

Chelan, Washington

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Chelan (/ˈtʃəˈlæn/ US dict: shə-lăn′) is a city in Chelan County, Washington, United States. The population was 3,890 at the 2010 census.^[5] The population was 3,955 at 2013 Estimate from Office of Financial Management. It lies on the southeast tip of Lake Chelan, where the lake flows into the Chelan River.

Chelan is part of the Wenatchee–East Wenatchee Metropolitan Statistical Area.

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History

During a period of unrest between settlers and Native Americans in the 1870s, Lt. Colonel Henry Clay Merriam of the United States Army established Camp Chelan at the foot of Lake Chelan to control and safeguard the Indian population on the Moses Columbia Reservation. His family was with him for the 1880 Federal Census. The lake was largely non-accessible because of its sheer cliffs on most sides so a makeshift road was built from the fort to the Columbia River where a courier and mail service from Walla Walla were established. The fort only remained for about a year and was abandoned in October 1880 when the troops relocated to Fort Spokane.

Chelan, Washington

City



Location of Chelan, Washington

Coordinates: 47°50′34″N 120°1′17″W﻿ / ﻿

Country	United States
State	Washington
County	Chelan
Area ^[1]	
 • City	6.35 sq mi (16.45 km ²)
 • Land	6.29 sq mi (16.29 km ²)
 • Water	0.06 sq mi (0.16 km ²)
Elevation	1,129 ft (344 m)
Population (2010) ^[2]	
 • City	3,890
 • Estimate (2014) ^[3]	3,981
 • Density	618.4/sq mi (238.8/km ²)
 • Urban	5,704
Time zone	Pacific (PST) (UTC-8)
 • Summer (DST)	PDT (UTC-7)
ZIP code	98816
Area code	509
FIPS code	53-11615
GNIS feature ID	

The first European settlers in the area were William Sanders (one of main streets in Chelan is named after him) and Henry Dumpke, who arrived in 1886. After traversing several cliffs and streams and losing their horse, they safely arrived at the foot of the lake and were welcomed by the natives who encouraged them to stake claims. The presence of these settlers paved the way for more settlers to move to the valley. In 1888, L.H. Woodin of Minneapolis arrived in the valley and paddled up the lake in a skiff. Impressed by the area, Woodin constructed a sawmill at the foot of the lake. Chelan's main street is named for Woodin. At the same time, local ranchers were beginning to discover that orchards could be planted without the need of irrigation.

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Website	City of Chelan (http://www.cityofchelan.com/)

The town was platted and lots sold quickly. A post office was established in 1890. A school was built in 1892 followed by the first resort hotel, taking advantage of the area's natural beauty. Following the Panic of 1893, hard times began in earnest but never affected Chelan completely. The first bank was established in 1893. Chelan was officially incorporated on May 7, 1902. In 1903, the city gained electric lights and water service via nearby Donaldson Springs. A permanent town hall was constructed in 1904 (but was destroyed by fire in 1927). The town continues to grow as an agricultural center and resort community which helps it thrive to this day.

Geography

Chelan is located at 47°50′34″N 120°1′17″W﻿ (47.842858, -120.021312)^[6]

According to the United States Census Bureau, the city has a total area of 6.35 square miles (16.45 km²), of which, 6.29 square miles (16.29 km²) is land and 0.06 square miles (0.16 km²) is water.^[1]

Climate

Chelan's climate is typical for Eastern Washington. Located behind the rainshadow of the Cascade Mountains, it receives a near-desert amount of precipitation each year.

Climate data for Chelan, Washington (1985 - 2014 normals)													
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Record high, °F (°C)	62 (17)	63 (17)	72 (22)	88 (31)	98 (37)	102 (39)	106 (41)	105 (41)	97 (36)	88 (31)	72 (22)	65 (18)	106 (41)
Average high, °F (°C)	33.2 (0.7)	40.2 (4.6)	51.0 (10.6)	61.2 (16.2)	70.0 (21.1)	76.6 (24.8)	85.3 (29.6)	85.2 (29.6)	76.1 (24.5)	61.5 (16.4)	44.3 (6.8)	34.0 (1.1)	59.88 (15.5)
Average low, °F (°C)	24.3 (−4.3)	26.8 (−2.9)	33.6 (0.9)	41.0 (5)	48.7 (9.3)	56.0 (13.3)	62.0 (16.7)	60.9 (16.1)	52.1 (11.2)	41.7 (5.4)	32.0 (0)	25.9 (−3.4)	42.08 (5.61)
Record low, °F (°C)	−14 (−26)	−11 (−24)	4 (−16)	23 (−5)	28 (−2)	33 (1)	35 (2)	42 (6)	26 (−3)	15 (−9)	−3 (−19)	−18 (−28)	−18 (−28)
Average precipitation, inches (mm)	1.61 (40.9)	1.35 (34.3)	0.81 (20.6)	0.66 (16.8)	1.01 (25.7)	0.85 (21.6)	0.40 (10.2)	0.31 (7.9)	0.28 (7.1)	0.83 (21.1)	1.37 (34.8)	1.92 (48.8)	11.4 (289.8)
Average snowfall, inches (cm)	7.1 (18)	3.2 (8.1)	0.8 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1.7 (4.3)	9.0 (22.9)	21.8 (55.3)
Source: NOAA ^[7]													

Demographics



St. Andrews Episcopal Church, an 1890s log church on Woodin Avenue in downtown Chelan, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

2010 census

As of the census^[2] of 2010, there were 3,890 people, 1,602 households, and 1,031 families residing in the city. The population density was 618.4 inhabitants per square mile (238.8/km²). There were 2,516 housing units at an average density of 400.0 per square mile (154.4/km²). The racial makeup of the city was 80.1% White, 0.4% African American, 1.4% Native American, 0.9% Asian, 0.1% Pacific Islander, 14.1% from other races, and 3.1% from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino of any race were 24.2% of the population.

There were 1,602 households of which 29.2% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 49.1% were married couples living together, 10.6% had a female householder with no husband present, 4.7% had a male householder with no wife present, and 35.6% were non-families. 28.8% of all households were made up of individuals and 13.1% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.39 and the average family size was 2.91.

Historical population

Census	Pop.	%±
1910	682	—
1920	896	31.4%
1930	1,403	56.6%
1940	1,979	41.1%
1950	2,445	23.5%
1960	2,402	−1.8%
1970	2,837	18.1%
1980	2,802	−1.2%
1990	2,976	6.2%
2000	3,522	18.3%
2010	3,890	10.4%
Est. 2014	3,981	2.3%

U.S. Decennial Census^[8]
2014 Estimate^[3]

The median age in the city was 44.1 years. 22.4% of residents were under the age of 18; 7.6% were between the ages of 18 and 24; 20.9% were from 25 to 44; 30.2% were from 45 to 64; and 18.9% were 65 years of age or older. The gender makeup of the city was 49.9% male and 50.1% female.

2000 census

As of the census of 2000, there were 3,522 people, 1,471 households, and 939 families residing in the city. The population density was 933.9 people per square mile (360.7/km²). There were 2,058 housing units at an average density of 545.7 per square mile (210.8/km²). The racial makeup of the city was 85.69% White, 0.11% African American, 1.53% Native American, 0.48% Asian, 0.11% Pacific Islander, 9.23% from other races, and 2.84% from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino of any race were 14.45% of the population.

There were 1,471 households out of which 29.6% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 49.8% were married couples living together, 10.1% had a female householder with no husband present, and 36.1% were non-families. 30.5% of all households were made up of individuals and 14.8% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.35 and the average family size was 2.93.

In the city the age distribution of the population shows 25.3% under the age of 18, 6.2% from 18 to 24, 24.6% from 25 to 44, 25.7% from 45 to 64, and 18.2% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 41 years. For every 100 females there were 92.8 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 88.4 males.

The median income for a household in the city was \$28,047, and the median income for a family was \$33,662. Males had a median income of \$31,900 versus \$21,397 for females. The per capita income for the city was \$16,511. About 17.3% of families and 20.9% of the population were below the poverty line, including 31.3% of those under age 18 and 12.5% of those age 65 or over.

Sister cities

Chelan has one sister city, according to [1]



The Ruby Theater on Woodin Avenue, built 1914 and showing movies ever since, is also listed on the NRHP.

(<http://www.ltgov.wa.gov/International/Washington%20Organizations/Sisters/>) and [2] (<http://www.sister-cities.org/icrc/directory/usa/WA>):

- Tojo, Hyōgo, Japan

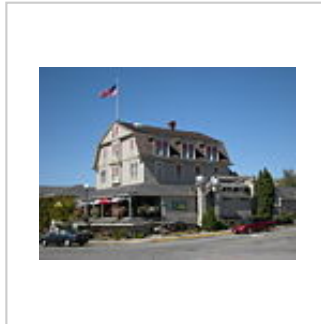
Gallery



Riverwalk Pavilion



R. W. Little Building



Campbell's

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External links

- City of Chelan official website (<http://www.cityofchelan.com/>)
- Chelan, City of (http://www.historylink.org/index.cfm?DisplayPage=output.cfm&file_id=10160) at HistoryLink



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