

Inventory and analysis of housing needs

Within the City are 8,217 housing units. Since the City's incorporation, the housing stock has evolved from predominantly single-family to a mix of single- and multi-family units. Over 50 percent of all housing units in the City are over 30 years old.

To assist lower-income families in rehabilitating their homes, Snohomish County Housing Authority administers a Housing Rehabilitation Loan Assistance Program. This loan gives priority to the disabled/handicapped and very low income families. In addition, the Housing Authority is involved in providing affordable homes in the City and assisting with loans.

In 2000, Mountlake Terrace had 7,962 occupied residential units and a population of 20,362. This means an average household size of 2.54 people, a slight decline from the average household size of 2.60 in 1990. Going back to 1980 and 1970, the average household size in the city was 2.70 and 3.70, respectively. For Snohomish County as a whole, the average household size was 2.65 in 2000, slightly down from 2.68 in 1990. This regional trend of smaller household sizes reflects a similar nationwide trend.

The majority of housing (about 60 %, according to the 2000 Census) in Mountlake Terrace is owner-occupied. Remaining units (about 40%) are renter-occupied.