



# 2026 FACT SHEET



**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.



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

  
**322,875**  
Population

  
**150,251**  
Labor Force

  
**5.5%**  
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



Source: March 2026 Data, WA State Employment Security Department

### Nonfarm Employment

	Employees
Total Nonfarm	128,900
Total Private	108,200
Goods Producing	19,200
Construction	11,000
Manufacturing	8,200
Service-Providing	109,700
Private Service Providing	89,000
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	22,700
Retail	13,700
Financial Activities	4,200
Professional and Business Services	24,200
Education and Health Services	21,800
Leisure and Hospitality	11,700
Government	20,700

Source: March 2026 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
HMS	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	83.8	82.2	120.4
Yakima, WA	101.9	86.5	115.3	118.3
Spokane, WA	98.8	86.9	100.0	119.6
Seattle, WA	144.6	203.6	100.6	134.8
Moses Lake, WA	102.7	97.9	74.7	127.6
Provo-Orem, UT	97.5	103.4	80.2	104.8
Knoxville, TN	86.0	76.8	87.8	87.5
Portland, OR	116.3	135.8	98.1	126.2
Boise, ID	103.2	105.4	73.0	107.2
Colorado Springs, CO	100.9	102.3	79.5	99.7

Source: ACCRA Cost of Living Index, 2025 Annual Average Data, Published January 2026

## Average Household Income

Tri-Cities, MSA	\$122,895
Kennewick	\$106,634
Pasco	\$112,825
Richland	\$140,574
West Richland	\$153,396

## Average Household Expenditures

Tri-Cities, MSA	\$112,352
Kennewick	\$105,598
Pasco	\$110,112
Richland	\$116,099
West Richland	\$127,641

## Housing

Average Sold Price (SFR, Apr 2026)	\$497,200
Median Sold Price (SFR, Apr 2026)	\$444,400
Number of Active Listings (SFR, Apr 2026)	1,035
Average Apartment Rent (2 Bedroom, 2 Bath)	\$1,191

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



**200**  
Wineries



**10**  
Breweries



**300**  
Restaurants



**10**  
Golf  
Courses



**37**  
Pickleball  
Courts



**125**  
Public Parks



**600**  
Miles of  
Trails



**2**  
Sports  
Teams



**24**  
Museums &  
Art Galleries



## 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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