

# **Spokane, Washington**

## **Location**

Spokane is located along the eastern border of Washington State in the heart of the Inland Northwest. The largest city between Seattle and Minneapolis on the Interstate 90 corridor is 18 miles west of the Idaho border and 110 miles south of the Canadian border.

As the county seat, Spokane, with an approximate population of 447,000, serves as a hub for business, retail and financial services, and is the major health care provider to a 36-county region encompassing parts of Montana, Oregon, Idaho, British Columbia, Alberta, as well as Washington. The Inland Northwest region extends across 80,000 square miles and is home to over 1.4 million residents who live, work and enjoy this recreational paradise.

The topography of the land varies from rolling wheat fields to snow-capped mountains, from lush forests to deserts, and from pristine lakes to raging rivers. To the west lies the gradually sloping Columbia River Basin; the land north toward Canada is a forested mountainous region; to the east the precipitous Rocky Mountains thrust toward the heavens; and the rolling hills of the Palouse to the south are the world's largest producer of peas and lentils.

## **Climate**

Spokane is four-season country, each contributing to the region's unique lifestyle. Situated between the Rocky and Cascade mountain ranges, Spokane is protected from damp coastal weather like that of Seattle, as well as continental type winters. The growing season extends from mid-April to mid-October.

Summer weather is ideal for enjoying the many mountain and lake recreational areas. Winter weather includes occasional snowfalls of several inches. Nearby mountainous winter sport areas receive a great deal more snow and sometimes enjoy a five-to six-month season.

## **Welcome Home**

Many residents consider Spokane an ideal place to raise a family. Quiet neighborhoods, tree-lined boulevards, and year-round recreation provide a quality of life that is unmatched.

Spokane's housing market has experienced steady growth for the past several years, but continues to be a more economical place to live than many areas in our nation. Though we are presently in a buyer's market, the median price for existing homes went from \$179,000 in the second quarter of 2006 to \$197,700 in the same period of 2007.

Housing choices in Spokane are abundant! There are homes in every style and price range imaginable, from contemporary to Victorian brick homes dating back to the early 1900s. There are more than 60 residential neighborhoods throughout Spokane.

Whether you are looking for an affordable home near school and shopping, a home in a retirement area or on one of Spokane's many golf courses, the housing market can accommodate your needs.

**Additional Information**

For more information about the city of Spokane, Washington go to:  
[www.spokanecity.org](http://www.spokanecity.org) and [www.greaterspokane.org](http://www.greaterspokane.org)