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# Mason County, Washington

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**Mason County** is a county located in the U.S. state of Washington. As of the 2020 census, the population was 65,726.<sup>[1]</sup> The county seat and only incorporated city is Shelton.<sup>[2]</sup> The county was formed out of Thurston County on March 13, 1854.<sup>[3]</sup> Originally named Sawamish County, it took its present name in 1864 in honor of Charles H. Mason, the first Secretary of Washington Territory.<sup>[3][4]</sup>

Mason County comprises the Shelton, WA Micropolitan Statistical Area and is included in the Seattle-Tacoma, WA Combined Statistical Area.

## Geography [edit]

According to the United States Census Bureau, the county has a total area of 1,051 square miles (2,720 km<sup>2</sup>), of which 959 square miles (2,480 km<sup>2</sup>) is land and 92 square miles (240 km<sup>2</sup>) (8.7%) is water.<sup>[5]</sup>

### Geographic features [edit]

- Brown Cove
- Case Inlet
- Hammersley Inlet
- Harstine Island
- Hood Canal
- Lake Cushman
- Mason Lake
- Olympic Mountains
- Puget Sound
- Squaxin Island
- Totten Inlet

Oakland Bay

### Major highways [edit]

- U.S. 101
- SR 3
- SR 108
- SR 106

### Adjacent counties [edit]

- Jefferson County – northwest
- Kitsap County – northeast
- Pierce County – east/southeast
- Thurston County – southeast
- Grays Harbor County – southwest

### National protected areas [edit]

- Olympic National Forest (part)
- Olympic National Park (part)

## Demographics [edit]

### 2000 census [edit]

As of the 2000 census, there were 49,405 people, 18,912 households, and 13,389 families living in the county. The population density was 51 people per square mile (20 people/km<sup>2</sup>). There were 25,515 housing units at an average density of 26 units per square mile (10 units/km<sup>2</sup>). The racial makeup of the county was 88.46% White, 1.19% Black or African American, 3.72% Native American, 1.05% Asian, 0.45% Pacific Islander, 2.10% from other races, and 3.03% from two or more races. 4.78% of the population were Hispanic or Latino of any race. 16.7% were of German, 9.9% Irish, 9.8% English, 8.6% United States or American and 6.8% Norwegian ancestry.

There were 18,912 households, out of which 28.90% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 56.90% were married couples living together, 9.20% had a female householder with no husband present, and 29.20% were non-families. 23.30% of all households were made up of individuals, and 9.90% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.49 and the average family size was 2.89.

In the county, the population was spread out, with 23.50% under the age of 18, 7.70% from 18 to 24, 26.50% from 25 to 44, 25.80% from 45 to 64, and 16.50% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 40 years. For every 100 females there were 107.00 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 107.30 males.

The median income for a household in the county was \$39,586, and the median income for a family was \$44,246. Males had a median income of \$37,007 versus \$25,817 for females. The per capita income for the county was \$18,056. About 8.80% of families and 12.20% of the population were below the poverty line, including 17.30% of those under age 18 and 4.90% of those age 65 or over.

### 2010 census [edit]

As of the 2010 census, there were 60,699 people, 23,832 households, and 16,057 families living in the county.<sup>[11]</sup> The population density was 63.3 inhabitants per square mile (24.4/km<sup>2</sup>). There were 32,518 housing units at an average density of 33.9 units per square mile (13.1 units/km<sup>2</sup>).<sup>[12]</sup> The racial makeup of the county was 86.1% white, 3.7% American Indian, 1.2% Asian, 1.1% black or African American, 0.4% Pacific Islander, 3.4% from other races, and 4.1% from two or more races. Those of Hispanic or Latino origin made up 8.0% of the population.<sup>[11]</sup> In terms of ancestry, 19.7% were German, 13.8% were English, 13.5% were Irish, 6.7% were Norwegian, and 4.9% were American.<sup>[13]</sup>

Of the 23,832 households, 27.0% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 52.5% were married couples living together, 9.5% had a female householder with no husband present, 32.6% were non-families, and 25.3% of all households were made up of individuals. The average household size was 2.45 and the average family size was 2.87. The median age was 44.4 years.<sup>[11]</sup>

The median income for a household in the county was \$48,104 and the median income for a family was \$56,809. Males had a median income of \$44,992 versus \$33,982 for females. The per capita income for the county was \$22,530. About 11.1% of families and 15.6% of the population were below the poverty line, including 21.0% of those under age 18 and 9.0% of those age 65 or over.<sup>[14]</sup>

## Communities [edit]

### City [edit]

- Shelton (county seat)

### Census-designated places [edit]

- Ailyn-Grapeview
- Belfair
- Hoodsport
- Kamilche
- Skokomish
- Union

### Unincorporated communities [edit]

- Eldon
- Harstine Island
- Lake Cushman
- Lilliwaup
- Matlock
- Pottlatch
- Tahuya

## Politics [edit]

**Mason County**

County



Mason County Courthouse



Seal



Location within the U.S. state of Washington



Washington's location within the U.S.  
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<b>Country</b>	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> United States
<b>State</b>	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> Washington
<b>Founded</b>	March 13, 1854
<b>Named for</b>	Charles H. Mason
<b>Seat</b>	Shelton
<b>Largest city</b>	Shelton
<b>Area</b>	
<span> </span> • <span> </span> Total	1,051 <span> </span> sq <span> </span> mi (2,720 <span> </span> km <sup>2</sup> )
<span> </span> • <span> </span> Land	959 <span> </span> sq <span> </span> mi (2,480 <span> </span> km <sup>2</sup> )
<span> </span> • <span> </span> Water	92 <span> </span> sq <span> </span> mi (240 <span> </span> km <sup>2</sup> ) 8.7%
<b>Population</b> (2020)	
<span> </span> • <span> </span> Total	65,726
<span> </span> • <span> </span> Estimate (2022)	68,166 <span><span>▲</span></span>
<span> </span> • <span> </span> Density	63/sq <span> </span> mi (24/km <sup>2</sup> )
<b>Time zone</b>	UTC−8 (Pacific)
<span> </span> • <span> </span> Summer (DST)	UTC−7 (PDT)
<b>Congressional district</b>	6th
<b>Website</b>	<span>www.masoncountywa.gov</span> <span><span>↗</span></span>



Historical population		
Census	Pop.	%±
1860	162	—
1870	289	78.4%
1880	639	121.1%
1890	2,826	342.3%
1900	3,810	34.8%
1910	5,156	35.3%
1920	4,919	−4.6%
1930	10,060	104.5%
1940	11,603	15.3%
1950	15,022	29.5%
1960	16,251	8.2%
1970	20,918	28.7%
1980	31,184	49.1%
1990	38,341	23.0%
2000	49,405	28.9%
2010	60,699	22.9%
2020	65,726	8.3%
<b>2022 (est.)</b>	68,166 <sup>[8]</sup>	3.7%
U.S. Decennial Census <sup>[15]</sup>		
1790–1960 <sup>[16]</sup> 1900–1990 <sup>[17]</sup>		
1990–2000 <sup>[18]</sup> 2010–2020 <sup>[1]</sup>		

