

Health & Safety

Focus area renamed from *Public Health & Safety*

Why it's important

A healthy and safe city fosters community cohesion, promotes a sense of well-being, and attracts new residents, visitors, and businesses.

Topics

- Emergency preparedness
- Environmental safety
- Healthy housing
- Indoor air quality
- Communicable diseases
- Access to food
- Active living
- Chronic illness
- Crime
- Recidivism

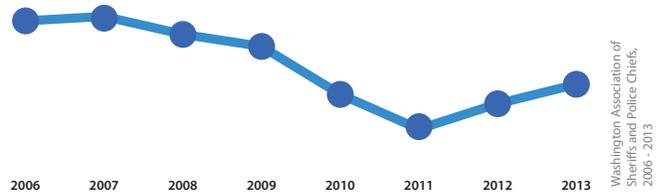
Key Facts

Mental health services



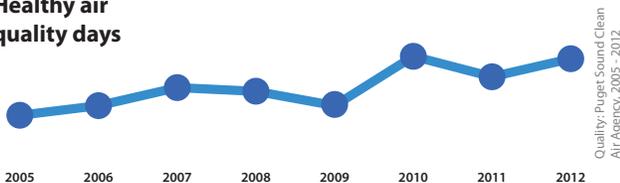
Over 5,300 people used state mental health services in 2012 - 15% more than in 2009.

Violent crime rate



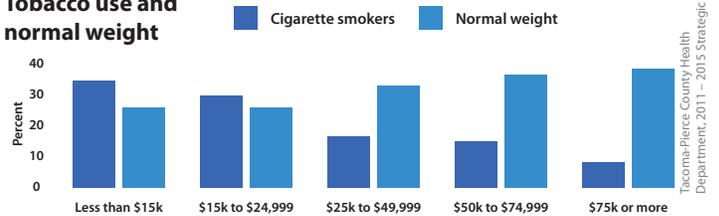
Fewer violent crimes are being committed, though Tacoma saw a 15% rise in violent crime between 2011 and 2013.

Healthy air quality days



Air quality is improving, though wood burning remains a major source of air pollution.

Tobacco use and normal weight



Obesity and tobacco use are the two leading causes of death in Pierce County. Smoking rates are higher in lower income communities and fewer people are of normal weight, contributing to health disparities.

How are the City and its partners responding?



In partnership with Human Services Commission, implemented .01% sales tax to address mental health and chemical dependency



Launching programs to promote healthy lifestyles



Implementing a state-of-the-art crime tracking system



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