

PULLMAN, WASHINGTON



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PULLMAN

In a 2005 survey of Washington's best cities for business, Pullman was number 2 on the list statewide. "We focused on finding communities that would offer companies the best combination of economic factors, including educated employees, low living costs, a concentration of businesses and a good quality of life," noted the authors of the Best Cities For Business article in the November 2005 issue of *Seattle Business Monthly*.

"Communities on the dry side of the state offer educated work forces, low labor costs and low living costs that western Washington communities have trouble matching."

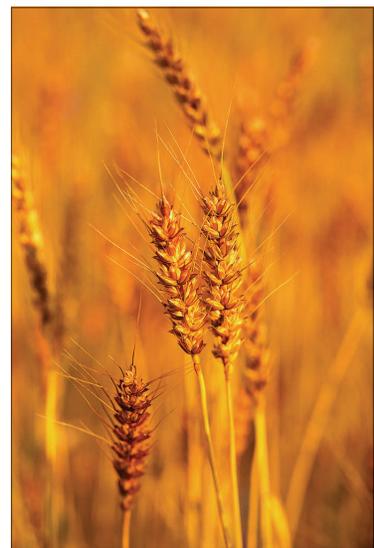
With its historical roots in agriculture, Pullman has matured into a community with small-town comforts and cosmopolitan amenities. Home to world-class Washington State University, Pullman benefits from a diverse international student population, PAC 10 sporting events, as well as cultural and entertainment programs. The seeds of high technology are also flourishing in Pullman's fertile environment.

A vibrant economy, distinct seasons, and recreational opportunities that are second-to-none, as well as proximity to both metropolitan areas and wilderness make Pullman a best bet for business in Washington.

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High tech
Higher education
Highest quality of life



Pullman is the largest community in Whitman County. This *micropolitan* area, built on 4 main hills, is a vibrant cornerstone of education, business and technology. The city is located in the southeast corner of the county, which is located in eastern Washington and situated approximately 76 miles south of the city of Spokane, and seven miles west of the Washington/Idaho border.

LOCATION

The city is the largest community on the rolling hills of the Palouse. The population of the city as estimated in 2006 by the State Office of Financial Management was 27,030, an increase of 8.3% since the 2000 Census estimate. The population of the county was estimated to be 42,800 by the State Office of Financial Management in 2006, a growth of 5.1% since the 2000 Census estimate. Population figures within the area are expected to continue to increase based on projections by the city. The economy of the area is based primarily on government entities, Washington State University, trade center activities, a growing manufacturing and high-tech research sector and agriculture.

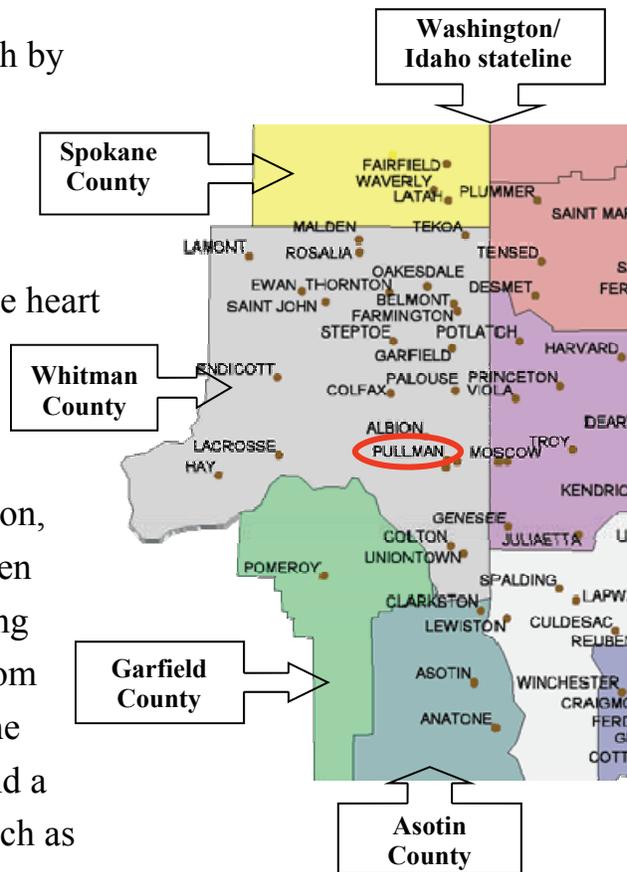


Whitman County

The county is situated in southeast Washington along the Washington-Idaho border. Comprising a total land area of 2,159 square miles, it ranks 10th in size among Washington counties.

Boundaries. On the Washington side, Whitman County is bordered on the north by Spokane County, to the west by Adams and Franklin counties, and to the south by Garfield and Asotin counties.

Topography. Whitman County lies in the heart of the Palouse country. Its topography is comprised of the rolling hills of the Palouse and flat land. Various forms of bunchgrass constitute the native vegetation, though most of the dry land has since been converted into a productive wheat farming region. Elevations in the region range from 1,100 to 3,400 feet above sea level. At the higher elevations are Tekoa Mountain and a number of prominent rock formations such as Bald Butte, Steptoe Butte and Kamiak Butte.



Water supply. The Palouse groundwater basin is the sole source of water for more than 50,000 residents of Pullman, Wash. and Moscow, Idaho and outlying areas in both Whitman County, Wash. and Latah County, Idaho. Also included among groundwater users are Washington State University and the University of Idaho. A regional water resource committee has been active since 1967 working toward a long-term, quality water supply for the region through groundwater management.

Dreamtown, U.S.A.

During the year 2000, Pullman was rated a “Dreamtown” by *Demographics Daily*, an online publication of American Business Journals, Inc. Dreamtowns were defined as places with 10,000 to 50,000 residents that have an excellent quality of life. Pullman was ranked #1 in the state of Washington and #26 in the nation. Pullman ranked #1 in the nation with respect to the criteria of “Support for schools: commitment and financial support.”

Local Economy.

The economy of the city of Pullman is most notably impacted by government entities, primarily due to Washington State University, trade center activities, a growing manufacturing and high-tech research sector, and agriculture. The city's economy, historically highly dependent on WSU and its students, has made several recent efforts to diversify, primarily targeting small high-tech companies which are spin-offs of WSU research. The city has prepared for anticipated growth with appropriate land zoning, ensuring increased water and sewage capacity, and by developing the infrastructure for future industrial parks.

Government income.

In 2005, state and local government represented 52.8% or \$388.5 million of total county non-farm income and employed 39.2% of the county's full-time and part-time labor force. The significant economic impact of state and local government on the area's economy is primarily due to the location of WSU in the city as described below. In addition, the University of Idaho created in 1889, is located eight miles east of the city and has an enrollment of 11,739 students as of fall 2006. UI currently employs approximately 2,350 people, including its satellite campuses. A number of the UI employees reside in Whitman County. Other governmental entities that provide notable employment to the area are city government and Pullman School District No. 267.

ECONOMY



Recent downtown entries: Bridgeway Centre (above) and Town Centre.



Washington State University.

WSU is the city's single largest employer and is the second largest



educational institution in the state with 18,423 students enrolled on the Pullman campus as of fall semester 2006. WSU currently employs approximately 3,968 full-time and 1,710 part-time employees of which 2,000 are faculty members. WSU was established in 1890 for the purpose of educating students in agricultural areas, applied arts and scientific subjects, as well as providing information to industries. Today, WSU has agricultural research and cooperative extension facilities throughout the state, with teaching programs in Seattle, Vancouver, the Tri-Cities and Spokane, and offers a diverse academic program to its students. Over the past several years, WSU has added a new food science and human nutrition building, a new veterinarian teaching hospital, a new engineering teaching and research lab building, added space to its chemistry building and business college, doubled the size of the campus library, completed chemical waste collection sites, completed improvements to the gymnasium, constructed phase II of the animal disease biotech facility, improved Kimbrough Hall and constructed campus infrastructure electrical improvements and road improvements. In addition, the Pullman campus is in the process of completely remodeling the student union building and redesigning and enlarging their golf course to become a championship 18-hole course with a new clubhouse boasting dramatic and expansive views.

Agriculture.

The economy of the city and the county benefit significantly from agriculture due to its location in what has been described as the world's richest dry land wheat country, known as the "Palouse". Pullman is the largest community on the Palouse. Its topography is generally that of flat land and rolling hills. The rich, dark, porous soil is composed of loess and volcanic ash overlaying basalt. There



are approximately 1,328,337 million acres devoted to cropland on 1,087 farms throughout Whitman County. Farming and ranching operations provide employment for approximately 1,093 persons in the county and related enterprises furnish jobs for many more.

Manufacturing.

The Port of Whitman County Industrial Park encompasses 107 acres. The worldwide headquarters of Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc., the area's largest manufacturing firm, is located at the park, and employs about 1,080 people. Schweitzer locally manufactures an electrical power line and transformer fault locator that is sold and serviced worldwide. During its recent campus expansion, Schweitzer engineering opened doors to its public event center. Other tenants at the industrial park include: Munir

Duad and Associates, Metriguard, Inc., Decagon Devices, Inc., River Masters Engineering, and Amplicon Express. The WSU Research and Technology



Pullman Industrial Park (2004 view above and 2007 view at left)

Park is located nearby. Privately owned industrial sites are also available.

Trade center activities.

The city's status as a medical center contributes to the city's trade center activities. Medical services are primarily provided by **Pullman Regional Hospital**, the premier health care facility on the Palouse, which provides state of the art technology and medicine and is accredited by the Joint Commission on

Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

The new 95,000 square-foot facility on Bishop Boulevard opened in December 2004 and is the cornerstone of a 40-acre health care community. Each year, the hospital contributes approximately \$4.2 million to the local economy and provides more than 320 jobs.

Pullman Regional Hospital is a 25-bed acute care, critical access facility. In addition, the Emergency Department is the region's only 24-hour urgent care center and has been designated as a Level III Trauma Care Center by the Washington State Department of Health. Hospital

staffing includes board certified emergency medicine physicians, trained and certified nurses, and clinical specialists. The hospital strives to provide patients with the best possible care by utilizing state-of-the-art medical and information technology (e.g. fully digital imaging department, electronic medical records, etc.), leading design concepts for patient healing, privacy, visitor comfort, and conveniences such as room service and wireless Internet connectivity. Pullman Regional was named a 2007 winner by H&HN Magazine as one of the "Most Wired" healthcare facilities in the "Small and Rural" category.

Pullman Regional Hospital ranks in the top three percent of hospitals nationally in overall customer satisfaction and the Medical/Surgical Unit, the Intensive Care Unit, and BirthPlace consistently rank in the top three percent as well. (Surveys are conducted quarterly by Press Ganey, an independent national healthcare surveyor.)

The hospital offers education, screenings, specialty clinics, cardiopulmonary rehabilitation, and a comprehensive array of surgical services. Pullman Regional also features private medical/surgical beds, private labor and delivery rooms with Jacuzzi tubs, emergency trauma and treatment rooms, ICU rooms and ancillary services such as laboratory, imaging services (including digital mammography),



Pullman Regional Hospital main entrance.

respiratory, physical, and nutrition therapies for both inpatients and outpatients. In addition, the hospital is designed to be a community gathering place, featuring multiple conference rooms, the Red Sage Café, and the Gift Garden. The gift shop is operated by the Auxiliary and all proceeds support the hospital and are used to purchase patient comfort items. The Pullman Regional Hospital Foundation provides additional volunteer and monetary support through various fundraising activities and donations from the public.

The Palouse Hills Nursing Center is a skilled nursing facility licensed for 55 beds. The health services sector of the county economy represented 6.0% or \$43.4 million of total non-farm income in 2005. In addition, Gritman Medical Center is located eight miles east of Pullman in Moscow, Idaho and has 42 beds.

In addition to health care, other services have also grown in importance as the county’s economy has become more diversified. In 2005, services as a whole, represented 13.7% or \$100.6 million of total non-farm income in the county. In aggregate, the services industry employed 25.0% of the county’s full and part-time work force. The city is a wholesale and retail trade center for the county and surrounding area. In 2005, wholesale and retail trade industries employed 10.7% of the county’s total full and part-time work force and represented 8.2% or \$60.5 million of total county non-farm income.

Year	City of Pullman	Whitman County
2005	\$264,751,271	\$366,249,168
2004	299,871,863	403,670,557
2003	258,256,743	351,296,643
2002	224,620,425	316,244,959
2001	230,097,059	326,543,261

Historical Taxable Retail Sales.

The following table lists the taxable retail sales for all industries within the County since 2001.

Earnings by Industry.

The table below shows Whitman County's total personal income as well as wage and salary, labor and proprietors' earnings by major industry type for the years shown. Figures shown are in thousands.

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Total Personal Income	\$784,162	\$787,186	\$827,453	\$854,804	\$851,611
Earnings by Industry:					
Farm	2,833	(4,193)	7,817	(11,817)	(44,698)
Non-farm	599,123	636,145	669,431	716,431	735,986
Private	259,794	271,776	288,828	321,200	319,901
Ag. Srvcs, forestry, fish & other	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mining	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utilities	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Construction	19,973	19,963	20,369	23,825	24,539
Manufacturing	34,497	47,395	55,082	79,892	77,352
Wholesale Trade	33,014	28,880	25,986	26,459	27,713
Retail Trade	28,885	29,417	30,563	32,379	32,789
Transportation & Warehousing	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Information	4,735	4,778	4,473	4,952	5,223
Finance & Insurance	15,093	15,474	19,124	20,313	16,531
Real estate, rental & leasing	5,788	6,384	7,164	7,718	8,441
Professional & Technical Srvcs	17,280	20,271	21,819	14,915	15,225
Management of Companies	491	609	651	436	554
Administrative & Waste Services	2,587	2,576	2,526	2,331	1,853
Educational Services	1,232	1,056	1,225	1,374	1,449
Healthcare & Social Services	37,759	38,308	39,222	43,551	43,849
Art, Entertainment & Recreation	1,160	1,286	1,486	2,548	2,471
Accommodations & Food Srvcs	13,837	14,898	15,984	16,618	17,521
Other Services	15,542	16,464	16,991	17,453	17,710
Government	339,329	364,369	380,603	395,494	416,085
Federal/Civilian	17,687	18,902	20,268	19,112	20,190
Military	3,936	4,715	6,102	6,369	7,387
State & Local	317,709	340,752	354,233	370,013	388,508
(D) Not shown to avoid disclosure of confidential information, but the estimates for this item are included in the totals.					
Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System, Bureau of Economic Analysis					

Population profile.

2000 U.S. Census 24,948
 2006 estimate 27,030

POPULATION & INCOME

From the time period of 2000 through July 1, 2006, the city of Pullman and unincorporated Asotin County experienced the most rapid growth in southeastern Washington, according to U.S. Census estimates.

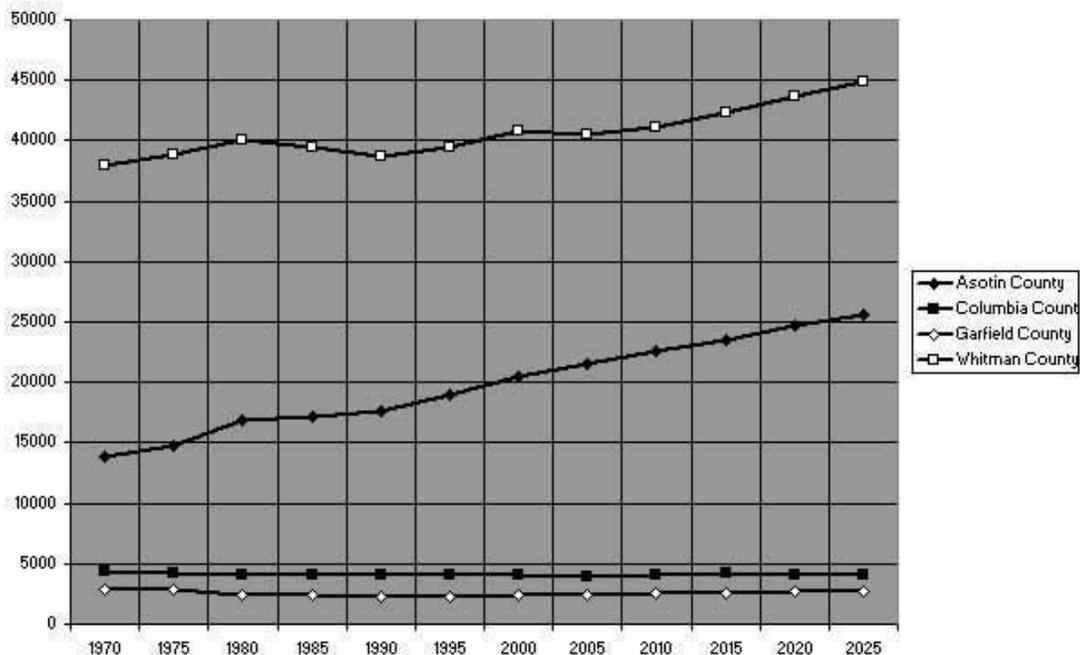
Year	City of Pullman	Percent of Change	Whitman County	Percent of Change	State of Washington	Percent of Change
2006 ¹	27,030	8.3%	42,800	2.4%	6,375,600	8.2%
2000	24,948	6.2	40,740	5.0	5,894,143	21.1
1990	23,478	(0.4)	38,775	(3.3)	4,866,663	17.8
1980	23,579	14.9	40,103	5.8	4,132,353	21.1

Population trends.

Historical population trends are presented below for the city, the county and the State of Washington to represent population trends in the area.

¹Intercensus estimate as of April 2006 reported by the State Office of Financial Management.

PEDD Population Projections 1970-2025 by County



Source: Palouse Economic Development Council

Major Employers.

The major employers (including full-time and part-time employees) in Whitman County as of December 2006 are as follows.

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>Employees</u>
1. Washington State University	State University	4,678
2. Schweitzer Engineering	Electrical Engineering	1,080
3. Pullman Regional Hospital	Healthcare	325
4. Federal Government	Government	279
5. Pullman School District	Education	275
6. Whitman County	Government	250
7. Whitman Community Hospital	Healthcare	194
8. City of Pullman	Government	175
9. McGregor's	Agriculture/Fertilizer	132
10. Student Book Corporation	WSU Bookstore	132

Source: Palouse Economic Development Council

Major Taxpayers.

The table below lists the top ten taxpayers within the city for tax year 2007 listed in declining order of assessed value.

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>2007 Assessed Value</u>
1. Schweitzer Engineering	Technology	\$32,794,850
2. K. Duane Brelsford	Business	\$31,211,250
3. Summerhill Rental	Apartments	\$14,956,692
4. FPA Campus Commons	Apartments	\$14,954,300
5. Providence Court	Apartments	\$10,116,780
6. GTE Northwest	Utility	\$ 8,376,126
7. Larry Guthrie	Apartments	\$ 7,887,060
8. Avista	Utility	\$ 7,580,836
9. Apartments West Rentals	Apartments	\$ 6,606,200
10. Ted & Melinda Beasley	Apartments & Business	\$ 5,170,118

The top ten taxpayers listed above represent 13.26% of the city's total assessed valuation of \$1,052,917,091 for fiscal year 2007. Source: Palouse Economic Development Council

Median age 22.5 years

Population composition by age

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000

Under 5	1,046
5-19	5,564
20-24	8,812
25-34	3,699
35-44	1,919
45-59	2,176
60-74	884
75/over	575



**Educational attainment of populace
25 years of age and over.**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000

	U.S.	Pullman
High school graduate or higher	80.4%	97.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher	24.4%	65.3%

Cost of living.

According to the Council for Community and Economic Research, the second quarter figures for 2000, this is how Pullman ranks in comparison with the rest of the United States, based on a national average cost of living of 100 percent.

Composite Index	96.2
Grocery items	98.3
Housing	87.4
Utilities	70.5
Transportation	102.4
Health care	112.3
Misc. goods & services	104.6

Personal Income Trends.

The following table shows total and per capita personal income growth in Whitman County from 2001 through 2005.

Year	Total Personal Income (000's)	Percent of Change	Per Capita Income	Percent of Change
2005	\$851,611	(0.37)%	\$21,219	(0.27)%
2004	854,801	3.31	21,276	2.78
2003	827,453	5.12	20,698	6.27
2002	787,186	0.39	19,477	(0.18)
2001	784,162	n/a	19,512	n/a

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Regional Economic Information Center, Bureau of Economic Analysis

EMPLOYMENT

Minimum wage. (as of January 2007)
\$7.93 per hour

Labor Force and Unemployment.

The following table shows labor force and employment data for Whitman County since 2002 as well as unemployment rates for the state and the U.S. for the same period.

Year	Labor Force	Employment	—Unemployment Rates—		
			Whitman County	State of Washington	United States
2006	20,160	19,340	4.1%	5.1%	4.6%
2005	20,640	19,770	4.2	5.5	5.1
2004	20,290	19,400	4.4	6.3	5.5
2003	19,560	18,610	4.9	7.1	6.0
2002	19,170	18,280	4.6	7.3	5.8

Source: Washington Employment Department



Employment by Major Industry.

The table below sets forth the total number of full-time and part-time employees in the county for the years and industries as shown.

Employment by place of work	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Total Employment	21,669	21,970	22,094	22,422	22,806
By type:					
Wage & Salary	17,481	17,755	17,908	18,064	18,282
Proprietor	4,188	4,215	4,186	4,358	4,524
Farm	1,149	1,151	1,108	1,089	1,085
Non-farm	3,039	3,064	3,078	3,269	3,439
By industry:					
Farm	1,522	1,527	1,522	1,453	1,435
Non-farm	20,147	20,443	20,572	20,969	12,004
Private	11,107	11,176	11,288	11,766	12,004
Ag. Srvcvs, forestry, fish & other	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Mining	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Utilities	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Construction	593	557	551	606	640
Manufacturing	793	868	950	1,172	1,151
Wholesale Trade	869	790	680	683	716
Retail Trade	1,696	1,647	1,663	1,678	1,729
Transportation & Warehousing	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Information	278	237	231	249	255
Finance & Insurance	499	506	528	544	505
Real estate, rental & leasing	501	518	530	564	622
Professional & Technical Srvcvs	890	889	945	864	913
Management of Companies	14	49	38	49	49
Administrative & Waste Services	227	234	231	237	236
Educational Services	142	137	150	152	167
Healthcare & Social Services	1,403	1,370	1,384	1,425	1,458
Art, Entertainment & Recreation	214	242	236	300	312
Accommodations & Food Srvcvs	1,381	1,414	1,409	1,428	1,445
Other Services	1,031	1,050	1,063	1,116	1,118
Government & Gov't Enterprises	9,040	9,267	9,284	9,203	9,367
Federal/Civilian	279	284	306	276	280
Military	160	158	157	153	147
State & Local	8,601	8,825	8,821	8,774	8,940
(D) Not shown to avoid disclosure of confidential information, but the estimates for this item are included in the totals.					
Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Regional Economic Information System, Bureau of Economic Analysis					

TRANSPORTATION

Bus. Pullman Transit proudly provides both fixed-route and Dial-A-Ride services around in

the city to more than one million customers each year. Their system has been used as a model for the development of other rural community transit systems nationwide. A commuter bus that runs between Pullman, Wash. and Moscow, Idaho is operated by Wheatland Express.

Air service is available through Horizon Airlines [a sister carrier to Alaska Air] at the Pullman-Moscow airport, located between Pullman, Wash. and Moscow, Idaho. Horizon currently offers four flights daily to Seattle and from Seattle to Pullman-Moscow. In 2006, there were approximately 23,680 departures. Due to passenger volume, Horizon is planning to introduce the 76-seat Bombardier Q400



aircraft into this market. The airport has benefited from multi-million dollar federal airport improvement grants and receives support from the City of Pullman, Washington State University, Port of Whitman County, City of Moscow, University of Idaho and Latah County. Rental cars, taxi service, hangar rental, and general aviation services (aircraft repair, FBO fuel, flight instruction, charter service, flight planning, courtesy car and lounge) are also available.

The Port of Whitman has two facilities on the Snake River in the southern portion of the County. The Snake River is navigable from the Pacific Ocean to Lewiston, Idaho, with the majority of cargo being shipped from the Port to Portland, Oregon.

Nine **motor freight** services and four bus lines serve the area by U.S. Highway 195 and State Highways 27 and 270. All major overnight carriers serve Pullman as well.

Railroad transportation in the county runs on tracks owned by the state and operated by Palouse River – Coulee City Railroad.

Building/Housing Data.

Single-family dwellings 3,687 units
 Duplexes 869 units
 Multiple dwellings 5,993 units
 Manufactured homes 522 units

REAL ESTATE



Trends in Building Permits.

The following table reflects the trends in the value of permits issued by the city of Pullman during the last five years for new buildings.

Year	Number of Residential Permits	Residential Permit Value	Number of Commercial Permits	Commercial Permit Value
2006	168	\$35,791,017	31	\$21,420,472
2005	193	\$41,851,780	41	\$19,070,185
2004	176	\$24,198,652	43	\$3,870,303
2003	170	\$25,091,444	24	\$3,106,095
2002	154	\$19,731,090	32	\$6,596,678

Source: City of Pullman Building Department

Whitman County Housing Market Snapshot. (1st Quarter 2007)

Home Resales (units)			Building Permits (units)		Median Resale Price		Housing Affordability Index (HAI)	First-Time HAI
SAAR	% change last qtr/last yr.		#	% change last yr.	\$	% change last yr.		
660	0.0%	-21.4%	24	-35.1%	\$180,000	-4.3%	121.5	45.8
Notes:								
1. Home Resales are WCRER estimates based on MLS reports or deed recording (Real Market Data LLC)								
2. SAAR means data presented at Seasonally Adjusted Annual Rates allowing quarter-to-quarter comparison.								
3. Building permits are from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census								
4. Median prices are Washington Center for Real Estate Research/WSU estimates. Half the homes sold at higher prices, half lower								
5. Affordability index measures the ability of a typical family to make payments on median price resale home. It assumes 20% down payment and 30-year amortizing mortgage. First-time buyer affordability index assumes a less expensive home, lower down payment and lower income.								

“...while Pullman may be one of Washington’s more isolated communities, it is also one of its most educated and livable,” noted Erik Smith in his Town and Gown article in the November 2005 issue of *Seattle Business Monthly*.

LIVABILITY

Quality of life is what makes Pullman so attractive that when people visit, they want to stay.

Climate.

All four seasons are experienced in Pullman, with warm summer months, crisp autumn afternoons, mild winters with blankets of snow, and sunny spring days and each is reflected beautifully in the rolling landscapes that paint the Palouse.

Temperature in degrees Fahrenheit

Month	Median
Jan	28.2°
March	38.0°
May	52.6°
July	65.9°
Sept	58.8°
Nov	37.1°

Temperature duration

Below 32° F	26 days
Above 90° F	15 days

Growing season about 131 days

Precipitation inches/year

Snowfall	38.6
Rain	21.32



Crimes per 1,000 residents.

20

Residential water/sewage treatment rates.

Regular (non-summer) rates The minimum monthly charge for a single-family residence is \$35.92. Additional charges apply when water consumption is above 500 cubic feet.

Summer rates To promote water conservation, summer consumption water billing rates are in effect from June 1 through October 31.

Base rate for up to 500 cubic feet of water is \$17.09	
500 cf – 800 cf	\$1.41/100 cf
800 cf – 2,000 cf	\$1.51/100 cf
Over 2,000 cf	\$1.89/100 cf

Education.

The acronym ‘E⁴’ reflects the public education provided by Pullman School District No. 267: **Excitement, Exposure, Exploration and Experience**. The district has a total of three elementary schools providing instruction for grades kindergarten through five, one middle school for grades six through eight, and one high school for grades nine through twelve. All of the district schools have been modernized between 1994 and 2005 except for Franklin Elementary which was built in 1997. The district employs approximately 245 persons full- and part-time. The high caliber of teaching staff is reflected in the 2005/2006 levels of staff education: 36 bachelor degrees, 95 master degrees and 3 doctoral degrees. PSD No. 267 has been recognized in a Hearst Foundation Publication as one of the top 100 school districts in the nation. In recent years Pullman High School has produced more than 24 National Merit Scholarship finalists. For five years in a row, PHS has been awarded the *All Sports Award* by the Great Northern League

Number of miles from Pullman:

Moscow, ID	8
Lewiston, ID	35
Spokane, WA	76
Coeur d’Alene, ID	95
Seattle, WA	288
Boise, ID	296
Olympia, WA	328
Vancouver, WA	339
Portland, OR	347
Butte, MT	351
San Francisco, CA	886



for having the most successful overall athletic programs. In 2006 PHS was again awarded the prestigious *WIAA Wells Fargo 2A Scholastic Cup* for excellence in academics and activities. In 2007, the PHS Science Bowl Team won, for the sixth year in a row, the regional science bowl competition sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy. Lincoln Middle School and PHS math teams dominated the 2007 Math Is Cool Championships in Spokane. LMS math students are nationally recognized in Math Olympiads for Elementary and Middle Schools. Franklin Elementary Jazz Choir competes annually in the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in nearby Moscow, Idaho. Pullman was rated number one for communities up to 50,000 in population for support of public education in both funding and volunteerism as well. The Pullman community highly supports education and values the effective learning experience of all children. The community demonstrates interest and commitment to public education with widespread involvement through the district-wide volunteer program, the Pullman Education Foundation, strong parent/teacher associations, and the Pullman High School Boosters. In addition to the public school system, four preschools and three private schools located within the city provide education for area students.

College and university coursework can be pursued within the city of Pullman at Washington State University and the Institute for Extended Learning through Community Colleges of Spokane. Within a 100-mile radius are University of Idaho at Moscow and Lewis-Clark State College at Lewiston, Idaho. In Washington are Walla Walla Community College at Clarkston, Eastern Washington University at Cheney, and Gonzaga University, Whitworth College and Spokane Falls Community College in Spokane.

Recreation.

Pullman is the hub of the Palouse Scenic Byway which encompasses 213 miles of unparalleled scenery. A drive along the byway will help you to understand why *National Geographic* named a cover story on the region, “A Paradise Called the Palouse.”



The city is the home to Washington State University and nearby Moscow is home of the University of Idaho. The city of Pullman boasts more than 100 acres of parkland, and 8 miles of pathways linked to the 8-mile Bill Chipman Palouse Trail that runs between Pullman and Moscow. The Downtown Riverwalk, the newest

trail link to beckon walkers in the Pullman Parks and Recreation Trail System, is the hub of a unified trail system for non-motorized transportation. Its terminus, the Pine Street Plaza, is able to draw pedestrian traffic into the downtown core.

Pullman Parks and Recreation Department is a clearinghouse for softball leagues and numerous recreational activities from yoga to swimming throughout the year. Whitman County Parks Department maintains recreational areas as well. Construction began late spring 2006 on the \$8.4





Former Cougs QB Jason Gesser (top) and Kelati Thomas (right) and WSU football action at Martin Stadium

community has amenities

concerts. The Museum of Anthropology and the Museum of Art are both located on the WSU campus as well as the Conner Museum (fish, amphibians, reptiles, a dinosaur, mounted birds and mammals,) the Culver Memorial, Jacklin and McCaw Geological collections, the Drucker Collection of Oriental Art, the Historic Textiles and Costume Collection, the James Entomological Collection, the Ownbey and Mycological herbariums, and the Smith Soil Monolith Collection.

Since November 2003, the non-profit Palouse Discovery Science Center has been bringing hands-on science and learning experiences to people of all ages. For life-long learning, the center offers educational programs, exhibits, teaching collections, and activities which emphasize the physical participation of individuals.

In addition, there are many parks located throughout Whitman County. Kamiak Butte County Park, recognized as a national natural landmark and located ten

million Washington State University Paradise Ridge Golf Club, their new 18-hole championship venue. A fall 2008 opening is planned for the 315-acre course, a practice range, and a 7,000 square-foot clubhouse, which will command dramatic, expansive views of the Palouse and be able to host special events, weddings and banquets.

Tourism and travel.

The city boasts 13 parks, gardens and playfields covering over 100 acres offering a variety of recreational opportunities. As home to WSU, the

available in theatre, arts, sports and

miles north of the city, covers 300 acres of wooded terrain and offers a view of the surrounding Palouse countryside, with areas for picnics, camping, nature study, hiking and an outdoor amphitheater. In the winter, the park offers camping, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing. Klemgard County Park, which is located 15 miles from the city offers large group picnic areas, playground facilities, and open space for a variety of activities. Fishing, hunting, skiing and snowmobiling, are other recreation activities available in the area. Partridge, deer, pheasant, quail and waterfowl can be found along the Snake River and plateaus. Year-round fishing is available at the reservoirs on Snake River and also in Rock Lake. Anthropology and the Museum of Art are both located on the WSU campus.

Sister City Exchange Program.

Reflective of Pullman's multi-cultural personality, the city has had a sister-city relationship with Kasai, Japan since 1989.

Both cities have worked hard to establish



exchange programs, initially among business owners and more recently for their students. On alternating years Pullman and Kasai City send a chaperoned junior and senior high school delegation to visit. Over the years, numerous Pullman host families have established enduring international friendships while housing, providing transportation and sharing meals with

their Japanese exchange guests. In addition to time with their host families, the Kasai delegates tour city government services, Washington State University, Pullman Schools and other points of interest. Pullman businesses have been generous with token gifts to send home with each guest.