

## **Section 3.2: Changes in Immigration Patterns**

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### **Changing Conditions on the Olympic and Kitsap Peninsulas: 1990-2000**

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#### Introduction

In this section, two measures of immigration will be discussed. The number and percent of the foreign born population refers to those persons who were born in another country and were not U.S. citizens at birth. Also examined is the number and percent of the population that was foreign born arriving in the area in the prior decade<sup>1</sup>.

The United States is often referred to as the nation of immigrants. However, during this century various laws have regulated both the volume and source of immigrants. Important to this discussion is the Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA) of 1986 which established several amnesty programs. Under this act illegal immigrants who had lived continuously in the United States since January 1, 1982 were allowed to apply for citizenship. By December 1990, 1.6 million applications had been approved. In addition, illegal immigrants who worked seasonally in agriculture for at least 90 days prior to May 1, 1986 were also allowed to apply for amnesty if they didn't qualify under another program. Between 1996 and 2002 several additional acts were passed to try and stem the flow of illegal immigrants and to make it easier to apprehend potential terrorists.

A consequence of these and other changes over the past decade in the foreign born population has increased in many parts of the Olympic Peninsula. These changes may be seen in the maps on page 8 and in Table 3.2 on page 9.

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<sup>1</sup> All people born outside the U.S. were asked the year in which they came to live in the U.S.

Between 1990 and 2000 the number of foreign born persons who lived in Washington increased by 90.7%, with the percent of the population being foreign born increasing from 6.6% in 1990 to 10.4% in 2000. The number of foreign born persons arriving in the U.S. during the prior decade increased in Washington at a rate of 122.7%. For the state of Washington, this population increased from 39.9% of the foreign born population in 1990 to 46.6% in 2000.

While the foreign born population remains small overall in the counties on the Olympic Peninsula, some sub-county areas experienced substantial increases. The following discussion focuses on those areas.

### **Clallam County**

During the last decade the percent of Clallam County's population that was foreign born increased slightly from 4.1% to 4.5%, well below the state's rate of 10.4% in 2000. The number of foreign born persons in the county increased by 25.7%, also well below the state's rate of 90.7%.

At the sub-county level, the percent of foreign born declined in some areas while increasing in others. The Forks area experienced the greatest increase, from 3.3% in 1990 to 7% in 2000. This was also the area with the highest percent of foreign born persons in the county, with the number of immigrants increasing by a dramatic rate of 105.2% during the decade, a rate well above any of the other areas within the county. The percent of foreign born in the Sequim area was also higher than the county's, at 5.5% in 2000.

Clallam County experienced a moderate increase in immigrants arriving in the U.S. during the past decade. The 1990 census showed that 18.8% of the foreign born population arrived in the 1980s. This increased to 25.4% arriving during the 1990's. The

number of recent immigrant arrivals increased by 70%. Despite these increases, the county continued to be well below the state's rate of 46.6% of the foreign born population arriving during the 1990s, and a numerical rate increase of 122.7%. The percent of immigrants arriving in the prior decade in the Forks area increased from 43.9% in 1990 to 58.5% in 2000.

### **Grays Harbor County**

Since 1990 the percent of the population who were foreign born in Grays Harbor increased from 2.7% to 4.2% in 2000, well below the state's rate of 10.4%. The number of immigrants in the county increased by 63.3%. At the sub-county level, Census Tracts 9, 10, and 12 in the Aberdeen area had the largest presence of foreign born population, ranging from 6.2% to 10.6% of the population, and the greatest numeric increases, growing between 87.2% and 122.7%.

Overall, Grays Harbor had the highest percent of recent immigrant arrivals to the U.S. on the Olympic Peninsula, increasing dramatically from 19.6% of the foreign born population in 1990 to 41.6% in 2000, just slightly below the state's rate of 46.6%. This represented a growth of 247.2% for the county. At the sub-county level, the percent of immigrants arriving in the U.S. during the last decade was largely concentrated in Census Tracts 9, 10, and 12 in the Aberdeen area. In these sections between 49% and 70.4% of the foreign born population had arrived in the U.S. during the 1990's.

### **Jefferson County**

The percent of the foreign born population for Jefferson County increased slightly since 1990, from 3% to 4%. This was well below the state's average of 10.4% for 2000, and one of the lowest on the Olympic Peninsula. The number of immigrants in the county

increased by 73.6% over the past decade. About 300 immigrants were in both the Discovery Bay and Port Townsend areas (5.4% and 3.8% of the population, respectively).

The county's rate of immigrants arriving in the U.S. during the prior decade increased slightly, from 19.9% to 22.8% of the foreign born population in 2000, but it continued to be one of the lowest rates on the Olympic Peninsula and was also well below the state's rate of 46.6% for 2000. Only 24.9% of the Discovery Bay area and 15.9% of the Port Townsend area's foreign born population had arrived in the U.S. in the prior decade.

### **Kitsap County**

The percent of the foreign born population in Kitsap increased slightly over the past decade, from 4.1% in 1990 to 5.7% in 2000. This was well below the state's average of 10.4% in 2000. The number of immigrants in Kitsap also increased between 1990 and 2000 by 70.4%.

At the sub-county level, census tracts in the Bremerton area experienced the highest percents of a foreign born population and nearly all census tracts experienced an increase in the number of immigrants. In most areas of Bremerton the percent of the population who were foreign born ranged from 5.6% to 12.2%, generally well above rates elsewhere in the county. The number of foreign born also increased in most areas of Bremerton. The Port Gamble City and Port Gamble Reservation areas were quite low, at 2.8% for each area in 2000. All sections of Bainbridge Island experienced some increases in the number and percent of immigrants, but especially Census Tract 909 where the percent foreign born increased from 5.4% to 9.2% or by 278 individuals. Other areas within the county generally experienced lower foreign born population rates than the

county's rate, with rates for the Tracyton, Gorst, West of Bremerton, the Southeast Corner, and Parkwood areas ranging from 3.7% to 4.9%.

Kitsap County experienced a slight increase in the percent of foreign born persons arriving during the prior decade, at 25.6% in 1990 to 27.3% in 2000. This continued to be well below the state's rate of 46.6% in 2000. The number of foreign born persons arriving during the decade in the county increased by 81.5%.

Many sections of the Bremerton area experienced rates of recently arrived immigrants higher than the county's rate, with rates in 2000 generally ranging from 17.6% to 57.9%. The rates in Bremerton were also the highest in the county. Nearly all sections of Bainbridge Island experienced rates of recent immigrants that were higher than the county's rate, with rates ranging from 29.8% to 50.9%. These increases were often dramatic, such as Census Tract 909, where recent arrivals were 3.9% of the population in 1990 and increasing to 50.9% in 2000.

### **Mason County**

The percent foreign born population in Mason County increased slightly between 1990 and 2000, from 2.9% to 4.4%. This continued to be well below the state's rate of 10.4%. However, the number of immigrants in the county nearly doubled, increasing by 97.4%.

The Shelton area experienced by far the greatest increase in the percent foreign born, and by 2000 more than half of the county's foreign born population lived there. One section of Shelton experienced the most dramatic increase in the foreign born population, increasing from 2.5% in 1990 to 15.3% in 2000 of that census tract's

population, the highest in the county. This was due to a dramatic increase in the number of immigrants in the Shelton area.

At the county level, the percent of immigrants arriving during the prior decade increased dramatically, from 15.7% of the foreign born population in 1990 to 38.3% in 2000, one of the highest on the Olympic Peninsula for 2000. Despite this dramatic increase, the county's rate continued to be below the state's rate of 46.6%. Once again, the Shelton area experienced the highest percent of recent immigrants and the greatest increase.

### **Pacific County**

Pacific County had the highest percent of foreign born on the Olympic Peninsula in 2000, at 6%, a slight increase from 4.4% in 1990. However, it was still well below the state's rate at 10.4%. The county experienced a 51.7% increase in the number of immigrants between 1990 and 2000.

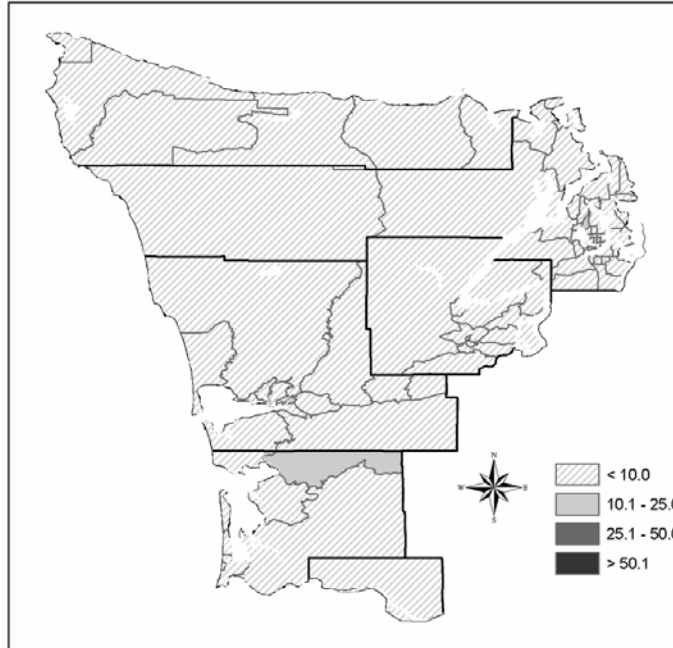
At the sub-county level, the Raymond area continued to have the highest percent of foreign born in the county, increasing from 8.4% in 1990 to 10.6% in 2000. This rate was well above the other sub-county areas, with the next highest rates being 6.4% in the South Bend area and 6.1% for the Long Beach City area. In contrast to most of the other peninsula counties, Pacific County's percent of immigrants arriving in the prior decade decreased dramatically, dropping from 52.5% in 1990 to 31.5% in 2000. Due to this decrease it dropped well below the state's rate, which was 39.9% in 1990 and 46.6% in 2000. The number of foreign born arriving in the prior decade in Pacific County also dropped during the decade by 9%.

All sub-county areas experienced a drop in the rate of immigrants arriving in the prior decade with the exception of the Long Beach City and Long Beach areas, where the percent increased. The Long Beach area increased from 23.7% in 1990 to 59.7% in 2000, and the Long Beach City area increased from 9.7% in 1990 to 40% in 2000. In contrast to the growth in these areas, decreases occurred in the Raymond, South Bend, and Eastern areas.

### **Wahkiakum County**

The lowest percent of foreign born on the Olympic Peninsula continued to occur in Wahkiakum County, which declined slightly from 3.9% in 1990 to 1.3% in 2000. This was well below the state's average of 10.4% in 2000. The number of immigrants also declined in the county by 61.8%. The percent of immigrants arriving in the prior decade for Wahkiakum County dropped from 13% in 1990 to 0% in 2000.

Percent of Foreign Born Population: 2000



Percent of Foreign Born Population Arriving in 1990's

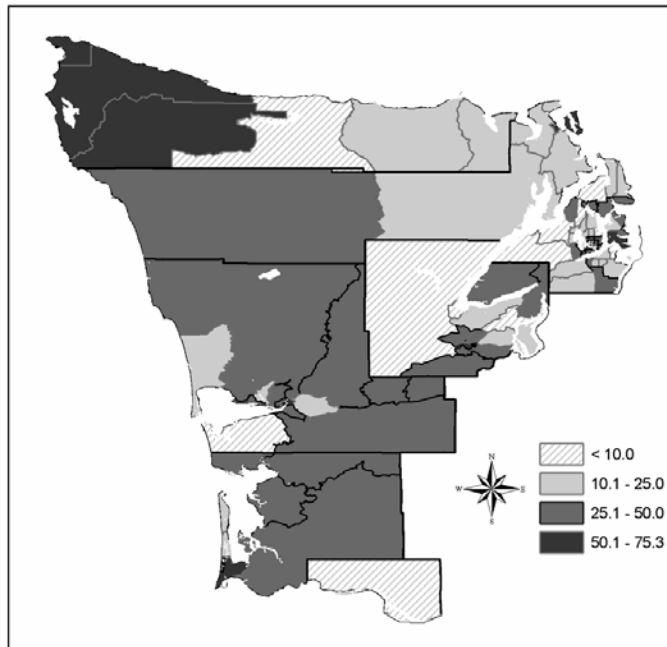


Table 3.2. Foreign Born Population

Area	Foreign Born Population						Foreign Born Population Arrived in the Prior Decade					
	Number		Percent		Change 1990-2000		Number		Percent of Foreign Born		Change 1990-2000	
	1990	2000	1990	2000	Number	Percent	1980-90	1990-00	1980-90	1990-00	Number	Percent
<b>Washington</b>	<b>322,144</b>	<b>614,457</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>292,313</b>	<b>90.7</b>	<b>128,643</b>	<b>286,439</b>	<b>39.9</b>	<b>46.6</b>	<b>157,796</b>	<b>122.7</b>
<b>Clallam</b>	<b>2,289</b>	<b>2,877</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>25.4</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>70.0</b>
BNA 9801	15	17	1.2	1.3	2	13.3	4	12	26.7	70.6	8	200.0
BNA 9802	81	71	4.9	3.5	-10	-12.3	16	38	19.8	53.5	22	137.5
<sup>C1</sup> BNA 9803	230	472	3.3	7.0	242	105.2	101	276	43.9	58.5	175	173.3
BNA 9806	70	58	2.8	1.9	-12	-17.1	8	5	11.4	8.6	-3	-37.5
<sup>C2</sup> BNA 9807	1,271	1,476	3.8	4.0	205	16.1	254	304	20.0	20.6	50	19.7
<sup>C3</sup> BNA 9819	622	783	5.6	5.5	161	25.9	47	96	7.6	12.3	49	104.3
<b>Grays Harbor</b>	<b>1,713</b>	<b>2,798</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>1,085</b>	<b>63.3</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>1,163</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>247.2</b>
<sup>G1</sup> Tract 1	41	163	0.8	3.5	122	297.6	3	62	7.3	38.0	59	1966.7
Tract 2	131	260	3.0	4.3	129	98.5	22	47	16.8	18.1	25	113.6
Tract 4	114	94	1.8	1.5	-20	-17.5	17	35	14.9	37.2	18	105.9
Tract 5	192	213	3.2	3.4	21	10.9	53	85	27.6	39.9	32	60.4
Tract 6	34	45	1.2	1.4	11	32.4	5	14	14.7	31.1	9	180.0
Tract 7	55	109	1.5	2.7	54	98.2	0	37	0.0	33.9	37	100.0
Tract 8	79	110	2.0	2.8	31	39.2	0	19	0.0	17.3	19	100.0
Tract 9	195	365	3.5	6.2	170	87.2	47	179	24.1	49.0	132	280.9
Tract 10	226	392	6.3	10.6	166	73.5	112	276	49.6	70.4	164	146.4
Tract 11	155	196	3.6	4.8	41	26.5	11	74	7.1	37.8	63	572.7
Tract 12	128	285	2.8	6.4	157	122.7	23	167	18.0	58.6	144	626.1
Tract 13	86	173	2.2	4.5	87	101.2	0	75	0.0	43.4	75	100.0
Tract 14	39	105	1.8	4.7	66	169.2	0	21	0.0	20.0	21	100.0
Tract 15	166	158	4.2	3.9	-8	-4.8	22	60	13.3	38.0	38	172.7
Tract 16	72	130	1.7	2.8	58	80.6	20	12	27.8	9.2	-8	-40.0
<b>Jefferson</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>1,040</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>73.6</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>99.2</b>
BNA 9501	5	21	0.7	3.5	16	320.0	4	6	80.0	28.6	2	50.0
<sup>J1</sup> BNA 9502	57	70	2.3	2.5	13	22.8	27	15	47.4	21.4	-12	-44.4
BNA 9503	68	197	2.2	4.2	129	189.7	0	22	0.0	11.2	22	0.0
BNA 9504	104	130	3.5	3.5	26	25.0	18	68	17.3	52.3	50	277.8
BNA 9505	164	301	4.4	5.4	137	83.5	19	75	11.6	24.9	56	294.7
<sup>J2</sup> BNA 9506	201	321	2.8	3.8	120	59.7	51	51	25.4	15.9	0	0.0
<b>Kitsap</b>	<b>7,735</b>	<b>13,180</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>5,445</b>	<b>70.4</b>	<b>1,982</b>	<b>3,598</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>27.3</b>	<b>1,616</b>	<b>81.5</b>
Tract 801.01	96	176	4.8	7.7	80	83.3	23	31	24.0	17.6	8	34.8
Tract 801.02	242	426	6.6	9.6	184	76.0	112	106	46.3	24.9	-6	-5.4
Tract 802	222	415	6.3	12.2	193	86.9	64	204	28.8	49.2	140	218.8
Tract 803	173	86	3.9	2.9	-87	-50.3	57	5	32.9	5.8	-52	-91.2
Tract 804	93	213	2.7	6.2	120	129.0	45	83	48.4	39.0	38	84.4
<sup>K1</sup> Tract 805	80	148	3.0	5.6	68	85.0	17	71	21.3	48.0	54	317.6
Tract 806	299	350	6.1	7.2	51	17.1	97	199	32.4	56.9	102	105.2
Tract 807	99	128	3.2	4.0	29	29.3	20	30	20.2	23.4	10	50.0
Tract 808.98	206	294	6.6	10.3	88	42.7	139	132	67.5	44.9	-7	-5.0
Tract 809.98	68	288	1.9	6.6	220	323.5	17	87	25.0	30.2	70	411.8
Tract 810	169	399	3.8	8.6	230	136.1	93	171	55.0	42.9	78	83.9
<sup>K2</sup> Tract 811	252	348	4.0	6.0	96	38.1	53	166	21.0	47.7	113	213.2
<sup>K3</sup> Tract 814	94	183	2.9	8.8	89	94.7	29	106	30.9	57.9	77	265.5
Tract 901.01	98	134	3.1	2.8	36	36.7	20	15	20.4	11.2	-5	-25.0
Tract 901.02	127	180	3.8	3.7	53	41.7	17	33	13.4	18.3	16	94.1
Tract 902	99	224	1.8	2.8	125	126.3	0	21	0.0	9.4	21	100.0
<sup>K4</sup> Tract 903	152	334	3.4	4.6	182	119.7	117	94	77.0	28.1	-23	-19.7
Tract 904	155	304	4.3	7.1	149	96.1	19	26	12.3	8.6	7	36.8
Tract 905	272	434	4.8	6.1	162	59.6	56	174	20.6	40.1	118	210.7

Table 3.2 continued

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	Number		Percent		Change 1990-2000		Number		Percent		Change 1990-2000		
	1990	2000	1990	2000	Number	Percent	1980-90	1990-00	1980-90	1990-00	Number	Percent	
<i>Kitsap County, continued</i>													
Tract 906.01	Port Madison Reservation	200	248	4.5	4.7	48	24.0	48	78	24.0	31.5	30	62.5
Tract 906.02	Port Madison Reservation	59	94	3.1	3.1	35	59.3	10	28	16.9	29.8	18	180.0
Tract 907	Bainbridge Island	135	228	3.4	4.7	93	68.9	14	68	10.4	29.8	54	385.7
Tract 908	Bainbridge Island	125	185	4.1	4.6	60	48.0	10	42	8.0	22.7	32	320.0
Tract 909	Bainbridge Island	217	495	5.4	9.2	278	128.1	52	164	24.0	33.1	112	215.4
Tract 910	Bainbridge Island	205	267	4.3	4.5	62	30.2	8	136	3.9	50.9	128	1600.0
Tract 911	Silverdale	170	134	4.6	3.1	-36	-21.2	31	27	18.2	20.1	-4	-12.9
Tract 912.01	Silverdale	101	263	3.6	7.3	162	160.4	27	47	26.7	17.9	20	74.1
K <sup>5</sup> Tract 912.02	Silverdale	338	1,237	6.3	11.4	899	266.0	82	274	24.3	22.2	192	234.1
K <sup>6</sup> Tract 913	Central Hood Canal Area	225	319	3.6	3.7	94	41.8	75	24	33.3	7.5	-51	-68.0
Tract 914	Bremerton	135	221	4.6	7.0	86	63.7	19	42	14.1	19.0	23	121.1
Tract 915	Bremerton	286	276	7.6	7.2	-10	-3.5	104	55	36.4	19.9	-49	-47.1
Tract 916	Bremerton	313	646	5.9	9.5	333	106.4	79	117	25.2	18.1	38	48.1
Tract 917	Bremerton	544	460	8.3	6.5	-84	-15.4	112	43	20.6	9.3	-69	-61.6
Tract 918	Bremerton	114	239	4.2	8.4	125	109.6	14	93	12.3	38.9	79	564.3
Tract 919	Tracyton	89	161	3.4	4.9	72	80.9	17	51	19.1	31.7	34	200.0
Tract 920	West of Bremerton	61	170	1.8	3.7	109	178.7	12	17	19.7	10.0	5	41.7
Tract 921	Gorst	70	183	2.0	3.7	113	161.4	15	31	21.4	16.9	16	106.7
Tract 922	Port Orchard	130	410	3.0	6.4	280	215.4	39	146	30.0	35.6	107	274.4
Tract 923	Port Orchard	253	191	5.2	3.7	-62	-24.5	55	27	21.7	14.1	-28	-50.9
Tract 924	Parkwood	203	298	3.3	4.7	95	46.8	37	72	18.2	24.2	35	94.6
Tract 925	Port Orchard/Parkwood	87	150	2.2	3.1	63	72.4	21	21	24.1	14.0	0	0.0
Tract 926	Manchester	92	212	2.0	3.8	120	130.4	15	16	16.3	7.5	1	6.7
Tract 927	Southworth	205	258	3.7	3.5	53	25.9	68	26	33.2	10.1	-42	-61.8
K <sup>7</sup> Tract 928	Southeast corner	196	409	2.5	3.9	213	108.7	11	121	5.6	29.6	110	1000.0
K <sup>8</sup> Tract 929	Southeast corner	186	362	2.5	3.7	176	94.6	12	78	6.5	21.5	66	550.0
<b>Mason</b>		<b>1,102</b>	<b>2,175</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>1,073</b>	<b>97.4</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>38.3</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>382.1</b>
M <sup>1</sup> BNA 9602	West	219	153	3.9	2.8	-66	-30.1	63	0	28.8	0.0	-63	-100.0
BNA 9603	North Canal	70	196	1.8	3.7	126	180.0	13	70	18.6	35.7	57	438.5
BNA 9604	Allyn-Grapeview	99	253	2.0	4.4	154	155.6	18	91	18.2	36.0	73	405.6
BNA 9605	South Canal	93	116	4.1	3.3	23	24.7	4	16	4.3	13.8	12	300.0
M <sup>2</sup> BNA 9606	Shelton	180	536	3.5	6.2	356	197.8	15	225	8.3	42.0	210	1400.0
BNA 9607	Shelton	41	239	2.5	15.3	198	482.9	0	180	0.0	75.3	180	100.0
BNA 9609	Shelton	167	253	4.5	6.1	86	51.5	42	148	25.1	58.5	106	252.4
BNA 9610	Shelton	52	133	1.6	3.1	81	155.8	5	38	9.6	28.6	33	660.0
BNA 9611	Oakland Bay	63	101	2.0	2.2	38	60.3	2	23	3.2	22.8	21	1050.0
BNA 9612	Mason Lake	70	72	3.8	2.8	2	2.9	6	5	8.6	6.9	-1	-16.7
BNA 9613	South	37	116	1.7	3.9	79	213.5	4	38	10.8	32.8	34	850.0
BNA 9614	Skokomish Reservation	11	7	1.8	1.0	-4	-36.4	1	0	9.1	0.0	-1	-100.0
<b>Pacific</b>		<b>829</b>	<b>1,258</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>51.7</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>396</b>	<b>52.5</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>-39</b>	<b>-9.0</b>
BNA 9502	Raymond	377	475	8.4	10.6	98	26.0	237	129	62.9	27.2	-108	-45.6
BNA 9503	South Bend	154	251	4.3	6.4	97	63.0	80	92	51.9	36.7	12	15.0
P <sup>1</sup> BNA 9504	East	82	115	2.2	3.1	33	40.2	65	35	79.3	30.4	-30	-46.2
BNA 9505	Long Beach	38	119	1.8	4.7	81	213.2	9	71	23.7	59.7	62	688.9
BNA 9506	Long Beach city	31	80	2.4	6.1	49	158.1	3	32	9.7	40.0	29	966.7
BNA 9507	Ocean Park	39	96	1.9	3.4	57	146.2	14	13	35.9	13.5	-1	-7.1
P <sup>2</sup> BNA 9508	Ocean Park	108	122	6.3	5.7	14	13.0	27	24	25.0	19.7	-3	-11.1
<b>Wahkiakum</b>		<b>131</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>-81</b>	<b>-61.8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>-100.0</b>
BNA 9501		131	50	3.9	1.3	-81	-61.8	17	0	13.0	0.0	-17	-100.0

Data from U.S. Census tables P036, P042 STF3 (1990) and P021, P023 SF3 (2000)