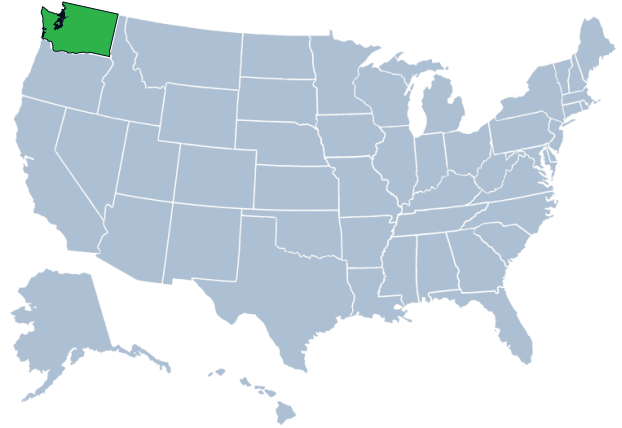


International Relations Why Washington?

Location

Washington is located along the west coast (Pacific Ocean) of the United States. Specifically, it is identified as the Pacific Northwest. It shares an international border with British Columbia, Canada. The state's largest airport, Sea-Tac International has been identified as the number one airport for Asian travelers into the United States.

- Washington is the 18th largest state in the U.S.
- Washington is the 13th most populous with over 7 million.
- Over 60 percent of the population lives in the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue Metropolitan Statistical Area.



Impacts from International Relations

- Washington is the home of more than 60 colleges and universities, many of which offer degrees in international relations and foreign languages and have international overseas study programs.
- Washington has foreign government offices to aid in the improvement of relations and trade.
- Washington has a receptive environment for foreign exchange in arts, culture, education, and global knowledge.
- Washington has a variety of both business and cultural affair councils representing countries from across the globe.



Shares International Border with Canada

Receptive Government to Foreign Exchange & Investment

Nearly 40 Foreign Consulates Serving the State



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Educational Institutes

More than 60 universities and colleges serve the State. The following provide multiple international relations and language programs:

- Pacific Lutheran University
- Seattle Pacific University
- Seattle University
- University of Puget Sound
- University of Washington
- Washington State University
- Western Washington University
- Central Washington University
- Eastern Washington University
- Gonzaga University
- Whitman University
- Whitworth University



University of Washington —Photo Joe Mabel

Foundations and Research Organizations with an International Focus in Washington

- Agros International
- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- Global Partnerships
- J.R.S. Biodiversity Foundation
- International Youth Foundation
- Landesa
- National Bureau of Asian Research
- PATH
- Seattle International Foundation
- VillageReach



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Receptive Government

- Stable and Open Government.
- Foreign Investment and Cultural Exchanges are welcomed.
- Foreign Nation's Cultural Exchange Associations present.
- Nearly 40 Foreign Consulate Offices located in the state.



Globally Aware and Focused

- Washington has 132 Sister and Friendship Cities representing over 40 nations.

Australia

France

Kenya

Philippines

Cambodia

Germany

South Korea

Poland

Cameroon

Ghana

Latvia

Republic of Georgia

Canada

Hungary

Mexico

Russia

Chile

Iceland

Mongolia

Scotland

China

Indonesia

Morocco

South Africa

Croatia

Ireland

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Norway

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Finland

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Foreign Governments with Offices

- Nearly 40 Foreign Consulates Serving Washington.

Austria

Belgium

Bolivia

Cambodia

Canada*

Croatia

Cyprus

Denmark

Estonia

Ethiopia

Finland

France

Germany

Hungary

Iceland

Ireland

Italy

Jamaica

Japan*

South Korea*

Kyrgyzstan

Latvia

Lithuania

Luxemburg

Malta

Mexico*

New Zealand

Norway

Peru*

Russia*

Seychelles

Spain

Sweden

Switzerland

**Taipei Economic and
Cultural Office**

United Kingdom

Uzbekistan

**Full Service Consulates.*



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