

Washington State Vital Statistics

2023 Highlights



Vital Statistics Summary

Event	Number	Rate/Ratio
Live Births	80,871	50.7 (per 1,000 women ages 15-44)
Deaths	66,062	700.2 (age adjusted per 100,000)
Fetal Deaths ¹	437	5.4 (per 1,000 live births)
Infant Deaths ²	402	5.0 (per 1,000 live births)
Marriages ³	43,735	5.5 (per 1,000 population)
Divorces ³	21,013	2.6 (per 1,000 population)
Life Expectancy at Birth Female 82.2 Male 77.0		
Most Births August	7,220	Most Popular Baby Names
Fewest Births February	5,976	
Most Deaths July	5,723	Boys
Fewest Deaths February	5,190	OLIVER
Most Marriages September ³	5,778	LIAM
Fewest Marriages January ³	1,835	NOAH
Most Divorces August ³	1,942	THEODORE
Fewest Divorces April ³	1,510	HENRY
		JAMES
		MATEO
		BENJAMIN
		LUCAS
		EZRA
Age of Oldest Decedent	109	Girls
		OLIVIA
		AMELIA
		EMMA
		SOPHIA
		EVELYN
		CHARLOTTE
		MIA
		ISABELLA
		ELEANOR
		HARPER

¹Gestation 20 or more weeks not live born

²Live born <1 year old

³Includes WA occurrences to out of state residents

Births and Deaths by County

County	Resident Births		Resident Deaths		Death Occurrences
	Number	Rate ¹	Number	Rate ²	
Adams	370	90.2	114	627.2	94
Asotin	200	54.0	310	806.9	249
Benton	2,460	57.6	1,746	707.3	2,041
Chelan	780	53.7	775	654.4	1,006
Clallam	518	47.7	1,209	770.1	1,037
Clark	5,484	53.3	4,457	720.8	4,528
Columbia	35	60.7	55	787.8	49
Cowlitz	1,198	60.1	1,343	856.0	1,250
Douglas	468	58.1	359	636.7	196
Ferry	65	69.2	131	1037.7	93
Franklin	1,439	68.6	543	679.5	350
Garfield	16	49.6	25	674.6	16
Grant	1,382	71.6	859	761.9	713
Grays Harbor	654	53.5	1,071	927.1	790
Island	711	50.3	878	588.1	641
Jefferson	133	34.1	407	517.8	327
King	22,407	43.0	15,178	625.3	16,912
Kitsap	2,691	52.3	2,465	663.7	2,177
Kittitas	376	36.7	393	669.1	346
Klickitat	202	55.8	233	668.4	165
Lewis	910	64.3	1,059	861.5	895
Lincoln	125	76.3	155	862.7	107
Mason	668	64.6	848	817.1	633
Okanogan	412	62.8	519	795.8	393
Pacific	148	47.9	367	857.1	273
Pend Oreille	114	60.4	211	921.6	154
Pierce	10,444	54.9	8,015	759.7	8,686
San Juan	89	36.3	171	506.2	122
Skagit	1,352	58.9	1,450	715.6	1,425
Skamania	84	45.1	137	815.0	84
Snohomish	9,863	57.6	6,297	678.5	5,841
Spokane	5,696	51.8	5,330	765.9	5,921
Stevens	475	67.0	564	767.8	385
Thurston	2,837	48.1	2,801	714.2	2,845
Wahkiakum	25	41.1	62	702.6	28
Walla Walla	557	47.7	677	701.6	709
Whatcom	1,934	39.6	2,027	669.1	2,080
Whitman	378	26.6	300	701.1	268
Yakima	3,128	60.5	2,297	799.9	2,073

¹ Live births per 1,000 women of childbearing age (15-44)

² Age adjusted rate per 100,000 population

Every Day There Were An Average Of:

Live births	222	Deaths	181
Births to women under 18	3	Heart disease deaths	34
Births to maternal smokers	7	Cancer deaths	37
Preterm births (<37 weeks)	24	COVID-19 deaths	3
Low birth weight births ¹	15	Suicides	3
Primary C-section births	42	Marriages	120
Plural births (twins+)	6	Divorces	58

¹Singleton births

Maternal Characteristics

Race/Ethnicity ¹	Number	Age ²	Number
White NH ¹	42,541	<18	533
Black NH	3,855	18-19	1,710
Asian NH	9,098	20-24	11,658
NHOPI ² NH	1,419	25-29	21,287
AIAN ³ NH	855	30-39	41,863
Multi-Race NH	3,928	40+	3,764
Hispanic	16,999	Education³	
¹ Non-Hispanic		Not high school graduate	7,284
² Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander		High school graduate only	17,165
³ American Indian/Alaska Native		Any College	53,824

¹2,176 unknown race/ethnicity ²56 unknown age ³2,598 unknown education

Other Natality Characteristics

Births where mother...	Number	Percent
Smoked during pregnancy	2,441	3.0
Was unmarried	25,522	31.7
Had gestational diabetes	9,936	12.3
Had pregnancy-associated hypertension	9,065	11.2
Had 1 st trimester prenatal care ¹	48,389	70.8
Had 3 rd trimester, later or no prenatal care ¹	5,034	7.4
Had a primary C-section delivery	15,502	19.2
Births that were...		
Low birth weight ² (<2,500 g)	5,626	7.0
Plural (twins+)	2,369	2.9
Preterm (<37 weeks)	8,886	11.1

¹NCHS calculated month prenatal care began

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Causes of Death

Top 10 Causes of Death	Number	Percent	Rate ¹
Malignant Neoplasms	13,700	20.7	137.2
Heart Disease	12,425	18.8	130.0
Unintentional Injury	6,195	9.4	72.8
Alzheimer's Disease	3,313	5.0	36.1
Cerebrovascular Diseases	3,143	4.8	33.2
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	2,739	4.2	27.2
Diabetes Mellitus	1,986	3.0	20.2
Intentional Self-Harm (Suicide)	1,278	1.9	15.4
Chronic Liver Disease & Cirrhosis	1,204	1.8	13.0
COVID-19	966	1.5	10.1
Deaths of Interest			
Firearms	1,046	1.6	12.8
Motor Vehicle Deaths	856	1.3	10.4
Homicides	409	0.6	5.2
Cremated	80%	Buried	14%
Other	6%		

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