

# Seattle Department of Neighborhoods P-Patch Surveys, 2001

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Seattle (Wash.). Dept. of Neighborhoods
<b>Title</b>	Seattle Department of Neighborhoods P-Patch Surveys
<b>Dates</b>	2001 (inclusive) 2001 2001
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<b>Summary</b>	Surveys collecting demographic information about community gardeners in Seattle.
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<b>Access Restrictions</b>	Records are open to the public.
<b>Languages</b>	English
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## Historical Note

The Department of Neighborhoods was created in 1991 by consolidating staff from the Executive Department's Citizens Service Bureau and Office of Neighborhoods, the Community Service Centers of the Department of Human Resources, and the Neighborhood Assistance Division of the Department of Community Development. The Office of Urban Conservation, the City's historic preservation agency, was added in 1992. The following year, the department added a community development function by taking over projects in the Central Area, Southeast Seattle, and the Port of Seattle. In 1999, the Neighborhood Planning Office was abolished and its continuing functions were assumed by the Department of Neighborhoods. The Department's mission is to bring local government closer to the citizens by maintaining a responsive presence in Seattle neighborhoods, by responding to citizen concerns and complaints, and providing a communications link for neighborhoods on City issues that will have an impact on them. The department operates the Neighborhood Service Centers (Little City Halls), administers the Neighborhood Matching Grant Program, staffs the Landmarks Preservation Board, and manages the P-Patch program.

## Content Description

Surveys completed by gardeners as part of their 2001 applications for garden space in community p-patches. The anonymous surveys collected demographic information about p-patch users, including age, household size, income, ethnicity, and disability. Other questions addressed how far people lived from their plots and how they traveled to them; how long they have been gardening; and how much of their household produce is supplied by their p-patch. The surveys also attempted to determine what gardeners valued most about the p-patch program. Users of this collection should note that a subset of foreign-language surveys was discarded because the documents linked names with household income and other private information; therefore, non-English-speaking gardeners are not represented fully in this series.

## Use of the Collection

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## Administrative Information

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### Corporate Names :

Seattle (Wash.). Dept. of Neighborhoods

### Geographical Names :

Seattle (Wash.)

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