

Bellevue at a Glance



City of Bellevue

1953 Year the City of Bellevue was incorporated

5,950 Population at time of incorporation

1960s Period of rapid growth in Bellevue—with floating bridges across Lake Washington, Bellevue becomes bedroom community to Seattle

2000s Bellevue becomes a major hub for software engineering.

148,560 Total jobs citywide—major employers include T-Mobile, Amazon, Overlake Hospital Medical Center, Bellevue College, Salesforce, OpenAI, Snowflake, Uber, TikTok and Pokémon.

In the top 5 Oxford Economics ranks us so highly because of our economy, quality of life and environment.

In the top 10 The Seattle-Bellevue region is the 10th largest metro economy in the U.S., with the Eastside alone producing roughly \$140 billion in annual economic activity.

23,000 in hospitality In addition to tech, Bellevue has Washington's second largest hospitality sector, employing over 23,000 people in restaurants, hotels, shops and entertainment venues.

100 Bellevue is known as a "city in a park" with nearly 100 parks and more than 80 miles of trails.

20,659 Students enrolled at Bellevue College

5 Bellevue's rank on Niche's Best Cities to Live in America list (2025)



Downtown Bellevue

1979 City develops Downtown Subarea Plan with vision of a pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use urban center

410 Downtown in acres (1.87% of city's total land area)

21 Downtown Park in acres

56,058 Downtown jobs (2023)

70,000 Forecasted workforce growth by 2044

15.5% 2025 Q2 downtown vacancy rate

\$66.74 2025 average downtown office Class A asking lease rate

22,070 Projected downtown residents in 2040

61,417 Downtown's average "daytime population"

1,700 Visitors to Bellevue KCLS libraries daily

Bellevue City Wide Demographics

Demographic	2000 Census	2010 Census	2020 Census	2024 ACS
Population (April 1, 2018)***	109,827	122,363	151,854	158,100*
Median age (years)	38.2	38.5	37.2	38.4
Population age 65 or older	13.4%	13.9%	14.1%	14.9%
Average persons per household	2.37	2.41	2.47	2.47
Households of one person	28.4%	28.1%	26.6%	28.5%
Adults (age 25+) with at least a bachelor's degree	54.1%	59.1%**	70.7%**	75.1%
Population who are people of color	28.3%	40.8%	56.5%	67.5%
Population (age 5+) that speak a language other than English at home	26.9%	37.9%**	44.6%**	53.3%

*Source: 2025 April 1 Population Estimates. Washington Office of Financial Management.

**Source: 2010 and 2021 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. U.S. Census Bureau.


Downtown Demographics

Demographic	2000 Census	2010 Census	2020 Census	2024 ACS
Population (January 2019)***	2,618	7,147	14,810	16,160
Median age (years)	57.9	34.1	34.6	35.5
Population age 65 or older	44.2%	15.6%	13.6%	14.5%
Average persons per household	1.49	1.53	1.63	1.61
Households of one person	62.4%	59.6%	52.3%	51.7%
Adults (age 25+) with at least a bachelor's degree	45.3%	65.2%**	78.9%**	79.9%
Population who are people of color	19.5%	43.7%	56.1%	63.1%
Population (age 5+) that speak a language other than English at home	22.7%	37.2%**	44.8%**	50.7%

**Source: 2010 and 2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. U.S. Census Bureau.

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