



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.¹ Clark County was one of the first two counties in what would later become Washington State

2016 Population

Clark is the 5th most populous county in the state, with a 2016 population of 461,010. From 2010 to 2016, the county’s population grew by 35,647 people, or 8%. This was the fourth-fastest rate of growth in the state.²

In 2016, just over half of the Clark County population (53%) lived in incorporated cities. The 4 largest were:²

- Vancouver, county seat: 173,500
- Camas: 21,810
- Battle Ground: 19,640
- Washougal: 15,560

Language Spoken at Home

In 2016, 84% of residents over age 5 only spoke English at home and 16% spoke a language other than English at home. 36% of residents who spoke a language other than English at home speak English *less than* “very well.” The most common languages spoken by these residents were:⁸

Language Spoken	% speak English less than very well
• Indo-European ⁹ :	33.9%
• Spanish:	34.9%
• Asian/Pacific Islander:	42.2%
• Other:	22.7%

Race/Ethnicity

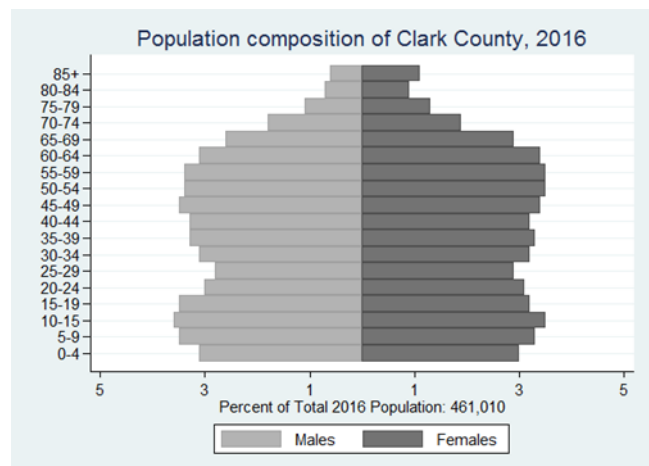
Clark County’s racial/ethnic demographics for 2016 were:⁷

- White (NH): 79.6% (366,774)
- Hispanic: 8.8% (40,499)
- Asian (NH): 4.6% (21,029)
- 2+ Races (NH): 3.7% (16,903)
- Black /African Amer. (NH): 2.0% (9,180)
- Pacific Islander (NH): 0.7% (3,400)
- Amer. Indian/Alaska Native (NH): 0.7% (3,225)

(NH) = Non-Hispanic

Age/Sex Characteristics

The median age of Clark County residents in 2016 was 38.0 years.¹⁰ The percent of the Clark County population broken down by age group and gender can be seen below.¹¹





Education

In 2016, 92.4% of Clark County residents over age 25 had graduated from high school. Over one-fourth (29.5%) of residents had obtained a bachelor's degree or higher.³

Disability

In 2016, 12.0% of the noninstitutionalized population in Clark County was living with a disability.¹²

Income

The median annual household income in 2016 in Clark County was \$69,062.⁴

Poverty

In 2016, 8.8% of Clark County residents were living below the Federal Poverty Level.⁵ Additionally, 9.6% of children under 18 in Clark County were living in poverty.⁵ The Federal Poverty Level for a family of four in 2016 was \$24,300.⁶

Education by Race/Ethnicity³, 2016

Race/Ethnicity	% High school grad or higher	% Bachelor's Degree or higher
White (NH)	94.8%	29.9%
Black/African Amer.	90.9%	28.2%
Amer. Indian/Alaska Native	81.8%	28.3%
Asian	88.2%	46.6%
2+ Races	90.8%	27.2%
Hispanic	66.0%	14.9%

Income by Race/Ethnicity⁴, 2016

Race/Ethnicity	Median Income
White (NH)	\$71,642
Black/African Amer.	\$54,398
Amer. Indian/Alaska Native	\$26,984
Asian	\$79,042
Pacific Islander	\$48,694
2+ Races	\$54,034
Hispanic (any race)	\$50,254

Disability by Race/Ethnicity¹², 2016

Race/Ethnicity	% with Disability
White (NH)	12.7%
Black/African Amer.	15.7%
Amer. Indian/Alaska Native	23.0%
Asian	6.9%
2+ Races	12.1%
Hispanic (any race)	6.7%

Poverty by Race/Ethnicity & Gender⁵, 2016

Race/Ethnicity	% Below Poverty Level
White (NH)	8.0%
Black/African Amer.	17.5%
Asian	9.7%
2+ Races	12.3%
Hispanic (any race)	8.2%

Gender	% Below Poverty Level
Male	7.6%
Female	9.8%

NH=Non-Hispanic



Poverty by Disability¹³, 2016

Population 18-64 years by Disability	% Below Poverty Level
With Disability	26.9%
Without Disability	6.9%

Poverty by Education⁵, 2016

Educational Attainment	% Below Poverty Level
Population 25+ years	8.2%
Less than high school grad.	13.7%
High school grad. or equivalent	11.4%
Some college, associate's degree	8.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher	4.0%

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