

International Relations Why Federal Way?

Location

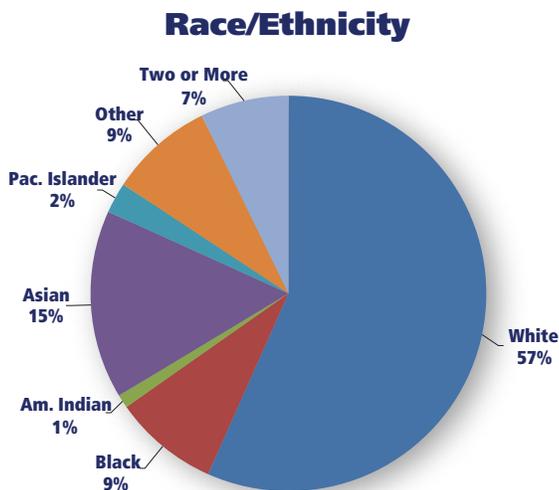
Federal Way is a community of nearly 100,000 people located in the Seattle-Tacoma Metropolitan Area of over 3 million. It is located along the pristine Puget Sound.

- It is the ninth (9th) largest city in Washington.
- It is located 20 minutes south of Sea-Tac International Airport.
- It is 30 minutes equidistance from the marine facilities of the Ports of Seattle and Tacoma.
- It is located along the most significant highway that runs north and south along the west coast of the United States, (Interstate 5) linking the Pacific Coast Ports.
- It is located at the interchange of Interstate 5 and State Route 18 which connects to Interstate 90 that runs east and west across the United States.



Ethnically Diverse

- Federal Way has a very ethnically diverse population.



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Globally Aware and Focused

- Sister City with Donghae, South Korea.
- Sister City with Hachinohe, Japan.
- Cultural exchange with Shantou City, China.
- Current location to international oriented business and organizations such as Cogent, World Vision, Valmet and the Korean Broadcasting System in Washington.
- Active relationships with nearly 40 foreign consulates in Washington State.
- Home to Honorary Consulate of Seychelles.
- Home to the Pacific Bonsai Museum.
- Home to DESNA Cup, the largest Russian and Eastern European cultural festival in Washington.



Receptive Government

- Stable and open government.
- Foreign investment and cultural exchange is welcomed.
- Available professional staff from the City of Federal Way to assist.

Skilled and Available Labor Force

- Federal Way is a community where employers can find a population where over 100 languages are spoken.
- Over 50 percent of the Federal Way population is under 34 years of age.
- Future home to a satellite campus of the University of Washington.
- Available assistance with finding specific labor skills.

Available and Affordable Quality Office Space

- Rent for Class A office space is 38 percent less per sq. ft. than downtown Seattle.
- Rent for Class A office space is 27 percent less per sq. ft. than Tacoma.
- Locations on office campus settings.

Infrastructure

- Excellent streets and city infrastructure.
- Robust telecom service supported by CenturyLink and Comcast. Cogent Communications provides a Tier 1 ISP facility allowing for more efficient communication services across the globe.
- Low cost energy available through Puget Sound Energy.

Focus on Opportunities

- Federal Way by all accounts is a wonderful location for both foreign and domestic organizations involved in international relations.
- It is well situated for organizations involved in international education, programs, research, cultural affairs, government agencies (domestic and foreign), along with translator and interpreter services.



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