

New Web site offers insight into local trends

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Want to know how fast the population's growing? Or the median household income? How about the leading causes of death in our community? Or water quality from the Walla Walla River?

That information and much more will be available on a new Web site unveiled tomorrow by the Port of Walla Walla.

The Walla Walla Trends project provides specific community data in more than 100 categories. Port officials say the neutral information is intended for community members, policy-makers, nongovernment organizations, businesses, researchers and the press for informed decision making and public policy issues.

Walla Walla Trends was created through a partnership between the Port and Eastern Washington University's Institute of Public Policy and Economic Analysis. Funding was provided by the Port and the Washington State Department of Community, Trade & Economic Development.

Officials from the partnering agencies will unveil the site in a public meeting Thursday in the conference center at Walla Walla Community College. The event takes place 7:30-9 a.m. Among those in attendance will be Rodolfo ArÁvalo, EWU president.