

## **BACKGROUND**

The City was officially established in 1954. It has a Council-Manager form of government. Civic buildings include City Hall, police and fire stations, library, recreation pavilion, public works facility, and seven public schools. The schools are operated by Edmonds School District.

## **Key Facts**

A list of key facts about Mountlake Terrace is shown in Table CL-1.

**Table CL-1**

|  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Estimated Population in 2002: <sup>1</sup> | 20,470                        |
| Census Population <sup>2</sup>             | 20,362                        |
| Bachelors degree or higher <sup>3</sup>    | 24.4%                         |
| Approximate city size                      | 4 square miles                |
| Overall density <sup>4</sup>               | 5,090 persons per square mile |
| Number of housing units <sup>5</sup>       | 8,217                         |
| Residential density <sup>6</sup>           | 5.3 housing units per acre    |
| Estimated number of jobs <sup>7</sup>      | 6,644                         |
| Jobs/ housing balance <sup>8</sup>         | 0.80                          |
| Median household income <sup>9</sup>       | \$47,238                      |
| Distance to downtown Seattle <sup>10</sup> | 10 miles                      |
| Distance to downtown Everett <sup>11</sup> | 16 miles                      |
| Year of city's incorporation               | 1954                          |

<sup>1</sup> According to the Washington State Office of Financial Management

<sup>2</sup> In 2000, according to U.S. Census data

<sup>3</sup> Percentage of adults with bachelors degree or higher, based on U.S. Census 2000 data

<sup>4</sup> Average number of people per square mile, counting all areas of city, (i.e., a measure of "gross density," based on all land area, including streets, etc.)

<sup>5</sup> Note: a "housing unit" refers to a residence, e.g., a detached house, a townhome, or apartment.

<sup>6</sup> Average number of housing units per acre of residentially-zoned land (i.e., a measure of "gross density" based on all residentially-zoned land area, including streets, etc.)

<sup>7</sup> Estimated number of "covered" jobs (i.e., jobs covered by unemployment insurance) within city boundaries in the year 2000, according to 2002 data from the Puget Sound Regional Council

<sup>8</sup> Total number of jobs compared to total number of housing units. (Note: A jobs/ housing rate of 1.0 would mean that, theoretically, one person in each household could have a job within the city.)

<sup>9</sup> Annual amount, based on U.S. Census for 2000

<sup>10</sup> Approximate

<sup>11</sup> Approximate