

**HISTORY:** The first European settlers, led by Arthur Denny, landed in this area in 1851 at the mouth of the Duwamish River in what would later become West Seattle. In what might be known as the first modern instance of Seattle weather laying claim to someone’s emotions, the landing party split into two factions after weathering (pun intended) a harsh winter. The settlers who stayed named their new home New York Alki. The residence of both parties competed for dominance for a number of years. During that time West Seattle’s unique community was born.

Of the original settlers, only Charles C. Terry and John and Lydia Low and their families remained. With the slow growth of the area, they dropped New York and kept only Alki, a Hudson Bay trapper jargon word meaning “by and by” or “in a while,” but eventually even they would give up and move on to Seattle. By and by, rail lines were gradually added, the first of several incarnations of the West Seattle Bridge was built, and then finally a steam-powered side-wheeler allowed an 8-minute crossing to Alki and an area that at first was considered too harsh to live became one of the most exciting developments in Seattle.



WALKABILITY  
**52**

TRANSIT  
**34**

BICYCLE  
**43**

**OUR FAVORITE SPOTS TO EAT, DRINK, AND BE MERRY**

- Salty’s on Alki
- Cactus
- Duke’s
- Maree Bistro
- El Chupacabra
- Spuds

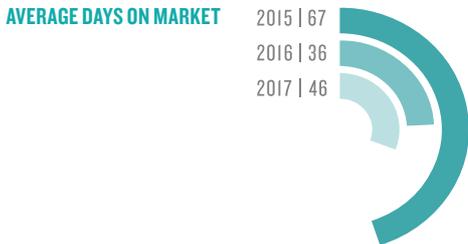


**WHO LIVES HERE?** Alki largely consists of the part of West Seattle that runs along Elliott Bay. Because of this, you will see a higher number of condos and high-rise apartment buildings. Nestled between them, though, are several bungalows and historic buildings and homes like the Hanson-Olsen Home (originally built in 1860), that offer a glimpse into the Arts and Crafts movement that flourished in the western United States in the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries. What is great about that is that the people who live here don't just live here for the amazing view, but also the rich, beachy culture that has developed.

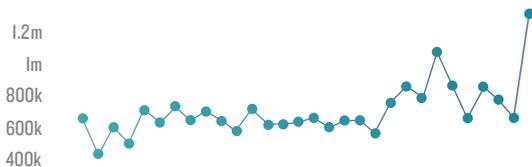
**CULTURE.** If you have experienced Island Living, you probably have a good idea of what life is like at Alki. While it does have a number of fantastic restaurants and bars, and is only minutes away from the Admiral and Alaska Junctions, much of this community feels laid back and relaxed. It helps to have a half mile of beach at your doorstep with some of the best views of downtown Seattle.

**MARKET DATA.** All figures are based on single-family home and condo sales. Graphs were created by METROPOLIST using Trendgraphix, but information was not verified or published by NWMLS. Data reflects all new and resale condos sold.

**SINGLE FAMILY HOMES**



**MEDIAN SOLD PRICE**



**MONTHS OF INVENTORY**



**CONDO CORNER**



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