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**SUBJECT: 2023 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT AREA POPULATION ESTIMATES**

The 2023 Public Transportation Benefit Area (PTBA) population estimates are attached. The estimates may be used for the distribution of funds in accordance with RCW 36.57A.010.

A combination of methods was used to develop these estimates:

- For standard geographies such as counties or cities, values from the Office of Financial Management's (OFM) Official April 1 Population Estimates Program were used.
- For non-standard geographies, estimates were derived from OFM's Small Area Estimates Program using the Department of Revenue's second quarter PTBA boundary file.

If you have any questions regarding these figures, please contact me at 360-280-7935 or [rob.kemp@ofm.wa.gov](mailto:rob.kemp@ofm.wa.gov).

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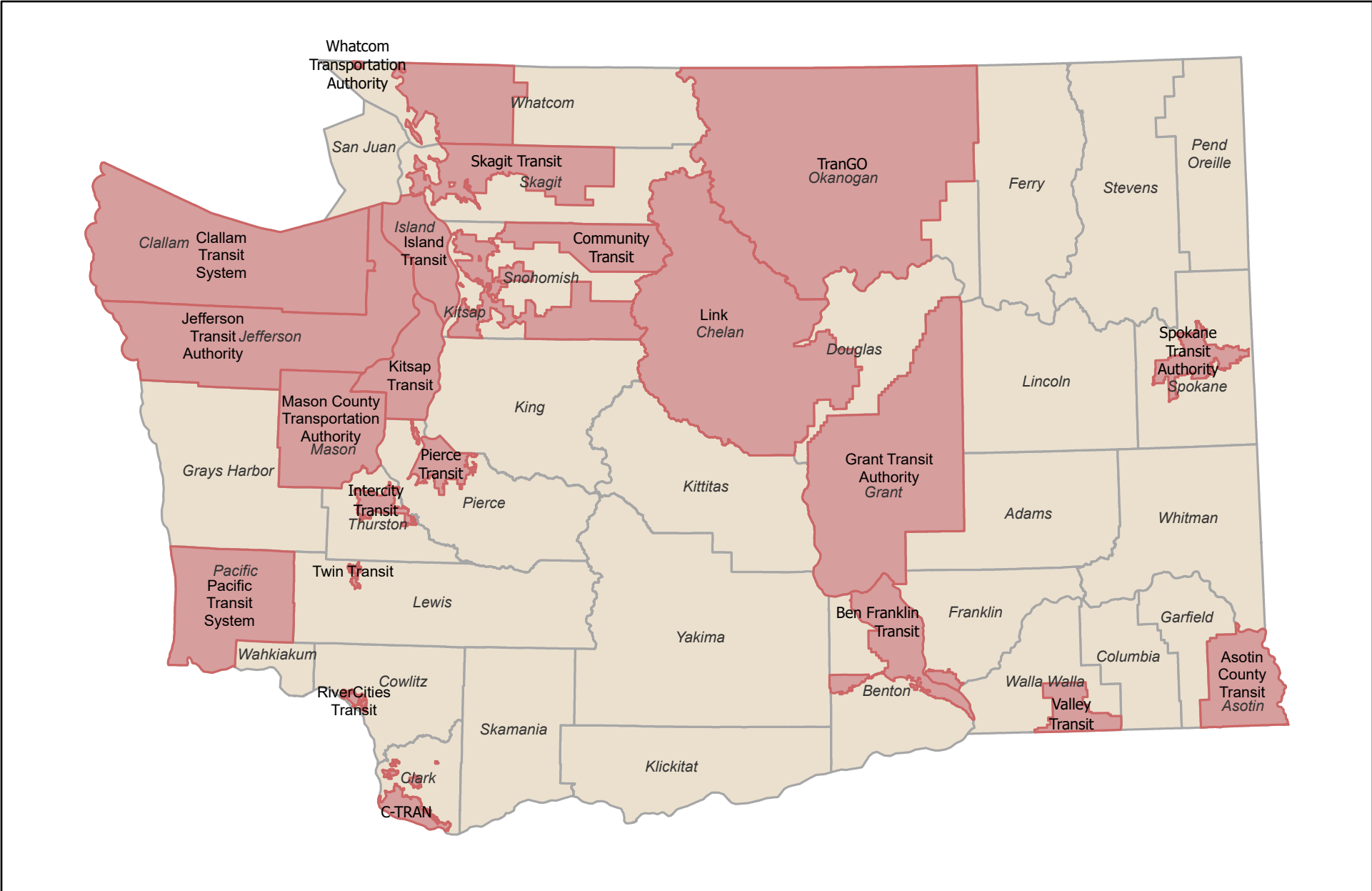
**Table 1: 2023 Public Transportation Benefit Area (PTBA) Population Estimates**

Transit Agency	Type	County	Service Area Description	Estimate Methodology <sup>1</sup>	Estimated Total Population by Part 2023	Estimated Total Population 2023
Asotin County Transit	PTBA	Asotin	Countywide	April 1		22,650
Ben Franklin Transit	PTBA	Benton   Franklin	Central Benton County and Franklin County	SAEP	201,725   82,769	284,494
Link Transit	PTBA	Chelan   Douglas	Countywide Chelan County   Western and southern Douglas County	April 1   SAEP	81,500   38,918	120,418
Clallam Transit System	PTBA	Clallam	Countywide	April 1		78,075
C-TRAN	PTBA	Clark	Vancouver and surrounding urban communities and Battle Ground, Camas, La Center, Ridgefield, Vancouver, Washougal, and Yacolt	SAEP		449,733
RiverCities Transit	PTBA	Cowlitz	Kelso   Longview	April 1	12,750   38,130	50,880
Grant Transit Authority	PTBA	Grant	Countywide	April 1		103,300
Island Transit	PTBA	Island	Countywide	April 1		88,150
Jefferson Transit Authority	PTBA	Jefferson	Countywide	April 1		33,425
Kitsap Transit	PTBA	Kitsap	Countywide	April 1		283,200
Twin Transit	PTBA	Lewis	Centralia   Chehalis	April 1	18,400   7,400	25,800
Mason County Transit Authority	PTBA	Mason	Countywide	April 1		67,000
TranGo	PTBA	Okanogan	Countywide except for southeast portion of Okanogan County	SAEP		40,215
Pacific Transit System	PTBA	Pacific	Countywide	April 1		23,775
Pierce Transit	PTBA	Pierce	Central and northern Pierce County plus population from Joint Base Lewis-McChord and Camp Murray	SAEP		605,222
Skagit Transit	PTBA	Skagit	Northern and western Skagit County	SAEP		118,568
Community Transit	PTBA	Snohomish	Urban and rural areas of Snohomish County	SAEP		663,281
Spokane Transit Authority	PTBA	Spokane	Central Spokane County	SAEP		471,169
Intercity Transit	PTBA	Thurston	Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater, Yelm, and the area approximating the urban growth areas of these cities	SAEP		203,133
Valley Transit	PTBA	Walla Walla	Southeastern Walla Walla County	SAEP		53,604
Whatcom Transportation Authority	PTBA	Whatcom	Western Whatcom County	SAEP		235,629
Total						4,021,712

<sup>1</sup> The specific methodology used to generate the population estimates varies according to whether the PTBA boundary is coincident with a county/city boundary or not.

April 1 = Population estimate derived from OFM's Official April 1 Population Estimates Program: <https://ofm.wa.gov/washington-data-research/population-demographics/population-estimates/april-1-official-population-estimates>

SAEP = Population estimate derived from OFM's Small Area Estimate Program: <https://ofm.wa.gov/washington-data-research/population-demographics/population-estimates/small-area-estimates-program>



- PTBA Transit Agency
- County

## 2023 Public Transportation Benefit Areas

Source: Washington State Department of Revenue (2023-Q2). Public Transportation Benefit Area [Shapefile].



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