Welcome to Redmond!

Thank you for your interest in Redmond, Washington—home to many innovative companies, a talented workforce, and a diverse and engaged citizenry.

Redmond is known for its high quality of life with good schools, a healthy economic base, a parks system that provides a variety of active and passive recreational opportunities, diverse offerings for shopping and dining, safe neighborhoods, very low crime, and an emphasis on quality development and environmental stewardship.

Our two urban centers, Downtown and Overlake, are emerging as thriving neighborhoods where thousands of people live and work. Residents enjoy walking from their homes to restaurants, shops, and area businesses and appreciate the countless amenities of an urban lifestyle.

Community members, employees, and visitors alike love strolling along the redesigned streets and trails and utilize an abundance of transportation choices. With more than 30 percent of residents born outside of the U.S., the city’s arts and events offer opportunities for cultural sharing and community engagement.

Redmond is the seventh most populous city in King County and the sixteenth most populous city in the State of Washington, with a residential population of over 62,000. The city encompasses an area of over 17 square miles and is located less than 20 miles east of downtown Seattle, at the east end of SR 520 along the north end of Lake Sammamish.

Redmond is well-known as a center of technology and the location for a number of nationally renowned high-tech, aerospace and biomedical companies, as well as innovative start-ups. The daytime employment population is approximately 94,000, far exceeding our residential population—and our leadership in technology and innovation is reflected in our designation by the Washington State Department of Commerce as the Interactive Media and Digital Arts Innovative Partnership Zone.

As Redmond’s Mayor, I’m extremely proud of our city and am excited about our future. As we realize our city’s vision with two vibrant urban centers, connected neighborhoods, and responsive services in partnership with the community, I invite you to consider the many rewarding possibilities for your business in Redmond, Washington.

John Marchione
Mayor, City of Redmond
Redmond is located 14 miles east of Seattle in the Seattle Metropolitan Area.

**Fun Facts**

**REDMOND**

**Population:**
- City of Redmond 62,110
- King County 2,188,649
  
Source: www.census.gov 2018

**Median Home Cost:**
$857,600

**Median Household Income:**
$107,341

Source: www.zillow.com

**35.7% of population is foreign-born**

**Median age:** 34.4 years

Source: www.datausa.io

**Top-Notch Public Education**

The Lake Washington School District is one of the top two districts in Washington State where students have SAT scores 76 points higher than the national average.

**Higher Education Opportunities**

66.8% of the population has a Bachelor’s Degree or higher

Source: www.census.gov 2018

**Nickname:** Bicycle Capital of the NW

Redmond is designated as a Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists, with an extensive network of on-street bike lanes and off-street trails for easy access to downtown, neighborhoods, parks, businesses, and other cities. Redmond houses the state’s only velodrome, an arena track for cycling, and hosts an annual bike race on city streets.

**Employee Population:**
94,059

**Driving Distance**

Redmond to:
- Bellevue: 8 miles
- Kirkland: 4 miles
- Seattle: 14 miles
- SeaTac Airport: 24 miles
- Snoqualmie Pass/Outdoor recreation: 53 miles

Source: www.datausa.io
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About Redmond

Located on the shores of Lake Sammamish and nestled in the foothills of the Cascades, Redmond is a unique community. Home to some of the world's most innovative companies and to one of the richest talent pools in the world, Redmond's surrounding area provides abundant recreational opportunities for people who live here with celebrated natural beauty, vibrant cultural scene, fine dining, and strong schools.

Population: 62,110
Employment: 94,059
Area: 17.4 square miles
County: King
Municipal Government: Strong Mayor/Council
School District: Lake Washington
Climate: Mild
Rainfall: 39.7" annually
Industries: Software, Cloud Services, Interactive Media, Space, Medical Devices, Industrial Machinery Manufacturing

Major Employers: Microsoft, Nintendo of America, Facebook Reality Labs (Oculus), Stryker, Aerojet Rocketdyne, Honeywell, SpaceX, AT&T Mobility, Terex

Redmond sits on the shores of Lake Sammamish at the mouth of the Sammamish River. Archaeologists estimate that humans have continually inhabited the area for over 10,000 years prior to incursion by European settlers, plying the dense woods and clear streams for abundant fish and game.
A Brief History of Redmond

Timeline


- **1905** - First saw mill built in Redmond, transforming Redmond from a remote lakeside outpost to a logging boom town complete with saloons, hotels, dance halls, movie theaters, and restaurants. By 1920, Redmond’s logging industry gave way to agriculture.

- **1916** – Washington adopts prohibition four years early. Moonshine operations pop up in the woods near Redmond and bootlegging thrives in town.

- **1939** – Redmond Bike Derby Founded, now known as Derby Days. It is the nation’s oldest continuous bike race and Redmond’s largest civic festival.

- **1962** – King County purchases land on Lake Sammamish slough that would become Marymoor Park, now home to numerous concerts, festivals, and sporting events.

- **1960’s** – The first rumblings of Redmond’s technology boom are heard as United Controls (now part of Honeywell) relocates to Redmond. Rocket Research Company (now Aerojet Rocketdyne) arrive in 1968.

- **1974** – Physio Control (now Stryker) relocates to Redmond from Seattle.

- **1975** – Bill Gates and Paul Allen found Microsoft.

- **1976** – Marymoor Velodrome opens. It is host to National Bicycle Racing Championships seven times.

- **1976** – Redmond Saturday Market opens.

- **1983** – Nintendo establishes Nintendo of America in Redmond. Introduced in 1985, the Nintendo Entertainment System would sell 60 million units and revolutionize the interactive media industry.


- **1989** – Microsoft releases its first version of Windows. By 1993 Office is the world’s dominant application software.


- **1995** – Internet Explorer released.
• 1997 – Redmond retail booms as Redmond Town Center opens with 64 shops.

• 1998 – DigiPen Institute of Technology opens up Redmond Campus.

• 2004 – Marriott opens in Redmond Town Center and hosts President George W. Bush after Bellevue fund-raiser.

• 2005 – Redmond’s City Council approves plan for Microsoft to add nearly 2 million square feet to its Redmond campus. Microsoft hires 12,000 new employees.

• 2005 – Lake Washington Technical Institutes’s $7 million, 20,000 square foot Redmond Corporate Learning Center opens.

• 2006 – Chinese President Hu Jintao announces that Chinese PC makers would pay Microsoft $1.6 Billion for Windows software.

• 2006 – Money magazine rates Redmond as the 27th best community in the country to raise families and celebrate life’s milestones.

• 2007 – Redmond’s median home value peaks at over $700,000.

• 2008 – DigiPen students win first place in the student division of the Independent Game Festival in San Francisco.

• 2009 – Smarter Cities ranks Redmond 10th in the nation in its smaller cities category for access to clean air and water, efficient transportation, green buildings, and livability.

• 2012 – OneRedmond is born out of the evolution of the Redmond Economic Development Association, the Realize Redmond Foundation, and the Greater Redmond Chamber of Commerce, combining efforts to achieve greater efficiency.

• 2014 – Oculus (Now Facebook Reality Labs) opens up R&D offices in Redmond.

• 2015 – SpaceX opens office in Redmond.
Recreation

Nestled between the Cascade Mountains and Puget Sound, our region is celebrated internationally for its striking natural beauty and unparalleled outdoor recreational opportunities. Additionally, the area hosts a thriving arts and culture scene, excellent restaurants, and renowned professional sports franchises.

Shopping, Dining, & Nightlife

Redmond has one of the largest and most diverse populations in the state. Residents have an ample number of places to play, dine, sip, and shop in Redmond. From the well-known local breweries and happy hours to a wide array of restaurants, there is something for everyone in Redmond. For shopping enthusiasts, the Eastside is a paradise with retail establishments to fit any style or budget. For a list of local businesses visit: www.ExperienceRedmond.com.

Arts, Culture, & Events

Redmond offers a lively line-up of happening all throughout the year that support our City initiative of creating a highly connected and creative community. Exciting events take place all year long in Redmond, including outdoor movies, concerts, sports tournaments, theater performances, festivals, and farmers markets. From Derby Days and Rockin’ on the River Outdoor Concert series in the summer, to Rainfest and Chalkfest in the fall, to the Magic of Redmond Lights in the winter, Redmond brings culture and community to life.

Held in August and modeled after the night markets of Asia, So Bazaar combines commerce and performance art with an Eastside twist. Ananda Mela, the largest Indian cultural festival in the Pacific Northwest attracts 20,000 annually. A new local favorite is Teatro Zinzanni, a three-hour whirlwind of international cirque, comedy, and cabaret artists all served up with a multi-course feast.

Redmond’s new Downtown Park features a pavilion with digital water wall designed to showcase digital art. The inaugural Dragon Run, a digital scavenger hunt, was held at this park’s grand opening. The goal of this interactive game is to find the dragon egg, to raise your hatchling, and to release the grown dragons into the air at the park.
Parks & Trails
The City of Redmond has an extensive park and trail system that spans the city and portions of King County. There are 47 parks consisting of over 1,300 acres and 59 miles of trails.

For detailed descriptions of Redmond’s Parks & Trails go to www.Redmond.gov/Parks.

Redmond Parks

- Anderson Park
- Arthur Johnson Park
- Bear Creek Park
- Bridle Trails State Park
- Cascade View Neighborhood Park
- Downtown Park
- Dudley Carter Park
- Edge Skate Park at 83rd Street
- Farrel-McWhirter Park
- Grass Lawn Park
- Hartman Park
- Heron Rookery
- Idylwood Beach Park
- Juel Community Park
- Luke McRedmond Landing
- Marymoor Regional Park King Co.
- Meadow Neighborhood Park
- Nike Neighborhood Park
- Perrigo Park
- Redmond West Wetlands
- Reservoir Park
- Sammamish Valley Park
- Sixty Acres Park King Co.
- Smith Woods
- Spiritbrook Neighborhood Park
- Sunset Gardens Park
- Viewpoint Open Space
- Viewpoint Neighborhood Park
- Watershed Preserve
- Westside Neighborhood Park
- Willows Creek Neighborhood Park

Pets & Vets
Redmond is home to three off-leash dog parks. Known locally as “Doggy Disneyland”, regionally renowned Marymoor Park boasts 40 acres of off-leash area including access to the gentle Sammamish Slough. This is genuinely a place where dog lovers can enjoy dogs being dogs.

When Redmond-area pets are not frolicking at Marymoor Park or other dog-friendly spaces, their wellness needs are lovingly tended by various providers in the region including groomers, animal hospitals, boarding facilities, and more.

Visit: www.redmond.gov for Park & Trail Information
Redmond has a strong Mayor/Council, non-partisan form of government. Seven council members and the Mayor, all representing the community at large, are elected directly by the people for staggered four-year terms. The City Council adopts the City budget, establishes law and policy, approves appropriations and contracts, and levies taxes and grants franchises.

King County operates under a Home Rule Charter adopted in 1968 and is organized under the Council-Executive form of county government. The Metropolitan King County Council is the policy-making legislative body of the County. The Council’s nine members are elected by district to four-year staggered terms and serve on a full-time basis. The King County Executive Dow Constantine heads the county’s executive branch.

**Mission:**

To deliver our community’s priorities in support of a dynamic Redmond where all can live, play, work, and invest.

**Vision:**

A community of connected neighborhoods with vibrant urban centers - inspired by nature, powered by innovation, and committed to excellence.
Public Safety

Police Department
Redmond’s Police Department is made up of over 130 commissioned and non-commissioned personnel who strive to make our community safer every day. To help keep Redmond’s crime rate low, patrol officers provide emergency police services within the city of Redmond 24-hours a day, every day.

The Police Department responds to crimes in progress, criminal investigations and other emergency and non-emergency events. K-9 units, traffic officers, SWAT team, and more are all part of this department which actively reduce crime, address traffic safety issues and maintain the highest level of safety and security for residents, employees, businesses, and visitors in Redmond.

Fire & Emergency Response
Redmond Fire Department (RFD) strives to develop a solid reputation for serving the citizens of greater Redmond. From fire suppression and emergency medical services, to rescue and hazardous materials response, the department works diligently to meet the changing needs of the community.

RFD is comprised of 7 fire stations, 150 uniformed employees, and supplemented by 10 non-uniformed personnel.

Redmond is the regional provider of advanced life support (ALS) services in NE King County, currently operating three Medic One units and one Medical Services Officer unit.
Neighborhoods

Redmond and the Eastside offer one of the highest standards of living in the Seattle Metro region. For those seeking the action and convenience of urban living, look no further than Downtown Redmond. Positioned close to Microsoft, featuring breath-taking lake views, and poised for massive investment, Overlake offers convenient access to Downtown Redmond, downtown Bellevue, and the 520 freeway. Education Hill and other neighborhoods offer a tranquil suburban lifestyle.
Transportation

The City of Redmond strives to create and maintain a safe and efficient transportation system that provides a variety of ways for residents, visitors, and people who work here to get around. As our goal to enhance rather than detract from our environment becomes more focused, Redmond continues to explore new and innovative ways to make connections. In 2023 light rail will have come to Redmond and will certainly open more opportunities for our residents and businesses.

Bus Information
Transit service in the Redmond Area is provided by two government agencies, King County Metro Transit (www.metro.kingcounty.gov) and Sound Transit (www.soundtransit.org), a four-county regional transit system. Other bus options can be viewed at www.shuttleexpress.com and www.greyhound.com.

Cycling Information
Redmond is considered one of the biking capitals of the United States. There are numerous bike paths through the Redmond area and all of King County. A map of these paths and trails can be found online at www.Redmond.gov/maps.

Go Redmond
Go Redmond, a partnership between The City of Redmond, Greater Redmond TMA and King County Metro works to inspire the community to embrace a culture of walking, biking, ridesharing, and transit in Redmond. The Go Redmond program provides resources for transportation choices and then rewards people who choose options to driving alone.

Visit www.GoRedmond.com to learn about getting started with an ORCA pass, trip-planning, smart commuting incentives, carpool and vanpooling options, and more.

Greater Redmond TMA is an additional commuter resource who works directly with companies and organizations located in Redmond to create and maintain some of the most established employee and residential transportation programs in the nation. Visit www.GRTMA.org for more information.

Airport Information
Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac), serves Redmond and is ~30 minute drive. Rental cars, ride-hailing services, shuttle buses, taxis, Metro buses, and Sound Transit buses serve the airport and can deliver you right to your destination’s doorstep.
Education

Award-winning Lake Washington School District serves Redmond, Kirkland, Bellevue, and Woodinville. Its students achieve scores above state and national averages on standardized tests. High school graduation rates exceed 90%.

Redmond High School is consistently among the top performing high schools in the state. The prestigious Tesla STEM High School located in Redmond, is a magnet school offering a specialized curriculum in science, technology, engineering and math. Redmond’s special needs students seeking to transition into work and the community are served by LWSD’s Transition Academy.

Private Education
Parents who wish to send their children to private schools can choose from over 45 schools in the area serving all grades, cultures, religions, and specialties.

Higher Education
Talent is the differentiator in today’s economy. Redmond and the Puget Sound Region are home to nationally recognized two and four year institutions of higher learning.

The University of Washington headlines the region’s higher education options with over 110 programs of study, UW is the largest recipient of federal research dollars in the nation. The University of Washington’s Bothell campus is located on the northern shores of Lake Washington and offers undergraduate and graduate degree in the arts and sciences.

DigiPen Institute of Technology is a dedicated leader in education and research in computer interactive technologies. Committed to fostering academic growth and inspiring creativity in all its students, DigiPen offers: Graduate and undergraduate degrees; Two-week exploratory workshops and online courses for middle- and high school students; Comprehensive high-school programs at locations across the United States and in Canada; Continuing education programs for industry professionals; and International opportunities through DigiPen’s educational partnerships.
Lake Washington Institute of Technology is the only public institute of technology in Washington state. They offer eight applied bachelor’s degrees, 43 associate degrees and 91 professional certificates in 42 areas of study, including STEM-focused programs in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Featuring small class sizes, modern equipment, and hand-on-training that simulates a career environment, LWIT strives to meet our local employment demand.

Founded in 1994, Cascadia College is Washington’s newest community college. It shares a campus with UW Bothell. Cascadia’s highest enrollment programs are business, engineering, and environmental technologies. Cascadia’s student body is the youngest in the state among community and technical colleges. Cascadia students are also the most likely to work while enrolled and enroll with the intention of transferring to a four year program.
Community Resources

Healthcare
Kaiser Permanente, Swedish, and EvergreenHealth all have major branch facilities located in Redmond. Kaiser Permanente’s Redmond primary care clinic offers family practice, pediatrics, lab services, and on-site x-ray services. Same day appointments are available. Specialty services provided through Kaiser Permanente are offered at its nearby Bellevue Medical Center.

Swedish Redmond offers patients care options including emergency care, primary care, specialty care, and urgent care in one location. In addition, Swedish Redmond offers imaging services (including on-site mammography), out-patient lab, rehabilitation services, cardiovascular diagnostics, and sleep medicine. Swedish Redmond’s emergency department features 18 treatment rooms and is open 24 hours a day.

EvergreenHealth in Redmond offers 24/7 services – with primary care, urgent care, a fully certified ER and a 24-hour nurse line. The facility opened in 2011 to enhance the network of care already offered by EvergreenHealth in Kirkland.
Banking
For customers of national banks Chase, Wells Fargo, and U.S. Bank all have branches in Redmond.

For those customers who prefer community banks Banner Bank, Signature Bank, Umpqua Bank, and others have locations in Redmond. First Tech Credit Union, BECU, Sound Credit Union, and others offer services in Redmond for those who prefer credit unions.

Utilities
Clean and abundant hydro-power keep electrical rates relatively low in the Puget Sound area.

Puget Sound Energy, who serves the Redmond area, is a national leader in renewable technology and energy conservation programs, and offers an array of incentives and rebates for both home and business customers.

Sewer and water utilities are provided by the City of Redmond. Waste Management provides trash and recycling services for Redmond residents.

TV, Cable, Internet
East King County residents have the option of choosing between several high-quality providers for TV, cable, and internet services including Frontier Communications, CenturyLink, Comcast, as well as DirectTV.
It’s Easy to Have it All Here

Redmond is the ideal community to work, play, and live. From beautifully groomed trails and public parks, to top-notch educational institutions, to bountiful shopping amenities, to friendly neighborhoods, Redmond truly has something for everyone.
REDMOND NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

WILLOWS ROAD TO DOWNTOWN REDMOND IS EASY!

Downtown Redmond is about two miles from Willows Road and offers great choices for lunch, happy hour, shopping, groceries and more!

Discover a full business directory and everything Redmond has to offer at RedmondRedmond.com

- 30-minute walk burns up to 300 calories
- 1 mile = 20 minutes
- 10-minute bike ride sharpens the mind and improves your mental well-being!
- 1 mile = 6 minutes

Transit Connections:
- Wednesday Peak Hour Route 6 (6-9am, 3-6pm)
- Route 9: 6am-9pm
- Route 10: 6am-9pm
- Route 11: 6am-9pm
- Route 15: 6am-9pm
- Route 33: 6am-9pm

Parking:
- Free downtown for up to four (4) hours in the Public Parking Lots!
RESOURCE CONTACTS

City of Redmond
www.Redmond.gov
(425) 556-2900

Experience Redmond - Tourism
www.ExperienceRedmond.com

King County Convention & Visitors Bureau
(206) 461-5804

City of Redmond Utilities Information
(425) 553-2152

DMV (Drivers Licenses)
(425) 649-4281

King County Vehicle and Vessel
(206) 296-4000

King County Voter Registration
(206) 296-8683

Puget Sound Energy (Electric)
www.pse.com
(425) 452-1234

Verizon (Telephone, DSL)
www.verizon.com
(800) 483-4000

Comcast (Cable TV, Internet)
www.comcast.com
(425) 462-2863

Frontier Communications (Cable TV, Internet)
www.frontier.com
1 (888) 481-0526

Waste Management
www.wmnorthwest.com
1 (800) 592-9995