



SUB-AREA PROFILES, 1990

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INTRODUCTION

Seattle is a rich and diverse city which is made up of a diverse set of neighborhoods. The purpose of this report is to present a broad description of who lives in the various parts of Seattle, what types of housing units they live in, how the land is used, and how well the residents are doing economically. This report is not intended to provide an all encompassing, in-depth analysis of what makes an area function but instead is designed to provide basic information by presenting data about selected characteristics.

Seattle has a tradition of active public and community participation and involvement. As a part of that interest in community, citizens and policy-makers have a desire and the need to know about sub-areas within the city. Unfortunately it is impossible to anticipate how each person defines a community or neighborhood area. For the purposes of this report we present data for a number of geographic areas for which we are frequently asked to provide data. These areas have been defined using the boundaries of census tracts. By using census tract as the base area we are able to conveniently provide a wide range of data from a variety of sources. Census tracts are areas defined by the U.S. Bureau of the Census for statistical reporting purposes. The Census Bureau reports population and housing data for census tracts. The boundaries used for this report are shown on the map on the opposite page.

REPORT FORMAT

The main body of this report outlines information for individual sub-areas within the city. In bullet format a description of the demographic, housing, and land use characteristics is presented. In addition to the several pages of bullets there is included four pages of data tables and two maps that provide the opportunity for further analysis by the reader. An appendix is also included that provides comparisons of the sub-areas within the city for population, employment and poverty, housing characteristics, change between 1980 and 1990, land use, and density.

DATA SOURCES

The source for most of the information presented in this report is the 1990 U.S. Census of Population and Housing. The Census provides the most complete and objective inventory of socio-economic conditions. The Census Bureau divides the city into 123 small geographic areas called census tracts. The data for the 123 census tracts have been aggregated to the sub-area level.

The King County Assessor data provides the source for much of the land use data. The Assessor's database is the source of information for net land area and the types of use. The gross land area and the zoned land area are extracted from the Planning Department geographic information system which contains a computerized version of the city zoning map. The Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) is the source for information on employment. The PSRC maintains estimates for employment for the city and for census tracts.

These sources of information provide the most current data available. However, it is still important to note that each of these data sources refers to a single point in time. The data for each of the topical areas in this report refers to 1990. Conditions may have changed since that time. The magnitude of those changes will vary from topic to topic so readers should be aware of this important limitation.

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