Common App in Washington

First-Year Application Data
2020–2021

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75,714 Applications submitted

16,692 Unique applicants

800 Unique colleges and universities applied to (out of 919)

Destination of Applications

- 82% Out-of-State
- 18% In-State

Percent of applications to all Common App member colleges and universities by Washington applicants

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37%  Applications submitted with fee waiver or no fee

31%  Applications submitted with a test score
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Applicants by Race/Ethnicity
- Asian 16%
- Latinx 11%
- Nonresident Alien 2%
- Two or More Races 10%
- White 52%
- Black or African American 5%
- Native American 0%
- Pacific Islander 1%
- Unknown 3%

Applicants by Sex
- 41% Male
- 59% Female

Applicants by First-Generation Status
- 76% Not first-generation
- 24% First-generation
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Top receiving institutions nationally from applicants in Washington (descending)

- Gonzaga University
- Seattle University
- Pacific Lutheran University
- University of Southern California
- Seattle Pacific University
- Oregon State University
- University of Oregon
- University of Colorado Boulder
- Stanford University
- New York University
- University of Puget Sound
- University of Portland
- Santa Clara University
- Arizona State University
- Whitworth University

In-State Applications to WA Institutions

Whitworth University
Gonzaga University
Seattle Pacific University
Seattle University
University of Puget Sound
Pacific Lutheran University
Saint Martin's University
Whitman College

Applications: 1,000 1,500 2,000 2,500 3,000
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Top applying counties in Washington (descending)

- King County
- Pierce County
- Snohomish County
- Spokane County
- Clark County
- Kitsap County
- Thurston County
- Whatcom County
- Benton County
- Yakima County
- Skagit County
- Island County
- Chelan County
- Walla Walla County
- Clallam County
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Year-over-year comparisons

+18% State annual change in applications

+13% State annual change in applicants
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Total comparisons, inclusive of all applicants and all countries

+18% State annual change in applications

+17% Total annual change in applications

+13% State annual change in applicants

+9% Total annual change in applicants