Key Economic Indicators in Washington City & Town Groupings

Metro Area Cities

Central Cities
Size - Largest
Resident Income – Low to moderate
Commercial activity – Low to moderate business and industrial activity (per capita)
Growth – Low to moderate
Geography – Mostly all west
For example:Tacoma, Spokane

Major Commercial Centers
Size - Large
Resident Income – Low to moderate
Commercial activity – High
Growth – Low to moderate
Geography – Mostly all west
For example: Richland,Tukwila

Small Commercial Centers
Size - Small
Resident Income – Low
Commercial activity – High
Growth – Moderate
Geography – Mostly all west
For example:Yelm, Union Gap

Medium Retail Hubs
Size - Medium
Resident Income – Low
Commercial activity – Moderate retail
Growth – Moderate
Geography – East and west
For example: Pasco, Lacey

Mixed Resources
Size – Medium
Resident Income – High
Commercial activity – High
Growth – High
Geography – All west
For example: Kirkland, North Bend

High Income Residential
Size – Small to medium
Resident Income – Highest
Commercial activity – Low
Growth – Low
Geography – All west
For example: Hunts Point, Medina

Residential
Size – Small to medium
Resident Income – High
Commercial activity – Low
Growth – High
Geography – Mostly all west
For example:West Richland, Normandy Park

Urban Outskirts
Size – Small
Resident Income – Low to moderate
Commercial activity – Low
Growth – Low to moderate
Geography – East and west
For example: Eatonville, Zillah

Non-Metro Area Cities

Regional Centers
Size - Largest ones in non-metro areas
Resident Income – Low
Commercial activity – High
Growth – Low to moderate
Geography – East and west
For example: Pullman, Centralia

Rural Commercial Centers
Size - Small to medium
Resident Income – Low
Commercial activity – High
Growth – Low
Geography – Mostly east
For example: Omak, Shelton

Moderate Commercial
Size - Small
Resident Income – Low
Commercial activity – Moderate
Growth – Low
Geography – East and west
For example: Newport, Pateros

Tourism/Light Industrial Hub
Size - Small
Resident Income – Low
Commercial activity – High
Growth – Low
Geography – East and west
For example: Ocean Shores,Winthrop

Small Residential
Size – Small to medium
Resident Income – Moderate
Commercial activity – Low
Growth – Low
Geography – Mostly east
For example: Entiat, South Cle Elum

Rural Communities
Size – Small to medium
Resident Income – Low
Commercial activity – Low
Growth – Low
Geography – East and west
For example: Bridgeport, Pe Ell

Key

Indicates relationship between characteristics of cities in metro and non-metro areas

Notes groups of cities with characteristics unique to metro and non-metro areas