

## About Bellevue: City Fast Facts

### An Urban Pacific Northwest Destination

- \* Located just nine miles east of Seattle – nestled between Lake Washington and the Cascade Mountains – Bellevue has been designated by *The New York Times* as one of the fastest growing cities in the country.
- \* More than 145 companies have chosen Bellevue as their national headquarters, making downtown Bellevue the second largest city center in Washington.
- \* The Pacific Northwest is the ninth largest technology hub in the country and Bellevue is home to many of the nation's top tech companies including Microsoft, Expedia, T-Mobile and Nintendo.

### Nationally Known As “The Best”

- \* Last year, *Fortune Small Business* rated Bellevue the best place in the U.S. to live and launch a new business.
- \* *Money* named Bellevue one of 2008's 100 best places to live.



### Diverse Entertainment Options

- \* Bellevue is home to one of the highest performing retail markets in the country. The Bellevue Collection is the Northwest's premier shopping, entertainment and dining destination, attracting more than 16 million visitors a year. This bustling urban streetscape boasts 250 stores, 23 restaurants and lounges, a landmark cinema, the stylishly hip Parlor Billiards & Spirits and connected Parlor Live Comedy Club, Lucky Strike Lanes and more. Opening in fall 2009, The Bravern brings additional fashion icons to the city, including Neiman Marcus, Louis Vuitton and Tory Burch.
- \* Scenic adventures are minutes away. Lake Washington offers abundant boating opportunities while the Summit at Snoqualmie and Stevens Pass offer both day and night skiing. A short drive will put you at the base of Mt. Rainer for a weekend climb, on the shores of Puget Sound for kayaking with the Orcas, rushing down the mountain rapids of the Skykomish or hiking through the rain forest.
- \* Washington Wine Country neighbors Bellevue; a quick trip to Woodinville offers you access to vineyards, the barreling process and tasting at more than 40 wineries.
- \* The lush greens of Newcastle Golf Course (one of the best golf courses in the country) offer panoramic views of Mt. Rainer and Mt. Baker, as well as the downtown skylines of both Seattle and Bellevue.



### Bellevue: “A Beautiful View”

- \* Bellevue was established on 31 miles of rolling landscape with the Cascade Mountain range to the east and the Olympics to the west. The city is a picture postcard of Northwest vistas.
- \* Dubbed “a city in a park,” Bellevue is home to nearly 100 parks and retains a friendly, small-town atmosphere with thriving neighborhoods and a vast network of green spaces featuring lakefront beaches, golf courses and nature trails.



The facts in this document were provided by The City of Bellevue ([www.ci.bellevue.wa.us](http://www.ci.bellevue.wa.us)) and the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce ([www.bellevuechamber.org](http://www.bellevuechamber.org)).

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