



**KELSO, WASHINGTON**  
**Population and Housing Narrative Profile**  
**2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates**

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<http://www.census.gov/popest/>

Note that for small geographic areas, the sample used for the Narrative Profile may be small as well. Users are encouraged to examine the detailed tables on [American FactFinder](#) that are associated with the Narrative Profile text. These tables provide additional information on sampling variability associated with the estimates in this report.

► **Households and Families**

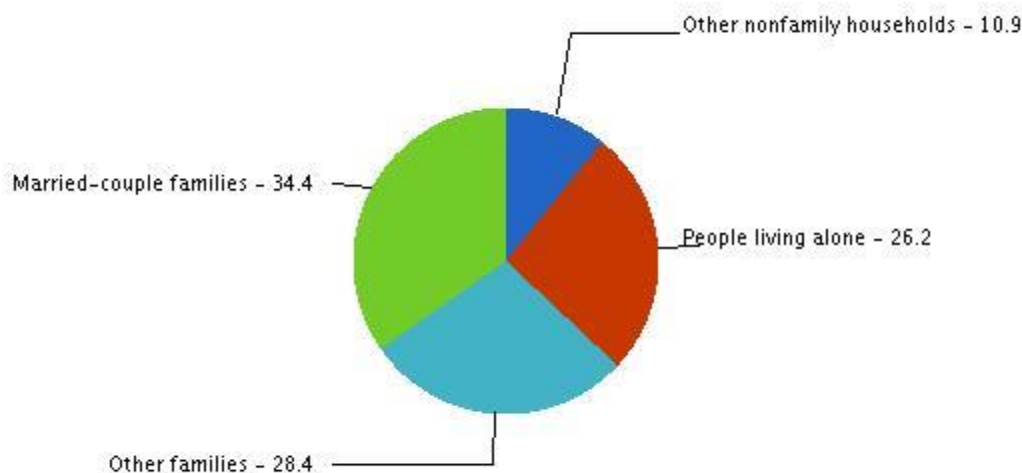
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In 2009-2013 there were 4,700 households in Kelso, Washington. The average household size was 2.5 people.

Families made up 63 percent of the households in Kelso, Washington. This figure includes both married-couple families (34 percent) and other families (28 percent). Of other families, 11 percent are female householder families with no husband present and own children under 18 years. Nonfamily households made up 37 percent of all households in Kelso, Washington. Most of the nonfamily households were people living alone, but some were composed of people living in households in which no one was related to the householder.

In Kelso, Washington, 31 percent of all households have one or more people under the age of 18; 25 percent of all households have one or more people 65 years and over.

## Types of Households in Kelso, Washington in 2009-2013



Among persons 15 and older, 39 percent of males and 36 percent of females are currently married.

Population 15 years and over	Males	Females
Never married	38.6	30.8
Now married, except separated	39.1	35.8
Separated	1.9	5.4
Widowed	2.2	10.6
Divorced	18.1	17.3

In Kelso, Washington, 111 grandparents lived with their grandchildren under 18 years old. Of those grandparents, 7 percent of them had financial responsibility for their grandchildren.

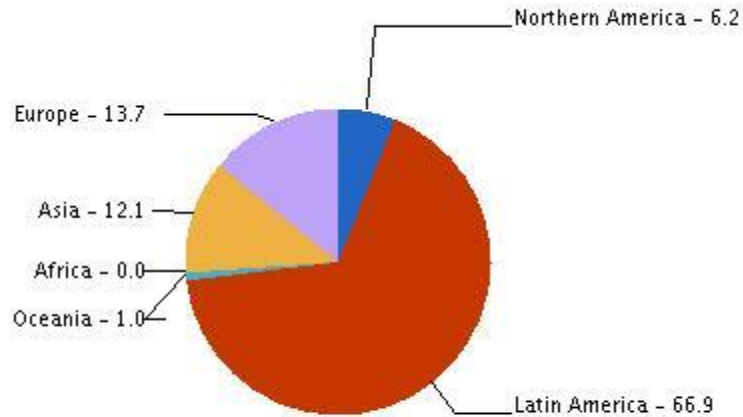
### ► Nativity and Foreign Born

An estimated 93 percent of the people living in Kelso, Washington in 2009-2013 were native residents of the United States and 57 percent of these residents were living in the state in which they were born.

An estimated 7 percent of the people living in Kelso, Washington in 2009-2013 were foreign born. Of the foreign born population, 34 percent were naturalized U.S. citizens, and 100 percent entered the country before the year 2010. An estimated less than 0.5 percent of the foreign born entered the country in 2010 or later.

Foreign born residents of Kelso, Washington come from different parts of the world.

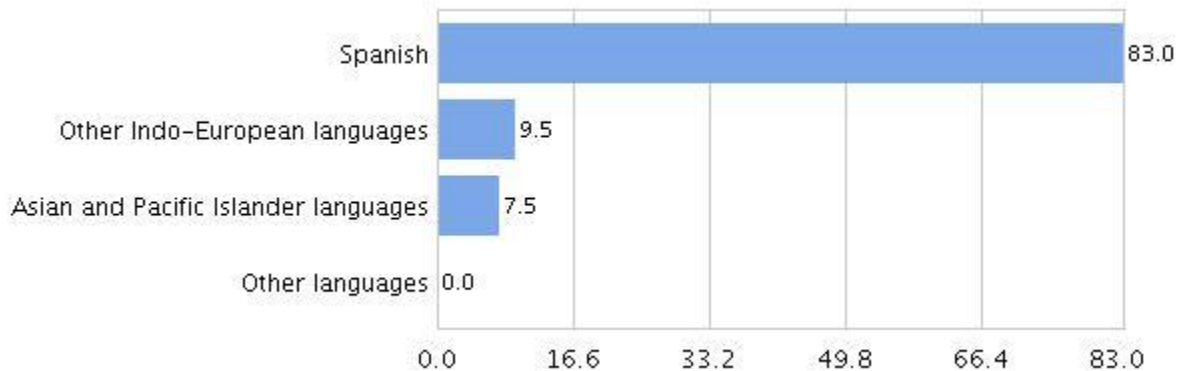
Region of Birth for the Foreign Born Population in Kelso, Washington in 2009-2013



► **Language**

Among people at least five years old living in Kelso, Washington in 2009-2013, 13 percent spoke a language other than English at home. Of those speaking a language other than English at home, 83 percent spoke Spanish and 17 percent spoke some other language; 45 percent reported that they did not speak English "very well."

Percent of the Population 5 years and over who Speak a Language other than English in Kelso, Washington in 2009-2013

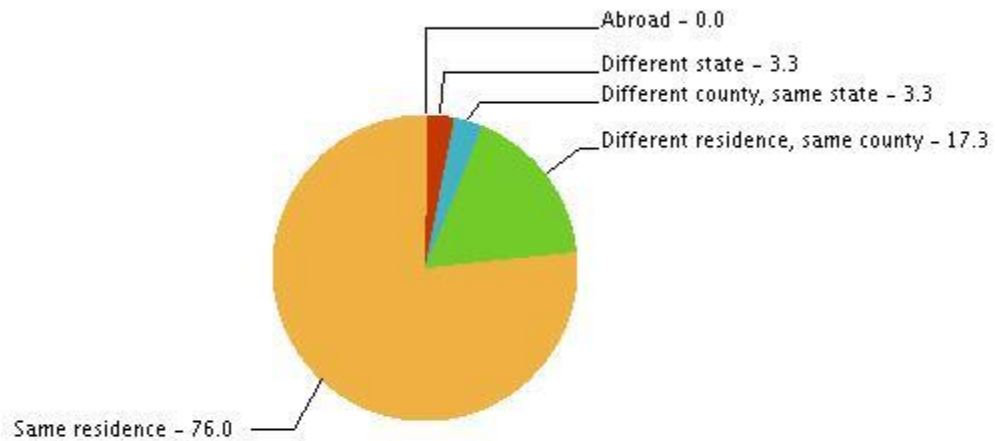


## ▶ Geographic Mobility

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In 2009-2013, 76 percent of the people at least one year old living in Kelso, Washington were living in the same residence one year earlier.

Geographic Mobility of Residents of Kelso, Washington in 2009-2013



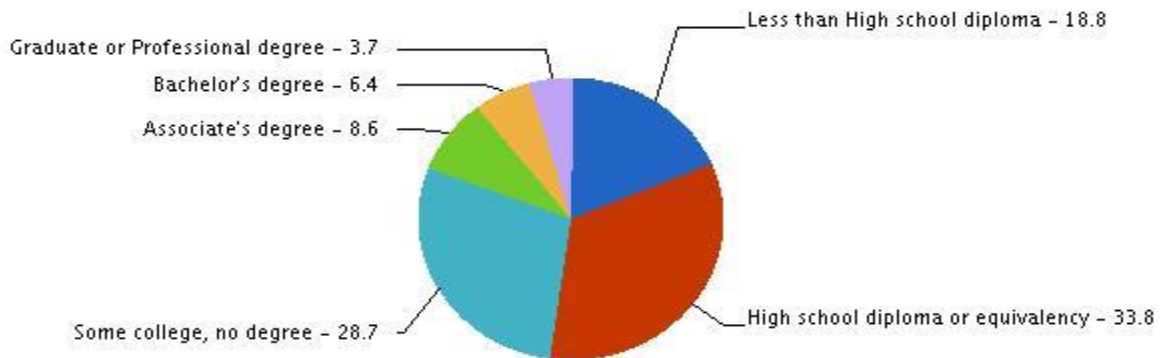
## ▶ Education

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In 2009-2013, 81 percent of people 25 years and over had at least graduated from high school and 10 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. An estimated 19 percent did not complete high school.

The total school enrollment in Kelso, Washington was 2,800 in 2009-2013. Nursery school and kindergarten enrollment was 355 and elementary or high school enrollment was 1,800 children. College or graduate school enrollment was 650.

## Educational Attainment of People in Kelso, Washington in 2009-2013



### ► Disability

In Kelso, Washington, among the civilian noninstitutionalized population in 2009-2013, 22 percent reported a disability. The likelihood of having a disability varied by age - from 8 percent of people under 18 years old, to 21 percent of people 18 to 64 years old, and to 55 percent of those 65 and over.

### ► Employment Status and Type of Employer

In Kelso, Washington, 42 percent of the population 16 and over were employed; 46 percent were not currently in the labor force.

An estimated 81 percent of the people employed were private wage and salary workers; 14 percent were federal, state, or local government workers; and 6 percent were self-employed in their own (not incorporated) business.

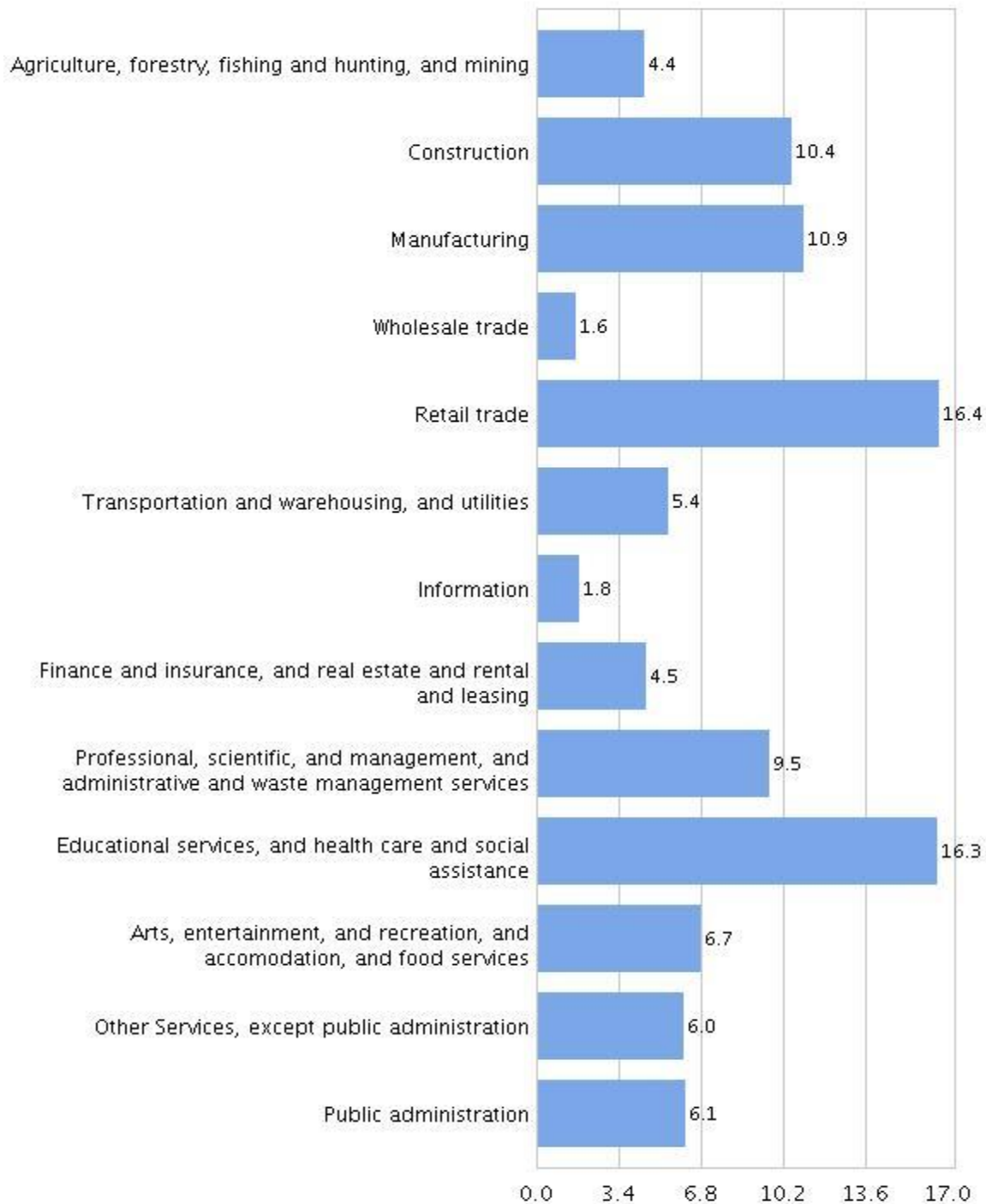
Class of worker	Number	Percent
Private wage and salary workers	3,162	80.6
Federal, state, or local government workers	536	13.7
Self-employed workers in own not incorporated business	224	5.7

## ▶ Industries

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In 2009-2013, the civilian employed population 16 years and older in Kelso, Washington worked in the following industries:

Percent by Industry in Kelso, Washington in 2009-2013



## ▶ Occupations

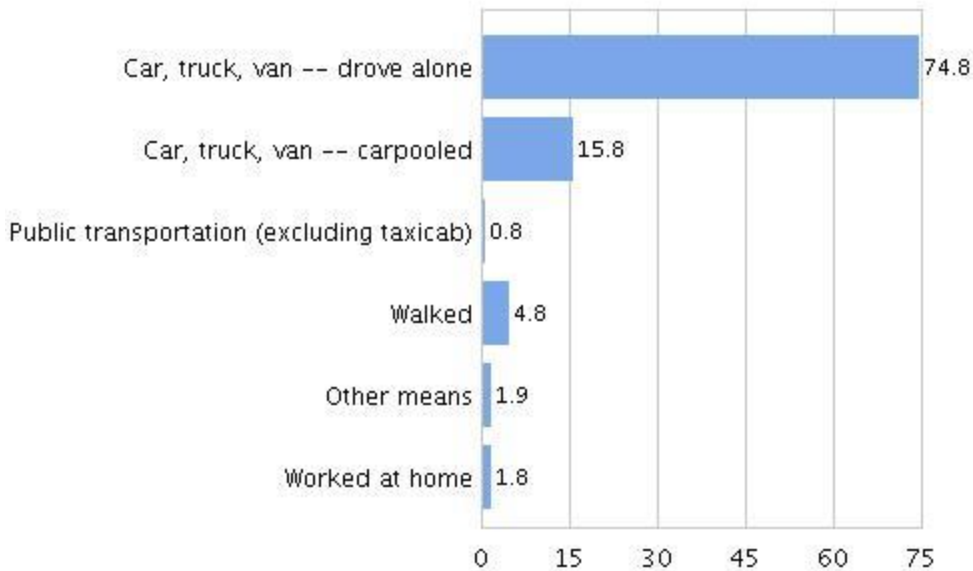
Occupations for the civilian employed population 16 years and over in Kelso, Washington in 2009-2013:

Civilian employed population 16 years and over	Number	Percent
Management, business, sciences, and arts occupations	712	18.2
Service occupations	914	23.3
Sales and office occupations	974	24.8
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	679	17.3
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	643	16.4

## ▶ Commuting to Work

An estimated 75 percent of Kelso, Washington workers drove to work alone in 2009-2013, and 16 percent carpooled. Among those who commuted to work, it took them on average 21 minutes to get to work.

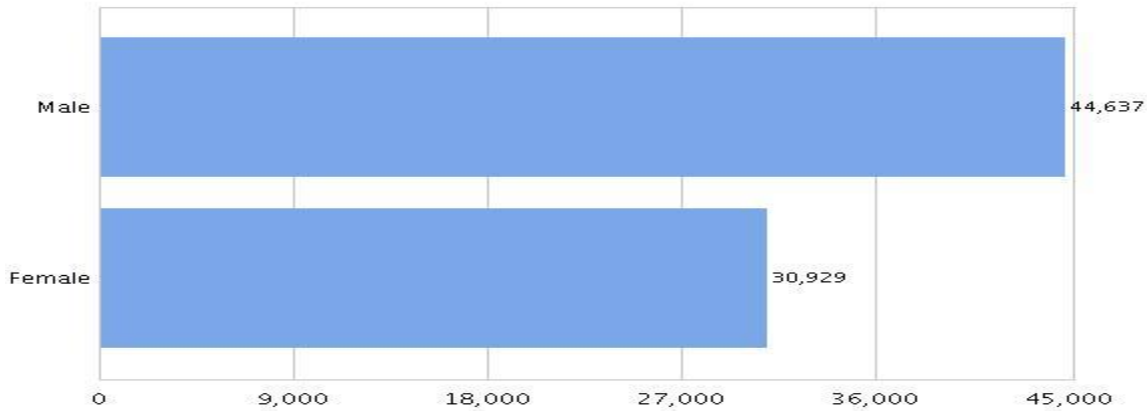
Percent of Workers 16 and over Commuting by Mode in Kelso, Washington in 2009-2013



## Income

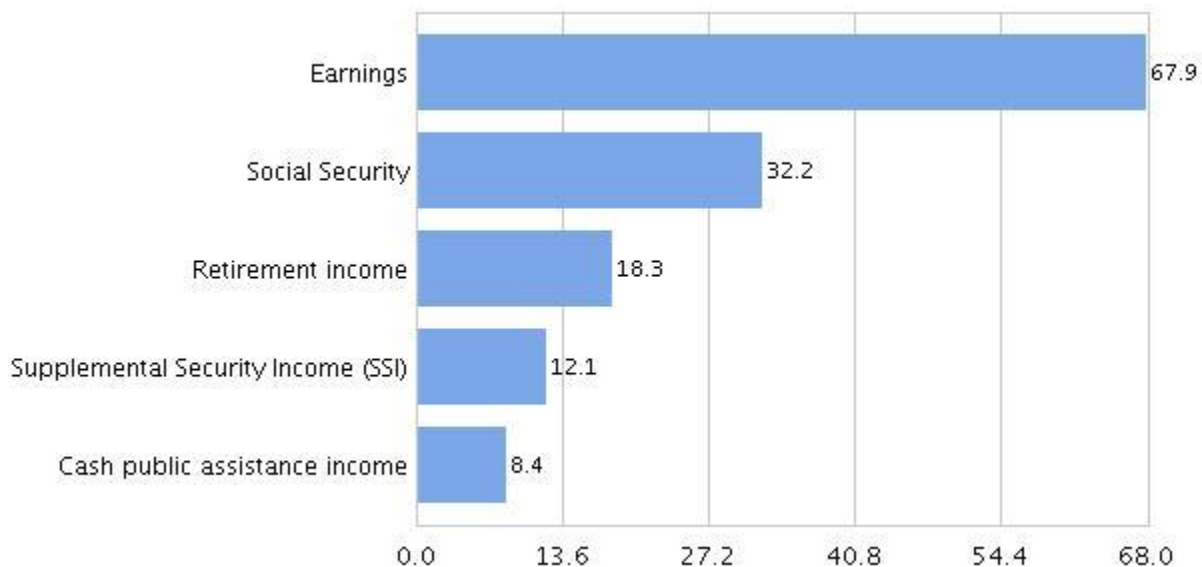
The median income of households in Kelso, Washington was \$35,381. An estimated 21 percent of households had income below \$15,000 a year and 1 percent had income over \$150,000 or more.

Median Earnings for Full-Time Year-Round Workers by Sex in Kelso, Washington in 2009-2013



An estimated 68 percent of the households received earnings and 18 percent received retirement income other than Social Security. An estimated 32 percent of the households received Social Security. The average income from Social Security was \$16,676. These income sources are not mutually exclusive; that is, some households received income from more than one source.

Proportion of Households with Various Income Sources in Kelso, Washington in 2009-2013

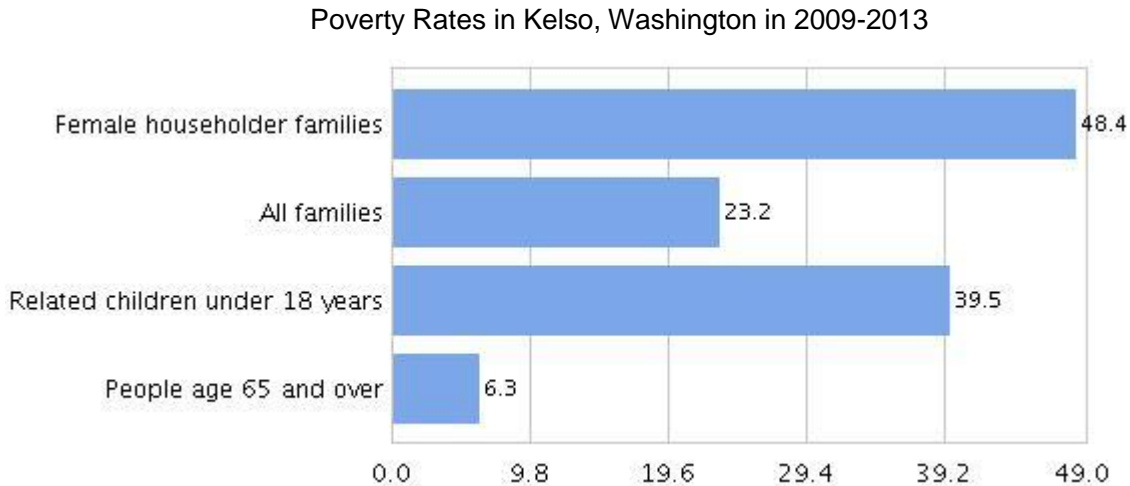




## ► Poverty and Participation in Government Programs

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In 2009-2013, 28 percent of people were in poverty. An estimated 40 percent of related children under 18 were below the poverty level, compared with 6 percent of people 65 years old and over. An estimated 23 percent of all families and 48 percent of families with a female householder and no husband present had incomes below the poverty level.



## ► Health Insurance

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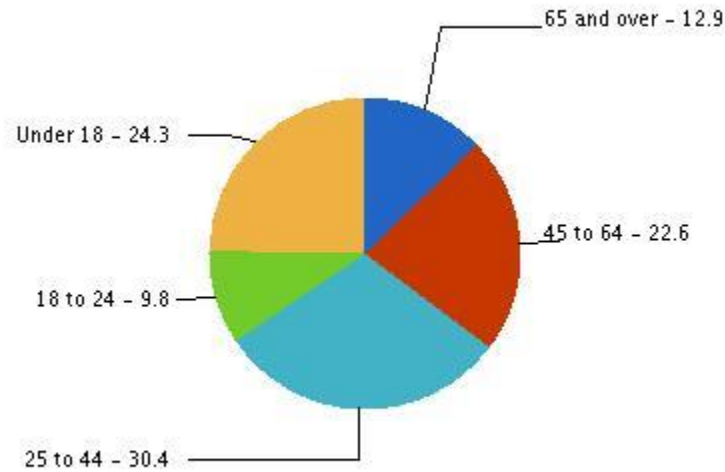
Among the civilian noninstitutionalized population in Kelso, Washington in 2009-2013, 82 percent had health insurance coverage and 18 percent did not have health insurance coverage. For those under 18 years of age, 2 percent had no health insurance coverage. The civilian noninstitutionalized population had both private and public health insurance, with 46 percent having private coverage and 49 percent having public coverage.

## ► Population

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In 2009-2013, Kelso, Washington has a total population of 11,900 -- 5,900 (49 percent) females and 6,000 (51 percent) males. The median age was 32.8 years. An estimated 24 percent of the population was under 18 years and 13 percent was 65 years and older.

### Age Distribution of People in Kelso, Washington in 2009-2013



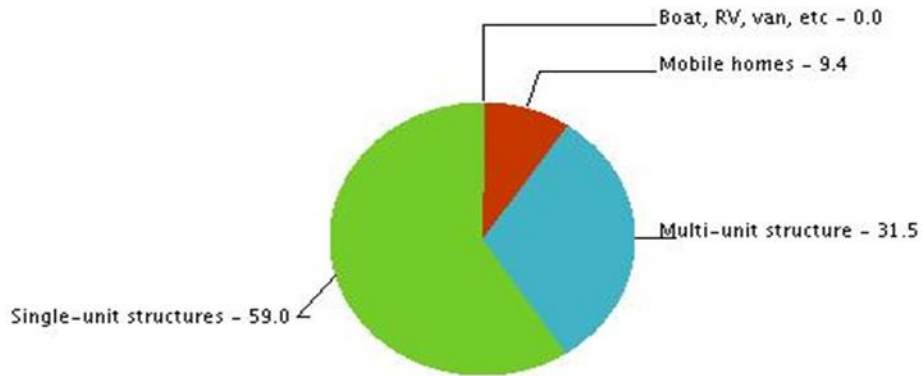
For people reporting one race alone, 95 percent were White; 2 percent were Black or African American; 1 percent were American Indian and Alaska Native; 1 percent were Asian; less than 0.5 percent were Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, and 1 percent were some other race. An estimated 3 percent reported two or more races. An estimated 15 percent of the people in Kelso, Washington were Hispanic. An estimated 79 percent of the people in Kelso, Washington were White non-Hispanic. People of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

### ► Housing Characteristics

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In 2009-2013, Kelso, Washington had a total of 5,000 housing units, 7 percent of which were vacant. Of the total housing units, 59 percent were in single-unit structures, 31 percent were in multi-unit structures, and 9 percent were mobile homes. An estimated 18 percent of the housing units were built since 1990.

### Types of Housing Units in Kelso, Washington in 2009-2013



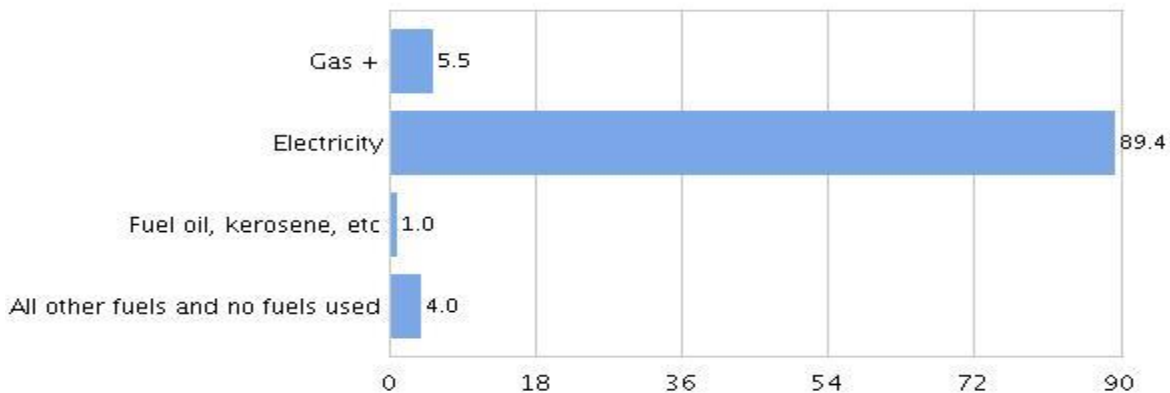
The median number of rooms in all housing units in Kelso, Washington is 5. Of these housing units, 42 percent have three or more bedrooms.

### ► Occupied Housing Unit Characteristics

In 2009-2013, Kelso, Washington had 4,700 occupied housing units - 2,100 (46 percent) owner occupied and 2,500 (54 percent) renter occupied. An estimated 79 percent of householders of these units had moved in since 2000. An estimated 60 percent of the owner occupied units had a mortgage. An estimated 4 percent of the households did not have telephone service. An estimated 9 percent had no vehicles available and another 14 percent had three or more.

Homes in Kelso, Washington were heated in the following ways:

House heating fuel used in Kelso, Washington in 2009-2013



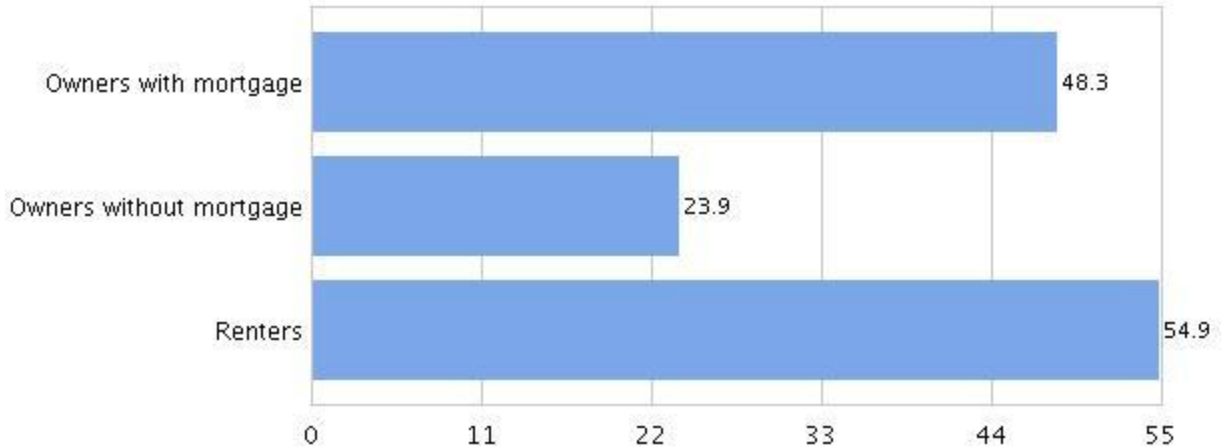
+this category includes utility, bottled, tank, or LP gas

## ▶ Housing Costs

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The median monthly housing costs for mortgaged owners was \$1,238, nonmortgaged owners \$499, and renters \$751. An estimated 48 percent of owners with mortgages, 24 percent of owners without mortgages, and 55 percent of renters in Kelso, Washington spent 30 percent or more of household income on housing.

Occupants with a Housing Cost Burden in Kelso, Washington in 2009-2013



**Explanation of Symbols:**

An '-' entry in the estimate column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute an estimate, or a ratio of medians cannot be calculated because one or both of the median estimates falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution.

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