



2008 Redmond Community Indicators

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Implementing and Monitoring Redmond's Comprehensive Plan

Redmond Community Indicators 2008 was developed to monitor progress toward achieving the goals laid out in Redmond's 2005 Comprehensive Plan. It is published by the City of Redmond, and is available in full at www.redmond.gov/intheworks/Redmond2022/implbenchmark.asp. There you will find more detailed information related to all eight citywide goals. For most indicators, data is current as of the end of 2007.

To obtain a printed copy of the full report, contact Jeff Churchill at 425-556-2492 or jchurchill@redmond.gov.

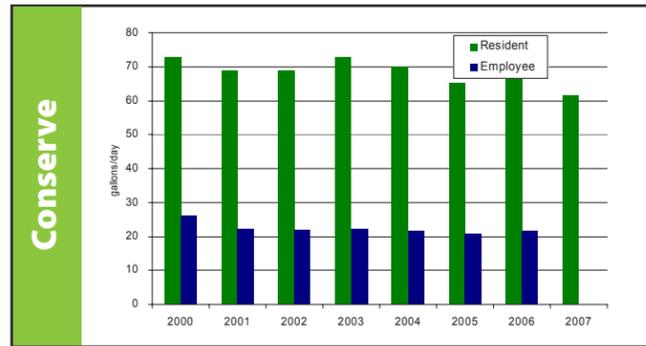


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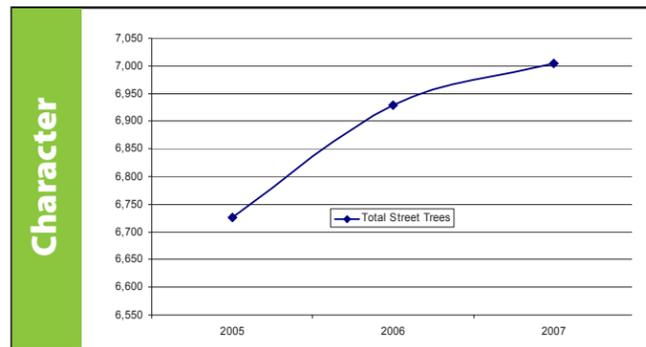
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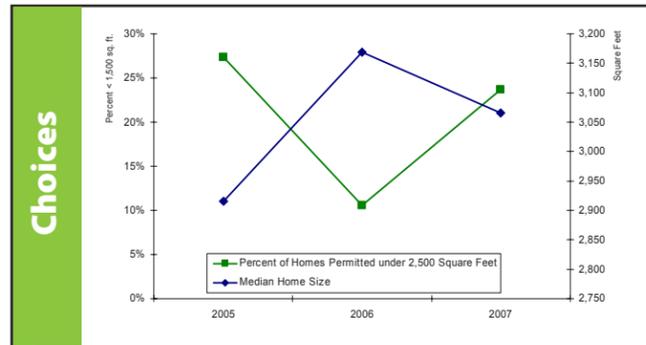
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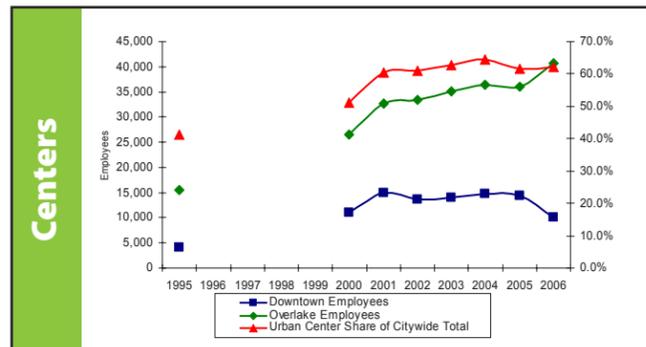
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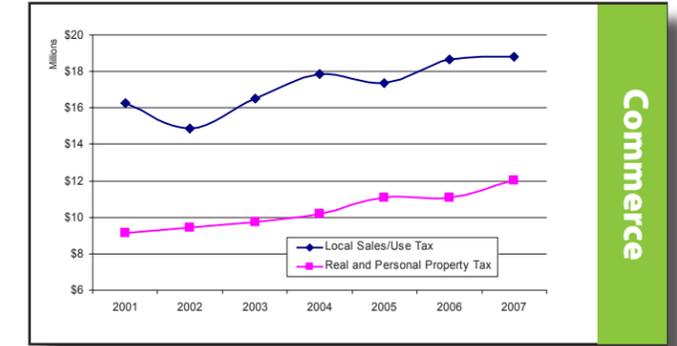
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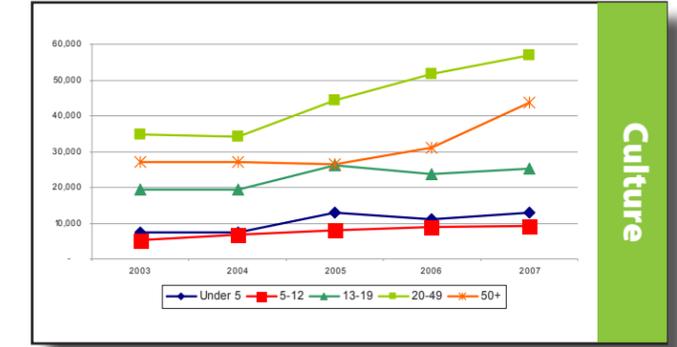
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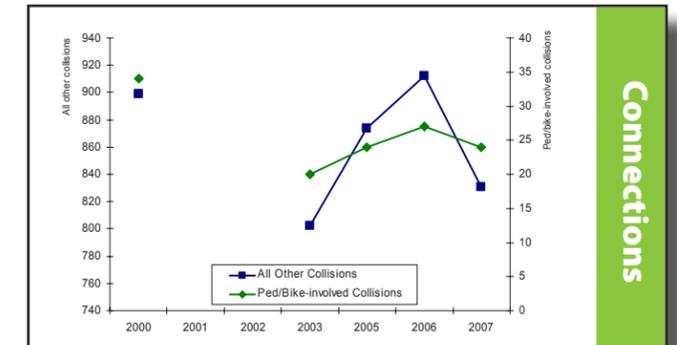
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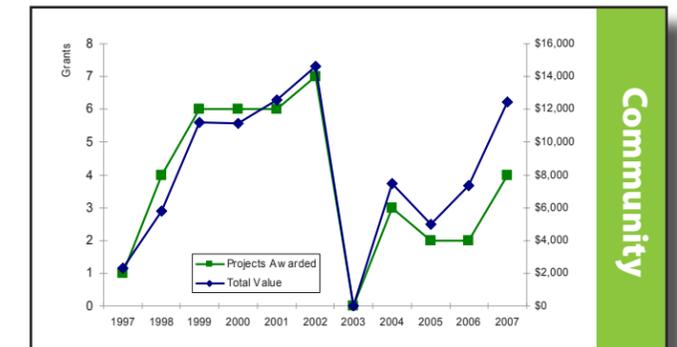
Parks & Recreation Program Enrollment by Age Group



Traffic Collisions



Neighborhood Matching Grant Program Activity



GOAL

CONDITION

TREND

Conserve

Surface Water Quality. The past year saw improvements to stream water quality: three of five core sampling stations have a water quality index higher than 40, which means they are of "low" or "marginal" concern. **Conservation.** Redmond residents are estimated to have consumed approximately 62 gallons of water per person per day, down from 67 in 2006. Factors that influence water consumption include weather and price. **Fish & Wildlife.** Adult Chinook salmon experienced a down year in 2006 (latest year available), while Marymoor Park birders have now documented 201 bird species in the park.



Character

Public Safety. Public safety indicators are stable, with calls for service and fire/emergency medical response times mostly unchanged, the latter averaging 6 minutes, 4 seconds from Downtown's Station 11. Motor vehicle theft fell from 184 to 147 incidents (including attempts). **Parks and Recreation.** Park acreage grew a small amount in 2007, to 1,317 acres, while parks access remains excellent for a large majority of Redmond residents. **Education.** Redmond High School's graduation rate was 94% in 2007, the same as in 2006; the Lake Washington School District average was 91%.



Choices

Housing. New construction includes a greater number of homes smaller than 2,500 square feet than in 2006—24% vs. 11%—providing a greater diversity of homes for Redmond residents. Also, 99 affordable homes were permitted in 2007, more than in any previous year. **Small & Medium-sized Business.** There are 2,656 licensed businesses with fewer than 100 employees in Redmond—181 more than in 2005.



Centers

Vitality of Downtown & Overlake. Employment in Redmond's centers increased to an estimated combined 50,758 in 2006 (latest available), of 81,814 citywide (also in 2006). Residential and commercial development in the centers is occurring about as quickly as expected. Since 2004, the City has permitted about 738,000 square feet of commercial development and 164 residential units in the urban centers. In 2007 the City spent about two-thirds of budgeted capital project dollars targeted to the centers. Of eight identified regional transit connections from Redmond's centers, five travel time targets have been met.



Commerce

Employment. The Puget Sound Regional Council estimated Redmond employment at 81,814 jobs in 2006 (latest available)—4.82% of the four-county region's total. **Population.** The State Office of Financial Management estimates Redmond's 2007 residential population to be 50,680. **Business.** Redmond licensed 967 new businesses in 2007. Commercial vacancy rates are stable or falling: 3.1% for Eastside retail, and 5.0% for Redmond office space, according to CB Richard Ellis. **Revenues.** In 2007, sales tax receipts grew by 0.8% exclusive of adjustments, and property tax receipts rose 8.9%.



Culture

Recreation & Cultural Activities. Overall recreational enrollment continues to increase, reaching 148,164 in 2007 (reporting methods have changed for some activities such that the comparable 2006 figure is 126,662). Part of that figure reflects larger audiences for performing and visual arts, totaling an estimated 47,797 people in 2007. Attendance at Redmond's signature events, Derby Days and RedmondLights, was 10,000 and 8,000 respectively. RedmondLights attendance was dampened in part due to poor weather.



Connections

Transit. Transit ridership in Redmond increased 13% on Metro and 3% on Sound Transit. **Traffic.** Peak hour traffic remained largely stable from 2000 to 2006. Average daily traffic is growing most in Northeast and Southeast Redmond (10%-20% from 1996-2006), and averaged 7.1% citywide from 1996-2006. **Safety.** In 2007 there were 831 reported auto collisions and 24 collisions involving a pedestrian or bicyclist. **Alternative Modes.** Approximately 31% of regular commuters at large (100+ employees) employers arrive at work in Redmond in a way other than driving alone—up from approximately 25% in 2003.



Community

Volunteering. Time dedicated to volunteering with the Parks & Recreation Department, Police Department, and Natural Resources division increased to nearly 37,000 hours in 2007. **Online Services.** Participation in the City's online permitting system was stable (57%). There were about 4.2 million visits to www.redmond.gov in 2007—among the most popular pages are the jobs index and city services index. **Neighborhood Grants.** The City awarded \$12,442 in Neighborhood Matching Grant funds for four projects in 2007.



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