WSU--Snohomish County Cooperative Extension

World Class Education
Face-to-Face
# Snohomish County

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<th>Employment/Occupations</th>
<th>Snohomish</th>
<th>Skagit</th>
<th>King</th>
<th>Spokane</th>
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<td>Women-owned firms (%)</td>
<td>28.4</td>
<td>23.5</td>
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<td>Minority-owned firms (%)</td>
<td>7.9</td>
<td>5.6</td>
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<td>Government workers (%)</td>
<td>13.3</td>
<td>15.8</td>
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<td>Farm/Forest/Fish (%)</td>
<td>0.5</td>
<td>4.0</td>
<td>0.3</td>
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<td>Armed Forces</td>
<td>4,662</td>
<td>563</td>
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<td>Ag/Forest/Fish/Hunt/Mining</td>
<td>2,748</td>
<td>2,685</td>
<td>4,011</td>
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<td>Persons below poverty level (%)</td>
<td>9.7</td>
<td>11.1</td>
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<td>Persons per square mile</td>
<td>290.1</td>
<td>59.3</td>
<td>817.0</td>
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<td>Housing unit value ($)</td>
<td>199,100</td>
<td>158,100</td>
<td>233,200</td>
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<td>Median Household Income ($)</td>
<td>54,300</td>
<td>42,381</td>
<td>52,300</td>
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<td>Change (%)</td>
<td>30.2</td>
<td>29.5</td>
<td>15.2</td>
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<td>Population, 2001</td>
<td>622,900</td>
<td>105,247</td>
<td>1,741,785</td>
<td>423,261</td>
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Priority Issues

- Economic development
- Personal/Family crisis
- Learning self-help skills
- Local safe food supply
- Environment protection; Water rights; and Open space preservation
- Effective volunteerism
- Developing partnerships
- Leveraging resources

- What is…
- Who is affected…
- What can be…
- Who is needed…
- What will be…
- Who will do what…
4-H Youth Development

Youth Development: Over 8,000 youth...

Prevention Programming

- Life Skills Education
- Experiential based
- Mentoring relationship with adult role models
4-H Educational Activities

Public Presentations
Judging Events
Leadership
Service
Learning
Cross-cultural Experiences
4-H Community Programs

Portable Challenge and Creative Arts Education with Everett Housing Authority

Watershed Education with Monroe YMCA
Child and Family Issues

Childcare Provider Training and Curriculum Design
Training the Trainers Course
Continuing Education for Social Service and Mental Health Professionals
Parenting Classes
Balancing Work & Family Workshops
Child and Family Issues

Dad’s Boot Camp

Clothing and Textile Advisors
Building self-help skills
Family Issues

Mill Creek Senior Program
Collaborators:
Northshore Senior Center
United Way
City of Mill Creek

Wellness & Nutrition
Computer Learning
Care Giving
810 Participants
Nutrition Education

Extension Family Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP)

* Programs for families under 130% of poverty income
* Focus on young families with children
* Eight nutrition lessons every 6 months
* Culturally diverse paraprofessionals & WSU-trained, teach community classes
* 90% of graduates show improvement in their food selections and diets
Nutrition Education

Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program (FSNEP)

Programs for families under 130% of poverty income

*Focus: food stamp eligible individuals
*Improved health & nutrition: Teach skills in gardening, food preparation and shopping
*Funding partners: Tulalip Tribe & USDA
*Ten community gardens created
Nutrition Education
Improving nutrition through hands-on learning

Washington State is #2 in Hunger
Community Horticulture

Research-based information for gardeners & horticulture professionals to protect and enhance our environment

Master Gardener Program
Community Gardening
Commercial Horticulture
Master Gardeners

- Over 400 trained volunteers provide advice and plant problem diagnosis
- 14 clinic locations
- 4 demonstration gardens
- Master Gardeners...

*22,000 county residents assisted in 2001
*74% of clients changed gardening practices
(phone follow-up survey)
Master Gardeners

Teach sustainable gardening practices:

- Growing natives
- Native-compatible plants
- Use of least-toxic pest management methods
- Composting
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Programs utilize research-based knowledge to improve agricultural sustainability and profitability while serving as natural resource public stewards.

Fish, Wildlife, Forestry, Dairy, Livestock, Small farms
Environmental Stewardship

Teaching and Promoting Stewardship

Gardeners

Farmers

Youth
Making a Difference

Providing opportunities to see things differently