

# Lakewood Libraries Feasibility Study

## Community Demographics 9/3/22

The demographic data shown in this community profile are estimates based on ESRI Business Analysis derivations from the US Census American Community Survey. Lakewood Downtown and Lakewood Tillicum estimates are based on neighborhood boundaries established by the City.

### Total Population

2022 Population	City of Lakewood Downtown	City of Lakewood Tillicum	City of Lakewood	Pierce County
Total	833	2,186	64,514	944,204

Sources: ESRI, 2022 (based on US Census American Community Survey 5-yr Estimates); BERK, 2022.

### Population by Age and Family Size

Exhibit 1 includes the age, households with children, and average family size in the areas of Lakewood Downtown and Tillicum in comparison to the City of Lakewood, and Pierce County. Tillicum has a younger, more family-focused population. It has the highest percentage of the population under 18 (27.2%), and it has a higher percentage of households with children (30.1%) than Lakewood Downtown. Its average family size (3.27) is the largest of the areas being compared.

Lakewood Downtown has an older population than the City of Lakewood, with 22.1% age 65 or higher. It has fewer households with children and a smaller average family size than the City of Lakewood.

#### Exhibit 1. Population by Age, 2022.

2022 Population by Age	City of Lakewood Downtown	City of Lakewood Tillicum	City of Lakewood	Pierce County
Under 18	19.7%	26.2%	21.9%	22.4%
18 - 64	58.2%	60.8%	59.8%	46.6%
65 +	22.1%	13.0%	18.3%	31.0%
All Households with Children	24.5%	30.1%	29.9%	35.3%
Average Family Size	3.08	3.27	3.13	3.18

Sources: ESRI, 2022 (based on US Census American Community Survey 5-yr Estimates); BERK, 2022.

### Race / Ethnicity

The City of Lakewood is significantly more diverse than other cities in Pierce County. It has a diversity index of 79.4, 14.6 points more diverse than Pierce County. Exhibit 2 includes the race/ethnicity percentages in the areas of Lakewood Downtown and Tillicum in comparison to the City of Lakewood and Pierce County. Tillicum has the highest share of those who identify as Hispanic origin (21%) and some other race (12.1%). Lakewood Downtown has the highest percentage of those who identify as Asian Alone (11.5%). It has a relatively equal distribution overall of those who identify as Black Alone (13.7%), Asian Alone (11.5%), and Hispanic Alone (12.6%).

## Exhibit 2. Population by Race/Ethnicity, 2022

2022 Population by Race/Ethnicity	City of Lakewood Downtown	City of Lakewood Tillicum	City of Lakewood	Pierce County
Diversity Index	76.2	77.8	79.4	64.8
White Alone	50.0%	53.1%	48.7%	64.6%
Black Alone	13.7%	9.5%	13.1%	7.2%
Asian Alone	11.5%	5.9%	9.2%	6.9%
Hispanic Origin	12.6%	21.0%	18.2%	12.1%
Some Other Race Alone	5.4%	12.1%	9.2%	5.3%

Sources: ESRI, 2022 (based on US Census American Community Survey 5-yr Estimates); BERK, 2022.

## Educational Attainment

Exhibit 3 highlights the educational attainment of Lakewood Downtown and Tillicum in comparison to the City of Lakewood and Pierce County. Tillicum has a higher percentage of those who have attended some college or earned an Associate Degree (44.5%) compared to the City of Lakewood at 36.0%. However, it has a lower percentage of those who have a Bachelor or Graduate Degree (15%), almost half of similar educational attainment in Pierce County (29.7%)

### Exhibit 3. Population 25+ by Educational Attainment, 2022.

2022 Population 25+ by Educational Attainment	City of Lakewood Downtown	City of Lakewood Tillicum	City of Lakewood	Pierce County
No Diploma	7.7%	7.4%	9.5%	7.3%
High School Graduate or GED	34.8%	33.1%	29.8%	27.6%
Some College or Associate Degree	32.9%	44.5%	36.0%	35.3%
Bachelor or Graduate Degree	24.6%	15.0%	24.7%	29.7%

Sources: ESRI, 2022 (based on US Census American Community Survey 5-yr Estimates); BERK, 2022.

## Household Income

Exhibit 4 shows the income range and median household income of Lakewood Downtown and Tillicum in comparison to the City of Lakewood and Pierce County. While Pierce County's median income is \$87,552, the City of Lakewood's median income is substantially lower at \$62,135.

Tillicum households have the lowest median income at \$52,147. The neighborhood has the highest percentage of those who earn less than \$34,999 (33.6%), significantly higher than the City of Lakewood (25.3%) and Lakewood Downtown (28.9%). It also has the lowest number of households that earn more than \$100,000, with only 17.4% of households. Lakewood Downtown has nearly twice as many households (31.7%) that earn more than \$100,000 than Tillicum.

### Exhibit 4. Households by Income, 2022.

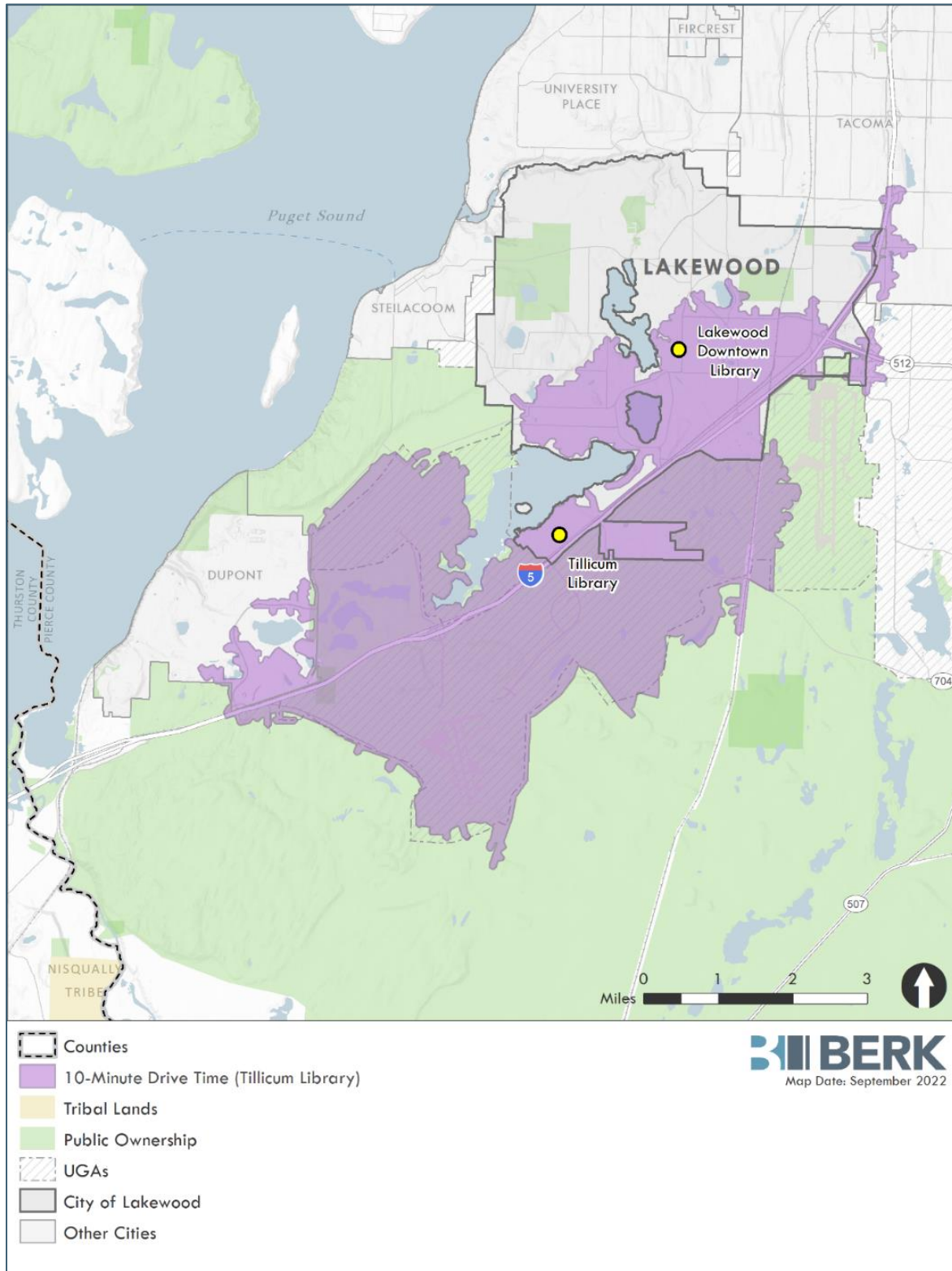
2022 Households by Income	City of Lakewood - Downtown	City of Lakewood - Tillicum	City of Lakewood	Pierce County
Less than \$34,999	28.9%	33.6%	25.3%	15.2%
\$35,000 - \$99,999	39.2%	49.1%	45.9%	41.1%
More than \$100,000	31.7%	17.4%	28.8%	43.7%
Median Household Income	\$65,358	\$52,147	\$62,135	\$87,553

Sources: ESRI, 2022 (based on US Census American Community Survey 5-yr Estimates); BERK, 2022.

# 10-minute Drive Time from Tillicum Library

Exhibit 5 displays the area within a 10-minute drive of the Tillicum Library's current location. The area size is approximately 27.2 square miles with a total population of 51,787.

**Exhibit 5. 10-minute Drive Time from Lakewood Libraries, 2022.**



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