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# Sherwood



## Sherwood Community Profile

Sherwood has been the fastest growing community in the County over the past decade and a half. Since 1990 the population of Sherwood has quintupled, from 2,969 in 1990 to an estimated 16,115 in 2006. This compares with a county growth rate of 61% over the same period. The Sherwood area reflects the continued suburbanization of the county from a rural, agricultural based economy to a suburban community with a service and technology based economy.

Similar to the rest of the county, there has also been a shift in the ethnic and racial make up of the area since 1990, when 96% of the population was White. By 2000, the White population as a proportion of the population had declined to 92%, with Latinos and Asian/Pacific Islanders comprising the largest and fastest growing minority populations at 4.3% and 2.1% respectively.

Sherwood has a higher proportion of people under the age of 18, 31.4% in 2000, than the county as a whole (25.5%). Of those under 18, a higher proportion of Sherwood residents are under age 9 (64%)

than in the county as a whole (58.4%). Sherwood has the highest proportion of children who live in two parent households, at almost 86%, compared to a county average of 80%.



School enrollment data provides additional insights into population growth and changing diversity of the community. Sherwood School District has shown the highest growth rate in the county since the 2000-01 school year, at 45% between 2000-01 and 2006-07, while the county-wide growth rate in school enrollments was just 13%.

While enrollments of minority students in Sherwood are significantly lower than for the county as a whole, 13% to 37% respectively in 2006-07, there has been significant growth in minority enrollments since the 2000-01 school year, when minority students made up just 8% of the total student population, with the number of minority students almost tripling in that period.

Latinos comprise the largest proportion of minority enrollments, at 6% of total enrollments, with the number of students more than doubling.

Asians represent 4% of school enrollments and showed an 82% growth rate since 2000-01.

Sherwood was one of only two school districts in the county (the other was Banks) which showed an increase of White students in this time period. In Sherwood the growth rate among White students was 37% for the period compared to the overall growth rate of 45%. White students now comprise 87% of Sherwood's enrollments, a decrease from 92% in the 2000-01 school year.

# Poverty

The per capita income in Sherwood grew significantly in the 1990s, more than doubling, from \$11,337 in 1990 to \$25,793 in 2000. By 2000, per capita income for Sherwood was high than for the county as a whole, where it was \$24,969 in 2000.

The shift from an agricultural community to a suburban community is perhaps most evident in Sherwood, and the reduction in the poverty rate is illustrative.

Poverty by Age	1990 Sherwood	2000 Sherwood	1990 County	2000 County
Children under 18	10.9	2.1	7.9	8.8
All Residents	8.9	2.7	6.6	7.4

The economic boon does not reach all children and families however. Children who live in single parent households are much more likely to live in poverty. 8.9% of single parents with children under 18 in Sherwood lived in poverty in 2000, while 10.9% of single mothers with children lived in poverty.

Latinos are also significantly more likely to live in poverty. In 2000, 9.2% of all Latinos in Sherwood lived in poverty, and almost 20% of Latino children lived in poverty.

Free and reduced lunch rates are another indicator of poverty. In the 2000-01 school year, 8.2% of Sherwood students were eligible for free/reduced lunch; by the 2006-07 school year the percentage of eligible students had grown to 10.9%.

## Education

Sherwood area residents have a somewhat higher educational attainment level than county residents as a whole, with just over 94% of residents completing at least high school compared to almost 89% of residents county-wide.

# Education Cont.

In 2000 35.6% of Sherwood residents had a college degree, compared to just under 35% county-wide.

This higher educational attainment level is a result of the in-migration which provided for much of Sherwood's population growth in the past decade and a half. In 1990, educational attainment levels were substantially lower, with just under 83% having a high school diploma, and only 16.5% having a college diploma.

While the numbers of minority residents in Sherwood are small, they do show significantly higher educational attainment levels. Among Latinos, 81% have a high school diploma, compared to 50% county-wide; 28% have college degrees, compared to 11% county-wide.

Among Asians, high school completion rates are comparable between Sherwood residents (86%) and county-wide (88%), as are college graduation rates, which are 50% for Sherwood residents and 49% county-wide.

Test scores at the third and eighth grade are used as measures to determine the general school performance of children and their schools. In the Sherwood School Districts, students out-perform their peers statewide as illustrated below:

<b>Third Grade</b>	<b>Sherwood Reading</b>	<b>State Reading</b>	<b>Sherwood Math</b>	<b>State Math</b>
% meeting standard in 2001-02	95%	85%	91%	77%
% meeting standard in 2005-06	>95%	90%	95%	88%
<b>Eighth Grade</b>	<b>Sherwood Reading</b>	<b>State Reading</b>	<b>Sherwood Math</b>	<b>State Math</b>
% meeting standard in 2001-02	87%	64%	75%	56%
% meeting standard in 2005-06	85%	68%	79%	68%

# Education Cont.

.Among minority students, the achievement gap between Latino students and their White and Asian peers is evident.

In the 2005-06 school year, among Latino students in Sherwood, 61.7% met or exceeded the standard in Language Arts, and 60.8% met or exceeded in Math.

Asian students were the highest achieving in the district, with 88.6% meeting/exceeding in Language Arts, and 88.3% meeting/exceeding in Math.

Among White students, 82.1% met/exceeded in Language Arts, and 84.6 met/exceeded in Math.

In general, the drop-out rate for students in Sherwood has declined since the 2000-01 school year, with lower drop out rates than for the county or the state, as illustrated in the following chart:

	<b>Sherwood</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>State</b>
<b>2000-01</b>	4.01%	4.57%	5.25%
<b>2005-06</b>	3.2%	3.4%	4.1%

