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## Demographics of Tukwila

Tukwila is a small city with only 20,930 residents<sup>1</sup> that has changed a lot since it was incorporated over 110 years ago. To understand a city, it can be helpful to compare it to other jurisdictions and so we will compare Tukwila to King County.

Tukwila is a very diverse city. In 2009 *The New York Times* ranked the Tukwila School District as the most diverse in the United States based on the chance that two students selected at random would be members of a different ethnic group. Today, no racial group constitutes a majority in Tukwila. Compared to King County, Tukwila is significantly more diverse with approximately half the percentage of white residents, 1.5 times the percentage of Asian residents, and 3 times the percentage of Black or African-American residents.

### Demographic Comparison (Table 4.1)

<b>Population by Race*</b>	<b>King County</b> (%)	<b>Tukwila</b> (%)
White (alone)	66 %	37 %
Asian (alone)	17 %	24 %
Black or African-American (alone)	6 %	17 %
Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander (alone)	1 %	2 %
American Indian or Alaska Native (alone)	< 1 %	1 %
Two or More Races	5 %	11 %
Other Race (alone)	3 %	8 %

\* Defined as the seven Census Designated Racial Category

Source: Census Bureau's American Communities Survey (2017)

### Demographic Comparison (Table 4.2)

<b>Population by Hispanic or Latino Origin</b>	<b>King County</b> (%)	<b>Tukwila</b> (%)
Hispanic or Latino	9 %	15 %

Source: Census Bureau's American Communities Survey (2017)

<sup>1</sup> Office of Financial Management, April 2019



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Demographic Comparison (Table 4.3)

Language Spoken at Home	King County (%)	Tukwila (%)
English	74 %	50 %
Language Other Than English	26 %	50 %
<i>Spanish or Spanish Creole</i>	7 %	10 %
<i>African Languages</i>	2 %	10 %
<i>Vietnamese</i>	2 %	4 %
<i>Tagalog</i>	1 %	3 %
<i>Chinese</i>	4 %	2 %
<i>Serbo-Croatian</i>	< 1 %	2 %
<i>Arabic</i>	< 1 %	2 %
<i>Mon-Khmer, Cambodian</i>	< 1 %	2 %
<i>Russian</i>	1 %	1 %
<i>Hindi</i>	1 %	1 %
<i>Korean</i>	1 %	< 1 %
<i>Japanese</i>	1 %	< 1 %
<i>French (including Patois, Cajun)</i>	1 %	< 1 %
<i>Other Indic Languages</i>	1 %	4 %
<i>Other Asian Languages</i>	1 %	4 %
<i>Other Pacific Island Languages</i>	1 %	3 %
<i>Other Slavic Languages</i>	1 %	1 %
<i>Other Indo-European Languages</i>	< 1 %	1 %
<b>Foreign Born</b>	<b>21 %</b>	<b>41 %</b>

Source: Census Bureau's American Communities Survey (2015)

Many languages are spoken in Tukwila. In Tukwila, 41% of the population was born outside the United States and 50% of the population does not speak English as their primary language at home. Within that group, the languages spoken spread across many types, and no single language is spoken by a majority of those who speak a language other than English at home.

Compared to King County, languages spoken in Tukwila are considerably more diverse. Tukwila has nearly twice the percentage of both residents who were born outside the United States and residents who speak a language other than English at home.

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Demographic Comparison (Table 4.4)

Age Bracket	King County (%)	Tukwila (%)
0 - 4	6 %	8 %
5 - 9	6 %	6 %
10 - 14	5 %	6 %
15 - 17	3 %	3 %
18 - 20	3 %	3 %
21 - 24	5 %	7 %
25 - 34	17 %	18 %
35 - 44	15 %	15 %
45 - 54	14 %	12 %
55 - 64	12 %	12 %
65 - 74	7 %	7 %
75 - 84	3 %	2 %
85 and over	2 %	2 %
<b>Median Age (years)</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>34.6</b>

Source: Census Bureau's American Communities Survey (2017)

Tukwila has a slightly younger population than King County, with its median age of 34.6 years being almost three years younger than King County's median age of 37.2. This age difference is primarily related to a higher percentage of children, since approximately 23% of Tukwila's population is under the age of 17, whereas the comparable rate for King County is 21%.

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**Demographic Comparison (Table 4.5)**

<i>Annual Household Income</i>	<i>King County</i> (%)	<i>Tukwila</i> (%)
< \$ 10,000	5 %	8 %
\$ 10,000 - 14,999	3 %	6 %
\$ 15,000 - 24,999	6 %	8 %
\$ 25,000 - 34,999	7 %	11 %
\$ 35,000 - 49,999	10 %	17 %
\$ 50,000 - 74,999	15 %	19 %
\$ 75,000 - 99,999	13 %	11 %
\$ 100,000 - 149,999	19 %	15 %
\$ 150 000 - 199 999	10 %	4 %
> \$ 200 000	13 %	2 %
<b><i>Median Household Income</i></b>	<b>\$ 83,571</b>	<b>\$ 51,318</b>

*Source: Census Bureau's American Communities Survey (2017)*

Tukwila's residents earn considerably less than those in the rest of King County. The median household income in Tukwila of \$51,000 is 61% of the median household income for King County. As you would expect, this reflects a higher percentage of Tukwila households are in lower income brackets. Households earning less than \$50,000 a year make up 50% of Tukwila's population but only 31% of King County's population. The difference is especially pronounced in households earning less than \$15,000 per year, with Tukwila's 14% nearly double the County's 8%.

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## Demographic Comparison (Table 4.6)

<i>Tenure</i>	<b>King County</b> (%)	<b>Tukwila</b> (%)
<i>Owner-Occupied</i>	61 %	38 %
<i>Renter-Occupied</i>	39 %	62 %

*Source: Census Bureau's American Communities Survey (2017)*

Of Tukwila's home (houses, apartments, etc.), 62% are occupied by renters and 39% are occupied by owners. The percentage of our homes that are occupied by renters is over 50% higher in Tukwila than in King County (62% versus 39%). Likewise, the percentage of owner-occupied homes is about 1/3 lower in Tukwila than in King County.

## Demographic Comparison (Table 4.7)

<i>Year Householder Moved Into Unit</i>	<b>King County</b> (%)	<b>Tukwila</b> (%)
<i>2015 or later</i>	14 %	14 %
<i>2010 - 2014</i>	36 %	43 %
<i>2000 - 2009</i>	27 %	26 %
<i>1990 - 1999</i>	12 %	9 %
<i>1980 - 1989</i>	6 %	3 %
<i>1979 or earlier</i>	5 %	4 %

*Source: Census Bureau's American Communities Survey (2017)*

The residential population is more mobile in Tukwila than in King County. According to the American Community Survey conducted in 2017, 43% of Tukwila's householders moved into their unit between 2010 and 2014 which is approximately 20% higher than the similar comparison for King County.

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Demographic Comparison (Table 4.8)

<i>Household Size*</i>	<b>King County</b> (%)	<b>Tukwila</b> (%)
1-person household	30 %	29 %
2-person household	34 %	25 %
3-person household	15 %	19 %
4-person household	13 %	12 %
5-person household	5 %	7 %
6-person household	2 %	5 %
7-person household	1 %	3 %
<b>Average Household Size</b>	<b>2.45</b>	<b>2.79</b>

\* Aggregate of Family and Non-family Households

Source: Census Bureau's American Communities Survey (2017)

Tukwila has larger household sizes when compared to King County at an average size of 2.79 and 2.45, respectively. Tukwila has 46% of households with three or more people compared to 36% for King County.

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## Demographic Comparison (Table 4.9)

<i>Educational Attainment</i> <i>(population ages 18 - 24)</i>	<b>King County</b> (%)	<b>Tukwila</b> (%)
Less than High School	13 %	25 %
High School Graduate (or equivalent)	24 %	29 %
Some college or Associate's Degree	42 %	34 %
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	21 %	12 %

Source: Census Bureau's American Communities Survey (2017)

Tukwila's residents who are young adults have significantly less education than residents of the same age in King County overall. For example, the percentage of King County's young adult residents who have bachelor's degrees or higher is nearly twice the percentage for Tukwila residents (21% compared to 12%).

## Demographic Comparison (Table 4.10)

<i>Educational Attainment</i> <i>(population 25 and over)</i>	<b>King County</b> (%)	<b>Tukwila</b> (%)
Less than 9th Grade	3 %	12 %
9th to 12th Grade, no diploma	4 %	10 %
Less than High School	16 %	26 %
High School Graduate (or equivalent)	19 %	22 %
Some college or Associate's Degree	8 %	9 %
Bachelor's Degree	31 %	15 %
Graduate or Professional Degree	20 %	7 %

Source: Census Bureau's American Communities Survey (2017)

Tukwila's residents who are 25 years and older have significantly less education than residents of the same age in King County overall. For example, the rate at which King County residents who are 25 and older hold bachelor's, graduate, and / or professional degrees is more than double the rate for Tukwila residents (51% compared to 22%).

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