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## Ranked: The wealthiest ZIP codes in Seattle and the Puget Sound region

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The wealthiest ZIP codes in the Seattle region are in Medina, Mercer Island and Sammamish.

That's according to the latest Puget Sound Business Journal ranking of ZIP codes in King, Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish counties.

With 3,000 residents, the population of Medina (ZIP code 98039) is the smallest on our list, but among them are the world's two wealthiest people: Amazon founder and CEO [Jeff Bezos](#) and Microsoft co-founder [Bill Gates](#).

Medina had the highest median household income (\$182,604) and the highest median home value (\$1.65 million).

With a population of 24,467, Mercer Island has nearly eight times as many residents. Ranking second overall, Mercer Island ZIP code 98040 also ranked second for median home value (\$956,200) and fifth for household income (\$129,348).

For the first time, we used our own proprietary wealth index based on the latest statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2016 American Community Survey (five-year version). PSBJ parent company American City Business Journals ranked the wealthiest of the of the 18,363 ZIP codes across the country where ACBJ has news operations by considering eight important statistics that include:

Median value of owner-occupied homes

Per capita income

Percentage of employed adults with management, business, science or arts jobs

Percentage of adults with graduate/advanced degrees

The new methodology is a departure from the ESRI ranking that was used until June 2018. ESRI considered factors like net worth, home value, average disposable income and per capita income.

Of the 50 ZIP codes on [the last list](#), 35 were in King County and only seven were in Seattle.

On our latest list, 41 are in King county and 16 are in Seattle, an increase that could be due to Seattle's rapid job growth and climbing home prices.



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This Medina home was recently listed for \$21.5 million. Medina's residents include the world's two wealthiest people: Amazon founder and CEO Jeff Bezos and Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates.

The wealthiest Seattle ZIP code is 98112, which includes Madison Park, Montlake and parts of Capitol Hill. It ranked fourth overall and had the second-highest per capita income (\$85,148, trailing only Medina's \$97,791) and fourth-highest median home value at \$825,100.

ZIP code 98112 also had the highest rate of educated adults of the entire list, with 38.3 percent of adults (25 and older) who hold a graduate or a professional degree.

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