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Seattle, June 18, 1961. Today, the Washington State Census Board released official April 1, 1961 population figures for the 264 incorporated places in the state. These figures will be used by the state to determine the per-capita basis for distributing more than \$20,000,000 of tax monies to the cities and towns during the calendar year of 1962.

The combined population of the 264 municipalities was 1,742,305 on April 1, 1961. This is a gain of 2.1 per cent over the number of people (1,705,986) living in the 262 incorporated places in existence on April 1, 1960.

Three new municipalities, with a total estimated population of 13,900 at the time of incorporation, were organized between April 1, 1960, and April 1, 1961. These new places are: Mercer Island City (12,692), in King County, incorporated as a second-class city on July 19, 1960; Lake Stevens (900), in Snohomish County, incorporated as a fourth-class town on November 29, 1960; and Mercer Island Town (308), in King County, incorporated as a fourth-class town on September 1, 1960.

There was one municipal consolidation. Stanwood (646) and East Stanwood (477), in Northwestern Snohomish County, consolidated to form the new town of Stanwood (1,123) on May 26, 1960.

Population Growth and Decline: 1960 to 1961

The 262 municipalities in existence on April 1, 1960, increased by 1.3 per cent (21,960 persons). Seventy-three of the 262 incorporated places increased by 3 per cent or more during the past year, and 15 decreased by 3 per cent or more. There were 174 places which remained relatively constant (changed by less than ~~2~~3 per cent).

About 73 per cent (16,121) of the net growth took place in Western Washington, and Eastern Washington accounted for about 27 per cent (5,839). However, in comparing percentage change separately for Western and Eastern Washington, little difference is noted -- municipalities in Western Washington increased 1.3 per cent; those in Eastern Washington increased 1.2 per cent.

In Western Washington, 29.1 per cent of the 133 incorporated places increased between 1960 and 1961, while 2.3 per cent decreased, and 68.6 per cent remained the same or experienced less than 3 per cent increase or decrease. In Eastern Washington 26.4 per cent of the 129 incorporated places increased, while 9.3 per cent decreased, and 63.3 per cent stayed relatively the same.

During the past year, the gain of 36,319 inhabitants of incorporated places is attributable to new incorporations (14,359), annexations (9,046), and natural increase (excess of births over deaths) and net migration (12,914). Annexations and new incorporations accounted for 64.4 per cent of the net gain. Excluding new incorporations (14,359), the 262 incorporated places existing on April 1, 1960 gained 41.2 per cent by annexation and 58.8 per cent by natural increase and net migration.

In Eastern Washington, the greatest percentage growth since April 1, 1960 occurred in East Wenatchee (122.7), Westlake (34.2), Soap Lake (16.2), Warden (14.1) and Riverside (11.9). Spokane (1,192), Moses Lake (808), Wenatchee (474), Ephrata (473) and East Wenatchee (470) had the largest absolute gains. Of the cities and towns in this part of the state reporting declines in population, Entiat (19.9), Rock Island (16.9), Reardan (11.2), Waverly (11.1) and Malden (9.6) had the largest per centage loss, while Medical Lake (445), Entiat (71), Newport (66), Reardan (53) and Rock Island (44) show the largest absolute population decreases.

East Wenatchee, which had the largest relative increase since April 1, 1960, annexed two parcels of land including about 498 residents. Entiat's sharp decline was due primarily to the relocation of 100 homes outside the corporate limits, necessitated by the encroaching waters of the Columbia River when the Rocky Reach Dam was finished.

In Western Washington, Mossyrock (25.0), Port Orchard (18.8), Bonney Lake (18.6), Yacolt (17.6) and Index (17.1) had the largest percentage gains, while Bremerton (5,078), Tacoma (1,021), Mountlake Terrace (913), Seattle (913) and Centralia (664) reported the largest absolute increases in population. The largest percentage population declines were reported for Carnation (4.3), Sumas (3.0) and La Center (2.9), while Oak Harbor (42), Carnation (21) and Sumas (19) declined most in number of persons.

The relatively large population increment in Bremerton during the past year was due to four territorial annexations which included the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. The population increase of Mossyrock resulted from an influx of construction workers on the Mayfield Dam and a new bridge across the Cowlitz River.

Factors Influencing Population Change in Incorporated Places

In the year between April 1, 1960 and April 1, 1961 several general interrelated factors have been operative in influencing population change in the incorporated places in the state of Washington. Some of the most important factors were: climate, shifts in labor force, varying economic conditions, changes in institutional populations, the continuing trend of suburbanization, and territorial annexations.

Inclement weather throughout most of the state this spring curtailed logging operations, particularly at higher altitudes, and threat of frost in the valleys tended to limit the influx of migrant farm labor to many incorporated places. On the other hand, migrant labor disputes in California influenced some farm laborers to move to Washington earlier than in previous years.

Especially in recent years, the lack of employment opportunities for high school graduates has been a growing problem in many parts of the state. Estimates have been made suggesting that 75 per cent of high school graduates leave Okanogan and Douglas County areas in order to seek work in other parts of the state. In an effort to find a solution to this problem, the Washington State Employment Security Department initiated special counselling and testing programs in many areas for youths of high school age.

The overall economy of the state has lost momentum since April 1, 1960. Several parts of the state, including King, Snohomish, Pierce, Clark and Spokane Counties, which comprise the metropolitan areas of the state, have been classified as areas of labor surplus. Areas of "labor surplus" represent those areas with 6 per cent or more of the total labor force classified as unemployed. In contrast, the central and southeastern parts of the state -- areas in and around Moses Lake, Yakima, Richland-Pasco-Kennewick and Walla Walla -- show low unemployment rates.

Some sectors of the economy have shown increased activity since April 1, 1960. Employment in retail trades, education, aircraft and missile complexes is greater than a year ago. Increased federal spending in certain areas has been a significant factor, particularly in the Moses Lake-Ephrata area where Larson Air Force Base now includes activities of the Strategic Air Command and a Titan missile installation.

Change in institutional population accounted for much of the change in municipal population in Port Angeles, Bellingham, Cheney, Ellensburg, Pullman, Burlington and Medical Lake. For example, Medical Lake lost 478 persons as a result of decreases in resident patients and staff at Eastern State Hospital and Lakeland Village.

The suburbanization trend is clearly evident in areas adjacent to the larger metropolitan cities of the state. Population increases in Mountlake Terrace, Bellevue, Normandy Park, Des Moines, and Lynnwood in the Seattle area illustrate this trend. Also, areas surrounding Spokane, Ellensburg, Pullman and Walla Walla have had similar although less spectacular rates of growth.

Annexations have continued to play an important role in the growth of cities and towns throughout the state. Population of cities and towns in Western Washington gained about 7,900 by annexation compared to approximately 1,200 in Eastern Washington. There was a total of 35 annexations in the entire state between April 1, 1960 and April 1, 1961. In Western Washington the following five cities reported the largest number of persons in annexed territory: Bremerton (4,866), Kent (520), Port Orchard (520), Vancouver (234) and Renton (234). In Eastern Washington three incorporated places reported annexation of 100 or more persons -- Wenatchee (500), East Wenatchee (409) and Ellensburg (113).

Comparative Size of Municipalities

The April 1, 1961 populations of incorporated cities and towns in the state of Washington range from 65 in Hatton (Adams County), to 558,000 in Seattle. The average (median) municipality has 1,072 residents -- that is, one-half of the 264 incorporated cities and towns have populations greater than 1,072 and one-half have less. Warden (Grant County) with a population of 1,083 and Republic (Ferry County) with 1,061 residents are nearest to the average size of municipality.

There are 26 cities with populations greater than 10,000 and 112 municipalities between 1,000 and 10,000 in number of inhabitants. The remaining 126 incorporated places have less than 1,000 residents.

Washington State Census Board

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Population of Incorporated Cities and Towns
State of Washington: April 1, 1961

City or Town and County	Population	Rank	City or Town and County	Population	Rank
Aberdeen, Grays Harbor	18,750	13	Elma, Grays Harbor	1,935	87
Airway Heights, Spokane	745	162.5	Elmer City, Okanogan	242	244
Albion, Whitman	289	231.5	Endicott, Whitman	378	214
Algona, King	1,311	115	Entiat, Chelan	286	234
Almira, Lincoln	414	209	Enumclaw, King	3,269	60
Anacortes, Skagit	8,400	32	Ephrata, Grant	7,021	35
Arlington, Snohomish	2,050	82	Everett, Snohomish	40,400	5
Asotin, Asotin	745	162.5	Everson, Whatcom	440	200
Auburn, King	12,450	22	Fairfield, Spokane	400	211.5
Battleground, Clark	887	152	Farmington, Whitman	196	253
Beaux Arts, King	343	223	Ferndale, Whatcom	1,442	107
Bellevue, King	13,100	19	Fife, Pierce	1,500	102.5
Bellingham, Whatcom	35,000	6	Firecrest, Pierce	3,765	51
Benton City, Benton	1,210	121	Forks, Clallam	1,151	124
Bingen, Klickitat	661	173	Friday Harbor, San Juan	705	167
Black Diamond, King	1,015	137	Garfield, Whitman	649	174
Blaine, Whatcom	1,735	93	Gig Harbor, Pierce	1,110	129
Bonney Lake, Pierce	765	161	Gold Bar, Snohomish	319	228
Bothell, King	2,519	74	Goldendale, Klickitat	2,706	70
Bremerton, Kitsap	34,000	7	Grand Coulee, Grant	1,058	134
Brewster, Okanogan	941	146	Grandview, Yakima	3,366	55
Bridgeport, Douglas	900	150	Granger, Yakima	1,425	108
Buckley, Pierce	3,538	53	Granite Falls, Snohomish	600	181
Bucoda, Thurston	406	210	Hamilton, Skagit	286	234
Burlington, Skagit	3,031	64	Harrah, Yakima	284	236
Camas, Clark	5,700	39	Harrington, Lincoln	585	184
Carbonado, Pierce	419	206	Hartline, Grant	216	249.5
Carnation, King	469	197	Hatton, Adams	65	264
Cashmere, Chelan	1,906	89	Hoquiam, Grays Harbor	10,765	25
Castle Rock, Cowlitz	1,420	109	Houghton, King	2,645	72
Cathlamet, Wahkiakum	617	179	Hunts Point, King	438	201
Centralia, Lewis	9,250	27	Ilwaco, Pacific	510	190
Chehalis, Lewis	5,199	42	Index, Snohomish	185	255
Chelan, Chelan	2,400	76.5	Ione, Pend Oreille	648	175
Cheney, Spokane	3,345	56	Issaquah, King	2,008	84
Chewelah, Stevens	1,500	102.5	Kahlotus, Franklin	130	257
Clarkston, Asotin	6,210	36	Kalama, Cowlitz	1,088	131
Cle Elum, Kittitas	1,816	91	Kelso, Cowlitz	8,500	30.5
Clyde Hill, King	2,014	83	Kennewick, Benton	14,500	17
Colfax, Whitman	2,860	68	Kent, King	9,085	28
College Place, Walla Walla	4,140	45	Kettle Falls, Stevens	919	149
Colton, Whitman	250	243	Kirkland, King	6,150	38
Colville, Stevens	3,790	50	Kittitas, Kittitas	597	182
Conconully, Okanogan	120	259	Krupp, Grant	94	262
Concrete, Skagit	840	154.5	La Center, Clark	237	246
Connell, Franklin	969	142	La Conner, Skagit	638	177
Cosmopolis, Grays Harbor	1,325	115	La Crosse, Whitman	480	193.5
Coulee City, Grant	639	176	Lake Stevens, Snohomish	1,027	135
Coulee Dam, Okanogan	1,380	111	Lamont, Whitman	106	260
Coupeville, Island	740	164.5	Langley, Island	456	198
Creston, Lincoln	317	229	Latah, Spokane	190	254
Cusick, Pend Orielle	286	234	Leavenworth, Chelan	1,490	105
Darrington, Snohomish	1,272	118	Lind, Adams	787	160
Davenport, Lincoln	1,494	104	Long Beach, Pacific	665	172
Dayton, Columbia	3,018	65	Longview, Cowlitz	23,500	11
Deer Park, Spokane	1,335	114	Lyman, Skagit	425	204
Des Moines, King	2,208	79	Lynden, Whatcom	2,550	73
Du Pont, Pierce	353	221	Lynnwood, Snohomish	7,548	34
Duvall, King	370	217	Mabton, Yakima	973	141
East Redmond, King	206	252	McCleary, Grays Harbor	1,100	130
East Wenatchee, Douglas	853	153	Malden, Whitman	264	239
Eatonville, Pierce	896	151	Mansfield, Douglas	338	224
Edmonds, Snohomish	8,500	30.5	Marcus, Stevens	125	258
Elberton, Whitman	70	263	Marysville, Snohomish	3,117	63
Electric City, Grant	415	208	Mattawa, Grant	416	207
Ellensburg, Kittitas	8,875	29	Medical Lake, Spokane	4,320	44

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Medina, King	2,400	76.5	Ruston, Pierce	690	168
Mercer Island City, King	12,800	20	St. John, Whitman	530	187
Mercer Island Town, King	546	185	Seattle, King	558,000	1
Mesa, Franklin	260	241.5	Sedro Woolley, Skagit	3,705	52
Metaline, Pend Oreille	299	230	Selah, Yakima	2,935	67
Metaline Falls, Pend Oreille	480	193.5	Sequim, Clallam	1,165	123
Millwood, Spokane	1,800	92	Shelton, Mason	5,651	41
Milton, Pierce	2,218	78	Skykomish, King	366	220
Monroe, Snohomish	1,920	88	Snohomish, Snohomish	4,100	46
Montesano, Grays Harbor	2,500	75	Snoqualmie, King	1,225	120
Morton, Lewis	1,183	122	Soap Lake, Grant	1,848	90
Moses Lake, Grant	12,107	24	South Bend, Pacific	1,671	94
Mossyrock, Lewis	430	203	South Cle Elum, Kittitas	383	213
Mountlake Terrace, Snohomish	10,046	26	South Prairie, Pierce	209	251
Mount Vernon, Skagit	8,000	33	Spangle, Spokane	220	248
Moxee City, Yakima	500	191	Spokane, Spokane	182,800	2
Mukilteo, Snohomish	1,130	127	Sprague, Lincoln	626	178
Naches, Yakima	680	170	Springdale, Stevens	239	245
Napavine, Lewis	325	227	Stanwood, Snohomish	1,140	125
Nespelem, Okanogan	350	222	Starbuck, Columbia	171	256
Newport, Pend Oreille	1,447	106	Steilacoom, Pierce	1,580	97
Nooksack, Whatcom	328	225	Stevenson, Skamania	925	148
Normandy Park, King	3,427	54	Sultan, Snohomish	821	157
North Bend, King	978	139	Sumas, Whatcom	610	180
North Bonneville, Skamania	534	186	Sumner, Pierce	3,226	61
Northport, Stevens	518	188	Sunnyside, Yakima	6,208	37
Oakesdale, Whitman	474	196	Tacoma, Pierce	149,000	3
Oak Harbor, Island	3,900	49	Tekoa, Whitman	928	147
Oakville, Grays Harbor	375	215	Tenino, Thurston	840	154.5
Odessa, Lincoln	1,231	119	Tieton, Yakima	479	195
Okanogan, Okanogan	2,001	85	Toledo, Lewis	515	189
Olympia, Thurston	18,450	14	Tonasket, Okanogan	958	144
Omak, Okanogan	4,075	47	Toppenish, Yakima	5,670	40
Oroville, Okanogan	1,410	110	Tukwila, King	1,974	86
Orting, Pierce	1,550	99	Tumwater, Thurston	4,000	48
Othello, Adams	2,994	66	Twisp, Okanogan	740	164.5
Pacific, King	1,577	98	Union Gap, Yakima	2,100	81
Palouse, Whitman	950	145	Union Town, Whitman	261	240
Pasco, Franklin	14,522	16	Vader, Lewis	374	216
Pateros, Okanogan	673	171	Vancouver, Clark	32,750	8
Pe Ell, Lewis	689	169	Waitsburg, Walla Walla	1,010	138
Pomeroy, Garfield	1,650	95	Walla Walla, Walla Walla	24,536	9
Port Angeles, Clallam	12,750	21	Wapato, Yakima	3,124	62
Port Orchard, Kitsap	3,300	58	Warden, Grant	1,083	132
Port Townsend, Jefferson	5,150	43	Washougal, Clark	2,675	71
Poulsbo, Kitsap	1,529	100	Washtucna, Adams	326	226
Prescott, Walla Walla	271	237	Waterville, Douglas	1,025	136
Prosser, Benton	2,770	69	Waverly, Spokane	96	261
Pullman, Whitman	13,400	18	Wenatchee, Chelan	17,200	15
Puyallup, Pierce	12,250	23	Westlake, Grant	400	211.5
Quincy, Grant	3,270	59	Westport, Grays Harbor	975	140
Rainier, Thurston	265	238	West Richland, Benton	1,346	112
Raymond, Pacific	3,310	57	White Salmon, Klickitat	1,590	96
Reardan, Lincoln	421	205	Wilbur, Lincoln	1,138	125
Redmond, King	1,513	101	Wilkeson, Pierce	431	202
Renton, King	18,800	12	Wilson Creek, Grant	260	241.5
Republic, Ferry	1,061	133	Winlock, Lewis	805	158
Richland, Benton	23,548	10	Winslow, Kitsap	960	143
Ridgefield, Clark	825	156	Winthrop, Okanogan	368	219
Ritzville, Adams	2,187	80	Woodland, Cowlitz	1,340	113
Riverside, Okanogan	225	247	Woodway, Snohomish	725	166
Rockford, Spokane	369	218	Yacolt, Clark	441	199
Rock Island, Douglas	216	249.5	Yakima, Yakima	43,315	4
Rosalia, Whitman	590	183	Yarrow Point, King	800	159
Roslyn, Kittitas	1,279	117	Yelm, Thurston	483	192
Roy, Pierce	289	231.5	Zillah, Yakima	1,115	128

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