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## Spokane Area Fast Facts

### POPULATION:

Spokane Region (50-mile radius): approx. 582,707  
Spokane County: 451,200  
City of Spokane: 202,900  
City of Spokane Valley: 88,280  
City of Cheney: 10,210  
City of Liberty Lake: 6,580  
City of Medical Lake: 4,695  
City of Airway Heights: 5,030  
(WA State Office of Financial Management 2007)

### CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE:

Labor Force: 243,180  
Employed: 230,580  
Unemployed: 12,600  
Unemployment Rate: 5.2%  
(WorkSource Spokane, December 2007)

### MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME: \$46,818

(CNNMoney.com, 2007)

### MEDIAN HOME PRICE: \$193,550

(Third Quarter, 2007 Real Estate Report)

### COST OF LIVING INDEX: 95 (100 is average)

(3rd Quarter 2007, ACCRA)

### EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT:

High School Degree: 90.1%  
Some College: 28.5%  
Bachelors Degree: 27.3%  
Post-Baccalaureate Degree: 9.9%  
(US Census - American Community Survey 2006)

### AVERAGE COMMUTE TIME: 22 minutes

(PayScale.com, February 2008)

### AIRPORT:

The Spokane International Airport is the second largest airport in Washington State, and is served by ten commercial airlines and four air cargo carriers.

### TAX:

No corporate or personal income tax  
Sales tax: 8.6%  
State Business & Occupation Tax: .138-1.6%

## Spokane Highlights

- *Forbes Magazine* ranked Spokane the 9th “Best Place for Business and Careers,” and ranked WA State the fifth “Best State for Business.”
- *Hospital and Health Networks Magazine* recognized five local hospitals as part of the nation’s “100 Most Wired.”
- *Business Week Magazine* ranked our region as one of 20 “Best Affordable Suburbs in the West.”
- For the third year in a row, *America’s Promise Alliance* named Spokane County one of the “100 Best Communities for Young People.”
- *Inc. Magazine* ranked Spokane the 22nd “Best Midsize City for Doing Business.”
- *Popular Science* ranked the Spokane region #2 out of 127 Metropolitan Statistical Areas in the category of Medical & Emergency Technology in its list of “Top Cities for Technology.”
- A third quarter 2007 poll by the Council for Community and Economic Research (ACCRA) shows the Spokane region’s cost of living remains below the national average and among the lowest of the 293 urban areas polled.
- *National Geographic Adventure Magazine* named Spokane one of the top six “U.S. Adventure Cities.”
- The Small Business and Entrepreneurship Council named our region #5 in its list of “Top Ten Friendliest Policy Environments for Entrepreneurship.”

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