## PRESENTATION

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# Washington

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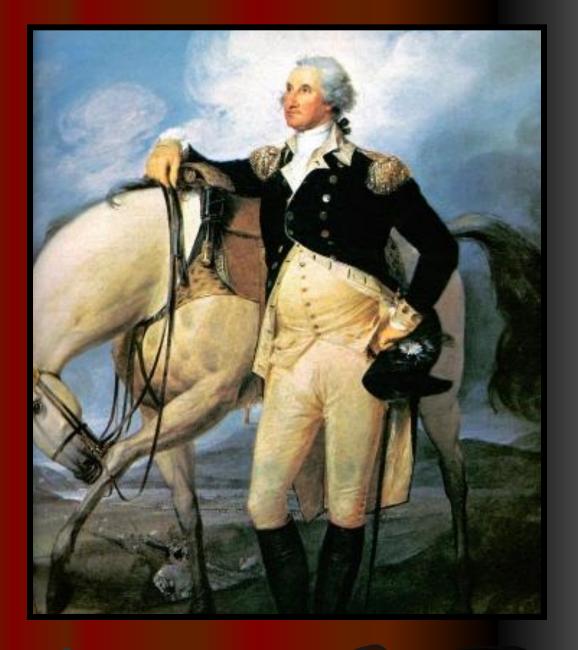
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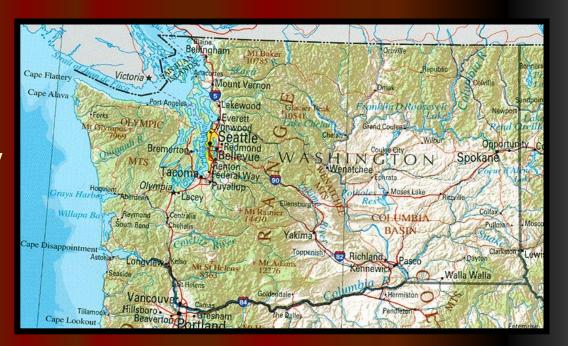


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Washington was named after George Washington Washington was named after George Washington, the first President of the United States, and is the only U.S. state named after a president. Washington is often called **Washington state** or the **State of** Washington to distinguish it from the District of Columbia. However, Washingtonians (and many residents of neighboring states) normally refer to the state simply as "Washington" while usually referring to the nation's capital as "Washington, D.C." or simply "D.C."



## Geography



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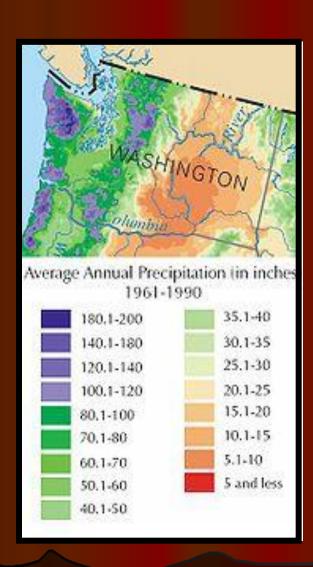
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#### Climate



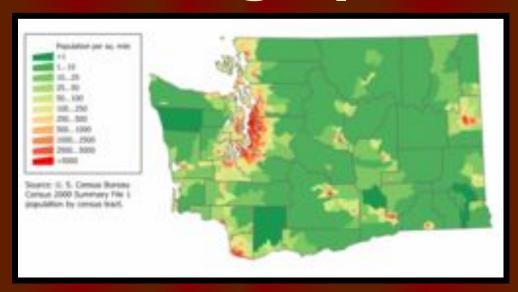
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Despite western Washington having a marine climate similar to those of many coastal cities of Europe, there are exceptions such as the "Big Snow" events of 1880, 1881, 1893 and 1916 and the "deep freeze" winters of 1883–84, 1915–16, 1949–50 and 1955–56, among others. During these events western Washington experienced up to 6 feet (1.8 m) of snow, sub-zero (–18°C) temperatures, three months with snow on the ground, and lakes and rivers frozen over for weeks. Seattle's lowest officially recorded temperature is 0 °F (–18 °C) set on January 31, 1950, but areas a short distance away from Seattle have recorded lows as cold as –20 °F (–28.9 °C).

In 2006, the Climate Impacts Group at the <u>University of Washington</u> published *The Impacts of <u>Climate change in Washington</u>'s Economy, a preliminary assessment on the risks and opportunities presented given the possibility of a rise in global temperatures and their effects on Washington* 

#### **Demographics**



According to the <u>U.S. Census</u>According to the U.S. Census, as of 2008, Washington has an estimated population of 6,549,224, which is an increase of 655,081, or 11.1%, since the year 2000. This includes a natural increase of 221,958 people (that is, 503,819 births minus 281,861 deaths) and an increase from net migration of 287,759 people into the state. <u>Immigration</u> from outside the United States resulted in a net increase of 157,950 people, and migration within the country produced a net increase of 129,809 people. Washington ranks first in the Pacific Northwest region in terms of population, followed by Oregon, and Idaho.

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As of the Census 2000, the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue Metropolitan Area's population was 3,043,878, approximately half the state's total population.

As of 2004, Washington's population included 631,500 foreign-born (10.3% of the state

#### Religion

- Major religious affiliations of the people of Washington are:
- Protestant 49%
  - Mainline 23%
  - Evangelical 25%
  - Other Protestant 1%
- Roman Catholic 16%
- <u>Latter-day Saint</u> 4%
- Muslim 1%
- <u>Jewish</u> 1%
- Other Religions 3%
- Unaffiliated 25%
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- As with many other <u>Western</u>As with many other Western states, the percentage of Washington's population identifying themselves as "<u>non-religious</u>" is higher than the national average. The percentage of non-religious people in Washington is the highest of any state other than Colorado with 31%.



#### **Economy**



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<u>Starbucks</u>Starbucks Headquarters, <u>Seattle</u>.

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#### Agriculture



Washington is a leading <u>agricultural</u>Washington is a leading agricultural state. (The following figures are from the <u>Washington State Office of Financial Management</u> and the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, Washington Field Office.) For 2003, the total value of Washington's agricultural products was \$5.79 billion, the 11th highest in the country. The total value of its crops was \$3.8 billion, the 7th highest. The total value of its livestock and specialty products was \$1.5 billion, the 26th highest.

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The Washington State Capitol in Olympia.

#### **Politics**



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However, Washington was considered a part of the 1994 Republican Revolution, and had the biggest pickup in the house for Republicans, making 7 of the 9 house members Republicans for the state of Washington. However, this dominance did not last for long as Democrats picked up one seat in the 1996 election and two more in 1998, giving the Democrats a 5–4 majority.

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#### Education

Elementary and secondary

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### Colleges and universities

#### **State universities**

- Central Washington University
- Eastern Washington University
- The Evergreen State College
- University of Washington
- Washington State University
- Western Washington University



#### State symbols

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#### Literature

- English in topics
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