

# Local Businesses in Ferndale, WA

First settled in 1872, Ferndale was given its name because of the ferns that once grew around the original school house. The current population of Ferndale is 15,986. It is the third largest city in Whatcom County and located near the Lummi Nation.

Originally, Ferndale's economy was based on timber, and shortly after, agriculture of the surrounding land. Dairy processing was a significant employer for the town, and the old Carnation dairy plant has since been converted to offices.

The most common occupation for Ferndale residents is health care sector, which employs 14 %, followed by

- retail - 13%
- educational services - 10%
- manufacturing - 9%

