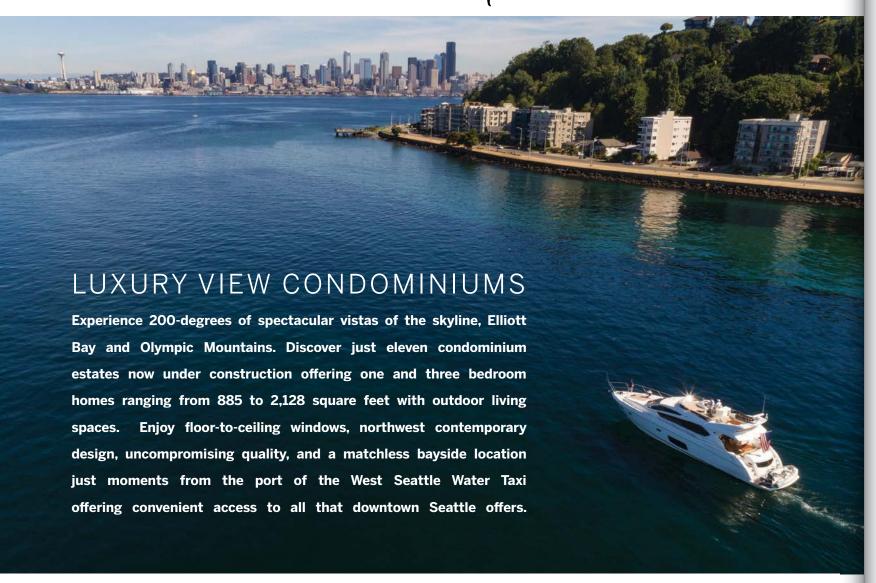
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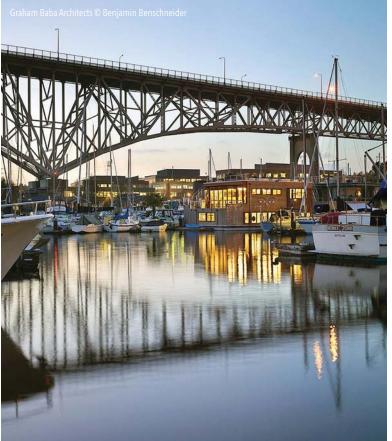
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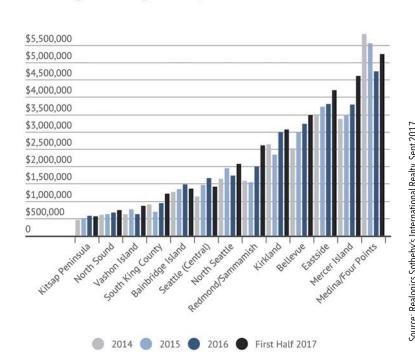








Waterfront Single-Family Homes Average Selling Prices, 2014 to First Half 2017





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> Steve Hoedemaker, principal Hoedemaker Pfeiffer

There's something special about living on the water—and few cities in the world afford more opportunities for living on, near, or actually in the water as Seattle does. Puget Sound alone has more than 1,400 miles of coastline. If you stretched it all out, it would reach from Neah Bay on the far northwest corner of the Olympic Peninsula all the way to San Diego. But that's just one part of Seattle's waterfront. The city also encompasses several freshwater lakes, most importantly the linked, byzantine structure of Lake Washington, Union Bay, Portage Bay, and Lake Union, separated from the Sound by the Ballard Locks.

All that coastline means Seattleites who crave waterfront living have options-lots of them. Let's start with the most opulent. If you want to rub shoulders (or property lines) with billionaires like Jeff Bezos and Bill Gates, set your sights on the eastern shore of Lake Washington. Here, from Bellevue to Lake Forest Park, are the sprawling mansions of Seattle's super-wealthy. Legacy estates like these rarely come on the market, and when they do, they can match the price of a new Boeing jet. No matter. Simply window shopping the mogul strip from the water can be a blast-stock the boat with some icy rose, kill the motor off Medina, and see if you can spot Bill ducking out for a quick game of tennis.

But you don't have to be a billionaire to live on Lake Washington. Because Seattle has so much waterfront, and a comparatively small population compared to other major West Coast cities, living on the water remains attainable for mere mortals who have yet to IPO-for the time being. Dean Jones, Principal and Owner at Realogic's Sotheby's International Realty, says prices for waterfront homes are a fraction of what many shoppers are expecting. "I could show you a beautiful lakefront house in West Bellevue, a newer home, for around





\$1,000 a square foot. That same home would be twice the price in San Francisco, and three to four times the price in Malibu or Vancouver, B.C."

There's no reason to believe that Seattle won't follow those other flagship markets' suit, but for now, the door to the waterfront lifestyle is still wide open—and it's an appealing invitation from a lifestyle perspective, as well as an economic one. "I think waterfront properties are like diamonds," says Scott Hommas, principal at Gelotte Hommas Drivdahl. "They're always valuable. They go up when the economy is good, and when it's bad. They're a safe bet."

But financial security is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the benefits of living on the water. If you're a boat owner—or aspire to become one-living on one of Seattle's lakes is a dream come true. Protected conditions, fresh water, and abundant boat amenities mean boat ownership is miraculously stripped of many of its most nagging hassles and maintenance concerns. No wonder some say Seattle has the highest per capita rate of boat ownership in the nation.

Perhaps because of its ease of access, boat culture in Seattle is decidedly more democratic than in other parts of the world. Every summer on Lake Washington and Puget Sound, modest Bayliners tugging kids on inner tubes and vintage sailboats happily rub shoulders with mega-yachts and painstakingly refurbished wooden schooners, turning the lake into a kind of floating nautical party. "You can jump in your boat and end up with an afternoon of discovery," says Dean. Or, you know, just have cocktails on the dock with friends. Seattle's summer days are long, and there's time for both action and relaxation.

Speaking of relaxation, not all waterfront properties are about the party. Further afield, the Seattle area still offers opportunities for quiet retreat, ideal for second home buyers or remote workers who don't need to be within moments of downtown. Linked to Seattle by one of the nation's largest networks of ferries, communities like Bainbridge Island, Paulsbo, or Kingston are attracting new attention as laid-back destinations offering pristine natural beauty and the benefits of rural living without the isolation. Dean says some of his clients even find themselves to be more productive living slightly outside the urban core, a phenomenon that's clear to anybody who's ever had a great idea a few days into a perfect vacation: "There's less distraction, greater efficiency, and they're more relaxed and creative."

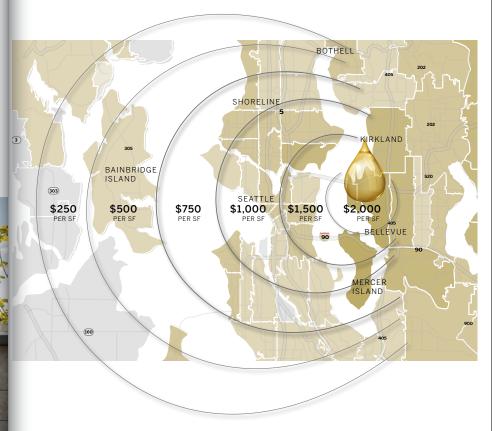
Steve Hoedemaker, owner at Hoedemaker Pfeiffer Architects, says one of the reasons waterfront homes are so magnetic is that the water itself is a kind of character, a living element of the landscape. "Part of the interest of the water is that it becomes a narrator," says Steve. "There's a really dynamic dialogue that happens between sun, rain, wind, trees, plants, and the water itself. When you have water as part of your view experience, it becomes a great storyteller."

And you don't have to live directly on the water-or even own a traditional single family home—to get the benefits of waterfront living. Seattle offers a plethora of ways to dip your toe into waterfront life. Many communities have shared waterfront spaces, from modest communal docks to public, destination waterfront extravaganzas like Alki Beach, where you'd be forgiven for thinking you turned right in West Seattle and somehow ended up in southern California. "Alki is a hidden gem," says Jay Kennedy, local developer, currently working on an 11-unit luxury condominium development at the very tip of Duwamish Head called The Pinnacle. "The beach is the front yard. We're going a have big, luxurious rooftop deck with fire tables, decks on every floor, and floor to ceiling windows. There's really going to be nothing like it, conceptually or style wise, on all of Alki."



GOLD COAST RIPPLE EFFECT?

There's a general trend for waterfront home values to multiply the closer they are to the central Eastside waterfront of Lake Washington - the Gold Coast of the Pacific Northwest. Prices range from the low \$200s per sq. ft. in exurban Kitsap County to grand estates in Medina where recent trades appear to be approaching \$3,000 per sq. ft. Consider the relative value comparisons: a typical waterfront home on Bainbridge Island will average \$500 per sq. ft. while a similar home on West of Bellevue or Mercer Island would command roughly twice the price.



Graphic illustrates typical home values expressed as a price per square foot. Source: Realogics Sotheby's International Realty, Sept 2017

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Jim Olson, principal Olson Kundig Architects



It's easy to think of waterfront living as a kind of commodity, just another box to tick in pursuit of the perfect home. But it's more than that. Living on the water, no matter how you do it, is a recipe for bringing people together. "Living on the water is a theater of activity," says Dean. "It's a catalyst for family and friends to come together on the boat, on the pier, around the fire pit."

On an even deeper level, there's something about living near the water that satisfies a kind of instinctual urge, a core desire to gain perspective. "I think it's instinct," says Jim Olson, principal at Olson Kundig Architects. "It's how humans developed. We lived up in cliffs overlooking either water or the savannah. It's that prospect-refuge, we love to look out across a vast space. It gives you a sense of freedom. And it's part of us. Most of our bodies are water, and so we kind of are water. And that's important."

"The water has a profound impact on us," adds Steve. "The ability to see it as part of your everyday life is somehow centering. It's grounding. It offers a sense of peace and curiosity and is a big part of what it means to live in Seattle."





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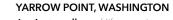




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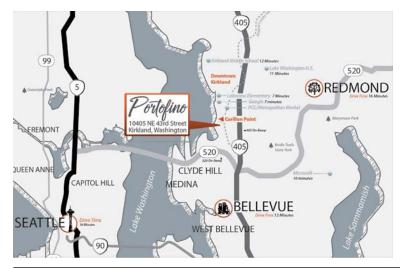
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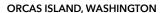


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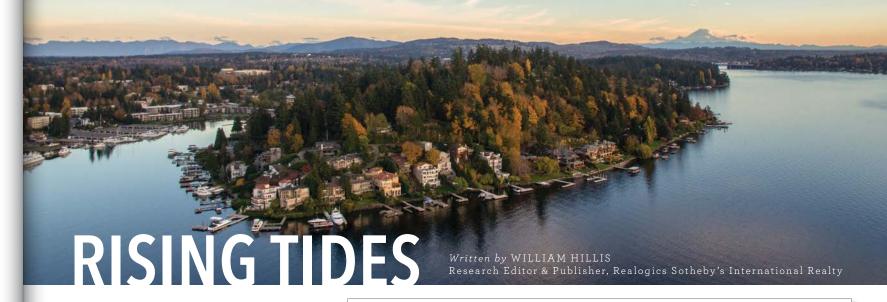


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Whether from immigration and international influences, higher employment, or for other reasons, the demand curve for waterfront property is upward sloping, as buyers' willingness to pay has increased with the perceived exclusivity of the offered estate. Like all such "Veblen goods," waterfront properties on the Eastside show the greatest price elasticity as of late: they are a luxury good for which higher prices almost perfectly signal quality.

While the chart shows results from July 2016 through the end of June 2017, several notable sales more recently underscore the conditions described above: two \$5.5 million sales, one on Mercer Island and another in Bellevue's Meydenbauer community, both in mid-July; and an early-August sale of \$14.3 million in Bellevue. Most noteworthy was the \$21 million sale on Shoreland Drive in Bellevue of a 11,520 square foot home with 265 feet of frontage. Yet another home, bearing an asking price of \$24,800,000 on 80 feet of waterfront in Medina, has a pending sale according to the NWMLS.

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