

## Parish Family 32 Community Demographics Survey Summary

Thank you to all who participated in our recent community demographics survey. Your responses offer a clear picture of our parish family's composition and community makeup.

### Who Responded?

The majority of responses came from *Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Enumclaw* (206), followed by *St. Barbara Catholic Church in Black Diamond* (177), and *St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Buckley* (90). Based on parish registration data, this represents a 30.0% response rate from St. Barbara households, which total 589. This represents a 62.1% response rate from St. Aloysius households, which total 145. This represents a 46.0% response rate from Sacred Heart households, which total 448. Most respondents reside in *Enumclaw, Maple Valley, Buckley, Bonney Lake, and Black Diamond* (in that order).

### Demographics

The most represented age groups were *70–74* (62 respondents), *65–69* (52), *75–79* (51), and *85 and older* (44), indicating that older adults form a significant portion of the survey base. Participation was noted in every age category from *0–19* through *85+*, but responses increase significantly after age 60. Approximately 51.4% of survey respondents are currently aged 65 and older. While younger households had fewer individual responses, many include more than one adult, which may indicate a broader presence of younger adults in the parish community.

### Parish Tenure

Respondents span the full spectrum of parish engagement, from newcomers to deeply rooted members. Nearly four in ten respondents (38%) have attended their parish for more than 20 years. At the same time, over one in three have joined within the last 5 years (159 individuals), including 85 respondents who've been attending just 1–3 years. Other tenure ranges included 3–5 years (74), 5–10 years (63), 10–15 years (40), and 15–20 years (29).

### Marital Status

The majority of respondents (316 individuals) reported being *married*, supporting the high number of two-person households. Others identified as *widowed* (82), *divorced* (32), or *single/never married* (26), with smaller groups identifying as *engaged* (11) or *separated* (8). This distribution provides context for household composition and life stage across the parish community.

### Household Size

Most households reported consisted of *1* or *2* members: 86 and 196 respectively. Fewer respondents reported household sizes of *3 to 6 people*, with occasional reports of up to *10 people per household*. The most common household size was *2 people*.

Notably, 79 older adults (age 60 and above) reported living alone in single-person households, which represents 28.3% of all respondents in that age group. Nearly all respondents under age 65 (97%) live in households with at least one other adult.

### **Children in the Household**

By examining selected age brackets within households, 150 out of 479 respondents (31.3%) reported having children or teenagers living with them. Distribution by age group shows: 0–4 in 35 households, 5–12 in 71 households, and 13–19 in 78 households. The most common child age range reported was 13–19, followed closely by 5–12. Among these households, the average reported age of the parent was approximately 45.7 years, most commonly falling within the 45–49 age bracket.

Families with children were most commonly affiliated with *Sacred Heart in Enumclaw* (72), followed by *St. Barbara in Black Diamond* (58), and *St. Aloysius in Buckley* (20). Among those, 52.9% of the families at Sacred Heart and 22.2% at St. Barbara identified as Hispanic. Geographically, these families are primarily located in *Enumclaw* (37), *Maple Valley* (28), *Auburn* (20), *Buckley* (18), and *Black Diamond* (12).

Among these families, 47 reported speaking Spanish and 7 listed other languages in addition to 126 who indicated English. Five families also reported accessibility needs. Notably, younger parents (under age 40) were most frequently affiliated with *Sacred Heart* (30), followed by *St. Barbara* (11) and *St. Aloysius* (6).

### **Languages Spoken**

*English* was the most commonly spoken language at home, reported by 437 respondents (91.2%). *Spanish* was spoken in 77 households (16%), and 17 respondents listed another language in a write-in response. Some respondents reported more than one language.

### **Accessibility**

A total of 44 households (9.2%) indicated that a member has accessibility needs. Although the majority reported no such requirements, this number is meaningful in understanding how many parishioners may benefit from accommodations such as auditory, visual, or mobility support.

### **Ethnicity**

The majority of respondents identified as *White (not Hispanic)*. Respondents who identified as *Hispanic or Latino* totaled 85, or 17.7% of the total. Other identified backgrounds included: *Filipino* (11), *Indigenous* (2), *Pacific Islander/Hawaiian* (2), *Asian (unspecified)* (2), *Chinese* (1), *Vietnamese* (1), *South Asian (Indian, Pakistani)* (1), and *Middle Eastern* (1). There were no respondents who identified as *African*, *Caribbean*, *Hmong*, *Japanese*, or *Korean*.

### **Response Overview**

In total, 479 responses were collected. Data points across age, household size, language, ethnicity, and accessibility provide a data-informed profile of the parish family. The survey reveals a parish community largely composed of older adults, with a consistent though smaller presence of families with children and some ethnic and linguistic diversity. These insights will inform the context for future reflection and planning.