

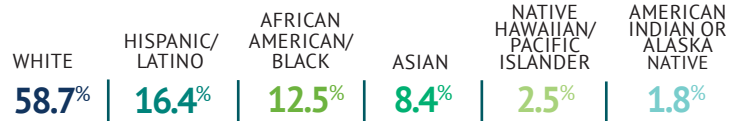
# Summary

The City of Lakewood is a diverse community of more than 60,000 residents in the heart of Pierce County<sup>1</sup>. The 2020 Census will likely reveal a more robust population than the most recent data from 2017 suggest.

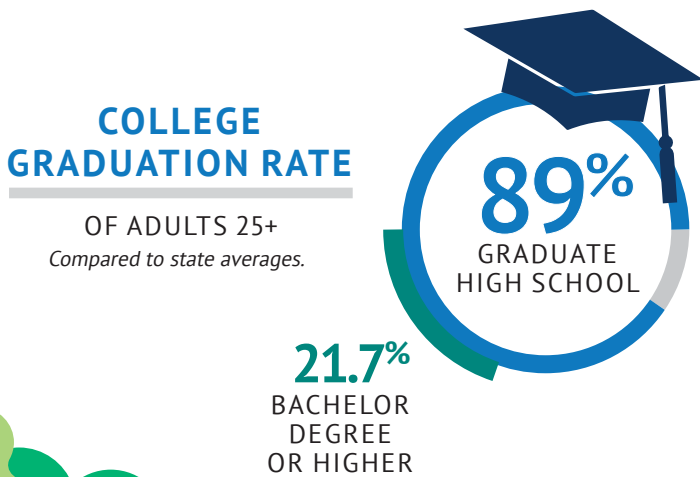
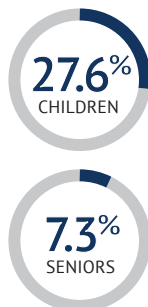
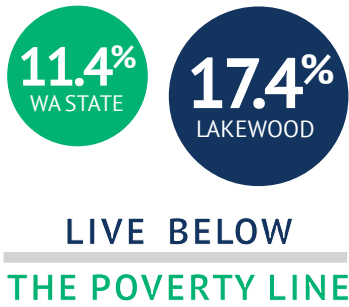
## Lakewood is one of the most diverse communities in the state



## 60,000+ Residents in Lakewood



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## Community Solutions

The City has been intentional to build relationships with and among vulnerable communities. Gentrification may be one of several economic pressures driving up cost of living. Typically the term is used for the process of middle-class housing “take overs.” But other factors are contributing, such as manufacturing /commercial redevelopment, intensification of low paying jobs, for example. We look to other communities around the country struggling with the same issues of abundant low-paying jobs, expensive housing, insufficient infrastructure, and substance abuse, and we do not see anyone that has figured out real solutions. Lakewood is particularly skilled and able to collaborate and work together to solve problems, so we have as good a shot as any to lead the way on these issues.

<sup>1</sup> 2017 ACS Census. <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/lakewoodcitywashington>