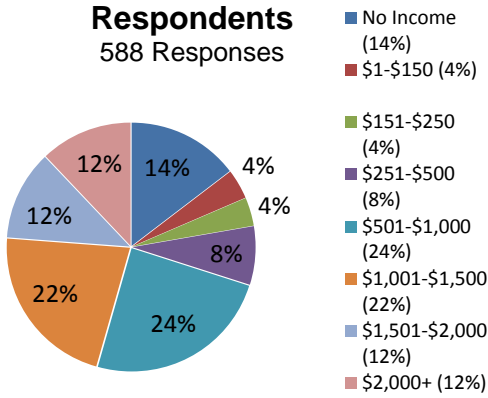


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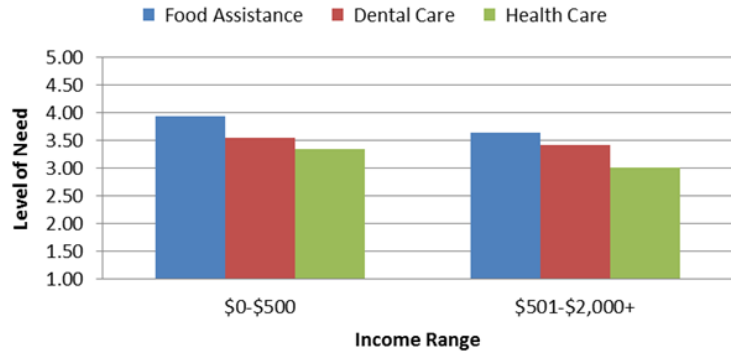
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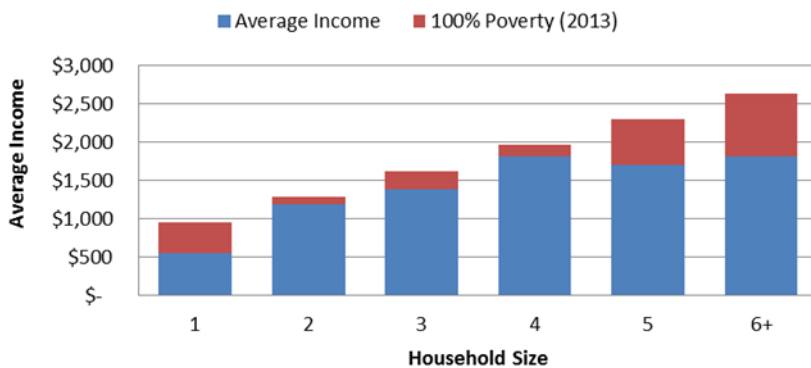
Income Range of Respondents 588 Responses



Top 3 Needs by Income Range



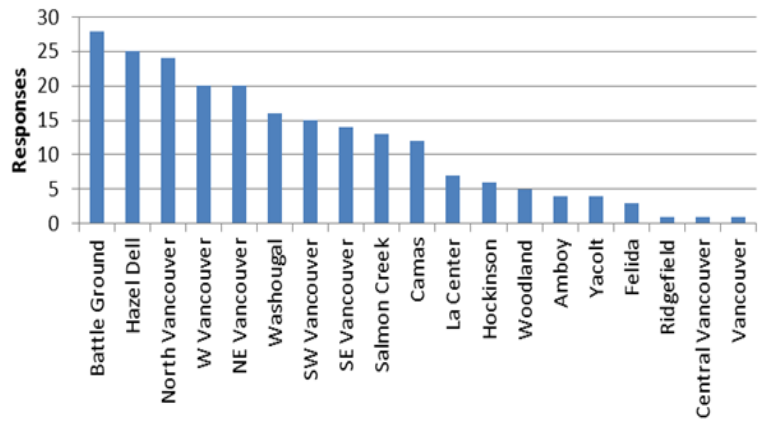
Average Income by Household Size



Average income of all income category respondents = \$1,220.10 per month

Amboy	98601	Ridgefield	98642
Battle Ground	98604	Salmon Creek	98686
Camas	98607	SE Vancouver	98683
Central Vancouver	98684	SW Vancouver	98661
Felida	98685	Vancouver	98663
Hazel Dell	98665	W Vancouver	98660
Hockinson	98606	Washougal	98671
La Center	98629	Woodland	98674
NE Vancouver	98682	Yacolt	98675
Northern Vancouver	98662		

High Food Need by Location





Information and Referral Needs

The local information and referral hotline, 211 info provides an annual summary of the top 10 needs callers identify.

Top 10 Requests for Clark County Referrals Calls to 211 info

	Issue	June 2011 – July 2012	June 2012 – July 2013
1	Rent assistance	1,060	996
2	Energy Assistance	729	726
3	Housing/Shelters	552	543
4	Holiday Assistance	457	420
5	SNAP/Public Assistance	404	340
6	Food Banks	375	361
7	Health Clinics	255	275
8	Dental Care	219	307

From June 2012-July 2013, there were 746 instances where a 211 info referral was not available for the caller's requested need.

Top needs where a referral was not available.

Rent and rental deposit assistance.....	139
Holiday programs.....	75
Electricity assistance.....	69
Shelter.....	40
Gas money.....	13

Community Needs Census Data

This section of the Community Needs Assessment presents an overview of the current community conditions for Clark County, Washington (see map below).



Population Profile

Population Profile: Population Change

Population change within the 1 county report area from 2000-2010 is shown in Table 1. During the ten-year period, U.S. Census population counts for the report area grew by 23.21%, increasing from 345,238 persons in 2000 to 425,363 persons in 2010.

Table 1. Population Change, 2000 - 2010

Geographic Area	Census 2000 Population	Census 2010 Population	Population Change	% Change
Clark County, Washington	345,238	425,363	80,125	23.21
Report Area	345,238	425,363	80,125	23.21
Washington	5,894,143	6,724,540	830,397	14.09
United States	281,424,602	312,471,327	31,046,725	11.03

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, Census 2010. Release Date: February 2011](#)

Population Profile: Age and Gender Demographics

Population by gender within the 1 county report area is shown in Table 2. According to the 2010 U.S. Census population counts for the report area, the female population made up 50.64% of the report area, while the male population represented 49.36%.

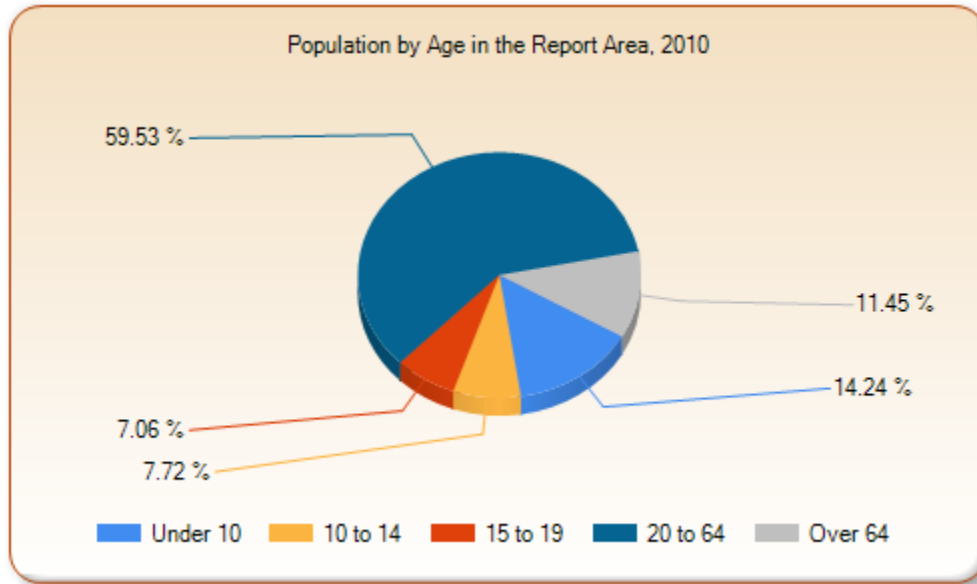


Table 2. Population By Gender, 2010

Geographic Area	0 to 4		5 to 9		10 to 14		15 to 19		20 to 64		65 and Over	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Clark County, Washington	15,047	14,382	15,990	15,149	16,908	15,932	15,457	14,564	124,709	128,515	21,843	26,867
Report Area	15,047	14,382	15,990	15,149	16,908	15,932	15,457	14,564	124,709	128,515	21,843	26,867
Washington	225,088	214,569	219,702	210,175	224,717	213,516	237,577	224,551	2,072,648	2,054,320	369,975	457,702
United States	10,434,600	9,991,518	10,512,866	10,075,795	10,717,151	10,228,614	11,448,519	10,876,083	92,853,980	94,522,219	17,599,381	23,210,601

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census Summary File 1, Release Date August 25, 2011.](#)

Population Profile: Race Demographics

Population by race and gender within the 1 county report area is shown in Table 3. According to U.S. Census population estimates for the report area, white population comprised 88.02% of the report area, black population represented 2.04%, and other races combined were 5.77%. Persons identifying themselves as some other race made up 4.17% of the population.

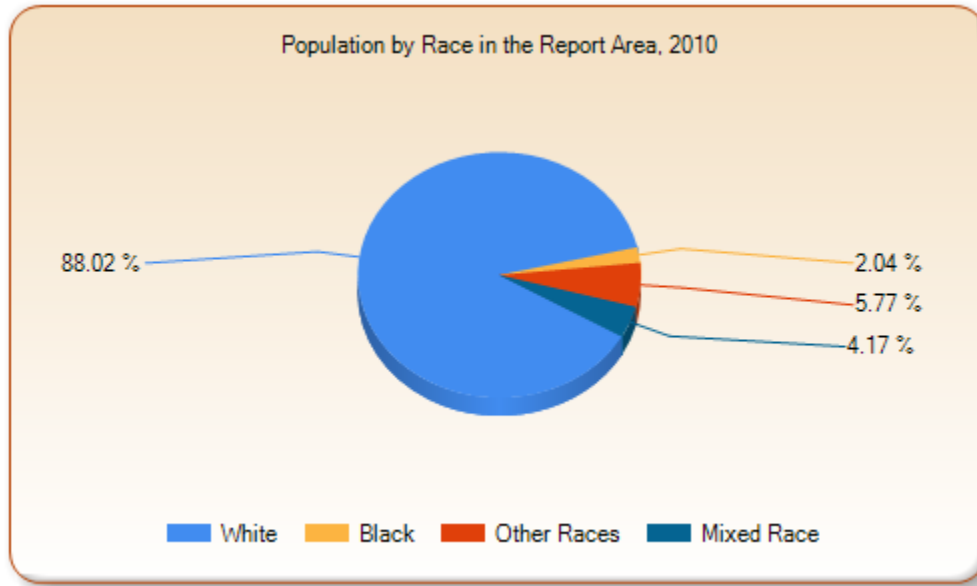


Table 3. Population By Race, 2010

Geographic Area	White		Black		American Indian		Asian		Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander		Some Other Race	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Clark County, Washington	179,152	184,245	4,554	3,872	1,820	1,804	7,986	9,518	1,354	1,354	8,540	8,679
Report Area	179,152	184,245	4,554	3,872	1,820	1,804	7,986	9,518	1,354	1,354	8,540	8,679
Washington	2,585,667	2,610,695	129,528	110,514	52,097	51,772	221,454	259,613	20,340	20,135	154,408	158,518
United States	111,492,453	114,885,912	18,795,764	20,595,053	1,473,115	1,478,972	6,974,010	7,707,073	274,228	266,155	4,503,021	4,628,298

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census Summary File 1, Release Date August 25, 2011.](#)

Population Profile: Veterans, Age and Gender Demographics

Table 4 shows the numbers of veterans living in the 1 county report area. In the adult population, the greatest percentage (12.1%) of veterans live in Clark County, Washington, while Clark County, Washington, has the smallest percentage of Veterans (12.1 percent). 12.1 percent of the adult population in the report area are veterans, which is less than the national average of 10.1 percent.

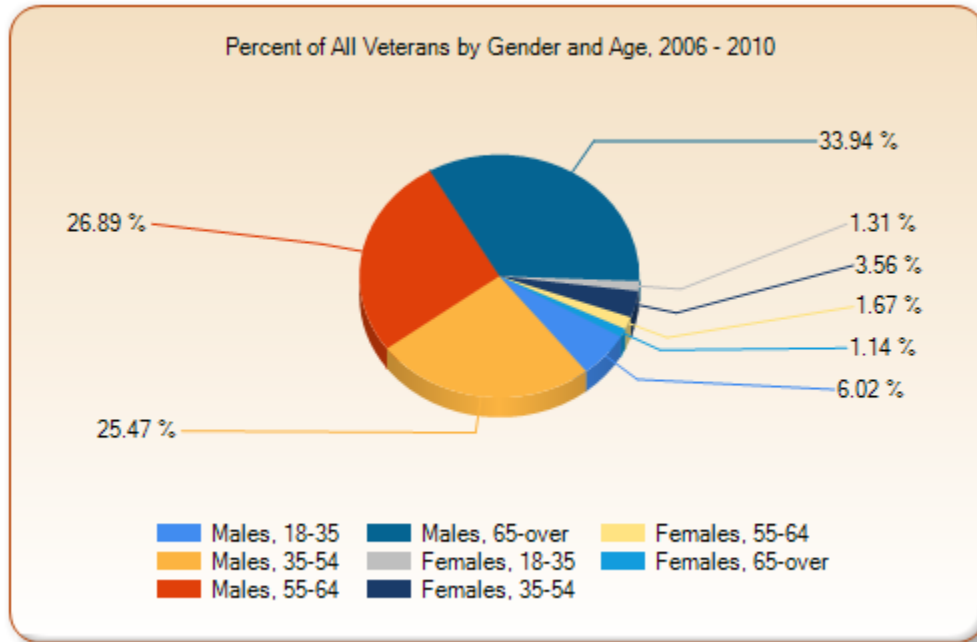


Table 4. Age and Gender Demographics of Veterans, 2006 - 2010

Geographic Area	Veterans			Percent of Population over 18 by Gender		
	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females
Clark County, Washington	36,485	33,683	2,802	12.1	22.9	1.8
Report Area	36,485	33,683	2,802	12.1	22.9	1.8
Washington	517,703	486,285	31,418	11.6	22.8	1.4
United States	22,894,580	21,324,620	1,569,958	10.1	19.5	1.3

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010 Data Release, December 2011](#). The 2010 American Community Survey 5-year data is an average of data collected from 2006 through 2010.

Population Profile: Poverty

2010 poverty estimates show a total of 53,717 persons living below the poverty rate in the report area.

Table 5. Poverty Information, 2010

Geographic Area	All Ages		Age 0-17		Age 5-17	
	Number of Persons	Poverty Rate	Number of Persons	Poverty Rate	Number of Persons	Poverty Rate
Clark County, Washington	53,717	12.7	19,511	17.6	12,692	15.5
Report Area	53,717	12.7	19,511	17.6	12,692	15.5
Washington	890,251	13.5	283,993	18.2	179,829	16.1
United States	46,215,956	15.3	15,749,129	21.6	10,484,513	19.8

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates \(SAIPE\), 2010.](#)

Population Profile: Poverty Rate Change

Poverty rate change in the 1 county report area from 2000 to 2010 is shown in Table 6. According to the U.S. Census, the poverty rate for the 1 county area increased by 3.8 percent.

Table 6. Change in Poverty Rate, 2000 - 2010

Geographic Area	Persons in Poverty, 2000	Poverty Rate, 2000	Persons in Poverty, 2010	Poverty Rate, 2010	Change in Poverty Rate, 2000 - 2010
Clark County, Washington	31,736	8.9	53,717	12.7	3.8
Report Area	31,736	8.9	53,717	12.7	3.8
Washington	567,575	9.6	890,251	13.5	3.9
United States	31,581,086	11.3	46,215,956	15.3	4.0

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates \(SAIPE\), 2010.](#)

Population Profile: Households in Poverty

Table 7 shows the number and percentage of households in poverty in the 1 county report area. In 2010, it is estimated that there were 15,208 households, or 9.81 percent, living in poverty within the report area.

Table 7. Households in Poverty, 2006 - 2010

Geographic Area	Total Households, 2006/2010	Households in Poverty, 2006 2010	% Households in Poverty, 2006 2010
Clark County, Washington	155,042	15,208	9.8
Report Area	155,042	15,208	9.8
Washington	2,577,375	289,670	11.2
United States	114,236,000	14,865,322	13.0

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010 Data Release, December 2012](#).
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Population Profile: Poverty Rate (ACS)

Table 8 shows the total population estimates for all persons in poverty for the 1 county report area. According to the American Community Survey 5 year estimates, an average of 10.86 percent of all persons lived in a state of poverty during the 2006 - 2010 period. The poverty rate for all persons living in the 1 county report area is less than the national average of 13.8 percent.

Table 8. Poverty Rate (ACS), 2006 - 2010

Geographic Area	Poverty Rate for All Persons		
	Total Population	In Poverty	Poverty Rate
Clark County, Washington	411,321	44,669	10.9
Report Area	411,321	44,669	10.9
Washington	6,430,231	780,009	12.1
United States	296,141,152	40,917,512	13.8

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010 Data Release, December 2011](#). The 2010 American Community Survey 5-year data is an average of data collected from 2006 through 2010.

Population Profile: Households in Poverty by Family Type

Table 9 shows the number of households in poverty by type in the report area. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that there were 8,467 households living in poverty within the report area.

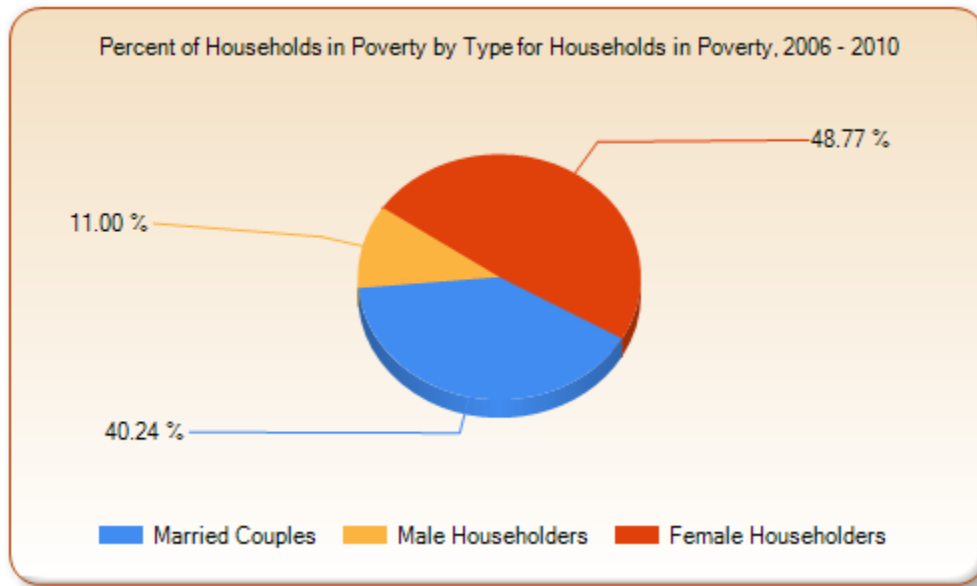


Table 9. Households in Poverty by Family Type, 2006 - 2010

Geographic Area	Total Households, 2006-2010	Households in Poverty			
		Total	Married Couples	Male Householder	Female Householder
Clark County, Washington	108,421	8,467	3,407	931	4,129
Report Area	108,421	8,467	3,407	931	4,129
Washington	1,665,378	136,379	52,292	14,261	69,826
United States	76,254,320	7,685,345	2,773,694	760,085	4,151,566

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010 Data Release, December 2012](#). The 2010 American Community Survey 5-year data is an average of data collected from 2006 through 2010.

Note: The poverty rate for Household type is based on the total number of households for that household type.

Population Profile: Household Poverty Rate by Family Type

Table 10 shows percentage of households in poverty by household type in the report area. In 2010, it is estimated that 7.81 percent of all households were living in poverty within the report area, compared to the national average of 10.08 percent. Of the households in poverty, female headed households represented 48.77 percent of all households in poverty, compared to 11.00 and 40.24 percent of households headed by males and married couples, respectively.

Table 10. Household Poverty Rate by Family Type, 2006 - 2010

Geographic Area	All Types	Married Couples	Male Householder	Female Householder
Clark County, Washington	7.81	4.04	12.32	24.92
Report Area	7.81	4.04	12.32	24.92
Washington	8.19	4.04	12.64	26.91
United States	10.08	4.90	14.58	28.86

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010 Data Release, December 2011](#). The 2010 American Community Survey 5-year data is an average of data collected from 2006 through 2010.

Note: The poverty rate for Household type is based on the total number of households for that household type.

Population Profile: Child (0-17) Poverty Rate Change

The poverty rate change for all children in the 1 county report area from 2000 to 2010 is shown in Table 11. According to the U.S. Census, the poverty rate for the 1 county area increased by 5.6%, compared to a national increase of 5.4 percent.

Table 11. Change in Childhood (0-17) Poverty Rate, 2000 - 2010

Geographic Area	Children in Poverty, 2000	Poverty Rate, 2000	Children in Poverty, 2010	Poverty Rate, 2010	Change in Poverty Rate, 2000 - 2010
Clark County, Washington	11,978	12.0	19,511	17.6	5.6
Report Area	11,978	12.0	19,511	17.6	5.6
Washington	196,800	13.2	283,993	18.2	5.0
United States	11,587,118	16.2	15,749,129	21.6	5.4

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates \(SAIPE\), 2010](#).

Population Profile: Child (0-4) Poverty Rate Change

The poverty rate change for children under five years of age in the 1 county report area from 2000 to 2010 is shown in Table 12. According to the U.S. Census, the poverty rate for the 1 county area increased by 7.6%, compared to a national increase of 6.0 percent.

Table 12. Poverty Rate Change for Children (under 5), 2000 - 2010

Geographic Area	Children 0-4 in Poverty, 2000	Poverty Rate, 2000	Children 0-4 in Poverty, 2010	Poverty Rate, 2010	Change in Poverty Rate, 2000 - 2010
Clark County, Washington	4,586	16.0	6,819	23.5	7.6
Report Area	4,586	16.0	6,819	23.5	7.6
Washington	74,245	17.9	104,164	23.5	5.6
United States	4,050,543	20.3	5,264,616	26.4	6.0

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates \(SAIPE\), 2010.](#)

Population Profile: Child (5-17) Poverty Rate Change

The poverty rate change for children ages five to seventeen in the 1 county report area from 2000 to 2010 is shown in Table 13. According to the U.S. Census, the poverty rate for the 1 county area increased by 5.1%, compared to a statewide increase of 1.7%.

Table 13. Poverty Rate Change for Children Ages (5 -17), 2000 - 2010

Geographic Area	Children 5-17 in Poverty, 2000	Poverty Rate, 2000	Children 5-17 in Poverty, 2010	Poverty Rate, 2010	Change in Poverty Rate, 2000 - 2010
Clark County, Washington	7,392	10.4	12,692	15.5	5.1
Report Area	7,392	10.4	12,692	15.5	5.1
Washington	122,555	11.4	179,829	16.1	4.7
United States	7,536,575	14.6	10,484,513	19.8	5.2

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates \(SAIPE\), 2010.](#)

Population Profile: Child (0-17) Poverty Rate (ACS)

Table 14 shows the population and poverty estimates for children in the 1 county report area. According to the American Community Survey 5 year data, an average of 14.87 percent of children lived in a state of poverty during the 2010 calendar year. The poverty rate for children living in the 1 county report area is less than the national average of 19.2 percent.

Table 14. American Community Survey, Child (0-17) Poverty Rate

Geographic Area	Children, Ages 0 - 17 years		
	Total Population	In Poverty	Poverty Rate
Clark County, Washington	109,760	16,324	14.9
Report Area	109,760	16,324	14.9
Washington	1,534,092	244,930	16.0
United States	72,850,296	13,980,497	19.2

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010 Data Release, December 2011.](#)

The 2010 American Community Survey 5-year data is an average of data collected from 2006 through 2010.

Population Profile: Child (0-4) Poverty Rate (ACS)

Table 15 shows the population and poverty estimates for children under five years of age for the 1 county report area. According to the American Community Survey 5 Year data, an average of 13.86 percent of children under five years of age lived in a state of poverty during the 2010 calendar year. The poverty rate for children under five years of age living in the 1 county report area is less than the national average of 22.3 percent.

Table 15. Child (0-4) Poverty Rate

Geographic Area	Children, Ages 0 - 4 years		
	Total Population	In Poverty	Poverty Rate
Clark County, Washington	28,483	3,949	13.9
Report Area	28,483	3,949	13.9
Washington	418,916	78,672	18.8
United States	19,822,550	4,418,983	22.3

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010 Data Release, December 2011.](#)

The 2010 American Community Survey 5-year data is an average of data collected from 2006 through 2010.

Population Profile: Child (5-17) Poverty Rate (ACS)

Table 16 shows the population and poverty estimates for children aged five to seventeen for the 1 county report area. According to the American Community Survey 5 year data, an average of 15.23 percent of children aged five to seventeen lived in a state of poverty during the 2010 calendar year. The poverty rate for children age five to seventeen living in the 1 county report area is less than the national average of 26.4 percent.

Table 16. Child (5-17) Poverty Rate

Geographic Area	Children, Ages 5 - 17 years		
	Total Population	In Poverty	Poverty Rate
Clark County, Washington	81,277	12,375	20.1
Report Area	81,277	12,375	15.2
Washington	1,115,176	166,258	22.0
United States	53,027,752	9,561,514	26.4

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010 Data Release, December 2011.](#)
 The 2010 American Community Survey 5-year data is an average of data collected from 2006 through 2010.

Population Profile: Seniors in Poverty

Poverty rates for seniors (persons age 65 and over) are shown in Table 17. At 7 percent, Clark County, Washington, had the lowest percentage of seniors in poverty while Clark County, Washington, had the highest percentage of seniors in poverty. According to American Community Survey estimates, there were 3,212 seniors, or 7 percent, living in poverty within the report area.

Table 17. Seniors in Poverty, 2006 - 2010

Geographic Area	Seniors	Seniors in Poverty	Senior Poverty Rate
Clark County, Washington	45,978	3,212	7.0
Report Area	45,978	3,212	7.0
Washington	773,954	59,933	7.7
United States	38,221,316	3,554,291	9.3

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010 Data Release, December 2011.](#) The 2010 American Community Survey 5-year data is an average of data collected from 2006 through 2010.

Employment

Employment: Current Unemployment

Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for each county in the 1 county report area is provided in Table 18. Overall, the report area experienced an average 8.2 percent unemployment rate in October 2012.

Table 18. Employment/Unemployment Information, October 2012

Geographic Area	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
Clark County, Washington	206,775	189,763	17,012	8.2
Report Area	206,775	189,763	17,012	8.2
Washington	3,483,839	3,231,274	252,565	7.2
United States	157,046,754	145,125,239	11,921,515	7.6

Source: [U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Jan 8, 2013.](#)

Employment: Unemployment Change

Unemployment change within the 1 county report area during the 1-year period from July October to October 2012 is shown in the chart below. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, unemployment for this one year period fell from 24,487 persons to 17,012 persons, a rate change of -3.2 percent.

Table 19. Change in Unemployment, October 2011 - October 2012

Geographic Area	Unemployment, October 2011	Unemployment, October 2012	Unemployment Rate, October 2011	Unemployment Rate, October 2012
Clark County, Washington	24,487	17,012	11.4	8.2
Report Area	24,487	17,012	11.4	8.2
Washington	295,102	252,565	8.4	7.2
United States	13,311,368	11,921,515	8.6	7.6

Source: [U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Jan 8, 2013.](#)

Employment: Household Income

Median annual household incomes in the 1 county report area are shown in Table 20.

Table 20. Median Annual Household Income, 2010

Geographic Area	Median Household Income (\$)
Clark County, Washington	55,144
Washington	55,584

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates \(SAIPE\), 2012.](#)

Employment: Commuter Travel Patterns

Table 21 shows the mode of transportation workers used to travel to work for the 1 county report area. Of the 141,250 workers in the report area, 87.78 percent, or 123,986 workers used private automobiles to travel to work. Of these, 78.44 percent drove to work alone while 9.34 percent carpooled. 1.26 percent of all workers reported that they used some form of public transportation, while 3.36 percent (or 4,751 workers) used some other means including walking, bicycles, and taxicabs to travel to work.

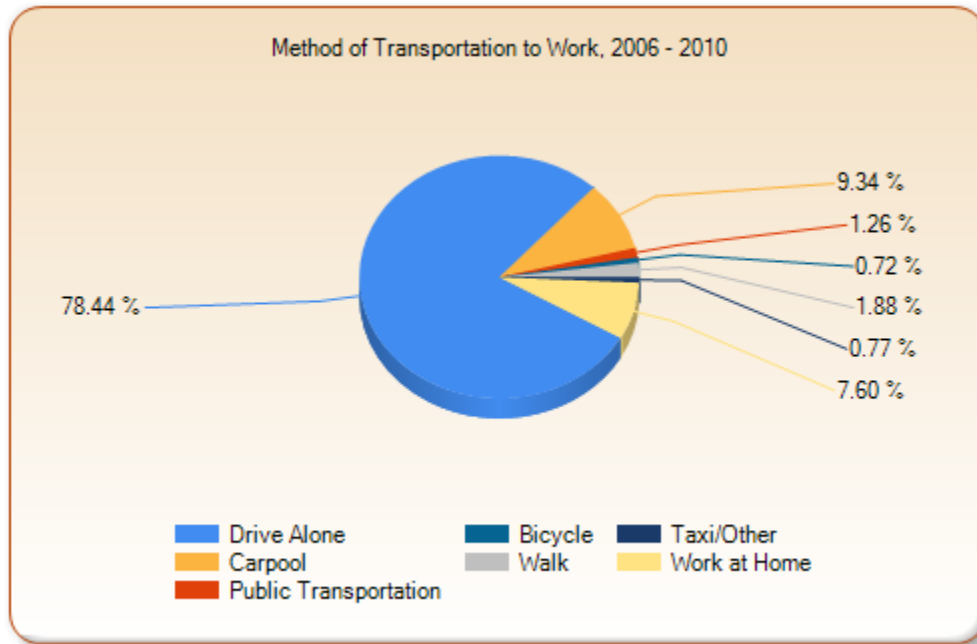


Table 21. Method of Transportation to Work, 2006 - 2010

Geographic Area	Workers 16 and Up	Method of Transportation to Work (Percent)						
		Drive Alone	Carpool	Public Transportation	Bicycle	Walk	Taxi/Other	Work at Home
Clark County, Washington	141,250	78.4	9.3	1.3	0.7	1.9	0.8	7.6
Report Area	141,250	78.4	9.3	1.3	0.7	1.9	0.8	7.6
Washington	3,043,476	72.4	11.5	5.6	0.8	3.5	1.1	5.1
United States	140,243,936	76.0	10.4	4.9	0.5	2.8	1.2	4.1

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010 Data Release, December 2011.](#)
 The 2010 American Community Survey 5-year data is an average of data collected from 2006 through 2010.

Employment: Travel Time to Work

Travel times for workers who travel (do not work at home) to work is shown in Table 22 for the 1 county report area. The median commute time for the report area of 31 minutes is longer than the national median commute time of 29 minutes.

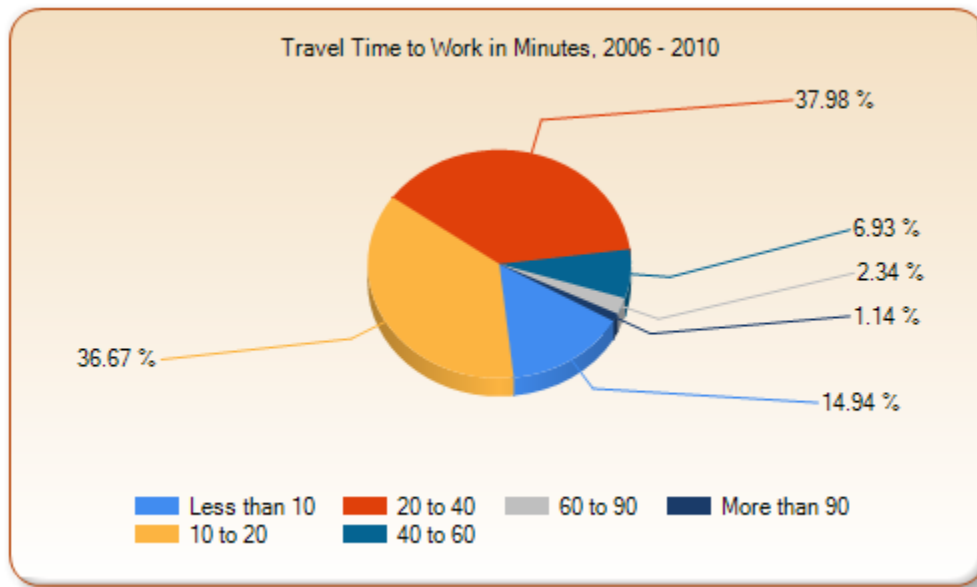


Table 22. Travel Time to Work, 2006 - 2010

Geographic Area	Workers 16 and Up	Travel Time to Work in minutes (Percent of Workers)						Median Commute Time (mins)
		Less than 10	10 to 20	20 to 40	40 to 60	60 to 90	More than 90	
Clark County, Washington	130,522	14.9	36.7	38.0	6.9	2.3	1.1	24
Report Area	130,522	14.9	36.7	38.0	6.9	2.3	1.1	31
Washington	2,886,749	13.9	29.8	37.3	11.2	5.3	2.4	29
United States	134,459,693	14.1	30.0	14.1	36.8	5.6	2.5	29

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010 Data Release, December 2011](#). The 2010 American Community Survey 5-year data is an average of data collected from 2006 through 2010.

Employment: Thirteen Month Unemployment Rates

Unemployment change within the 1 county report area from October 2011 to October 2012 is shown in the chart below. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, unemployment for this thirteen month period fell from 11.4 percent to 8.2 percent.



Table 23. Change in Unemployment Rates, October 2011 - October 2012

Geographic Area	Oct 2011	Nov 2011	Dec 2011	Jan 2012	Feb 2012	Mar 2012	Apr 2012	May 2012	June 2012	Jul 2012	Aug 2012	Sep 2012	Oct 2012
Clark County, Washington	11.4	11.0	9.2	11.2	10.9	11.5	10.9	11.2	10.9	10.7	11.3	9.9	8.2
Report Area	11.4	11.0	9.2	11.2	10.9	11.5	10.9	11.2	10.9	10.7	11.3	9.9	8.2
Washington	9.0	9.0	8.5	8.4	8.3	8.6	9.0	9.2	8.9	7.9	8.4	8.3	8.4
United States	8.6	8.3	8.3	8.9	8.8	8.4	7.8	8.0	8.5	8.6	8.2	7.6	7.6

Source: [U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Jan 8, 2013.](#)

Employment: Five Year Unemployment Rate

Unemployment change within the 1 county report area from October 2008 to October 2012 is shown in the chart below. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, unemployment for this five year period grew from 7.3 percent to 8.2 percent.



Table 24. Five Year Unemployment Rate, October 2008 - October 2012

Geographic Area	October 2008	October 2009	October 2010	October 2011	October 2012
Clark County, Washington	7.3	13.3	12.2	11.4	8.2
Report Area	7.3	13.3	12.2	11.4	8.2
Washington	5.6	9.3	8.8	8.4	7.2
United States	6.2	9.5	9.1	8.6	7.6

Source: [U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, January 8, 2013.](#)

Education

Education: Educational Attainment

Table 25 shows the distribution of educational attainment levels in the 1 county region. Educational attainment is calculated for persons over 25, and is an average for the period from 2006 to 2010.

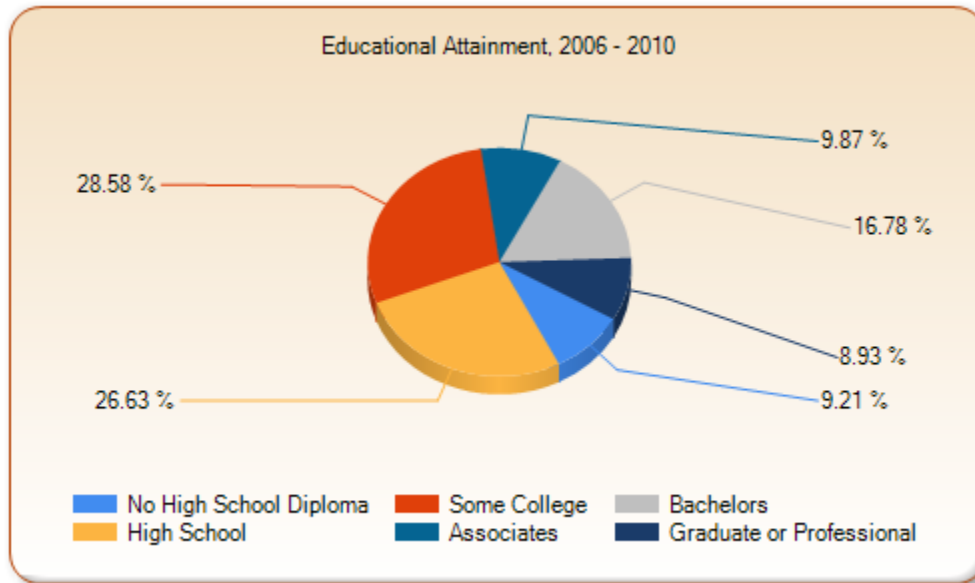


Table 25. Percent Attaining Educational Levels, 2006 - 2010

Geographic Area	% No High School Diploma, 2006/2010	% High School Only, 2006/2010	% Some College, 2006/2010	% Associates, 2006/2010	% Bachelors, 2006/2010	% Graduate or Professional, 2006/2010
Clark County, Washington	9.21	26.63	28.58	9.87	16.78	8.93
Report Area	9.21	26.63	28.58	9.87	16.78	8.93
Washington	10.42	24.29	24.91	9.37	19.95	11.05
United States	14.97	28.99	20.62	7.52	17.60	10.30

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010 Data Release, December 2012](#). The 2010 American Community Survey 5-year data is an average of data collected from 2006 through 2010.

Education: Adult Literacy

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) produces estimates for adult literacy based on educational attainment, poverty, and other factors in each county.

Table 26. Persons Lacking Basic Prose Literacy Skills, 2003

Geographic Area	Estimated Population over 16	Percent Lacking Literacy Skills
Clark County, Washington	282,295	8
Report Area	282,295	8
Washington	4,641,680	10
United States	15,058,111	22

Source: [U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, State and County Estimates of Low Literacy, 2003.](#)

Education: Veterans - Educational Attainment

Table 27 contrasts the distribution of educational attainment levels between military veterans and non-veterans in the 1 county region. Educational attainment is calculated for persons over 25, and is an average for the period from 2006 to 2010.

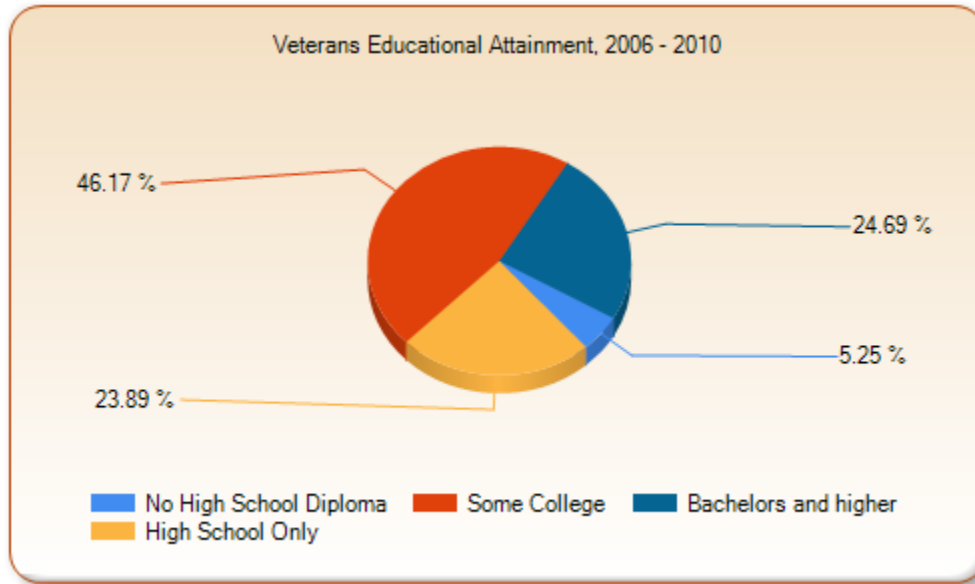


Table 27. Percent Attaining Educational Levels by Veteran Status, 2006 - 2010

Geographic Area	Veterans				Non-Veterans			
	% No Diploma	% High School Diploma	%Some College	% Bachelors or Higher	% No Diploma	% High School Diploma	%Some College	% Bachelors or Higher
Clark County, Washington	5.2	23.9	46.2	24.7	9.8	27.1	37.2	25.9
Report Area	5.2	23.9	46.2	24.7	9.8	27.1	37.2	25.9
Washington	5.9	24.6	41.3	28.2	11.2	24.3	33.0	31.5
United States	9.1	30.4	34.9	25.6	15.8	28.9	27.2	28.2

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010 Data Release, December 2011](#). The 2010 American Community Survey 5-year data is an average of data collected from 2006 through 2010.

Housing

Housing: Housing Age

Total housing units, median year built and median age in 2010 for the 1 county report area are shown in Table 28.

Table 28. Median Housing Unit Age, 2006 - 2010

Geographic Area	Total Housing Units	Median Year Built	Median Age (in 2010)
Clark County, Washington	164,600	1987	23
Report Area	164,600		
Washington	2,829,352	1978	32
United States	130,038,080	1975	35

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010 Data Release, December 2011](#). The 2010 American Community Survey 5-year data is an average of data collected from 2006 through 2010.

Housing: Homeowners

The U.S. Census Bureau estimated there were 85,550 homeowners in the 1 county report area in 2000, and 105,042 homeowners in the report area in 2010.

Table 29. Homeowners, 2000 - 2006/2010

Geographic Area	Homeowners, 2000	Homeowners, 2006/2010
Clark County, Washington	85,550	105,042
Report Area	85,550	105,042
Washington	1,467,009	1,669,396
United States	69,815,753	76,089,650

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census of Population and Housing, Summary File 1, 2000](#); [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010 Data Release, December 2011](#). The 2010 American Community Survey 5-year data is an average of data collected from 2006 through 2010.

Housing: Vacancy Rates

The U.S. Postal Service provided information quarterly to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on addresses identified as vacant in the previous quarter. Residential and business vacancy rates for the 1 county report area in the third quarter of 2010 are reported in Table 30. In the third quarter of 2010, a total of 6,347 residential addresses were identified as vacant in the report area, a vacancy rate of 3.54, and 1,564 business addresses were also reported as vacant, a rate of 13.74.

Table 30. USPS Address Vacancies, Third Quarter, 2010

Geographic Area	Residential Addresses	Vacant Residential Addresses	Residential Vacancy Rate	Business Addresses	Vacant Business Addresses	Business Vacancy Rate
Clark County, Washington	179,453	6,347	3.54	11,382	1,564	13.74
Report Area	179,453	6,347	3.54	11,382	1,564	13.74
Washington	2,815,650	74,612	2.65	204,091	22,211	10.88
United States	132,389,902	4,850,831	3.66	11,015,221	1,209,932	10.98

Source: [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Aggregated USPS Administrative Data on Address Vacancies, Third Quarter, 2010.](#)

Housing: Number of Unsafe, Unsanitary Homes

The number and percentage of occupied housing units without plumbing are shown in the 1 county report area in Table 31. U.S. Census data shows 433 housing units in the report area were without plumbing in 2000 and 433 housing units in the report area were without plumbing in 2010.

Table 31. Housing Units without Plumbing, 2006 - 2010

Geographic Area	Occupied Housing Units, 2000	Housing Units without Plumbing, 2000	Percent without Plumbing, 2000	Occupied Housing Units, 2006-2010	Housing Units without Plumbing, 2006-2010	Percent without Plumbing, 2006-2010
Clark County, Washington	127,208	433	0.32	155,042	433	0.28
Report Area	127,208	433	0.34	155,042	433	0.28
Washington	2,271,398	12,457	0.51	2,577,375	13,712	0.53
United States	106,741,426	736,626	0.69	114,235,996	602,324	0.53

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census of Population and Housing, Summary File 3, 2000.](#); [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010 Data Release, December 2011.](#) The 2010 American Community Survey 5-year data is an average of data collected from 2006 through 2010.

Income

Income: Income Levels

Two common measures of income are Median Household Income, based on U.S. Census Bureau estimates, and Per Capita Income, based on U.S. Department of Commerce estimates. Both measures are shown for the 1 county report area in Table 32. The average Per Capita income for the report area is \$35,027 as compared to a national average of \$39,635.

Table 32. Income Levels by County, 2009

Geographic Area	Median Household Income, 2009	Per Capita Income, 2009
Clark County, Washington	56,351	35,027
Report Area	56,351	35,027
Washington	56,479	42,870
United States	50,221	39,635

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates \(SAIPE\), 2009.](#); [U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System \(REIS\), 2010.](#) [Bureau of Economic Analysis, County Personal Income and Employment \(CA1-3\), April 2011.](#)

Income: Household Income

Median annual household incomes in the 1 county report area are shown in Table 33.

Table 33. Median Annual Household Income, 2010

Geographic Area	Median Household Income (\$)
Clark County, Washington	55,144
Washington	55,584
United States	50,046

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates \(SAIPE\), 2010.](#)

Nutrition

Nutrition: Free and Reduced Lunch Program

Table 34 shows that 29,582 students (or 38.88 percent) received free or reduced price lunches during the 2009 - 2010 school year, which is less than the national average of 46.62 percent.

Table 34. Students Participating in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program, 2009 - 2010

Geographic Area	Students Participating	Total Student Enrollment	Percent of Students Participating
Clark County, Washington	29,582	76,093	38.88
Report Area	29,582	76,093	38.88
Washington	427,938	1,035,347	41.33
United States	25,117,278	53,878,820	46.62

Source: [National Center for Educational Statistics \(NCES\), Common Core of Data \(CCD\), 2009-10 School Universe data.](#)

Nutrition: Households Receiving SNAP by Poverty Status

Table 35 shows that 16,178 households (or 10.43 percent) received SNAP payments during 2010. During this same period there were 8,017 (or 5.17 percent) households with income levels below the poverty level that were not receiving SNAP payments, which is more than the national average of 9.26 percent.

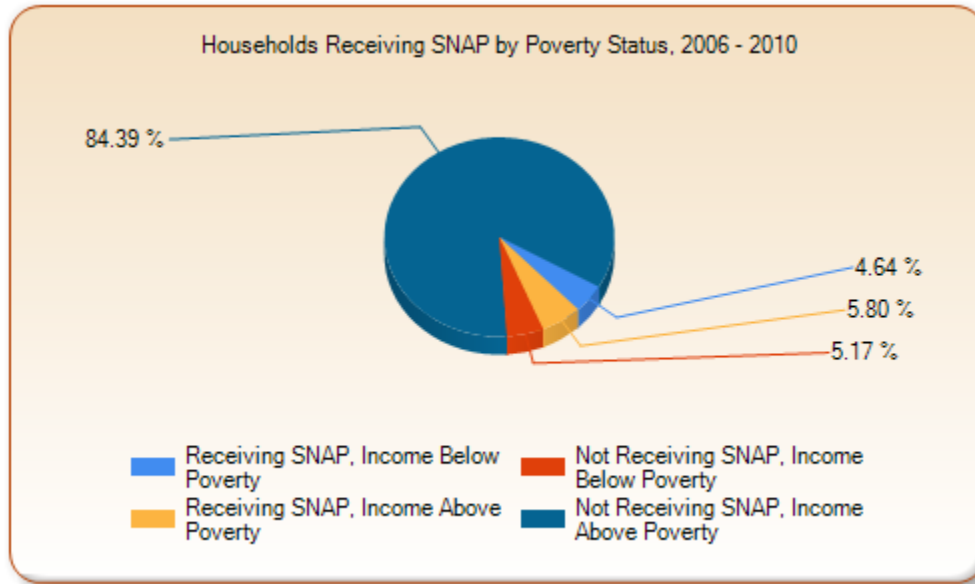


Table 35. Households Receiving SNAP by Poverty Status, 2006 - 2010

Geographic Area	Households Receiving SNAP				Households Not Receiving SNAP			
	Total	Percent	Income Below Poverty	Income Above Poverty	Total	Percent	Income Below Poverty	Income Above Poverty
Clark County, Washington	16,178	10.43	7,191	8,987	138,864	89.57	8,017	130,847
Report Area	16,178	10.43	7,191	8,987	138,864	89.57	8,017	130,847
Washington	252,714	9.81	127,954	124,760	2,324,661	90.19	161,716	2,162,945
United States	10,583,720	9.26	5,817,716	4,766,004	103,652,272	90.74	9,047,606	94,604,662

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010 Data Release, December 2011](#). The 2010 American Community Survey 5-year data is an average of data collected from 2006 through 2010. SNAP numbers are for the last 12 months of the five-year average (2010).

Health Care

Health Care: Medicare and Medicaid Providers

Total institutional Medicare and Medicaid providers, including hospitals, nursing facilities, Federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics and community mental health centers for the 1 county report area are shown in Table 36. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, there were 32 active Medicare and Medicaid institutional service providers in the report area in 2011.

Table 36. Institutional Medicare and Medicaid Providers, Second Quarter, 2011

Geographic Area	Total Institutional Providers	Hospitals	Nursing Facilities	Federally Qualified Health Centers	Rural Health Clinics	Community Mental Health Centers
Clark County, Washington	32	2	7	1	0	10
Report Area	32	2	7	1	0	10
Washington	1,114	126	228	119	129	34
United States	75,166	7,194	15,714	4,923	3,899	642

Source: [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Provider of Services File, Second Quarter, 2011](#)

Health Care: Persons Receiving Medicare

The total number of persons receiving Medicare is shown, broken down by number over 65 and number of disabled persons receiving Medicare for the 1 county report area in Table 37. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reported that a total of 59,307 persons were receiving Medicare benefits in the report area in 2010. A large number of individuals in our society are aware that persons over 65 years of age receive Medicare; however, many of them are unaware that disabled persons also receive Medicare benefits. A total of 9,575 disabled persons in the report area received Medicare benefits in 2010.

Table 37. Medicare Enrollment by County, July 2010

Geographic Area	Persons Over 65 Receiving Medicare	Disabled Persons Receiving Medicare	Total Persons Receiving Medicare
Clark County, Washington	49,732	9,575	59,307
Report Area	49,732	9,575	59,307
Washington	813,137	151,881	965,018
United States	38,802,763	7,865,374	46,668,299

Source: [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Medicare County Enrollment Report, as of July 1 2010.](#)

Health Care: Uninsured Population

The uninsured population is calculated by estimating the number of persons eligible for insurance (generally those under 65) minus the estimated number of insured persons. In 2009, the percentage of persons uninsured was 14.6 in Clark County, Washington.

Table 38. Uninsured Persons, 2009

Geographic Area	Insurance Population (2009 Estimate)	Number Insured	Number Uninsured	Percent Uninsured
Clark County, Washington	376,777	321,739	55,039	14.6
Report Area	376,777	321,739	55,039	14.6
Washington	5,765,936	4,900,655	865,282	15.0
United States	154,195,253	130,124,115	18,071,139	11.0

Source: [U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates, 2009 \(October 2011 release\)](#).