

Demographic Characteristics

The demographic characteristics of a community provide key information regarding city residents and what City services may be required.

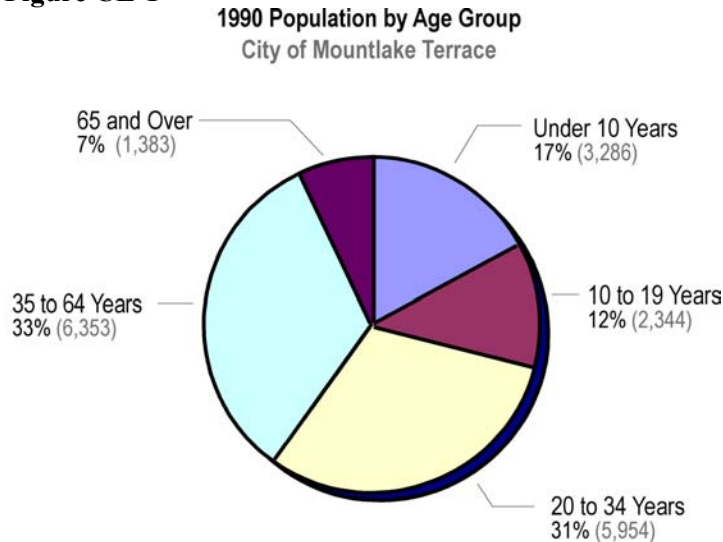
Sex

The City's 2000 population of 20,362 was almost evenly split – 49.5% male, and 50.5% female.

Age

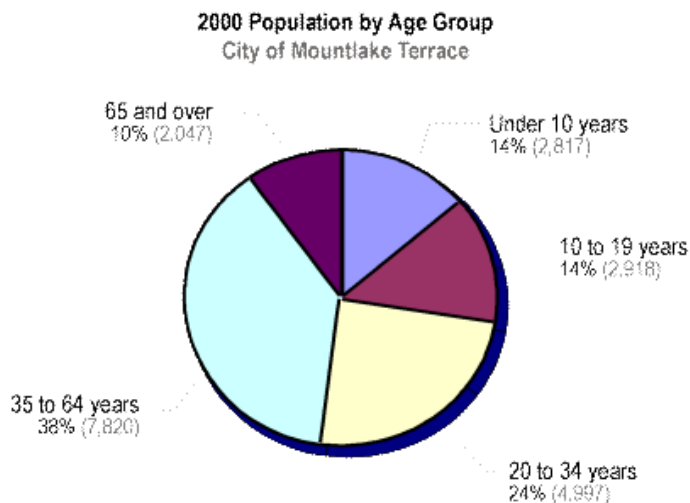
The median age of City residents is 33.5 years; this is slightly younger than the median age for the County as a whole (34.7 years). Although the County's median age has risen since 1990 (to 34.7 years from 32.1 years), due to growth of the “baby boom” age group and the elderly population, the City's median age has remained the same. The City's elderly population is increasing, however. Figures CL-1 and CL-2 show that in 2000, 10% of the City's population was at least 65 years old, compared to 7% in 1990. The “under ten years” portion has decreased from 1,790 in 1990 to 1,490 in 2000.

Figure CL-1



Source: U.S. Census 2000

Figure CL-2



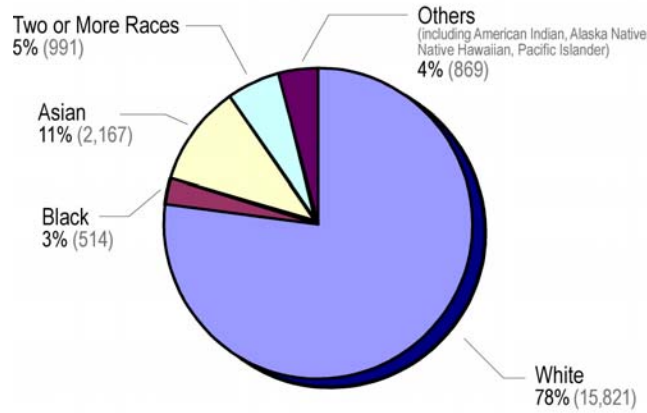
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Race, Place of Birth, and Language

The City of Mountlake Terrace is predominately white, with Asians constituting the second largest racial group. This is similar to the County as a whole. The City is slightly more racially diverse than in 1990. 5.7% of City residents are Hispanic/Latino (of any race).

Figure CL-3

2000 Population by Race
City of Mountlake Terrace



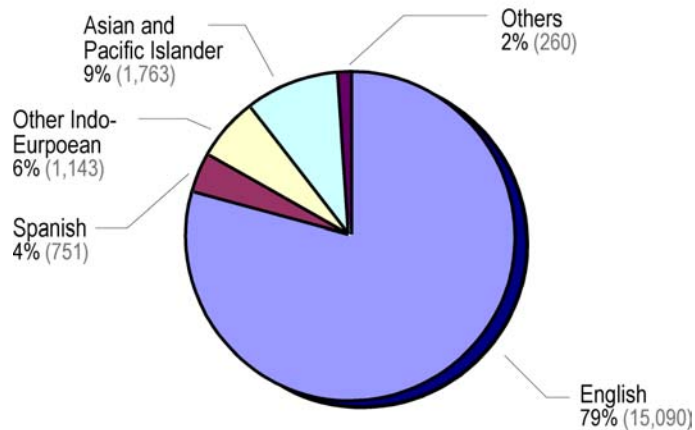
Source: U.S. Census 2000

81% of City residents were born in the United States. Of the 3,436 foreign-born residents, 48% are naturalized citizens.

English is the only language spoken at home by 79.4% of the population: Of other languages spoken at home, Asian and Pacific Island languages are the most common. Approximately 39% of those who speak other languages at home speak English “less than very well”.

Figure CL-4

Language Spoken at Home –
2000 Population Over 5 Years of Age
City of Mountlake Terrace



Source: U.S. Census 2000

Education

According to the 2000 census, the percentage of City residents with at least a high school diploma is 90.5%, similar to the County as a whole. 24.4% of City residents have a Bachelor’s Degree or higher, again consistent with the County as a whole. Education levels are rising. In 1990, 86.6% of City residents had at least a high school diploma, and 19.3% had a Bachelor’s Degree or higher.

The educational attainment of City residents is shown below:

Figure CL-5
Educational Attainment Population Over 25 Years of Age
 City of Mountlake Terrace

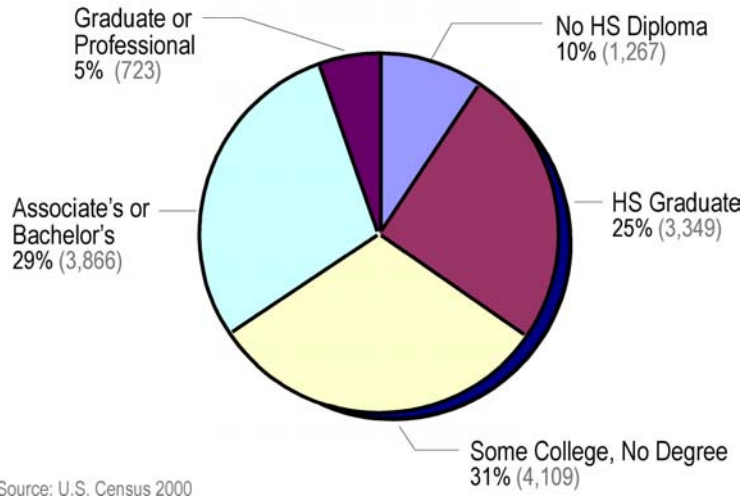
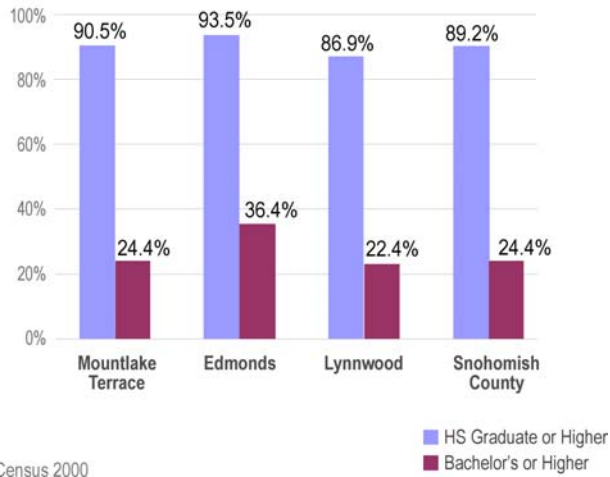


Figure CL-6
2000 Education Attainment Comparisons



Households

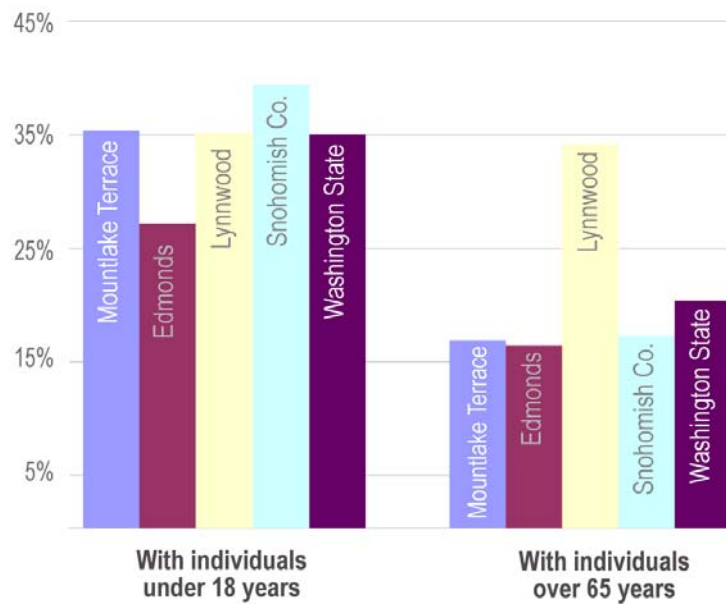
In 2000, the City of Mountlake Terrace had 7,962 total households, 36% of which were families with children under 18 years of age, and 16.8% of which had individuals 65 years and over.

As shown in Figure CL-7, the percentage of households that include youths (i.e. individuals under age 18) is the same for Mountlake Terrace as for neighboring Lynnwood and for the State as a whole. Mountlake Terrace has a higher proportion of households with youths than Edmonds, its western neighbor. Comparisons for households with seniors tell a different story. Mountlake Terrace is similar to Edmonds and Snohomish County as a whole, but with a significantly smaller percentage of senior households than Lynnwood.

The average household size in 2000 was 2.54; this is a decline from 2.60 in 1990. For Snohomish County as a whole, the average household size was 2.65 for 2000 and 2.68 for 1990. Smaller household size is a nation-wide trend.

Figure CL-7

City Comparisons: Households with Youth and Seniors



Source: U.S. Census 2000