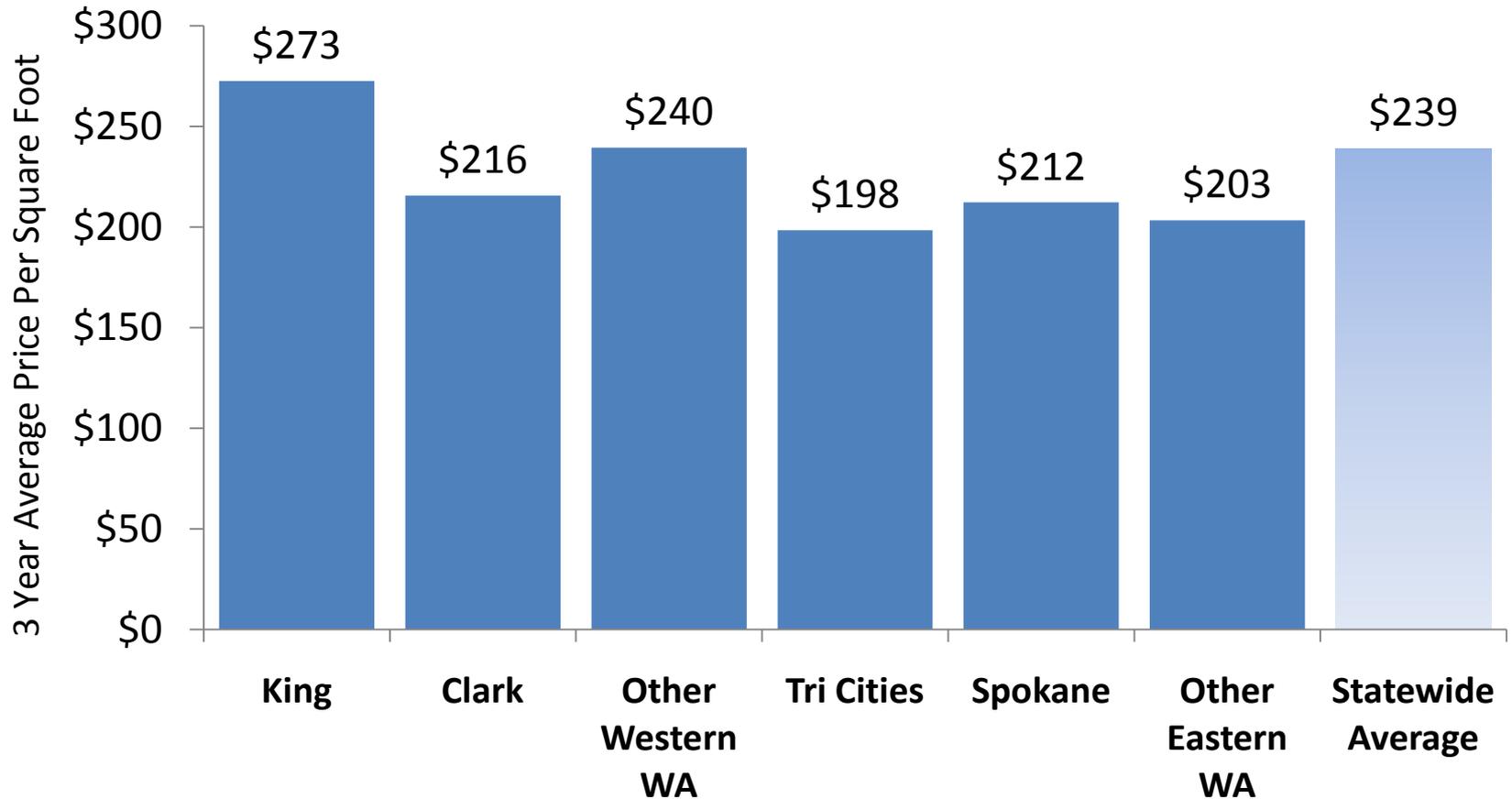
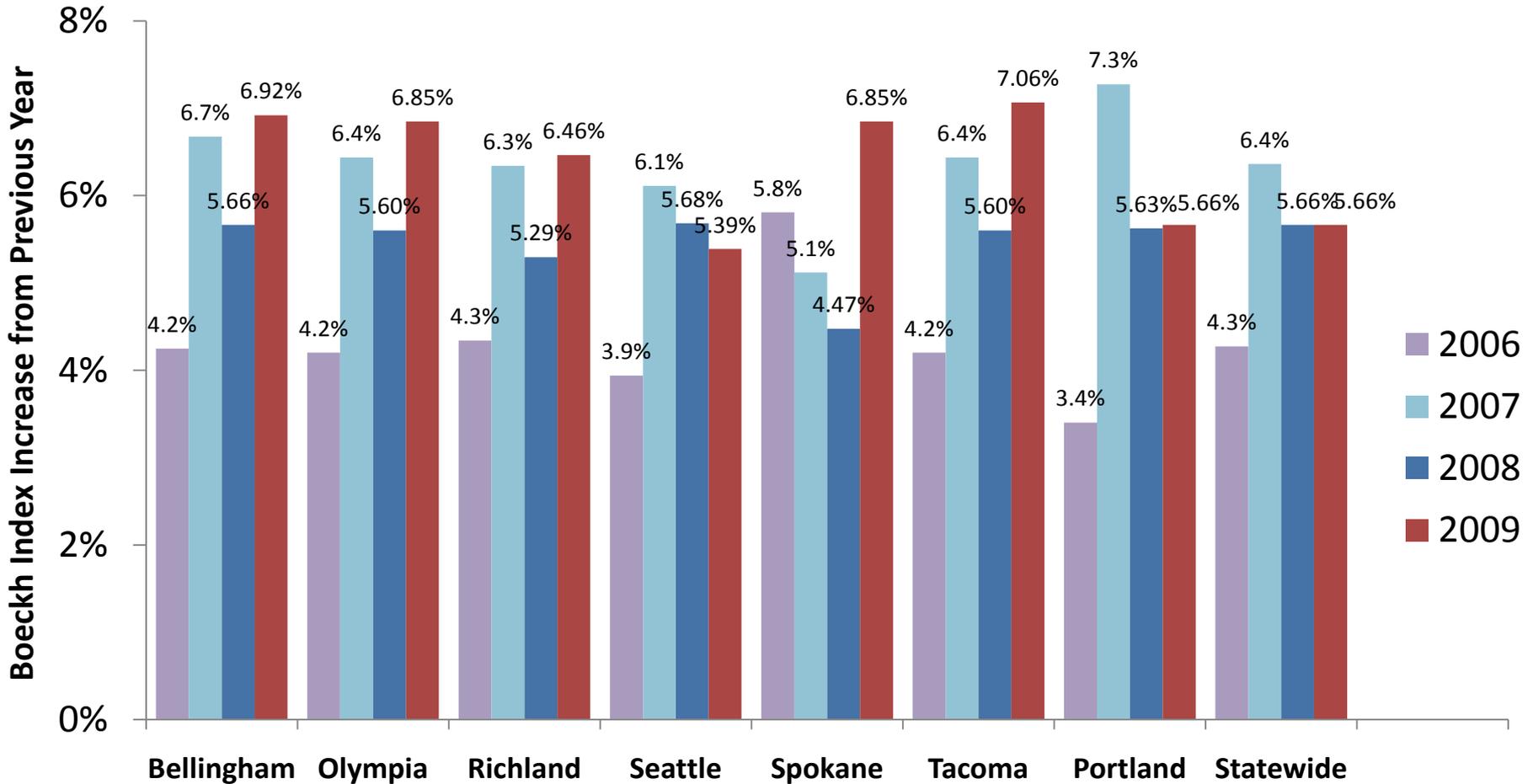


School construction costs may be higher in certain parts of the state, but limitations of data prevent drawing conclusions



•The price per square foot data may include items not part of state funding formulas. The data represents the total project cost and total square feet for a given region from January 2006 until July 2009

General measures tend to indicate that all regions of the state experience similar construction inflation



* The Boeckh index has costs for 115 elements in each location—19 building trades, 89 materials and seven tax and insurance elements. Boeckh researches both union and merit shop wage rates, and the indexes utilize the prevailing wage for a specific location

RSMMeans City Cost Indexes

(100 = average of 730 Cities)

	2004		2006		2009	
	Material	Labor	Material	Labor	Material	Labor
Clarkston	103.9	84.6	103.8	84.3	103.9	83.3
Everett	103.6	101.0	103.8	100.7	104.4	99.4
Olympia	102.3	101.3	102.4	100.4	102.5	99.8
Richland	105.0	86.9	104.8	86.5	104.6	86.0
Seattle	103.8	104.7	104.2	104.1	104.7	103.5
Spokane	105.7	83.3	105.5	82.6	105.3	81.8
Tacoma	103.5	101.4	104.1	101.1	104.4	99.9
Vancouver	105.4	97.7	105.8	96.8	106.0	96.2
Wenatchee	103.5	86.6	104.0	85.5	104.5	84.9

Square Foot Cost Changes over Time

Complete New Community College Buildings 2001-2009

	No. of New Bldgs. Completed	Total Square Feet	Total Dollars \$	Avg \$/SqFt 2001	Avg \$/SqFt 2009	% \$/SqFt Increase
Eastern WA	15	660,956	\$107.8 Million	\$134	\$191	43%
Western WA	50	1,873,919	\$473.8 Million	\$147	\$335	128%