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**Traditional home of Duwamish, Muckleshoot, Snoqualmie, Puyallup, Suquamish and Tulalip American Indian people**

King County, population hub of the Puget Sound corridor, reaches from the crest of the Cascade Mountains to the beaches of Vashon and Maury Islands. Its pioneer lumber mills, coal mines and farms gave way in the 20<sup>th</sup> century to aerospace, manufacturing and high technology. King County is also home to the University of Washington, established by the territorial legislature in 1861.

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