

**Table 1. Labor Force and Employment in the Bellingham HMA, 2000 to Current**

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	12 Months Ending	
																		March 2016	March 2017
Labor force	88.2	87.1	90.8	94.5	99.2	102.5	102.9	106.3	108.8	108.0	104.4	102.7	103.1	102.0	101.2	104.2	107.7	106.5	109.2
Resident employment	83.2	81.1	84.5	88.1	93.3	97.1	97.8	101.4	103.0	98.8	94.5	93.5	94.7	94.3	94.5	98.0	101.2	100.1	103.4
Unemployment	5.0	6.0	6.3	6.4	5.9	5.4	5.1	5.0	5.8	9.2	9.9	9.3	8.4	7.6	6.6	6.2	6.5	6.4	5.8
Unemployment rate (%)	5.7	6.9	7.0	6.8	6.0	5.3	4.9	4.7	5.3	8.5	9.5	9.0	8.1	7.5	6.6	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.3
Total nonfarm payroll jobs	NA	68.8	70.3	72.4	75.0	78.7	80.1	82.5	83.2	79.2	77.8	79.3	80.4	82.3	83.7	85.7	88.1	87.2	88.5
Goods-producing sectors	NA	16.6	16.2	16.6	17.0	18.2	18.7	18.9	18.8	16.5	15.7	16.6	17.4	17.5	17.8	18.8	20.0	19.5	20.3
Mining, logging, & construction	NA	8.2	8.3	8.6	8.9	9.9	10.1	9.8	10.1	8.8	8.1	8.3	8.6	8.5	8.8	9.7	10.3	10.0	10.4
Manufacturing	NA	8.3	7.9	8.0	8.0	8.3	8.6	9.0	8.7	7.7	7.6	8.2	8.7	8.9	9.0	9.1	9.8	9.6	9.9
Service-providing sectors	NA	52.3	54.1	55.8	58.1	60.4	61.4	63.7	64.4	62.7	62.1	62.7	63.1	64.8	65.9	66.9	68.1	67.7	68.2
Trade	NA	11.2	11.3	11.8	12.4	13.1	13.1	13.2	13.3	12.5	12.4	12.6	12.9	13.3	13.5	13.5	13.5	NA	NA
Wholesale trade	NA	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.6	NA	NA
Retail trade	NA	8.7	8.9	9.2	9.5	10.0	10.1	10.3	10.3	9.9	9.7	10.0	10.4	10.8	10.9	10.9	10.9	NA	NA
Transportation & utilities	NA	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.4	NA	NA
Information	NA	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.5	2.0	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2
Financial activities	NA	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
Professional & business services	NA	5.5	5.4	5.5	5.8	6.2	6.4	7.1	7.3	6.8	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.9	7.3	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7
Education & health services	NA	7.2	7.6	8.0	8.6	8.9	9.2	9.7	9.9	10.2	10.3	10.5	10.5	11.7	11.9	12.0	12.6	12.4	12.6
Leisure & hospitality	NA	7.3	8.1	8.2	8.6	9.0	9.4	9.8	9.7	9.2	9.0	8.7	8.6	9.3	9.7	9.9	10.3	10.2	10.3
Other services	NA	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.4	3.5	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.7
Government	NA	12.1	12.8	13.3	13.5	13.7	13.7	14.1	14.2	14.3	14.3	14.3	14.1	14.3	14.4	14.6	14.7	14.7	14.8
Federal	NA	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.8
State	NA	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	2.1
Local	NA	7.9	8.5	8.8	9.0	9.1	9.2	9.5	9.8	9.6	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.5	9.6	9.7	9.8	9.7	5.8

NA = data not available.

Notes: Numbers may not add to totals because of rounding. Data are reported in thousands. Current includes data through March 2017.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

**Table 2. Population and Household Trends in the Bellingham HMA, 2000 to Forecast**

	2000	2010	Current	Forecast	Average Annual Change					
					2000 to 2010		2010 to Current		Current to Forecast	
					Number	Rate (%)	Number	Rate (%)	Number	Rate (%)
<b>Population</b>										
Bellingham HMA	166,814	201,140	217,500	227,500	3,425	1.9	2,225	1.1	3,325	1.5
<b>Households</b>										
Bellingham HMA	64,446	80,370	85,700	89,250	1,600	2.2	730	0.9	1,175	1.4

Notes: Rates of change are calculated on a compound basis. The current date is August 1, 2017. The forecast date is August 1, 2020.

Sources: 2000 and 2010–2000 Census and 2010 Census; current and forecast—estimates by analyst

**Table 3. Housing Inventory, Tenure, and Vacancy in the Bellingham HMA, 2000, 2010, and Current**

	Bellingham HMA		
	2000	2010	Current
Total housing inventory	73,893	90,665	95,950
Occupied units	64,446	80,370	85,700
Owner-occupied	40,876	49,905	53,350
%	63.4	62.1	62.3
Renter-occupied	23,570	30,465	32,350
%	36.6	37.9	37.7
Vacant units	9,447	10,295	10,200
Available units	2,338	2,769	2,500
For sale	915	1,113	980
Rate (%)	2.2	2.2	1.8
For rent	1,423	1,656	1,525
Rate (%)	5.7	5.2	4.5
Other vacant	7,109	7,526	7,700

*Notes: Numbers may not add to totals because of rounding. The current date is August 1, 2017.*

*Sources: 2000 and 2010—2000 Census and 2010 Census; current—estimates by analyst*

**Table 4. Residential Building Permit Activity in the Bellingham HMA, 2000 to Current**

Type of Building Permit	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	12 Months Ending	
																		July 2016	July 2017
<b>Bellingham HMA</b>																			
Total	1,625	1,444	1,537	2,320	2,488	2,556	1,482	1,232	669	460	458	605	637	999	1,007	1,144	1,183	1,029	1,346
Single-family	1,069	981	1,107	1,493	1,647	1,698	1,181	858	536	426	401	419	488	568	542	599	718	653	749
Multifamily	556	463	430	827	841	858	301	374	133	34	57	186	149	431	465	545	465	376	597

Notes: Numbers may not add to totals because of rounding. Current includes data through July 2017.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Building Permits Survey; estimates by analyst

**Table 5.** Median Income in the Bellingham HMA, 1999, 2009, and 2016

	Median Income (\$)			Average Annual Change (%)	
	1999	2009	2016	1999 to 2009	2009 to 2016
Median Family Income	48,100	64,400	69,900	3.0	1.2
Median household income	40,207	46,490	56,411	1.5	2.8

Sources: Median Family Income—U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Policy Development and Research; 1999 median household income—2000 Census; 2009 and 2016 median household income—U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 and 2016 American Community Survey 1-year data