

BELLEVUE | Community Information



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BELLEVUE | CITY PROFILE

Bellevue is the fifth largest city in Washington State, with its current population of over 130,000 residents. The city covers 31+ square miles between Lake Washington and Lake Sammamish. The downtown corridor features an amazing skyline of 40+ high-rise buildings, while a vast network green spaces, parks and sylvan neighborhoods are dotted throughout the city. Named as the 2nd best place to live by USA Today in 2014, Bellevue has much to offer for both residents and businesses that call the city home.

With I-90 and I-405 meeting just south of Bellevue's downtown, and its close proximity of the Port of Seattle and Sea-Tac International Airport, the city's Eastside location makes it a prime spot for business. Bellevue's economic profile is shaped by four major industries: Information Technology, Business Services, Retail, and Tourism. The city is the Eastside's high-tech hub—its business roster includes Microsoft, PACCAR, Expedia, Vulcan Inc., T-Mobile and Puget Sound Energy. As the 2nd largest employment center in King County, more than 140,000 jobs are located within. More people work within Bellevue than reside in it!

Known for its luxury retail, Bellevue is a premier shopping destination. Chic brands abound in the top-grossing retail centers The Bravern and Bellevue Collection, which encompasses three properties: Bellevue Square, Lincoln Square and Bellevue Place. The three are connected by two sky bridges comprised of steel and glass contemporary design, include over 250 stores, over 45 dining and entertainment venues, and three lovely public spaces to gather. The Shops At Bravern offer an outdoor shopping experience and classic architecture. The Pacific Northwest's only Neiman Marcus calls The Bravern home. Cozy fireplaces throughout the grounds offer warm places to gather with friends.

Foodies are naturally drawn to Bellevue's dining scene due to its renowned dining options. Patrons appreciate the celebrated cuisine of award-winning chefs and the diversity of restaurants. With hundreds to choose from, ranging from food trucks and casual sandwich joints to 4-star chef owned experiences, meal options are nearly endless!

Bellevue's schools are consistently rated among the best in the country. Student enrollment is approximately 19,000 students, divided amongst 28 schools. The school district employs approximately 2,000 people, which includes 1,100 teachers. Out of those teachers, 380 are National Board Certified – more than another other district in Washington State-- and over 75% hold a Master's Degree. Curriculum is connected across all grades, is anchored to Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses at high school level, and the college prep track is the default curriculum.

BELLEVUE | A City Within a Park

Bellevue is home to 100+ parks, including ball fields, beach parks, forested areas with plenty of hiking trails, and manicured meadows where you can toss a Frisbee. Below is a sample of Bellevue's parks:

Bellevue Downtown Park

20-acres of beautiful green in the heart of downtown Bellevue is the delightful centerpiece of the Bellevue Parks System. The park includes a 1 1/2 mile promenade bordered shade trees and a stepped canal features a 240-foot wide waterfall cascading into a reflecting pond. Ten acres of lawn is perfect for picnicking, plus a play area and formal gardens offer enjoyment for all ages.

Newcastle Beach Park

The biggest beach park in Bellevue. It features swimming, with lifeguards on duty late-June through Labor Day, a nature trail, 300-foot dock, children's play area and picnic facilities with a BBQ.

Meydenbauer Beach Park

With 3.44 acres this beach park offers swimming, with a lifeguard on duty late-June through Labor Day, a fishing dock, picnic areas, restrooms and is handicapped accessible.

Bellevue Botanical Garden

The Bellevue Botanical Garden is a fun place to visit year round. It contains cultivated gardens, natural wetlands and a woodland trail that are both beautiful and educational for visitors to view.

Kelsey Creek Farm & Park

This park offers hiking and jogging trails, picnic areas, a playground, open grassy areas, creeks, wetlands and forests. The historic Fraser Cabin is nestled on the hill next to the park's dairy barns.

Mercer Slough Nature Park and Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center

Visitors can a walk or kayak through the 320-acre Mercer Slough Nature Park to view local wildlife and go bird watching. This amazing wetland area is located in the heart of urban Bellevue, and its companion Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center features a visitor center with activities and a tree house to view the area and downtown Bellevue's skyline.

Chism Beach Park

18 acre park features swimming, with lifeguards on duty late June through Labor Day. The park includes two picnic sites suitable for larger group events, a dock, picnic & play areas, restrooms and is handicapped accessible.

Chesterfield Beach Park

This park is perfect for fishing on the dock. It includes play and picnic areas, restrooms, and swimming, with lifeguards on duty late June through Labor Day.

BELLEVUE | Nationally Renowned Schools

Elementary Schools

Ardmore

16616 NE 32nd St

Bennett

17900 NE 16th St

Cherry Crest

12400 NE 32nd St

Clyde Hill

9601 NE 24th St

Eastgate

4255 153rd Ave. SE

Enatai

10615 SE 23rd St

Lake Hills

14310 SE 12th St

Medina

8001 NE 8th Street

Newport Heights

5225 119th Ave. SE

Phantom Lake

1050 160th Ave. SE

Sherwood Forest

16411 NE 24th St

Somerset

14100 Somerset Blvd SE

Spiritridge

16401 SE 24th St

Stevenson

14220 NE 8th St

Woodridge

12619 SE 20th Pl.

Middle Schools

Chinook

2001 98th Ave NE

Highland

15027 NE Bel/Red Road

Odle

Temporary Site

11650 SE 60th Street

Tillicum

16020 SE 16th Street

Tyee

13630 SE Allen Rd.

High Schools

Bellevue

10416 SE Wolverine Way

Interlake

16245 NE 24th Street

Newport

4333 Factoria Blvd. SE

Sammamish

100 140th Ave. SE

Choice Schools

Bellevue Big Picture

(6 - 12) 14844 SE 22nd St.

International School

(6 - 12) 445 - 128th Ave. SE

Jing Mei

(K - 3) 301 151st Place NE

Puesta del Sol

(K - 5) 3810 132nd Ave SE

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BELLEVUE | A Dining and Shopping Destination

From quick takeout nibbles to sit-down luxury feasts, **you can dine remarkably well on almost any Bellevue block.** There are hundreds of restaurants in downtown Bellevue and many more across the city ranging from casual sandwich spots to 4-star chef owned restaurants and well known national chains.

The Northwest may be known for salmon and Dungeness crab but Bellevue's population with roots in the Far East has led to an ethnic dining scene that has foodies across the region trekking to Bellevue to explore the local Asian eats. And for the carnivores out there, a selection of steakhouses serves up top-quality beef and unique dining experiences. When the sun shines, Bellevue diners seek out the myriad outdoor dining options that pop up on patios and along sidewalks throughout the city. For a quick lunch, try one of the many food trucks scattered throughout downtown Bellevue during the week. If you'd like some music with your meal you'll find a range of options from jazz, to pop, to bluegrass.

With more than 250 stores, 45-plus dining and entertainment venues and a constant buzz of activity, it's easy to see why **The Bellevue Collection** is a don't miss destination. You'll find the best of style, scene and in between to dress your self and your home. The Bellevue Collection is comprised of three related properties: Bellevue Square, Lincoln Square and Bellevue Place; connected by two sky bridges made from a fusion of steel and glass. Inside, three public spaces are designed to delight: a stone-clad wood burning fireplace towers in Bellevue Square's "The Lodge," water glides down 65 feet of glass in Lincoln Square's atrium and a grand glass-domed ceiling caps Bellevue Place's Wintergarden.

The Shops at The Bravern is a vibrant pedestrian-friendly outdoor shopping experience at the gateway to downtown Bellevue. Savor award-winning cuisine by celebrated chefs. Or just connect with friends around one of the outdoor fireplaces. Featuring timeless architecture and lush landscaping reflecting the intimate qualities of a European village while staying true to Northwest sensibilities. It is both traditional and contemporary at the same time. And the experience it offers is unlike anything else you'll find in the Pacific Northwest or beyond.

There's no place quite like **Crossroads Shopping Center**. In 2010 it was voted the "Best Cross-Cultural Hub" by Seattle Weekly and has consistently been ranked "Best Place for Diversity" and "Best Ethnic Food" by the Bellevue Reporter. The Crossroads Market Stage features free live music performances every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night, and "Game Lane" includes a jumbo chess game and board game tables.

Conveniently located at the intersection of Interstate 90 and Interstate 405, **Marketplace at Factoria** has five different department stores, 60 stores and services, and over 2,500 parking spaces. The Marketplace also boasts great restaurants and activities for families to enjoy together including Kids-quest Children's Museum.