

Status of Bainbridge Island Housing

Addendum to Biennial Report

2017-2018, 2019- 2020

July 27, 2021

Staff presented the 2017-2020 Housing Report to the City Council on July 6, 2021. The City Council had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the report. The City Council requested additional information be added to the report. This additional information is being added in an *Addendum* to the report.

1. Add a reference to the [Helpline House](#) emergency rental assistance program to the discussion of Policy HO 2.1-10 (pages 12-14).

Policy HO 2.1 – 10, A description of the various initiatives supporting affordable housing including activities of community non-profit organizations and local and regional entities.

[HELPLINE HOUSE](#) is a nonprofit organization on Bainbridge Island that provides a network of critical social services through several different programs. The [Housing & Utility Assistance Program](#) provides eligible community members with rent/mortgage and utility assistance for residents experiencing housing instability.

2. Add information about what kind of jobs are located on the Island to add to the progress discussion for Policy HO 1.7 (page 18).

Policy HO 1.7: Achieve a jobs-housing balance of 0.8 (up from 0.59).

The City Finance Department submitted the following table, Table 16 Principal Employer Table, in the City 2020 (EOY) Comprehensive Annual Financial Report to the State Auditor's office. It shows the City's largest employers and total City employment. With 640 employees, the Bainbridge Island School District is the largest employer on Bainbridge Island. The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic can also be seen in the zeroing out of employees at Island Fitness and the Bainbridge Athletic Club.

Table 16: Principal Employers
Current Year and Ten Years Ago

Employer	2020			2011		
	Employees ¹	Rank	Percentage of Total City Employment	Employees*	Rank	Percentage of Total City Employment
Bainbridge Island School District	640	1	7.9%	382	1	6.8%
Sage /Redington/Fairbanks	100	7	1.2%	154	2	2.7%
Safeway	123	6	1.5%	136	3	2.4%
Avalara				126	4	2.2%
Washington State Ferry System ²	166	3	2.0%	122	5	2.2%
Town and Country Markets, Inc.	140	4	1.7%	117	6	2.1%
City of Bainbridge Island	130	5	1.6%	115	7	2.0%
Soundcare Inc dba Messenger House	68	9	0.8%	96	8	1.7%
Bainbridge Athletic Club			0.0%	77	9	1.4%
Island Fitness			0.0%	70	10	1.2%
Islandwood	60	10	0.7%			0.0%
Storyville Coffee Company	90	8	1.1%			
Far Bank Enterprises	201	2				
Subtotal of ten largest employers	1,718		18.7%	1,395		24.7%
All other employers	6,413		81.3%	4,254		75.3%
Total City of Bainbridge Island employment	<u>8,131</u>		<u>100.0%</u>	<u>5,649</u>		<u>100.0%</u>

Sources: Washington State Employment Security Department, Kitsap Economic Development Alliance, Washington State Department of Revenue - Business Licensing Service

¹ Includes part-time employees, where applicable

² WSF home ported a ferry, the Sealth, at Bainbridge Island in 2020. The ferry's assigned workforce is added to the total terminal and yard employees.