

A guide of the home of Emerald
City's Troll

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FREMONT

SEATTLE, WA



HISTORY

In 1891, Fremont was named after the area's founders, L. H. Griffith and E. Blewett hometown in Nebraska. The neighborhood is also famous for its artsy air and lively mix of bistros, boutiques, and coffee shops.

Today over 12,000 people live in the area and it is still growing, the congestion from big tech companies keeps growing and that leads to an increase of

FREMONT TROLL

The Fremont troll was created in 1989 by a team led by Steve Badanes during an art competition. The art competition was launched during a time where the area under the Aurora bridge was a dumping ground and haven for drug dealers. It is made with rebar steel, wire, and ferroconcrete. The Fremont troll is 18 ft tall and holds a Volkswagen beetle in his left hand. The Fremont troll is quite famous, especially to tourists. It has been featured in films such as twilight, death note, sleepless in Seattle and more.



THE INTERUBAN

The interurban was made by sculptor Richard Beyer in 1978, it is a sculpture of five adults, a baby in arm and a dog with a human face to mock a board member from the Fremont Improvement Committee, all waiting for the electric trolley that ran until the 1930s from Seattle to Everett. It got mixed review because people didn't like the way it looked or weren't interested but it ended up being really popular and a spot for people to make jokes and dress up the statues. People dress it up for sports events and just for fun, people take pictures with it, it is something to have fun within the Fremont area and feel good about

Observation

When I visited the Fremont area, I noticed there was some type of art regardless of where you were walking or looking. The art is a good way to bring in revenue and people to the area.



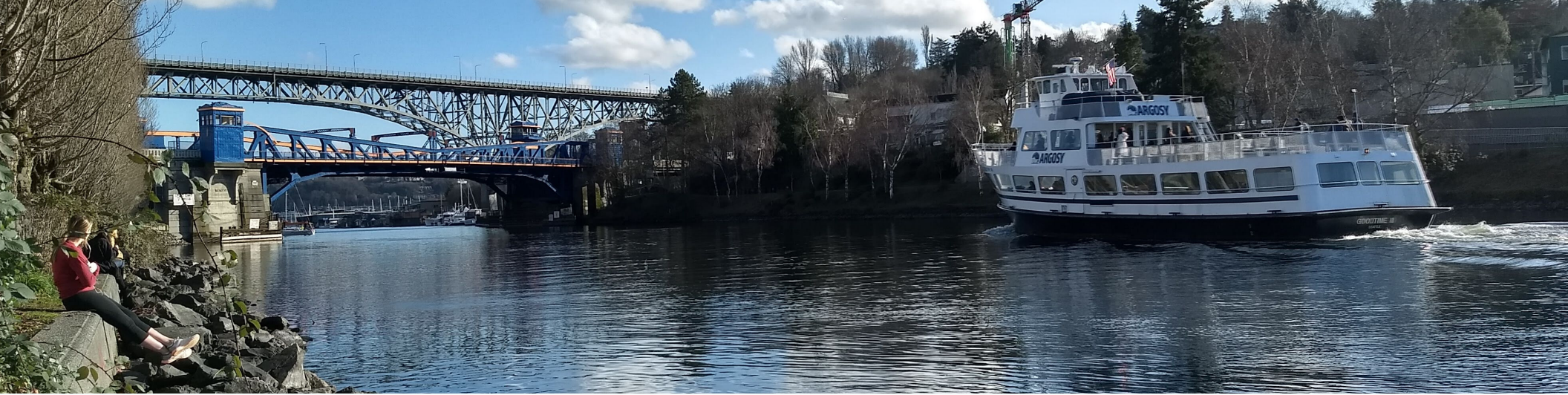
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Parks & Green Spaces

An abundance of parks and green spaces is integral to a wide variety of health and city benefits. On a city-wide scale, they lead to improved air & water quality, energy savings, a reduction in urban heat island effects and even reductions in localized violence. The urban populations that utilize these green spaces experience consistent improvements in their heart rate, mortality, mood, attention spans and physical activity. Limited research has been done on this topic, with more needed in the future as improvements on "green infrastructure" can have a magnified impact due to the population density of urban areas.





Seattle consistently ranks as one of the highest in the nation in terms of access to, and number of, parks and green spaces. With over 95% of its population within a 10-minute walk of a park, regardless of income, age or ethnicity. Fremont exemplifies this with its large canal park where I strolled the Burke-Gilman trail along the water while watching several ships pass me by. There are also many small "pocket parks" to hunt down, like the Fremont Peak Park. Hidden gems tucked away inside the corners of neighborhoods with secret artwork and gorgeous views overlooking the city.



Education

Living in the Fremont area, there are a lot of choices for schools. Residents here are nearby to many private schools, as well as most Seattle Public School District to choose from for higher levels of schooling, due to how close they are. This is always a good thing for families because they can take time to make the right choice about where to send their children for each level of school. One good thing about the schools here is that there is a lot of diversity. But barriers for the education in this neighborhood include wealth and how well they reach out to all of the students. Funding for the Seattle Public Schools is a big issue as well. After high school, there are good nearby college options, as Seattle Pacific, Seattle U, and UW are all very close to Fremont, so students can potentially commute to save money

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Culture



Within Fremont, the culture of the neighborhood is palpable. Fremont is known as one of Seattle's weirdest neighborhoods. Nothing more exemplifies this than Fremont's Solstice Parade. It is the largest cultural event that the neighborhood throws every June. The parade is composed of people riding their bikes while naked, only being covered by body paint or elaborate costumes. The neighborhood is filled with random sculptures whose muses include Vladimir Lenin, J.P. Patches and a 1950s era rocket. However, there are not many ethnic cultural events. Which leaves many in the neighborhood wanting more diversity.

Race and Ethnicity

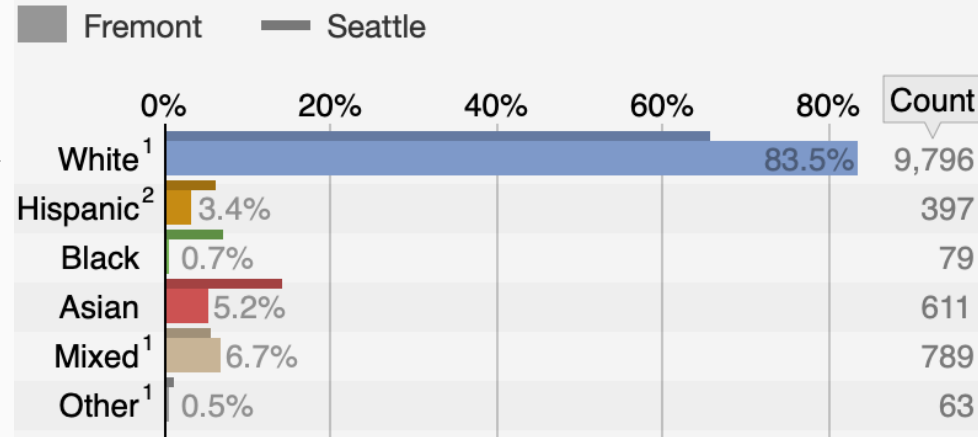
When researching Fremont, people will soon see that there is not much diversity to speak of within the neighborhood. The population is primarily made up of people of Caucasian descent at 83.5%. The next most populous ethnicity is that of those who consider themselves to be mixed race, 6.7%. To put this in perspective, Fremont has 17.8% more Caucasians than Seattle has in the entire city. This lack of diversity could be due to the fact that the cost of housing is extremely high within the neighborhood, but Fremont has always been predominately white since its establishment in 1891. As more people move into Seattle and Fremont continues to house large corporations like Google, the neighborhood to bound to change.

Race and Ethnicity

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Percentage of the total population.

Scope: population of Seattle and Fremont



Count number of members in ethno-racial group

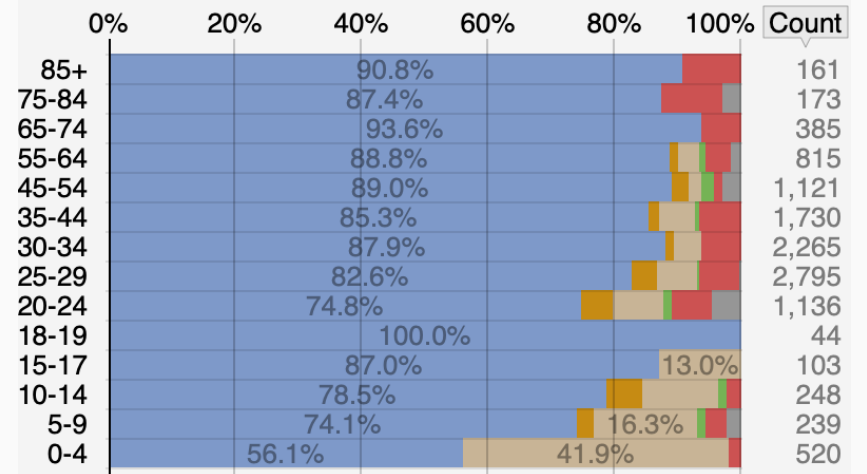
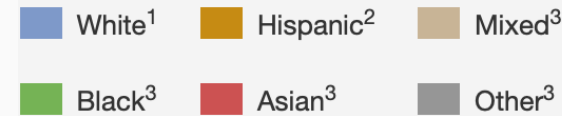
¹ non-Hispanic ² excluding black and Asian Hispanics

Relative Ethno-Racial Composition by Age

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Ethno-racial composition by age cohort as a percentage within each age cohort.

Scope: population of Fremont



Count total number of people in age cohort

¹ non-Hispanic white ² white Hispanic ³ including Hispanic

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