



Fact Sheet

Snohomish County Counts is a community wide assessment that identifies growth, changes, strengths and community concerns in Snohomish County.

The assessment is comprehensive and multifaceted, compiling many types of data to clarify our community strengths and identify critical community issues.

Why:

- Snohomish County has experienced much growth and change since the last assessment in 1995 making it time for a new look to improve our understanding of critical community issues.
- This assessment will allow us to build a community plan that addresses pressing issues and will achieve measurable results, ultimately ensuring the social and economic well being of our community.
- The document will serve as a resource for health and human service and other organizations that work to improve quality of life in our community.

What we did:

- Develop database of asset building groups and services. (May-September 2001)
- Collect and compile data from existing reports and research. (May-September 2001)
- Conduct population based surveys, key informant surveys, and focus groups. (September-November 2001)
- Write draft report of key findings from data collection activities. (January-March 2002)
- Communicate assessment findings to key community groups and general public. (May 2002)
- Identify emergent community priorities. (June 2002)
- Facilitate development of community action plan. (June 2002)
- **Visit our website – <http://www.uwsc.org/assessment>**

How will this information be used?

- Many non-profits in the County rely on this information for strategic planning, as well as for information to substantiate their grant requests to local and national funders.
- The county government is already using information from the assessment to inform their work and knowledge about the county (Bob Drewel cited it in speeches before it was actually published).
- School districts are using it to learn more about the parents and students they serve.

Who:

Healthy Communities for Snohomish County, Snohomish Health District, Snohomish County Human Services, United Way of Snohomish County, the City of Everett and more than 40 people (see full list on the back of this sheet) representing all sectors of community life collaborated to collect and analyze the assessment information. Community Leaders gathered on June 14, 2002, to consider the information.

Financial and in-kind supporters:

City of Everett, Community Services Advisory Council of Snohomish County, Everett Rotary Club, Gilmore Research Group, Human Services Council of Snohomish County, Providence Everett Medical Center, Snohomish Health District, Snohomish County Human Services, The Everett Herald, United Way of Snohomish County and Verizon Foundation.

Questions:

Assessment: Sabeth Fitzgibbons at 425-921-3463 or sccounts@uwsc.org
Media Inquiries: John Gustafson at 425-261-5844

Snohomish County Counts Community Partners

American Red Cross
beda?chelh
City of Everett Human Services
Community Health Center of Snohomish County
DSHS/DCFS
DSHS/Smokey Point CSO
Economic Development Council of Snohomish County
Everett School District #2
Greater Trinity Baptist Church
Healthy Communities for Snohomish County
Housing Authority of Snohomish County
The Interfaith Association of Snohomish County
Lutheran Community Services NW
M-2/Job Therapy
Parent Child Union
Providence Health System
Snohomish County Center for Battered Women
Snohomish County Council on Aging
Snohomish County Federated Health & Safety Network
Snohomish County Human Services
Snohomish County Human Services, Long Term Care/Aging
Snohomish County Labor Community
Snohomish County Planning and Development Services
Snohomish County Residents
Snohomish Health District
SnoNet
Stanwood Police Department
Stevens Healthcare
United Way of Snohomish County
U.S. Navy
Verizon Communications
Volunteers of America Western Washington
Youth Summit