



KITTITAS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ECONOMIC REPORT

KITTITAS



BUILDING BUSINESS. BUILDING COMMUNITY. SINCE 1908

A message from the CEO:



Amy McGuffin
Chief Executive Officer
Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce

The Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce is an advocate for local businesses as well as Kittitas County and is positioned to assist in finding solutions and positive change for the community.

By leveraging the collective strength of our members, we are able to influence public policy related to business and economic advancement, as well as the quality of life issues impacting businesses such as those related to transportation, housing and education.

Our work in the community and our efforts to enhance the quality of life in the valley continues to be a driving force for our Chamber and its members. We know that quality of life issues are vital to attracting employers and employees alike to the communities in the county and maintaining a thriving tourism economy.

Our strength lies in our ability to work together. We invite you to join us in our quest to build a stronger and more prosperous county.

Chief Executive Officer



CHAMBER STAFF

Amy McGuffin
Chief Executive Officer

Matt Anderson
Director of Tourism & Events

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Director of Chamber Outreach &
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**Serving communities of Thorp,
Ellensburg, Kittitas and Vantage*

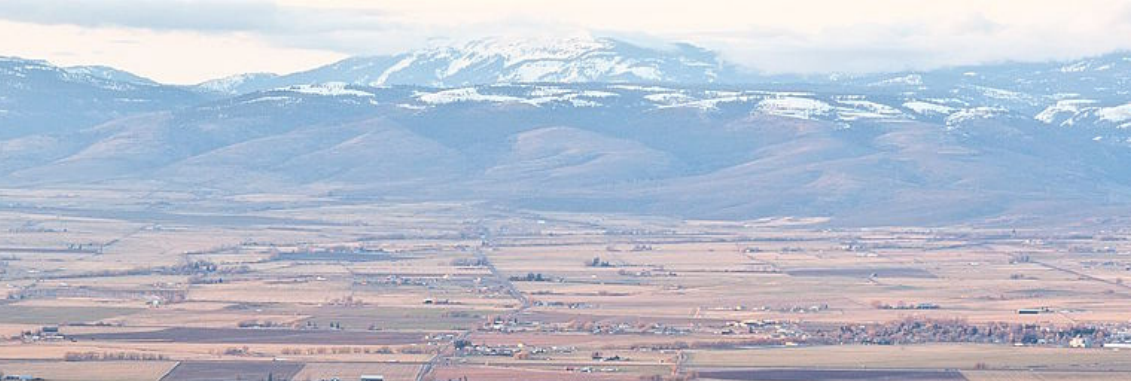
Katie Estes
Communications Manager
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Event Coordinator

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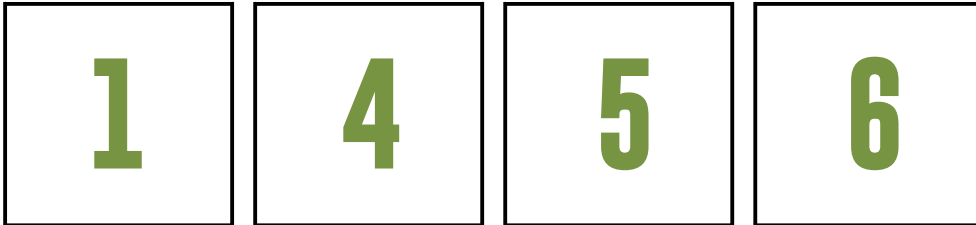
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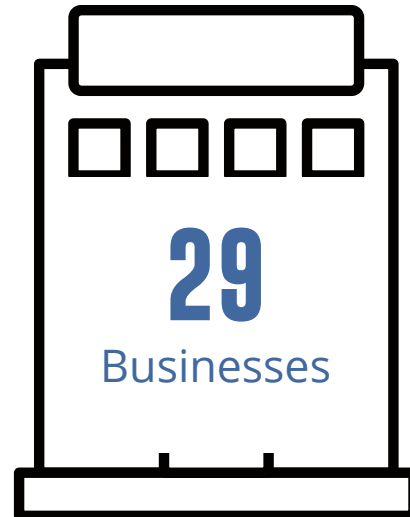
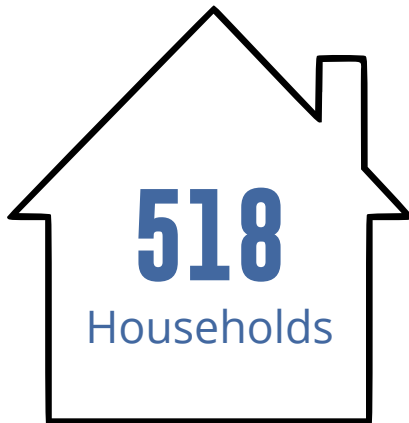
CITY OF KITTITAS

Overview



TOTAL POPULATION

The number of people residing in Kittitas.
Source: Data USA



The number of business licenses in Kittitas.
Source: City of Kittitas

\$52,917

Median Household Income

Household income is a measure of the combined income of a household, and the median value is the middle of all values measured in Kittitas.

Source: Data USA



778

Labor Force

The number of workers employed in Kittitas.

Source: United States Census Bureau



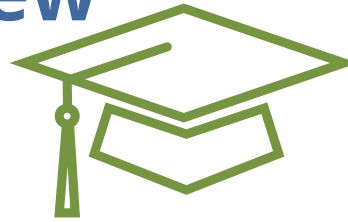
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15% Poverty Rate

The percent of the population in Kittitas at or below the poverty threshold.
Source: United States Census Bureau



35.3%

College Educated

The percent of the population in Kittitas with a college degree or higher.
Source: United States Census Bureau



3.6% Unemployment Rate

The percent of the population in Kittitas that is unemployed.
Source: Employment Security Dept.wa.gov



MEDIAN MONTHLY RENT
\$1,085

The current market rent is the average rent paid for market-rate homes and other rental units in Kittitas.
Source: United States Census Bureau

MEDIAN OWNERS VS. RENTERS
64% HOMEOWNERS
68% RENTERS

The homeownership rate is the percent of housing units occupied in Kittitas that are occupied by the owner versus occupied by a tenant.
Source: Data USA

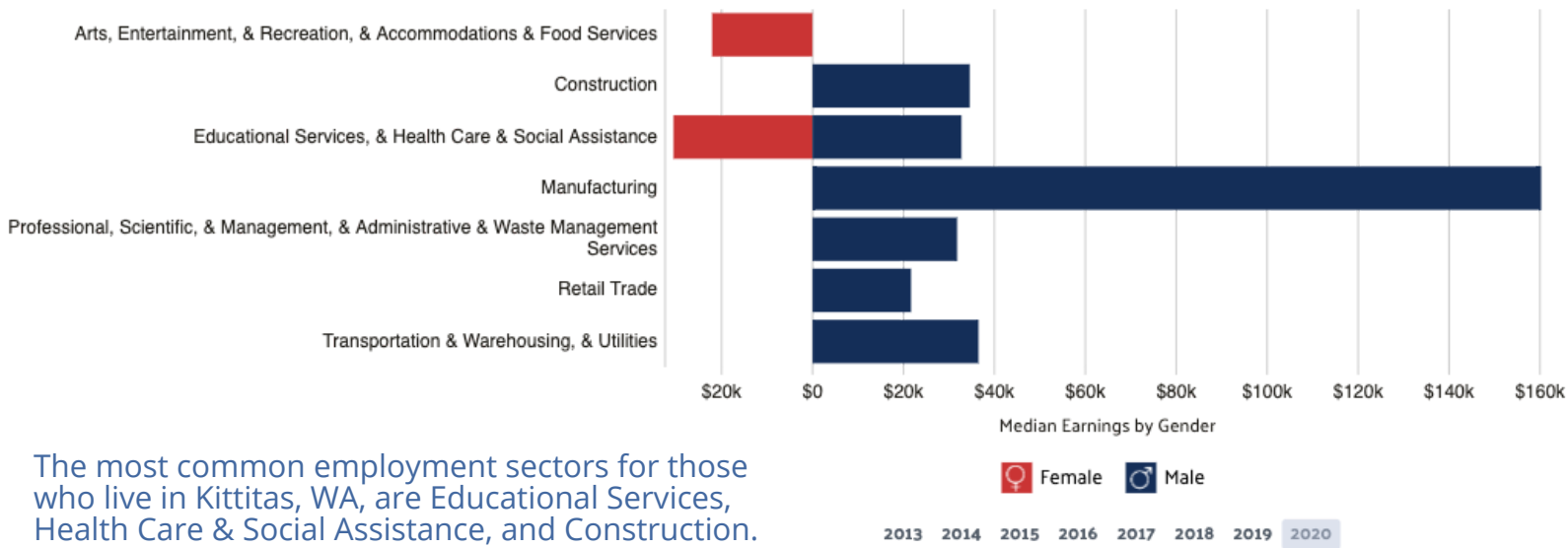
TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS
518 HOMES

This is the total households being occupied in Kittitas.
Source: Data USA



MEDIAN EARNINGS

By Industry



The most common employment sectors for those who live in Kittitas, WA, are Educational Services, Health Care & Social Assistance, and Construction.
Source: Data USA

The industries with the best median earnings for men in 2020 are Manufacturing, Transportation & Warehousing, & Utilities, and Construction.

The industries with the best median earnings for women in 2020 are Educational Services, & Health Care & Social Assistance and Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation, & Accommodations & Food Services.
Source: Data USA

Top 10 Employers

Kittitas Broadband, Chem. Safe Environmental Inc., Bare Marchel Storage, Trellis Center, Advantage Dirt Contractors, Kittitas School District, Kittitas Fire Department, Hot Rods Cafe & Bar, Kittitas Public Works, Kittitas Mayor Gov. Office
Source: Kompass & Employment Security Dept.

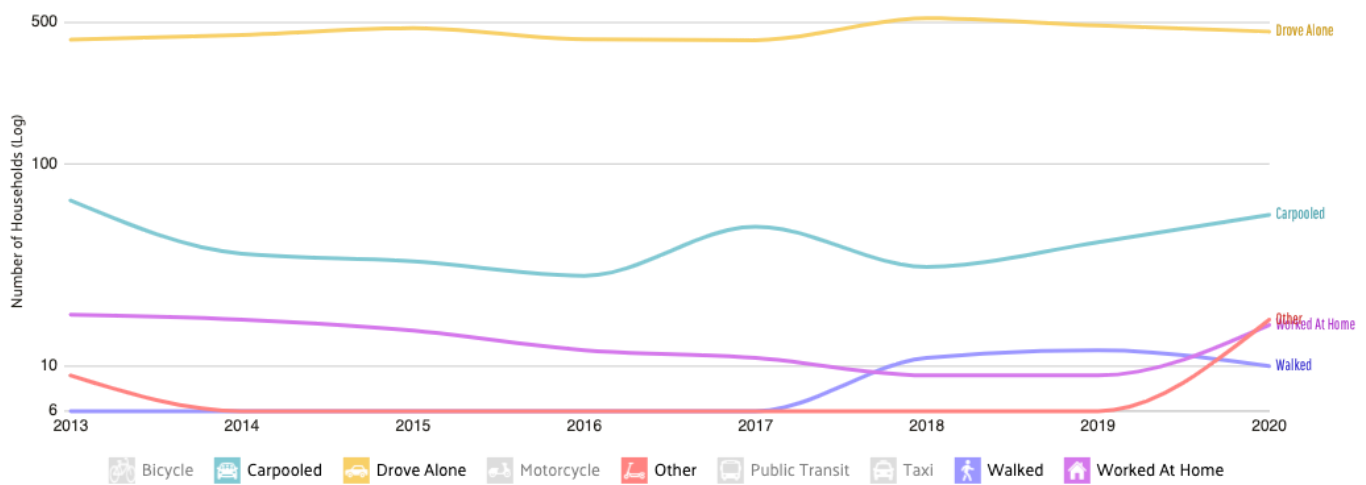
Top 10 In-Demand Skills

- Education
 - Healthcare
 - Construction
 - Retail/Trade
 - Manufacturing
 - Transportation
 - Food Services
 - Administrative
 - Waste Management
 - Professional, Scientific, & Tech services
- Source:** Data USA



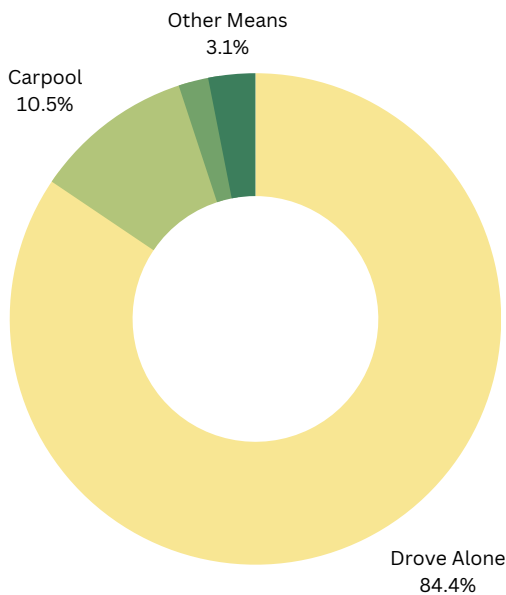
NET JOBS CREATED

Annual Change



Commute Patterns

In 2020, 82% of workers in Kittitas, WA drove alone to work, followed by those who carpoled to work (10.2%) and those who used some unspecified means to get work (3.09%).
Source: Data USA

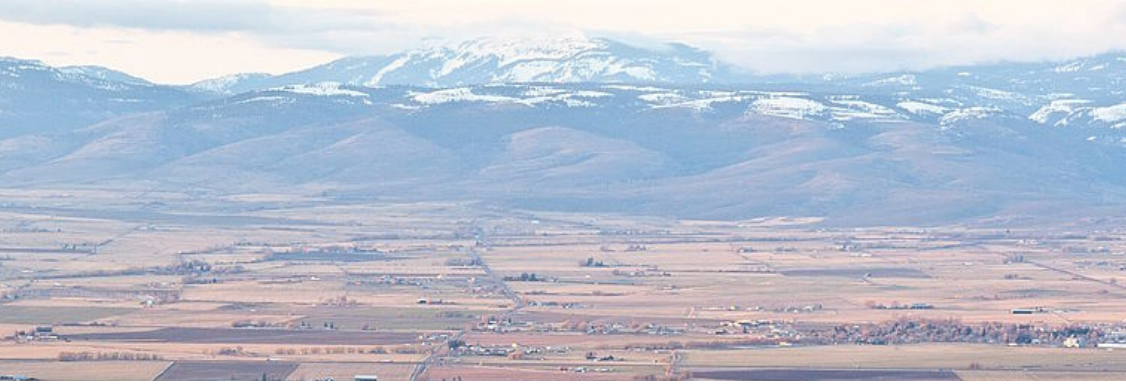


33 MINUTES

Average commute time for City of Kittitas employed.

The amount of time people spend each day getting to and from work impacts one's quality of life, the environment, and household finances. Increased motor vehicle use increases road maintenance costs, reduces productivity due to congestion, and harms certain industries. Industries most negatively affected are those requiring clean environments such as tourism, agriculture, and outdoor recreation.

Source: Data USA



PIVOTAL PARTNERS

In 2022

Heritage BANK, NOFFKE HOMES, KMS, PSE, PUGET SOUND ENERGY, WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY, WSECU, ARR F Animal Rescue, FARMERS INSURANCE, UMPQUA BANK, Yakima Federal, SUNCADIA Community Associations, ELLENSBURG Rodeo, COCA-COLA, GLENDON'S SAUSAGE CO., ARMSTRONG'S STOVE & SPA, HOTEL WINDROW HISTORIC ELLENSBURG WA., THORP FRUIT & ANTIQUE MALL, The Art Box, JOY photography, JOHNSTON & WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY, Cashmere Valley Bank, ADVANTAGE DIRT CONTRACTORS, CS CEDAR AND SAGE, ACE The helpful place., KNUDSON LUMBER & HARDWARE Quality & Selection...Nailed It!, EDA ELLENSBURG DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION, Fred Meyer, Jerrol's, City of Ellensburg WASHINGTON, Ano, WORKSource, CLE ELUM DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION, SHOEMAKER MANUFACTURING, ALPHA PYROTECHNICS, DAILY RECORD Since 1909 empowering the community, ROSLYN DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION, Washington Hospitality Association, usbank, aldahra, ACX, AWB, eCR, RENEWAL by ANDERSEN FULL SERVICE WINDOW & DOOR REPLACEMENT, Avanta DENTAL, BLACK GRENADE ENT. EST. 2015, Kiwanis CLUB OF CLE ELUM Chartered October, 1922, FROM THE CASCADES... TO THE COLUMBIA KITTITAS COUNTY, Washington State Department of Commerce, BOSKO'S MOBILE WASH, CENTRAL WASHINGTON OUTDOOR.COM, Rotary Club of Upper Kittitas County