



# 2026 FACT SHEET



**TRI-CITIES**  
WASHINGTON  
KENNEWICK • PASCO  
RICHLAND • WEST RICHLAND

## THREE RIVERS. FOUR CITIES. UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES.

The Tri-Cities, WA, is a vibrant and rapidly growing region located at the confluence of the Columbia, Snake, and Yakima Rivers in the heart of the Pacific Northwest.

Powered by a strong energy sector, advanced research, and world-class food and beverage manufacturing, the Tri-Cities is where innovation meets opportunity.

With a skilled workforce, faster permitting, affordable living, and unmatched quality of life, the Tri-Cities is the ideal place for your business to start, expand, and thrive.



**322,875**  
Population



**153,214**  
Labor Force



**5.0%**  
Unemployment  
Rate



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# TRI-CITIES COMMUNITY

## POPULATION

	2000 Census	2010 Census	2020 Census	2025 Estimate
Tri-Cities, MSA	191,822	253,340	303,622	322,875
Benton County	142,475	175,177	206,873	219,625
Kennewick	54,751	73,917	83,921	87,790
Richland	38,708	48,058	60,560	64,930
West Richland	8,385	11,811	16,295	18,430
Franklin County	49,347	78,163	96,749	103,250
Pasco	32,066	59,781	77,108	82,990

## HEALTH CARE

	Employees	Beds	Staff Physicians
Kadlec Regional Medical Center	4,275	337	889
Trios Health	1,100	111	369
Lourdes Medical Center	570	35	29
Prosser Memorial	621	25	70

### Health Care Providers

Physicians	469
Dentists	185
Chiropractors	92
Optometrists	56

## WORKFORCE DEMOGRAPHICS

**153,214**  
Labor Force

**145,586**  
Employment

**7,628**  
Unemployment

**5.0%**  
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Source: November 2025 Data, WA State Employment Security Department

### Nonfarm Employment

	Employees
Total Nonfarm	130,700
Total Private	110,200
Goods Producing	20,400
Construction	11,300
Manufacturing	9,100
Service-Providing	110,300
Private Service Providing	89,800
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	23,200
Retail	14,200
Financial Activities	4,100
Professional and Business Services	23,700
Education and Health Services	21,800
Leisure and Hospitality	12,600
Government	20,500

Source: November 2025 Data, WA State Employment Security Department

## EDUCATION

### K-12 Teacher/Student Ratio

Kennewick School District	1:17
Pasco School District	1:16
Richland School District	1:18

### K-12 Per Pupil Expenditure

Kennewick School District	\$16,351
Pasco School District	\$16,977
Richland School District	\$16,643

High school students have the ability to attend Tri-Tech Skills Center (vocational high school) and DELTA High School (STEM high school). Faith based education is also available throughout the community.

### Post Secondary Institutions Enrollment

Washington State University Tri-Cities	1,609
Columbia Basin College (CBC)	8,234

### Educational Attainment (Population 25 Years and Above)

	Tri-Cities, MSA	Benton County	Franklin County
High School Graduate	24.00%	23.14%	26.10%
Some College	21.37%	22.11%	19.57%
Associate Degree	10.11%	10.52%	9.10%
Bachelor Degree	18.65%	20.82%	13.40%
Graduate Degree	12.50%	13.99%	8.90%

### Top 15 Employers

Company	Industry	Employees
PNNL	R&D/National Laboratory	6,437
Kadlec Regional Medical Center	Healthcare	4,275
Lamb Weston	Food Processing	3,000
H2C	Environmental Remediation	2,500
First Fruits Farms	Food Processing	2,500
Pasco School District	Education	2,419
Kennewick School District	Education	2,400
Bechtel National	Engineering & Construction	2,000
HMIS	Support Services (DOE Site)	2,000
Amazon	Distribution/Logistics	1,700
Richland School District	Education	1,500
CPCCo	Environmental Remediation	1,560
Energy Northwest	Utilities	1,100
Trios Health	Healthcare	955
Columbia Basin College (CBC)	Education	893

# COST OF LIVING

## Property Tax (Per \$1,000 Assessed Value)

Benton County Average .....	\$8.81
Franklin County Average .....	\$7.79
Washington State Average .....	\$8.93

## Sales Tax

Benton County (State 6.5% and Local 2.2%) .....	8.7%
Franklin County (State 6.5% and Local 2.4%) .....	8.9%

Washington has no personal or corporate income and inventory tax. Businesses do not pay tax on interest, dividends or capital gains.

## Cost of Living Index

	Index	Housing	Utilities	Transportation	
Tri-Cities, WA .....	96.0	85.7	82.0	118.4	
Yakima, WA .....	101.4	86.6	113.5	116.8	
Spokane, WA .....	97.8	85.4	100.5	117.3	
Seattle, WA .....	143.4	205.0	100.4	132.0	
Moses Lake, WA .....	101.8	95.9	74.7	124.7	
Provo-Orem, UT .....	97.6	104.0	80.1	103.6	
Knoxville, TN .....	86.2	76.6	86.6	86.9	
Portland, OR .....	115.5	138.3	95.6	124.3	
Boise, ID .....	102.7	103.7	73.7	107.2	
Colorado Springs, CO .....	101.1	104.0	78.2	99.3	

Source: ACCRA Cost of Living Index, 2025 Third Quarter Data, Published October 2025

## Average Household Income

Tri-Cities, MSA .....	\$122,000
Kennewick .....	\$105,910
Pasco .....	\$111,672
Richland .....	\$139,216
West Richland .....	\$153,502

## Average Household Expenditures

Tri-Cities, MSA .....	\$110,760
Kennewick .....	\$102,916
Pasco .....	\$108,030
Richland .....	\$115,764
West Richland .....	\$130,192

## Housing

Average Sold Price (SFR, Nov 2025) .....	\$486,700
Median Sold Price (SFR, Nov 2025) .....	\$427,800
Number of Active Listings (SFR, Nov 2025) .....	744
Average Apartment Rent (2 Bedroom, 2 Bath) .....	\$1,205

# GLOBAL ACCESS

The Tri-Cities has numerous locations to support your business needs, including large sites with up to 500 contiguous acres.

With direct access to interstate highways, BNSF and UP railroads, extensive commercial barge transportation to the Pacific Ocean, and an airport with direct service to 10 major metros across the nation, the Tri-Cities is a gateway to the world.

Visit [www.TryTriCitiesSites.org](http://www.TryTriCitiesSites.org) to find your perfect site!

# INFRASTRUCTURE

## Utility Providers

	Electricity	Solid Waste
Kennewick .....	Benton PUD .....	Waste Management
Pasco .....	Franklin PUD .....	Basin Disposal
Richland .....	City of Richland .....	City of Richland
City of West Richland .....	Benton REA .....	Ed's Disposal
Natural Gas .....	Cascade Natural Gas	
Internet Providers .....	Spectrum, Ziply Fiber	

## Capacities

	Kennewick	Pasco	Richland	West Richland
Water (mgd)				
Capacity .....	24.0	35.0	51.0	10.7
Average Daily Use .....	11.7	10.0	20.0	3.1
Peak Daily Use .....	19.8	24.0	36.0	7.8
Waste Water Treatment Service (mgd)				
Capacity .....	10.0	6.5	11.4	1.5
Average Daily Use .....	5.6	5.4	7.0	0.9

## Public Service

	Kennewick	Pasco	Richland	Richland	West	Benton	Franklin
	Kennewick	Pasco	Richland	Richland	County	County	
Firefighters .....	93	66	75	BCFD#4	15	15	6
Fire Ins. Rating .....	3	5	3	4	4	4	5
Police Officers .....	107	82	68	22	60	60	16

## Transportation

Highways .....	I-82, I-182, US-12, US-395, SR-14, SR-17, SR-22, SR-24, SR-221, SR-225, SR-240, SR-260, SR-263
Rail Service .....	BNSF, Union Pacific, Columbia Rail, Tri-Cities Intermodal
Barge Service .....	Columbia River (Port of Benton), Snake River (Port of Pasco)
Local Airports .....	
Flights Per Day .....	22
Air Transportation .....	Alaska, American, Delta, United, Allegiant, Avelo, Breeze
Direct Flight Destinations .....	10 (AZ: Phoenix-Mesa, Phoenix-Sky Harbor; CA: Burbank, Los Angeles, San Francisco; CO: Denver; MN: Minneapolis; NV: Las Vegas; UT: Salt Lake City; WA: Seattle)
Runways .....	Up to 7,700 Feet

## Vancouver, BC

356 mi





# LIFE IN THE TRI-CITIES



## Tri-Cities Climate (Annual Averages)

January High/Low ... 40°F/28°F Precipitation ... 9 Inches  
July High/Low ..... 89°F/61°F Snowfall ..... 5 Inches  
Days of Sunshine ..... 300



## ABOUT TRIDEC

As the leading economic development organization for the Tri-Cities MSA, TRIDEC represents Benton and Franklin Counties and the major cities of Kennewick, Pasco, Richland, and West Richland.

Our mission is to strengthen the region's economy by driving diversification, creating quality jobs, supporting local business, attracting new enterprises, and advancing priorities that ensure long-term stability.

Serving as the unifying voice of the Tri-Cities, TRIDEC is dedicated to fostering sustainable growth and shared prosperity for all.

Contact us today to learn how TRIDEC can help grow your business!

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