THE CITY OF TACOMA AT A GLANCE
Tacoma is a mid-sized urban port city with a population of approximately 203,500. The third largest city in the state of Washington, it is a diverse, progressive, international city that serves as a gateway to the Pacific Rim and the rest of the world.

Named one of the most livable areas in the country by Livability.com, Tacoma’s urban core has steadily evolved since the 1990s, and has been propelled by significant developments that include the arrival of the University of Washington Tacoma, State Farm Insurance, the Tacoma Link light rail system, Washington state’s highest density of art and history museums, the restored urban waterfront of the Thea Foss Waterway, and the expansions of the Multicare and Franciscan health systems. In addition, a high-tech industry invigorates the region, and Tacoma Public Utilities has invested more than $100 million in 700 miles of fiber to create Tacoma’s high-speed communications network.
The iconic Tacoma Dome serves as a regional venue for some of the largest names in the entertainment industry. Tacoma is also home to a vibrant, creative community of emerging writers, artists, musicians, photographers, filmmakers, chefs, passionate entrepreneurs, and small business owners who add to the city’s colorful commercial landscape. In addition, Tacoma serves as a base for large companies like State Farm Insurance, BNY Mellon, Columbia Bank and Key Bank. Joint Base Lewis-McChord, the Defense Department’s premiere military installation on the West Coast, is just nine miles south of Tacoma.

Attracting families who have invested in the area for its charming neighborhoods and big city amenities, Tacoma is a magnet for downtown dwellers looking for competitively priced condominiums and apartments with picturesque mountain and water views.

A playground for hikers, runners, bicyclists and maritime enthusiasts, Tacoma is full of activity at every turn that is further accelerated by the young people attending the University of Washington Tacoma, the University of Puget Sound, and local trade and technical colleges. Located just 20 minutes away from the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and easily accessible from downtown Seattle and other neighboring cities, Tacoma is a city on the rise.
The City of Tacoma

AT A GLANCE

Population: 203,446
(2013 Estimate)

Rank in Size:
State of Washington

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Sources: U.S. Census Bureau

Population Diversity

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau

60.6%

10.9%

8.2%

10.7%

1.2%

1.3%

7.2%

White

Black or African American

American Indian and Alaska Native

Asian

Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander

Hispanic or Latino

Two or More Races

Education Attainment in Tacoma

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau

88.0% High School Degree or Higher

24.7% Bachelor's Degree or Higher

City of Tacoma, WA | 2015 - 2016 Adopted Budget
## Current Sales & Use Tax

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Source: Washington State Department of Revenue

## Sales Tax

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UTILITIES INFORMATION

SOLID WASTE
Residential Customers Served 54,387
Commercial Customers Served 4,480

Number of Surface Water Customers 70,414

Number of Wastewater Customers 61,214

Total (lane) Miles of Arterial Streets 857

TACOMA RAIL
204 MILES OF TRACK

138,000 Freight shipments per year.

318,400 total people served
435,000 total people served

2,341 MILES OF TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION LINES
204 MILES OF TRACK
**Tacoma Water**

- Total Customers: 97,217
- Utilities:
  - Residential: 91,530
  - Commercial/Industrial: 5,687
- 1,366 miles of water mains
- Tacoma City Limits: 63% Inside, 37% Outside
- 318,400 total people served

**Tacoma Power**

- Total Customers: 152,633
- Utilities:
  - Residential: 91,530
  - Commercial/Industrial: 5,687
- 2,341 miles of transmission & distribution lines
- Tacoma City Limits: 54% Inside, 46% Outside
- 435,000 total people served