

Blaine Fact Sheet

Location

- Latitude: 48° 59'17" N & Longitude: 122° 44' 37" W
- Elevation : 52' City Cntr & Highest 525'
- Total Acres w/i City Limits: 5378 acres (or 8.4 sq. miles)
- Approximately 10.25 miles of shoreline
- 110 miles N of Seattle & 35 miles S of Vancouver, B.C

Climate

- Average Annual Rainfall: 35-40"
- Mean Temperature: High 62° F Low: 40° F

Demographics (from 2010 Census, unless noted)

- Total Population: 4760
- Density: 566 persons/square mile
- Median Per Capita Income: \$33,766
- Median Family Income: \$52,917

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Blaine City Government

- Incorporated: 1890
- Named after James G. Blaine (1830-1893) U.S. Senator from Maine
- Council/ Manager Form of Government, Non-Charter Code City
- Congressional Voting Dist. 1, State 42nd
- Three Wards (Voting Precincts)
- Seven Elected Council Members (2 per ward, 1 at-large)
- 56 City Employees

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2013 Budget

- General Fund: \$4,909,143
- Streets \$ 714,429
- Electric \$8,851,293
- Water \$3,745,810
- Wastewater \$5,132,227
- Stormwater \$ 699,531

2013 Adopted Budget: Revenue - General Government

- Property Tax \$1,049,088
- Sales Tax \$1,106,658
- Utility Tax \$1,196,183
- Fees for Service \$131,770
- Fines and Forfeits \$148,000
- Transfers \$1,188,105
- Total G.F. Revenue \$4,819,804

Marinas (Public & Private)

- Port of Bellingham/Blaine Marina (Public): 686 slips
Semiahmoo Marina (Private): 294 slips

Infrastructure

- Street Network
 - 36 miles of public streets (30 miles paved)
 - 5 miles of State Routes (I-5 = 2.6 miles)
 - 14 miles of private streets
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- **Electrical Utility**
 - One of 17 municipal owned power utilities in WA State
 - 72 miles of distribution lines (82% underground)
 - Blaine 15MW Substation (Owned by PSE)
 - Delivered about 73 Million KW hrs of power in 2012
 - Purchase all power from BPA
 - 85% Hydro & 3% 2007 Wind
 - Number of Customers (as of July 2012): 3014
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- **Water System (Began in 1920's)**
 - Water Source: Groundwater – Nine Production Wells
 - Chlorine Disinfection (No Fluoridation)
 - Annual Water Produced (2012): 57.5 million gallons
 - Blaine Service Area: 6400 acres
 - 5 Storage Tanks w/ total 4.65 million gallons of storage
 - 5 Pressure Zones (two in Semiahmoo)
 - 5 Booster Pump Stations
 - 85 miles of Distribution Lines
 - Blaine Customers (2012): 2582
 - Used over 518 million gallons
 - 2257 Residential Accounts
 - 325 Commercial Accounts
 - Wholesale Water Customers (2012 Sales):
 - Delivered over 281 million gal to Birch Bay Water & Sewer District
 - Delivered over 14 million gal to Bell Bay Jackson Water District
- **Wastewater (Sanitary Sewer) System**
 - Existing Treatment Facility:
 - Semiahmoo WTP (Built in 1977) - Avg Daily Capacity 800,000 gal/day
 - 31 miles of collection piping
 - 11 Lift (Pump) Stations
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- **Other Non-City Utility Providers:**
 - Natural Gas: Cascade Natural Gas
 - Telecommunications: Verizon
 - Cable: Comcast
 - Solid Waste Disposal: Sanitary Services Co

Blaine Parks

- Blaine is served by the NW Parks and Recreation Dist
- The City maintains 12 City Parks totaling 45 acres
- Semiahmoo County Park covers approx 17.9 acres
- Blaine Cemetery (owned by the City) has 4238 burial plots (1735 empty)