

Thanks to Margarete Biermanski for these tidbits:

1. 70 percent of the nations hops used to brew beer are produced in Washington State. To overcome beer breath, the majority of the nations Mint is also grown in the state.
2. Starbucks, the biggest coffee chain in the world, was founded in Seattle. The state is the Coffee Capital of America, with more coffee bean Roasters per capita than any other state.
3. EPA and American Lung Association say the cleanest air in the nation is Found in a Washington community of Bellingham. The air is washed daily.
4. Everett is the site of the world's largest building, Boeing's final Assembly plant.
5. Fathers Day was founded in Spokane in 1910.
6. Governor Albert D. Rosellini Bridge at Evergreen Point is the longest Floating bridge in the world. It connects Seattle and Medina across Lake Washington.
7. Grand Coulee Dam, the largest concrete structure in North America, is In Washington.
8. Hells Canyon is the deepest River Gorge in North America, deeper than The Grand Canyon at over 5,500 feet deep.
9. In Washington, a Seahawk is an athlete, not a bird. The closest thing To a Seahawk is an Osprey Hawk.
10. Innovation is often defined by Washington State. Some of the leading Employers include Microsoft, [Amazon.Com](https://www.amazon.com), Nordstrom, Boeing, Costco, and Starbucks. An entrepreneurial climate in Washington State has made it the Leading state for both start-up and gazelles, or fast growing young Companies. Leading innovators, including Microsoft's Bill Gates and Paul Allen, Starbucks Howard Schultz, wireless pioneers the McCaw family, and The Boeing family, all live in Washington State.
11. King County, the largest county in Washington, was originally named After William R. King, Vice President under Franklin Pierce; it was renamed In 1986, after civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
12. Lemay's American Car Museum, the worlds largest private car Collection, featuring over 3,000 vehicles.
13. Many musicians have come from Washington including Bing Crosby (Tacoma), The Ventures (Tacoma), Jimi Hendrix (Seattle), Nirvana Kurt Cobain (Aberdeen), Kenny G (Seattle), The Wailers (Tacoma), Quincy Jones (Seattle), Bonnie Guitar (Seattle) among others.
14. More apples are produced in Washington State than any other state in The union. Most are raised in Yakima and Wenatchee areas of Eastern Washington, just east of the Cascade mountains.
15. Mount Rainier is the highest point in Washington State. It was named After British Admiral Peter Rainier, who fought against the Americans in The Revolutionary War.
16. Petrified wood is the states gem, and there's a petrified forest here that's considered the most unusual fossil forest in the world.
17. Raspberry harvests amount to more than 57 million pounds each year, The largest in the nation.

18. Rainfall in The Hoh Rain forest, located on the Olympic Peninsula Ranges, just west of Seattle, averages between 141 and 165 inches a year.
19. Seattle gets less rainfall annually than Atlanta, Boston, New York, Houston, New Orleans, Philadelphia, Washington D.C. And Miami, with 37 Inches. But more of it comes in a drizzle than in heavy rain. (It may have Less rain, but it often wins hands down on number of cloudy day.)
20. Seattle has the highest concentration of aerospace jobs in the world, Led by Boeing's 50,000 workers.
21. Seattle is home to the first revolving restaurant, 1961.
22. Seattle sells more sunglasses per capita than any other major city in The nation.
23. Tales from the Far Side cartoonist Gary Larson is a Washington Native, and still lives in the Seattle area.
24. "The Wave," a popular fan cheer for the past 25 years, was started by Husky fans at the University of Washington.
25. North America's largest land mollusk, a foraging banana slug that Grows up to 9 inches long, calls Washington State Home.
26. The Northwestern most point in the contiguous U.S. Is Cape Flattery on Washington's Olympic Peninsula.
27. The nations largest exporter is Washington, representing \$34 billion And 5 percent of all U.S. Exports: forest products, aerospace products, Apples, tulips, hops, mint, wheat and several other quality food products.
28. The state's capitol building in Olympia was the last state capitol Building to be built with a rotunda.
29. The world's first soft-serve ice cream machine was located in an Olympia Dairy Queen.
30. There are more glaciers in Washington State than the other 47 Contiguous states combined.
31. Washington has been host to the Worlds Fair twice: 1962 in Seattle, and 1974 in Spokane. Spokane was the smallest city in size to host a World's Fair. - 1974.
32. Washington, the 42nd state in the union, is the only state named for a president. Before it became a state, the territory was called Columbia (named after the Columbia River). When it was granted statehood, the name was changed to Washington, supposedly so people wouldn't confuse it with The District of Columbia.
33. Washington's residents are educated; its the state with most residents holding high school diplomas. Seattle leads the country in residents with more college degrees per capita.
34. Washington's state insect is the Green Darner Dragonfly.
35. Zillah has the oldest operating gas station in the United States.
36. The 12th Man, is the fans of the Seahawks, the loudest group of fans in the U.S.A.