

Community Indicators Measuring Our Progress

Community Indicators are a way for us to track and share our community's progress within each of the five focus areas. Data for the indicators may be impacted by City initiatives or actions, but are also influenced by the broader community.

For each indicator, the gauge highlights progress towards our goal, and areas to learn more or focus more attention. Right now, the goals are general (ex. increase). Over time, we expect to identify more specific targets where appropriate.

Note: The 2018 column reflects data collected up to the fourth quarter (September 30, 2018).

Find more detailed information at olympiawa.gov/takeaction.

Neighborhoods	2017	2018	Goal	Rating
Distinctive places and gathering spaces, Neighborhoods are engaged in community decision making, Safe and welcoming places to live, Nearby goods and services				
(%) of City located within ½ mile of park or open space	60.30%	61.88%	Increase	
Households within ½ mile walking route to meet daily needs (%)	65.9%	65.2%	Increase	
Households within recognized neighborhood assoc. (%)	59.8%	50.7%	Increase	
Residents rating their neighborhood as safe (%)	98% (day) 86% (night)	98% (day) 86% (night) (2017)	Increase	
Residents rating their neighborhood as a desirable place to live (%)	85% excellent or very good (2014)	85% excellent or very good (2014)	Increase	
Downtown				
A safe and welcoming downtown for all, A mix of urban housing options, A variety of businesses, Connections to our cultural and historic fabric, Engaged arts and entertainment experiences, A vibrant, attractive urban destination.				
Sales Tax revenue	\$1,545,680	\$1,121,063	Increase	
Housing mix (market rate to low income ratio)	57% market 43% low	58% market 42% low	Increase (market rate)	
Peak hour weekday parking occupancy (%)	77%	Not Available	Maintain	
Retail/office vacancy rates (%)	2.2%	2.64%	Maintain	
Citizens rating downtown as safe (%)	78% (day) 39% (night)	78% (day) 39% (night) (2017)	Increase	
Community-wide arts venues or special events	72 (venues) 19 (events)	117 (venues) 34 (events)	Maintain	

Community, Safety & Health	2017	2018	Goal	Rating
Inclusive, respectful, civic participation, A safe and prepared community, Health and Wellness, A quality education, Adequate food and shelter				
Citizen satisfaction with their involvement in City decision making	75% very or mostly satisfied	75% very or mostly satisfied (2017)	Increase	
High School 5-year graduation rates	94.9% (class of 2016)	94.6% (class of 2017)	Increase	
Number of individuals who are homeless in Thurston County	534	835	Decrease	
Participation in Parks, Arts and Recreation activities (hours)	250,301	283,784	Increase	
Residents who have nearby access to a source of healthy food (%)	47.8%	47.37%	Increase	
Emergency fire and medical response times	9 out of 10 calls in 9:53 (min/sec) or less	9 out of 10 calls in 9:53 (min/sec) or less	Decrease	
How safe do residents feel in Olympia?	92% reported feeling generally safe	92% reported feeling generally safe (2017)	Increase	
Economy				
Abundant local products and services, A thriving arts and entertainment industry, Sustainable quality infrastructure, A stable, thriving economy				
Gross local production	\$11,880,600,000 (2016)	\$12,243,249,000 (2017)	Increase	
Number of arts-related business	333	333 (2017)	Increase	
Jobs that are living wage or higher (%)	91.46% (1 adult) 83.29% (2 adults + 2 children)	99.58% (1 adult) 70.95% (2 adults + 2 children)	Increase	
Condition of City infrastructure	B-minus	B-minus	Increase	
Environment				
Clean water and air, A daily connection to nature, A toxin-free community, A waste-free culture, Preserved, quality natural areas				
Tons of solid waste going to landfill (lbs/capita)	3.20 lbs/capita/day	3.23 lbs/capita/day	Decrease	
Compliance with clean drinking water standards (%)	100%	100%	Maintain	
People walking, biking and riding the bus (%)	22%	20%	Increase	
Greenhouse gas emissions (metric tons)	677,154 Metric Tons (2016)	677,154 Metric Tons (2016)	Decrease	
Preserved green space for public use or environmental benefit	3.5 acres per 100 residents	3.56 acres per 100 residents	Increase	
City-owned sites with contaminated soil cleaned up (%)	22%	20%	Increase	