

FERRY RIDERSHIP

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Bainbridge Island Ferry Run is Most Used:

Kitsap County is serviced by four major ferry runs, the Bainbridge Island-Seattle run, the Kingston-Edmonds run, the Bremerton-Seattle run and the Southworth-Vashon Island-Fauntleroy (Port Orchard-Seattle) run. The Bainbridge Island-Seattle ferry run continues to carry the most riders (see TABLE #1). For the first time, the Southworth-Vashon Island-Fauntleroy ferry run had more riders than the Bremerton-Seattle ferry run.

TABLE 1

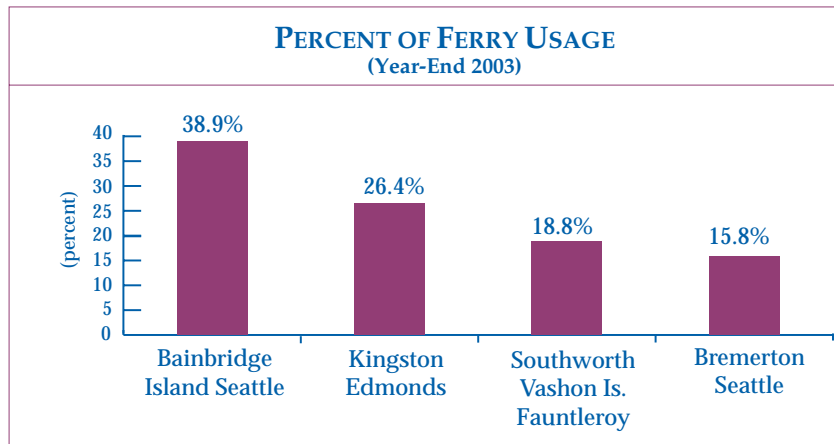
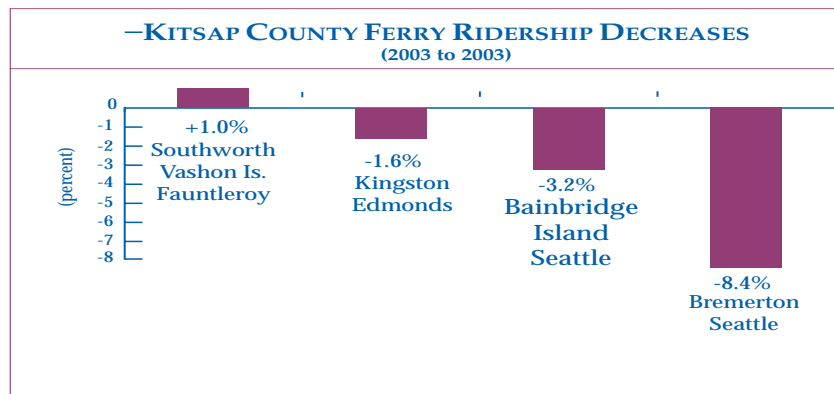


TABLE 2



All Ferry Runs But Southworth Lost Riders from 2002 to 2003:

A 20-percent ferry fare increase, which occurred June 3, 2001, continues to affect the ridership statistics of all of the ferry runs to and from Kitsap County (see TABLE #2). Ridership for the Bremerton-Seattle route lost the most riders. The Kingston-Seattle run fared the best.

More Ferry Riders During Summer Months:

The ferry ridership for all four ferry runs is always higher during the summer months, Quarters ending in June and September (see TABLE #3). Ridership was down almost 3% for all Kitsap routes from 2002 to 2003.

TABLE 3

| KITSAP COUNTY TOTAL FERRY RIDERSHIP (IN THOUSANDS) | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| | Bremerton Seattle | Kingston Edmonds | Bainbridge Island Seattle | Southworth Fautleroy Vashon | TOTAL |
| Mar 2003 | 587.7 | 926.6 | 1428.3 | 704.1 | 3,646.7 |
| Jun 2003 | 680.4 | 1136.6 | 1646.5 | 792.1 | 4,255.6 |
| Sep 2003 | 793.6 | 1340.2 | 1906.3 | 901.2 | 4,941.3 |
| Dec 2003 | 588.0 | 1020.9 | 1532.5 | 743.2 | 3,884.6 |
| Totals for 2002 | 2894.0 | 4494.7 | 6727.7 | 3108.1 | 17,224.5 |
| Totals for 2003 | 2649.7 | 4424.3 | 6513.6 | 3140.6 | 16,728.2 |
| Difference | -8.4% | -1.6% | -3.2% | +1.0% | -2.9% |

Ferry Ridership in the 1990s Showed an Increase of 34% Over the 1980s:

For the decade as a whole, ferry ridership in the 1990s surpassed 214 million riders in the Puget Sound area. This is a 34% increase over ferry ridership in the 1980s. Two major cross-Sound routes, Bainbridge Island-Seattle (72% increase) and Kingston-Edmonds (33% increase), experienced the greatest increases during the decade. If the current trend continues of only 17.9 million riders/year, this next decade would show only about 180 million riders total (a decrease of about 16% when compared to the 1990's). Time will tell.