



PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center, Whatcom County

PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center serves the North Sound region of Washington, with Whatcom County being its primary service area. The Bellingham-based medical center is the area's sole community hospital and is a Level II trauma center providing comprehensive specialty care and centers of excellence in cardiovascular, cancer, spine and joint replacements. Providers at PeaceHealth Medical Group in Bellingham and Lynden provide a full range of primary and specialty care services.

Overview

Service Area: Whatcom County, Washington. Bellingham is the largest city in the county, representing approximately 40% of the county's population.

Facts and Figures (July 2018 – June 2019)

Total Licensed Beds	255
Average Daily Census	187
Average Length of Stay	4.53 Days
Employees	2,767
Active Medical Staff	402
Inpatient Discharges	15,031
Outpatient Clinic Visits	358,099
Surgeries	7,855
Births	1,906
ED Visits	65,301

Major Medical Services

- Integrated Cancer Center
- Cardiovascular Center
- Joint Replacement Center
- Spine Care Center
- Haggen Family Emergency & Trauma Center
- Behavioral Health Inpatient Center
- Childbirth Center
- Robotic Surgery
- Grabow Therapy & Wellness Center



Learn more about the community health of Whatcom County in our [2019-2022 Community Health Needs Assessment](#)



Accreditations and Accomplishments

- ★ **Stroke Care** - Recipient of the American Heart Association's 2019 Get With The Guidelines® – Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award and Target: Stroke Elite Honor Roll recognition for high standard of stroke care
- ★ **Cardiovascular Care** - Recipient of the Mended Hearts 2018 Hospital of the Year Award
- ★ **Maternity Care** - Blue Distinction Center of Excellence, Blue Cross, Blue Shield Association
- ★ **Quality & Safety** - Medicare 4-star overall rating (out of 5) on a variety of patient care, patient experience and quality criteria



Community Benefit

July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

\$8,578,000 Charity Care	\$37,823,000 Unpaid Cost of State Programs	\$47,564,000 Total Community Benefit
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History



In 1891, PeaceHealth St. Joseph was the first hospital founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace and has provided care to the greater Whatcom County community for the last 129 years.

Geography



Whatcom County is bordered to its north by British Columbia, Canada and includes stunning vistas of Puget Sound, the San Juan Islands and the North Cascades, Coast and Cascade mountain ranges, including the active volcano Mount Baker.