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POPULATION

Population Estimates of Cities and Towns, Spokane County

Census total/percent

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Spokane	432,000 100%	436,300 100%	443,800 100%	451,200 100%	459,00 100%
Unincorporated	120,726 27.9%	121,848 27.9%	123,411 27.8%	126,887 28.1%	131,762 28.7%
Incorporated	311,274 72.1%	314,452 72.1%	320,389 72.2%	324,313 71.9%	327,238 71.3%
Airway Heights	4,590 1.1%	4,640 1.1%	4,840 1.1%	5,030 1.1%	5,240 1.1%
Cheney	9,855 2.3%	10,070 2.3%	10,130 2.3%	10,210 2.3%	10,180 2.2%
Deer Park	3,045 0.7%	3,100 0.7%	3,135 0.7%	3,235 0.7%	3,345 0.7%
Fairfield	576** 0.1%	589** 0.1%	629** 0.1%	627** 0.1%+	603** 0.1%
Latah	204* 0.0%	212* 0.0%	207* 0.1%	192* 0.0%*	194* 0.0%
Liberty Lake	4,950 1.1%	5,255 1.2%	5,805 1.3%	6,580 1.5%	6,980 1.5%
Medical Lake	4,120 1.0%	4,350 1.0%	4,510 1.0%	4,695 1.0%	4,810 1.0%
Millwood	1,645 0.4%	1,645 0.4%	1,645 0.4%	1,665 0.3%	1,665 0.4%
Rockford	511** 0.1%	484** 0.1%	488** 0.1%	504** 0.1%	499** 0.1%
Spangle	297** 0.1%	269** 0.1%	275 0.1%	275 0.1%	275 0.1%
Spokane	197,400 45.7%	198,700 45.5%	201,600 45.4%	202,900 45.0%	204,400 44.5%
Spokane Valley	83,950 19.4%	85,010 19.5%	87,000 19.6%	88,280 19.6%	88,920 19.4%
Waverly	131* 0.0%	128* 0.0%	125* 0.0%	120* 0.0%*	127* 0.0%



Postcensal Population Estimates for 2004 through 2008, State of Washington

* **State Certified Special Census:** A population and housing count that meets all special census certification requirements.

** **Informal Count:** A population count that is considered accurate but does not meet all special census certification requirements.

Note: Cities and towns presented here for Spokane County are a subset of the incorporated variable.

POPULATION

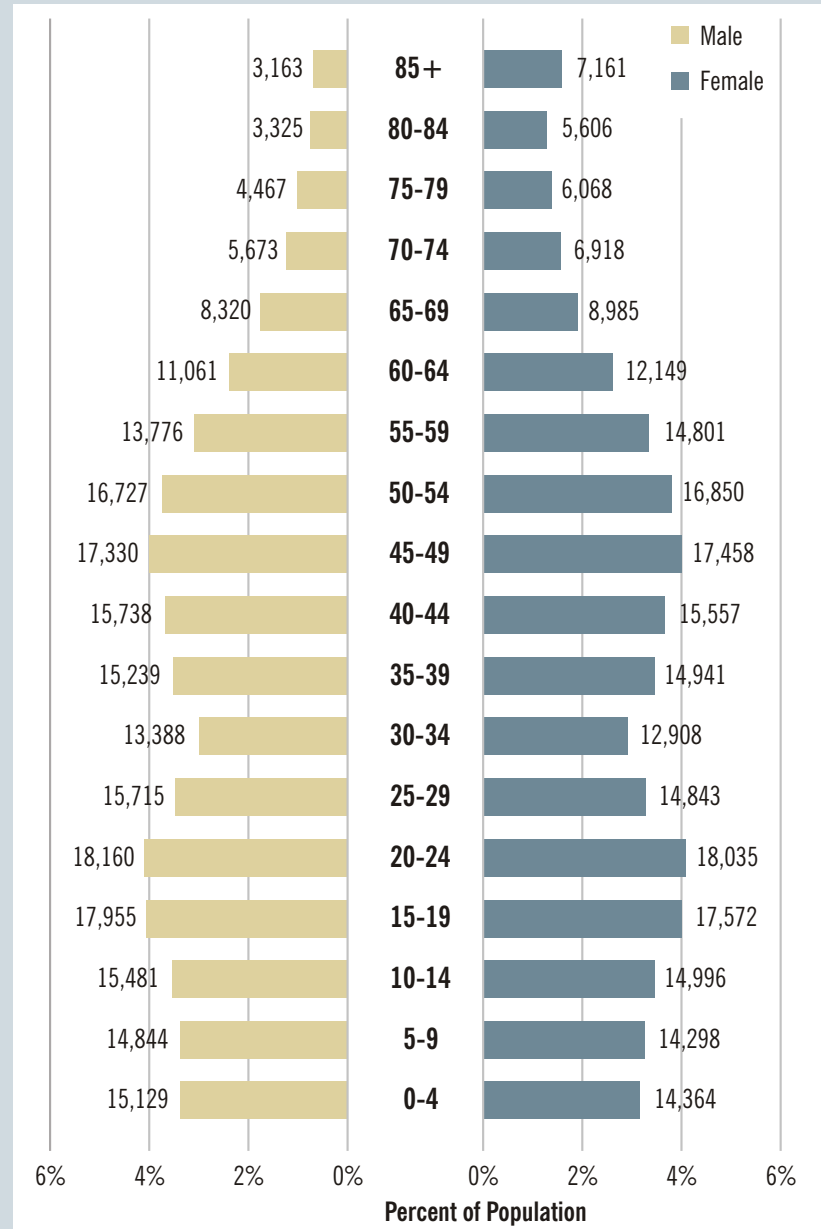
Population by Age and Sex, Spokane County

	2004			2005			2006			2007			2008		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
0-4	27,510	14,120	13,390	27,727	14,223	13,504	28,072	14,400	13,672	28,738	14,742	13,997	29,493	15,129	14,364
5-9	28,205	14,373	13,832	28,155	14,355	13,800	28,553	14,550	14,003	28,857	14,705	14,152	29,142	14,844	14,298
10-14	31,467	16,026	15,441	31,048	15,792	15,256	30,819	15,677	15,142	30,570	15,544	15,027	30,477	15,481	14,996
15-19	33,545	16,909	16,636	33,952	17,121	16,831	34,550	17,434	17,116	35,139	17,742	17,398	35,527	17,955	17,572
20-24	33,724	16,996	16,728	34,261	17,254	17,007	35,154	17,705	17,449	35,727	17,956	17,771	36,195	18,160	18,035
25-29	26,323	13,537	12,786	26,961	13,862	13,099	28,181	14,463	13,718	29,342	15,063	14,279	30,558	15,715	14,843
30-34	27,097	13,782	13,316	26,318	13,382	12,936	25,845	13,147	12,698	25,829	13,147	12,683	26,296	13,388	12,908
35-39	29,318	14,707	14,611	29,399	14,786	14,613	29,979	15,105	14,874	30,303	15,304	14,998	30,180	15,239	14,941
40-44	33,604	16,797	16,807	33,147	16,576	16,571	32,509	16,297	16,212	31,788	15,952	15,836	31,294	15,738	15,557
45-49	33,972	16,865	17,107	34,222	17,027	17,195	34,583	17,215	17,368	34,764	17,316	17,448	34,788	17,330	17,458
50-54	30,582	15,169	15,413	31,270	15,511	15,759	32,120	15,956	16,163	32,898	16,351	16,547	33,577	16,727	16,850
55-59	24,423	11,824	12,598	25,845	12,508	13,337	27,369	13,215	14,155	27,813	13,419	14,395	28,576	13,776	14,801
60-64	18,037	8,682	9,355	18,969	9,114	9,855	19,817	9,493	10,324	21,712	10,381	11,332	23,211	11,061	12,149
65-69	14,220	6,790	7,430	14,671	7,012	7,659	15,298	7,332	7,966	16,110	7,740	8,371	17,305	8,320	8,985
70-74	11,724	5,212	6,512	11,765	5,254	6,511	11,892	5,318	6,573	12,151	5,455	6,696	12,591	5,673	6,918
75-79	10,616	4,350	6,266	10,518	4,352	6,167	10,541	4,408	6,133	10,534	4,443	6,091	10,535	4,467	6,068
80-84	8,966	3,303	5,664	9,030	3,324	5,706	9,016	3,330	5,686	8,940	3,300	5,640	8,931	3,325	5,606
85 +	8,666	2,624	6,041	9,042	2,750	6,293	9,502	2,896	6,605	9,982	3,062	6,920	10,324	3,163	7,161
TOTAL	432,000	212,066	219,934	436,300	214,201	222,099	443,800	217,941	225,859	451,200	221,620	229,580	459,000	225,488	233,512
15	6,425	3,277	3,147	6,668	3,412	3,256	6,725	3,423	3,302	6,710	3,415	3,295	6,656	3,403	3,253
16	6,487	3,336	3,151	6,530	3,369	3,162	6,834	3,534	3,301	6,878	3,539	3,339	6,865	3,533	3,332
17	6,331	3,266	3,066	6,440	3,330	3,110	6,539	3,389	3,150	6,829	3,549	3,280	6,875	3,556	3,319
18	6,836	3,459	3,377	6,728	3,405	3,323	6,906	3,502	3,404	6,997	3,558	3,439	7,308	3,727	3,582
19	7,466	3,571	3,895	7,586	3,606	3,980	7,546	3,586	3,959	7,726	3,681	4,045	7,823	3,738	4,085
15-17	19,241	9,880	9,361	19,644	10,113	9,531	20,098	10,346	9,753	20,417	10,503	9,914	20,396	10,491	9,905
18-19	14,304	7,029	7,275	14,307	7,008	7,299	14,452	7,088	7,364	14,723	7,239	7,484	15,131	7,464	7,667
15-19	33,545	16,909	16,636	33,952	17,121	16,831	34,550	17,434	17,116	35,139	17,742	17,398	35,527	17,955	17,572
0-9	55,715	28,493	27,222	55,882	28,578	27,304	56,626	28,950	27,675	57,595	29,447	28,149	58,635	29,973	28,662
10-17	50,710	25,905	24,805	50,686	25,903	24,784	50,917	26,022	24,895	50,987	26,046	24,940	50,873	25,972	24,901
18-24	48,028	24,025	24,003	48,568	24,262	24,306	49,606	24,793	24,812	50,450	25,195	25,255	51,326	25,624	25,702
25-34	53,420	27,319	26,102	53,279	27,244	26,035	54,026	27,610	26,416	55,171	28,210	26,961	56,854	29,103	27,751
35-44	62,922	31,504	31,418	62,546	31,362	31,184	62,489	31,402	31,087	62,091	31,257	30,834	61,474	30,976	30,498
45-54	64,554	32,034	32,520	65,492	32,538	32,954	66,703	33,171	33,532	67,663	33,667	33,996	68,365	34,056	34,309
55-64	42,460	20,506	21,953	44,814	21,622	23,192	47,186	22,708	24,479	49,526	23,799	25,726	51,787	24,837	26,950
65+	54,192	22,279	31,913	55,026	22,692	32,335	56,248	32,964	57,717	23,999	33,718	59,686	59,686	24,947	34,739

Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management Note: Age/sex details may not add up due to rounding and unrounded numbers are not meant to imply precision.

POPULATION

Distribution of Population by Age and Sex, Spokane County 2008



Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management

Population by Race and Hispanic Ethnicity, Spokane County

Count/percent

	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008
Total population	417,939	425,600	432,000	443,800	459,000
White	387,102	393,320	398,230	406,817	419,955
Black	6,866	7,207	7,377	7,859	8,180
NAAN	5,944	6,131	6,422	6,622	6,994
API	8,705	9,209	9,703	11,168	11,976
Two or More	9,322	9,734	10,269	11,335	11,894
Hispanic Ethnicity	11,561	12,678	13,181	14,156	15,287
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	92.6%	92.4%	92.2%	91.7%	91.5%
	1.6%	1.7%	1.7%	1.8%	1.8%
	1.4%	1.4%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%
	2.1%	2.2%	2.2%	2.5%	2.6%
	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.6%	2.6%
	2.8%	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%

NAAN=Native American/Alaska Native, API=Asian/Pacific Islander
Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management

Language Spoken at Home, Spokane County

	Estimate	Percent		
Population 5 years and over	426,174	426,174	8th, 10th, & 12th graders	
English only	397,529	93.3%	English	92.3%
Language other than English	28,645	6.7%	Spanish	1.4%
Speak English less than "very well"	11,711	2.7%	Russian	2.0%
Spanish	9,260	2.2%	Ukrainian	0.5%
Speak English less than "very well"	2,921	0.7%	Vietnamese	0.7%
Other Indo-European languages	10,277	2.4%	Chinese	0.5%
Speak English less than "very well"	4,099	1.0%	Korean	0.3%
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	7,679	1.8%	Japanese	0.2%
Speak English less than "very well"	4,326	1.0%	Other	2.1%
Other languages	1,429	0.3%		
Speak English less than "very well"	365	0.1%		

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2006-2008

Source: Healthy Youth Survey, 2008.

INCOME

Median Household Income Estimates Spokane County

	Year	Income
Census	1999	\$37,308
	2000	\$39,926
Estimate	2001	\$40,156
	2002	\$40,569
	2003	\$42,181
	2004	\$44,483
	2005	\$43,867
	2006	\$44,745
Preliminary Estimate	2007*	\$44,979
Projection	2008**	\$45,552

Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management, Oct. 2008

Note: 1999 median income values are derived from the 2000 U.S. Census of Population and Housing, respectively. Estimates of median household money income for the inter- and post-census years are based on the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) per capita income data and the estimates of household characteristics, at the county level.

*Preliminary estimates for 2007 are based on the payroll data compiled by the state Employment Security Department and the state personal income data published by BEA.

** Projection for the year 2008 is based on the Revenue Forecast Council's September 2008 forecast of the state personal income.

Money income, as defined by the Bureau of the Census, includes wage or salary income, self-employment income, interest, dividend, rental income, social security, or other public assistance income, retirement, and disability income, etc. It excludes some of the income components of personal income defined by the BEA. For example, employer-paid pension and medical benefits are included in personal income but not in money income. The median measures the point at which half of all households have more income and half have less.

HOMELESS

Homeless Population City of Spokane

Count/percent of the total population

Years	Count	Percent
2001	8,817	4.5%
2003	8,416	4.3%
2004	7,294	3.7%
2005	6,024	3.0%
2006	6,188	3.1%

Source: City of Spokane, Human Services Department and the Spokane Homeless Coalition

Note: Data not available for 2002. Data only reflects information for the City of Spokane.

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines **homelessness** as: when a person resides in places not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, and abandoned buildings; or in an emergency shelter; or in transitional or supportive housing (for homeless persons who originally came from the streets or emergency shelter).

The number of people identified as homeless are individuals identified as seeking or receiving services, within the City of Spokane, from homeless providers. The number of homeless people (N=6,188) for the City of Spokane in 2006 constitutes a total of 4,547 homeless households.



EDUCATION

Educational Attainment for Spokane County Individuals 25 Years of Age or Older, Spokane County

Count / (90% confidence interval)* / percent

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Population 25 years and over	269,894 (267,628 - 272,160) 100.0%	272,734 (270,575 - 274,893) 100.0%	276,887 (275,961 - 277,813) 100.0%	292,391 (291,757 - 293,025) 100.0%	301,102 (300,136 - 302,078) 100.0%
Less than 9th grade	10,084 (6,653 - 13,515) 3.7%	5,036 (3,007-7,065) 1.8%	5,159 (3,946 - 6,372) 1.9%	8,005 (6,890 - 9,120) 2.7%	6,857 (5,511 - 8,203) 2.3%
9th through 12th grade, no diploma	18,152 (14,254 - 22,050) 6.7%	20,859 (16,181 - 25,537) 7.6%	19,470 (17,180 - 21,760) 7.0%	17,949 (15,959 - 19,939) 6.1%	18,962 (16,750 - 21,174) 6.3%
High School graduate (including equivalency)	72,592 (66,316 - 78,868) 26.9%	69,837 (62,178 - 77,496) 25.6%	71,382 (67,583 - 75,181) 25.8%	71,947 (68,110 - 75,784) 24.6%	77,160 (73,682 - 80,638) 25.6%
Some college, no degree	71,381 (64,342 - 78,420) 26.4%	71,818 (64,453 - 79,183) 26.3%	75,702 (71,196 - 80,208) 27.3%	79,506 (71,748 - 83,264) 27.2%	78,277 (74,184 - 82,370) 26.0%
Associate's degree	28,143 (23,285 - 33,001) 10.4%	28,662 (23,792 - 33,532) 10.5%	32,140 (29,442 - 34,838) 11.6%	33,511 (30,670 - 36,352) 11.5%	38,264 (35,313 - 41,215) 12.7%
Bachelor's degree	49,348 (43,176 - 55,520) 18.3%	49,892 (43,906 - 55,878) 18.3%	46,186 (42,883 - 49,489) 16.7%	54,589 (51,119 - 58,059) 18.7%	51,791 (48,392 - 55,190) 17.2%
Graduate or professional degree	20,194 (16,104 - 24,284) 7.5%	26,630 (21,715 - 31,545) 9.8%	26,848 (24,437 - 29,259) 9.7%	26,884 (24,755 - 29,013) 9.2%	29,791 (27,704 - 31,878) 9.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Note: Data are limited to the household population and exclude those living in institutions, college dormitories, and other group quarters.

*The table above shows the margin of error, represented by the lower and upper bounds of the 90-percent confidence interval. The confidence interval represents the degree of uncertainty for an estimate and can be interpreted roughly as providing 90 percent certainty that the true number falls between the upper and lower bounds. The smaller the confidence interval the more precise the estimate.

HOUSEHOLD TYPE

Households by Type, Spokane County

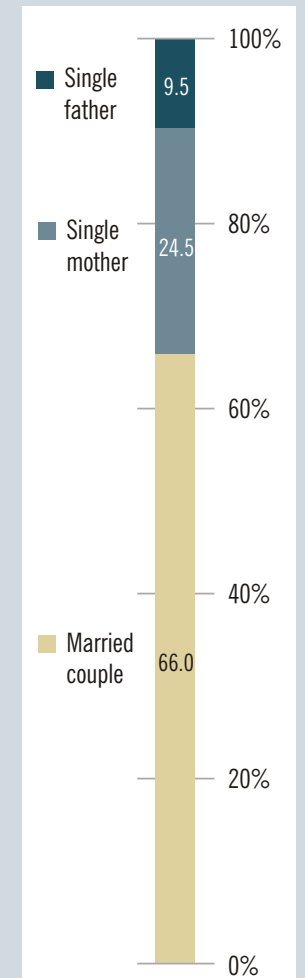
Count / (90% confidence interval) / percent

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total households	172,197 (168,851 - 175,543) 100.0%	173,831 (170,363 - 177,299) 100.0%	177,754 (175,519 - 179,989) 100.0%	178,958 (177,074 - 180,842) 100.0%	180,645 (178,241 - 183,049) 100.0%
Family households (families)	102,955 (97,686 - 108,224) 59.8%	113,910 (108,354 - 119,466) 65.5%	111,902 (108,209 - 115,595) 63.0%	111,639 (108,594 - 114,684) 62.4%	117,364 (114,120 - 120,608) 65.0%
with own children under 18 years	49,203 (44,828 - 53,578) 28.6%	62,505 (57,374 - 67,636) 36.0%	51,565 (48,746 - 54,566) 29.0%	53,262 (50,906 - 55,618) 29.8%	55,879 (52,999 - 58,759) 30.9%
Married-couple families	79,680 (74,381 - 84,979) 46.3%	82,403 (76,514 - 88,292) 47.4%	88,939 (85,186 - 92,692) 50.0%	85,843 (82,512 - 89,174) 48.0%	87,831 (84,849 - 90,813) 48.6%
with own children under 18 years	33,345 (29,745 - 36,945) 19.4%	41,159 (36,424 - 45,894) 23.7%	36,647 (34,044 - 39,250) 20.6%	36,229 (34,411 - 38,047) 20.2%	36,864 (34,831 - 38,897) 20.4%
Female householder, no husband present	16,765 (13,235 - 20,295) 9.7%	23,864 (18,948 - 28,780) 13.7%	16,169 (14,270 - 18,068) 9.1%	19,026 (17,260 - 20,792) 10.6%	20,978 (18,685 - 23,271) 11.6%
with own children under 18 years	11,748 (8,744 - 14,752) 6.8%	17,153 (12,576 - 21,730) 9.9%	10,665 (9,055 - 12,275) 6.0%	12,611 (11,159 - 14,063) 7.0%	13,703 (11,583 - 15,823) 7.6%
Non-family households	69,242 (63,577 - 74,907) 40.2%	59,921 (54,817 - 65,025) 34.5%	65,852 (62,797 - 68,907) 37.0%	67,319 (64,552 - 70,086) 37.6%	63,281 (59,873 - 66,689) 35.0%
Householder living alone	55,054 (49,203 - 60,905) 32.0%	47,541 (42,983 - 52,099) 27.3%	53,668 (50,857 - 56,479) 30.2%	54,089 (51,368 - 56,810) 30.2%	50,045 (46,851 - 53,239) 27.7%
65 years and older	17,467 (14,861 - 20,073) 10.0%	16,959 (14,301 - 19,617) 9.8%	16,761 (15,321 - 18,201) 9.4%	18,180 (16,727 - 19,633) 10.2%	15,566 (14,122 - 17,010) 8.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Note: Two types of householders are distinguished: a family householder and a nonfamily householder. A family householder is a householder living with one or more people related to him or her by birth, marriage, or adoption. The householder and all people in the household related to him are family members. A nonfamily householder is a householder living alone or with nonrelatives only. Family households are further classified by type according to the sex of the householder and the presence of relatives. Examples include: married-couple family; male householder, no wife present; and female householder, no husband present.

Families with Children Younger than 18 Years by Householder Type, Spokane County, 2007



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

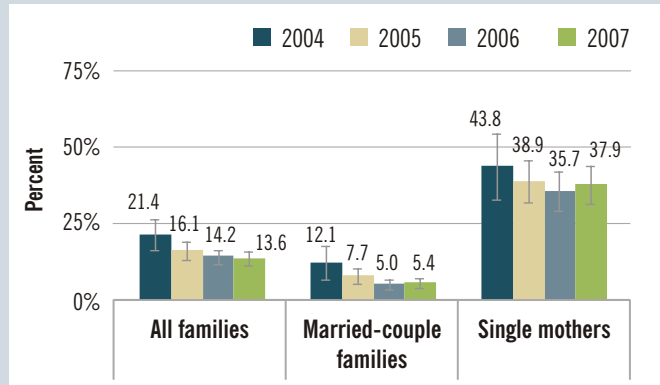
POVERTY

Population Living at or Below Various Federal Poverty Levels (FPL) Spokane County

	100% FPL	135% FPL	185% FPL	200% FPL	250% FPL	300% FPL
2008	10.7%	16.2%	26.3%	29.2%	37.6%	48.3%
95% Confidence Interval	(8.9 - 12.9)	(14.1 - 18.5)	(23.8 - 29.0)	(26.7 - 31.9)	(35.0 - 40.4)	(45.6 - 51.0)

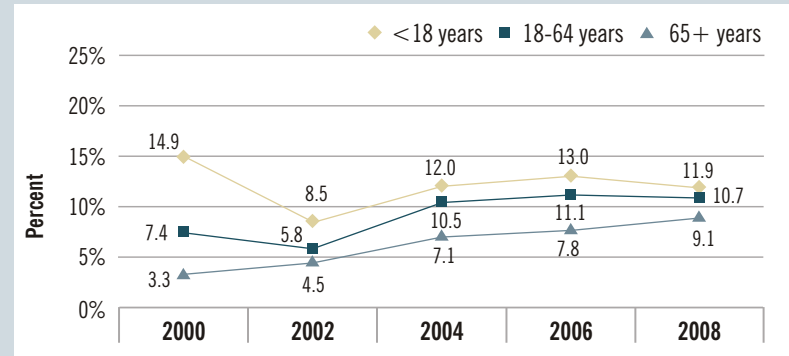
Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management; Washington State Population Survey

Families with Children Living at or Below 100% FPL Spokane County



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Individuals Living at or Below 100% FPL by Age Group Spokane County



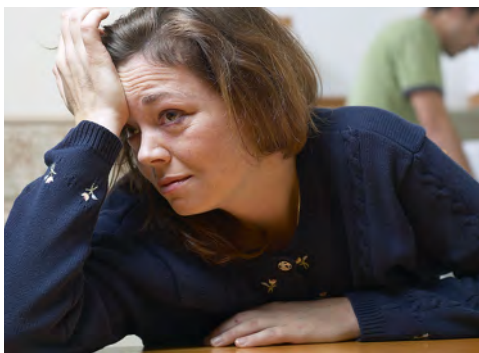
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Individuals Living at or Below 100% FPL by Race and Hispanic Ethnicity Spokane County

	Total all races	White	Black	NAAN	API	Hispanic
2006 & 2008	11.0%	10.6%	22.3%	19.8%	5.0%	16.7%
95% Confidence Interval	(9.7 - 12.3)	(9.4 - 12.0)	(12.9 - 35.7)	(10.6 - 33.9)	(1.8 - 13.1)	(10.6 - 25.3)

NAAN=Native American/Alaska Native, API=Asian/Pacific Islander

Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management; Washington State Population Survey



COST OF BASIC NEEDS

Cost per Month for Basic Needs for a Family of Four Spokane County

	2004	2006	2008
Food	\$587	\$606	\$697
Housing	\$541	\$580	\$618
Utilities	\$116	\$123	\$130
Transportation	\$209	\$248	\$292
Childcare	\$889	\$823	\$855
Healthcare	\$105	\$136	\$146
Personal and household expenses	\$245	\$252	\$274
TOTAL	\$2,692	\$2,768	\$3,012

The Spokane Regional Health District (SRHD) publication *Facing Spokane Poverty (2002)* details an approach of measuring poverty by examining the cost of basic needs in our community. Because poverty remains a concern in our community, SRHD has updated the cost of basic needs information. The same methodology and sources of information were used as those detailed in *Facing Spokane Poverty (2002)*. The cost of basic needs is based on a family of four consisting of two parents between 20 to 50 years of age and two children, one 3 to 5 years of age and one 6 to 8 years of age. The total basic needs costs equate to 170% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for a household of four in 2008.

Cost per Month by Age for a Low-cost Food Budget Spokane County

	2004	2006	2008		
Child	1 year	\$96.10	\$98.40	\$116.30	
	2 years	\$94.80	\$97.30	\$117.90	
	3-5 years	\$104.60	\$107.00	\$123.70	
	6-8 years	\$139.80	\$144.80	\$166.40	
	9-11 years	\$157.70	\$163.30	\$188.20	
Male	12-14 years	\$178.20	\$184.70	12-13 years	\$212.10
	15-19 years	\$183.00	\$191.10	14-18 years	\$219.40
	20-50 years	\$183.00	\$189.70	19-50 years	\$216.90
	51+ years	\$173.80	\$179.90	51-70 years	\$206.30
				70+ years	\$204.10
Female	12-19 years	\$153.50	\$159.30	12-13 years	\$185.60
	20-50 years	\$159.20	\$164.80	14-18 years	\$186.10
	51+ years	\$154.70	\$160.00	15-90 years	\$189.60
				51-70 years	\$184.80
			70+ years	\$183.70	
Family of 4*	2 and 3-5 years	\$558.80			
	6-8 and 9-11 years	\$662.70			

Food costs are estimated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and are available by age group and four food plans (www.cnpp.usda.gov). This analysis used the low-cost food plan as a sustainable measure of basic food needs and assumed that all meals and snacks were purchased at a store and prepared at home.

Utility costs were a combination of energy and telephone services. Telephone service was based on the basic plan with no additional amenities. According to Qwest, basic telephone service in Spokane for 2008 was \$20 per month. Energy costs were updated using a cost of living calculator from the American Institute for Economic Research (www.aier.org). The cost of living change increased energy costs to \$110.

Housing cost was based on a two-bedroom apartment in Spokane County. According to Spokane/Kootenai Real Estate Research Committee, Spokane County Apartment Market, the average rent rate for a two-bedroom apartment in Spokane County was \$618 in 2008.

Source: United States Department of Agriculture, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion.

*In this table, a family of 4 consists of a couple 20-50 years and two children aged either 2 and 3-5 years or 6-8 and 9-11 years.

COST OF BASIC NEEDS

Cost per Month for Basic Transportation

Spokane County	2004	2006	2008
Adult bus pass	\$33	\$33	\$33
Children's bus pass	\$26	\$26	\$26
Liability insurance	\$60	\$73	\$75
Gasoline	\$60	\$81	\$123
Maintenance	\$30	\$35	\$35
TOTAL COST	\$209	\$248	\$292

Transportation costs were based on a family having one older car and using public transportation. An assumption was made that there was no car payment. Only one child bus pass was accounted for since children five years and younger ride free. The cost of gas was calculated for driving 20 miles per day at 20 miles per gallon at \$1.97 per gallon for gasoline in 2004, \$2.71 per gallon for gasoline in 2006, and \$4.04 per gallon for gasoline in June 2008*. The cost for insurance was based on only having liability for a 1992 car. A minimal amount of maintenance was also allotted.

*Source: www.spokanegasprices.com

Median Cost per Month for Child Care

Spokane County		Child care Center	Family Care
2004	Infant	\$607	\$498
	Toddler	\$507	\$477
	Preschool	\$477	\$433
	School-age	\$290	\$238
		TOTAL \$767	TOTAL \$671
2006	Infant	\$667	\$542
	Toddler	\$563	\$542
	Preschool	\$520	\$433
	School-age	\$303	\$251
		TOTAL \$823	TOTAL \$684
2008	Infant	\$693	\$563
	Toddler	\$618	\$542
	Preschool	\$550	\$498
	School-age	\$315	\$260
		TOTAL \$865	TOTAL \$758

Source: Washington State Child Care Resource and Referral Network

Child care cost was evaluated by the Washington State Child Care Resource and Referral Network. The information reported for Spokane County for child care cost identifies two children (one pre-school child 2 ½ to 5 years of age and one school age child >6 years of age), in a family of four. The cost for child care refers to the median rates for a network center. The median rate is that rate at which half of the providers charge the same or higher and the other half charge the same or lower.

Note: School age rates do not include kindergarten. Also, they indicate the rates for school-age children during the school year and, for providers who use an hourly rate, are based on a 20-hour a week schedule. The rates for school-age children during the summer are approximately the same as for pre-school children. In addition, while some providers give discounts when caring for two or more children from the same family, these are not included in the calculations.

Health Insurance was evaluated and calculated expecting a family of four (two adults, two children) to live at 165% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL) with no health insurance offered by their employer. At this level of income, the children would be eligible for Medicaid and the two adults would qualify for Washington State's Basic Health program. The cost for Basic Health in Spokane County for a family of four living at 165% FPL was \$69 per adult per month (19 to 39 years of age). Basic Health had co-pays of \$15 for outpatient visits, \$10 for prescriptions, \$15 for urgent care visits, and \$100 for an emergency visit. There is no co-pay for preventive care. Basic Health covers other services at 80% of charges, after a \$150 deductible, with \$1,500 maximum annual out-of-pocket expense. Basic needs expenses for healthcare is calculated for insurance premiums, plus two out-patient visits per person and two prescriptions per person.

Personal and household expenses were calculated as 10% of the cost per month for basic needs for a family of four in Spokane County.

DISABILITY



Disability Status of the Civilian Non-institutionalized Population Spokane County

		Population ≥ 5 years	Count with disability	% with disability
2002	Estimate	382,345	71,894	18.8%
	Lower	377,522	59,711	
	Upper	387,168	84,078	
2003	Estimate	387,104	60,076	15.5%
	Lower	378,075	59,910	
	Upper	396,133	70,242	
2004	Estimate	393,360	63,422	16.1%
	Lower	391,138	56,354	
	Upper	395,582	70,490	
2005	Estimate	396,866	65,436	16.4%
	Lower	396,050	61,118	
	Upper	397,682	69,754	
2006	Estimate	410,584	77,112	18.8%
	Lower	409,861	72,093	
	Upper	411,307	82,131	
2007	Estimate	418,512	78,688	18.8%
	Lower	417,908	74,553	
	Upper	419,116	82,823	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

UNINSURED

Percent of the Population that is Uninsured Spokane County

Percent (95% Confidence Interval)

Total	Year	Percent	95% Confidence Interval
Total	2000	7.3%	(6.2 - 8.5)
	2002	8.3%	(7.1 - 9.7)
	2004	10.7%	(9.4 - 12.3)
	2006	11.6%	(10.0 - 13.5)
	2008	11.2%	(9.4 - 13.4)

In 2004, there was a significant increase in the percentage of the population for Spokane County who were not covered by any health insurance plan at the time surveyed. This increase was sustained in 2006 and 2008. The 2008 estimate of 11.2% of the population represented approximately 49,600 people.

Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management, Washington State Population Survey



UNEMPLOYED

Annual Average Percentage of Unemployment for Resident Civilian Labor Force Spokane County

Year	1997	4.6%
	1998	4.8%
	1999	5.2%
	2000	5.6%
	2001	6.6%
	2002	6.9%
	2003	6.8%
	2004	6.5%
	2005	5.7%
	2006	5.0%
	2007	4.8%
	2008	6.0%

Source: Washington State Employment Security Department, Labor Market and Economic Analysis



CRIME



Crime Rate Spokane County

Rate per 1,000

Year	2002	57.6
	2003	60.3
	2004	66.7
	2005	48.7
	2006	45.8
	2007	42.7

Source: Washington Association of Sheriff's and Police Chiefs, Crime in Washington State

Note: This rate includes both violent and property crimes.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Overall Perception of Quality of Life, Spokane County

Mean Score (95% Confidence Interval)

	2000	2005
Total		
Spokane County	1.77 (1.73 - 1.80)	2.53 (2.45 - 2.60)
Age Group (years)		
18-34	1.90 (1.80 - 1.99)	2.53 (2.37 - 2.69)
35-44	1.85 (1.76 - 1.93)	2.55 (2.39 - 2.72)
45-64	1.81 (1.75 - 1.87)	2.56 (2.46 - 2.67)
65+	1.51 (1.44 - 1.58)	2.33 (2.12 - 2.55)
Sex		
Male	1.65 (1.59 - 1.70)	2.39 (2.30 - 2.49)
Female	1.86 (1.80 - 1.91)	2.64 (2.54 - 2.75)
Income		
≤100% FPL	1.97 (1.82 - 2.13)	2.75 (2.52 - 2.98)
101-200% FPL	1.86 (1.78 - 1.95)	2.58 (2.43 - 2.73)
>200%	1.69 (1.65 - 1.74)	2.47 (2.38 - 2.56)
Education		
Less than high school	1.79 (1.61 - 1.98)	2.55 (2.31 - 2.79)
High school graduate	1.65 (1.58 - 1.73)	2.51 (2.36 - 2.66)
Some college	1.81 (1.75 - 1.87)	2.50 (2.38 - 2.61)
4 yrs college, graduate	1.76 (1.66 - 1.86)	2.57* (2.44 - 2.70)*
5+ yrs college	1.82 (1.73 - 1.91)	
Race		
White		2.52 (1.21 - 3.84)
Non-White		2.51 (0.89 - 4.13)



Overall perception of quality of life is derived from assessing 30 contributing factors. These factors were assessed on a five-point scale with “1” representing “not a problem” and “5” representing “a very serious problem.” A higher overall score means respondents perceived more factors as problematic in their community. From 2000 to 2005, there was a significant change in the overall perception with more people rating factors as problematic (1.8 in 2000 and 2.5 in 2005). In 2005, overall perception of quality of life was rated poorer among females when compared to males and among those living at or below 100% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) when compared to those in a higher income category.

Note: National and Washington state data not available. *4 yrs college, graduate/5+ yrs college combined.
Source: Spokane Regional Health District, Community Health Survey

SENSE OF SECURITY

Sense of Security, Spokane County

Mean Score (95% Confidence Interval)

		2000	2005
Total	Spokane County	3.46 (3.43 - 3.50)	3.67 (3.59 - 3.75)
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Age Group (years)	18-34	3.28 (3.20 - 3.36)	3.6 (3.45 - 3.76)
	35-44	3.5 (3.44 - 3.57)	3.82 (3.66 - 3.97)
	45-64	3.5 (3.44 - 3.55)	3.56 (3.43 - 3.68)
	65+	3.51 (3.44 - 3.58)	3.96 (3.76 - 4.17)
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Sex	Male	3.52 (3.47 - 3.57)	3.71 (3.60 - 3.83)
	Female	3.42 (3.37 - 3.46)	3.63 (3.53 - 3.74)
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Income	≤100% FPL	3.16 (3.03 - 3.29)	3.19 (2.94 - 3.43)
	101-200% FPL	3.39 (3.32 - 3.47)	3.59 (3.41 - 3.76)
	>200%	3.53 (3.50 - 3.57)	3.78 (3.69 - 3.87)
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Education	Less than high school	3.23 (3.06 - 3.41)	3.71 (3.33 - 4.10)
	High school graduate	3.43 (3.36 - 3.50)	3.63 (3.47 - 3.78)
	Some college	3.44 (3.38 - 3.49)	3.65 (3.53 - 3.78)
	4 yrs college, graduate	3.57 (3.49 - 3.64)	3.72* (3.58 - 3.85)*
	5+ yrs college	3.56 (3.49 - 3.63)	
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Race	White		3.66 (3.58 - 3.74)
	Non-White		3.86 (3.41 - 4.32)



Sense of security and safety is a composite measure of the answers to questions about community safety and cohesiveness. These answers were rated on a five-point scale with a higher score representing a stronger sense of safety or cohesiveness. From 2000 to 2005, there was a significant increase in this indicator from 3.5 to 3.7. Differences were also noted in 2005 by age group and poverty level. The highest sense of security and safety was seen among individuals 65 years of age or older and among individuals living above 200% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) when compared to lower income categories.

Note: National and Washington state data not available. *4 yrs college, graduate/5+ yrs college combined.
Source: Spokane Regional Health District, Community Health Survey

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American Community Survey

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