

FEARLESS EXPLORATION



PHOTOS FROM TOP: MOUNT RAINIER, CHIHULY BRIDGE OF GLASS, PUGET SOUND

TRAVEL TACOMA + PIERCE COUNTY, WA

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FAST FACTS

Tacoma + Pierce County, Wash. is a place for people unafraid to trek through the woods of Mount Rainier in the rain, fearless of breaking a sweat in the heat of the hot shop while blowing glass and resiliently tilling the soil that grows some of the world's best rhubarb. Experiencing this place leaves those who come different from when they came.

PIERCE COUNTY POPULATION: 795,225

- Second most populous county in Washington state

CITY OF TACOMA POPULATION: 198,397

- Second most populous metropolitan area in Washington state
- Third most populous city [after Seattle and Spokane]

PIERCE COUNTY AREA: 1,679 SQ. MI. Geography

From Puget Sound in the west and the southeastern flank of Kitsap Peninsula [including Gig Harbor and Key Peninsula], through Mount Rainier National Park in the east, with the White River forming much of the northern boundary and the Nisqually River forming much of the southern border.

Altitude

- Sea-level to 440 ft. in the metropolitan area
- 14,411 ft. at the summit of Mount Rainier

AVERAGE RAINFALL

- 39 inches [less than New York, Boston, Houston and Miami], 75 percent of which falls October through March
- Driest month: July
- Wettest month: December

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE

- Summer [70-80 f, 21-26 c]
- Winter [40-50 f, 4-10 c]
- Spring/Fall [55-65 f, 13-18 c]

LARGEST COMMUNITIES

Tacoma [pop. 198,397]

Revitalized downtown, world-class museums, Chihuly Bridge of Glass, arts and collector vehicles

Lakewood [pop. 58,163]

Beautiful lakes, gardens and the 340-acre Fort Steilacoom Park

Puyallup [pop. 37,022]

Washington State Fair, Daffodil Festival, Arts Downtown Outdoor Gallery

DISTANCE FROM TACOMA TO:

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport

18 m | 29 km

Seattle, Wash.

36 m | 58 km

Portland, Ore.

142 m | 228 km

Vancouver, B.C.

174 m | 280 km

ACCOMMODATIONS

- Approximately 6,180 rooms at premier business class hotels and quality motels
- More than 25 bed + breakfast inns

VISITOR STATS

- 5.227 million visitors
- \$935 million in spending
- \$70.1 million in tax receipts

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