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The Washington State Capitol is located in Olympia.

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## Olympia, Washington

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### Quick Facts About Olympia

- Olympia is the state capital of Washington.
- Olympia's economy includes agriculture, timber, state government, local schools, and a variety of commercial and retail activities.
- The town of Yashiro, Japan is Olympia's sister city.
- The 2004 estimate for Olympia's population is 43,040.
- Olympia is part of Thurston County.
- The average household income in Olympia is about \$41,000.



Olympia is located at the tip of the Puget Sound, about 60 miles south of Seattle, Washington.

### Olympia's Economy

Olympia's economy includes agriculture, timber, state government, local schools (including The Evergreen State College), and a variety of commercial and retail activities. Most of the exporting of natural resources from Olympia is related to timber and lumber processing. Many goods are brought into the United States through Olympia.

### The History of Olympia

In 1846, Levi Lathrop Smith and Edmund Sylvester claimed the town site. The name of Olympia was selected by Isaac Ebey and reflected the view of the majestic Olympic mountains on a clear day. The city's first mayor was Job Carr. In its early years, Olympia was known for its lumber processing. Because of its location on the Puget Sound, Olympia became a major port that spurred the economy in Washington state. In recent years, Olympia and its neighboring cities have grown a lot.



A major export for Olympia has always been timber.

### Places of Interest

Olympia has many places you will want to see. Tumwater Falls Park is a great place to go to see exciting views of the lower falls and the salmon run. You may also enjoy a peaceful stroll through Yashiro Japanese Garden commemorative of Olympia's sister city in Japan. If you like wildlife, check out Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, known for its fabulous bird watching. Tenino Depot Museum is a sandstone building built in 1914 that is known for its houses and many historical artifacts. Last but not least, don't forget to check out the Washington State Capitol that stands on a hill overlooking the southern tip of the Puget Sound and the Olympic Mountains.

### Recreation and

### Entertainment in Olympia

There are many fun things you can do in and around Olympia. Olympia is especially known for its outdoor activities. If you love the outdoors, head to Capitol State Forest where you will find mountain biking, hiking, and camping. If you are into water sports like boating, scuba diving, and fishing, check out Tolmie State Park. The park is just eight miles northeast of Olympia. Aside from Capitol State Forest and Tolmie State

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