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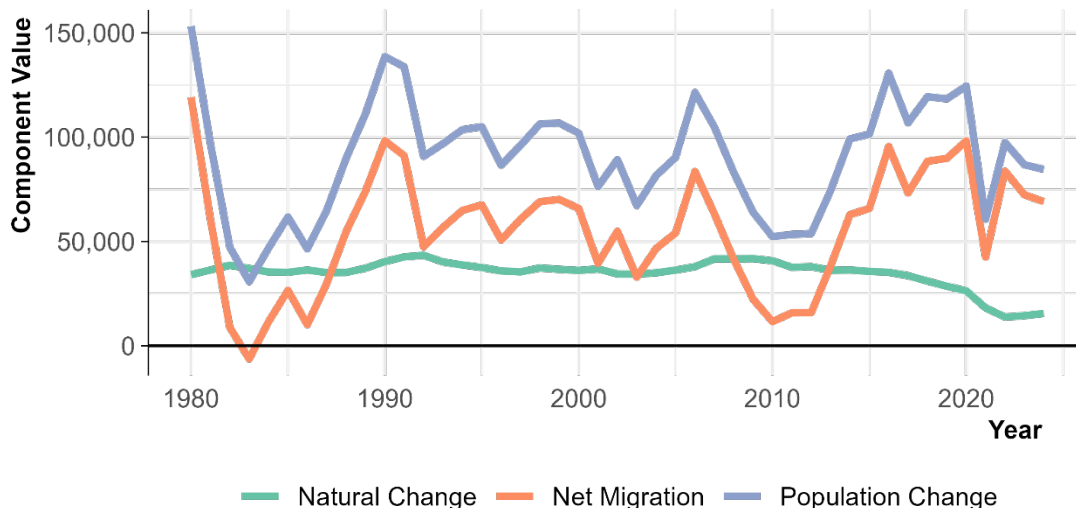
### Washington state tops 8 million residents in 2024

**OLYMPIA, Wash.** – Washington state’s total population grew by an estimated 84,550 — to 8,035,700 as of April 1, 2024, according to annual estimates prepared by the Office of Financial Management.

Washington is growing, though it is doing so slightly slower than the annual average from last decade (84,550 in 2024 compared to 98,200 from 2010–20). The population is growing similarly to last year, however, with an unadjusted growth rate of 1.1% for both years. Looking at the current decade as a whole, the population has grown by 329,400 since April 1, 2020, or about 4.3%.

Net migration (people moving in minus people moving out) is the largest driver of population growth, accounting for 82% of population growth (69,100 people, down 3,300 from last year).

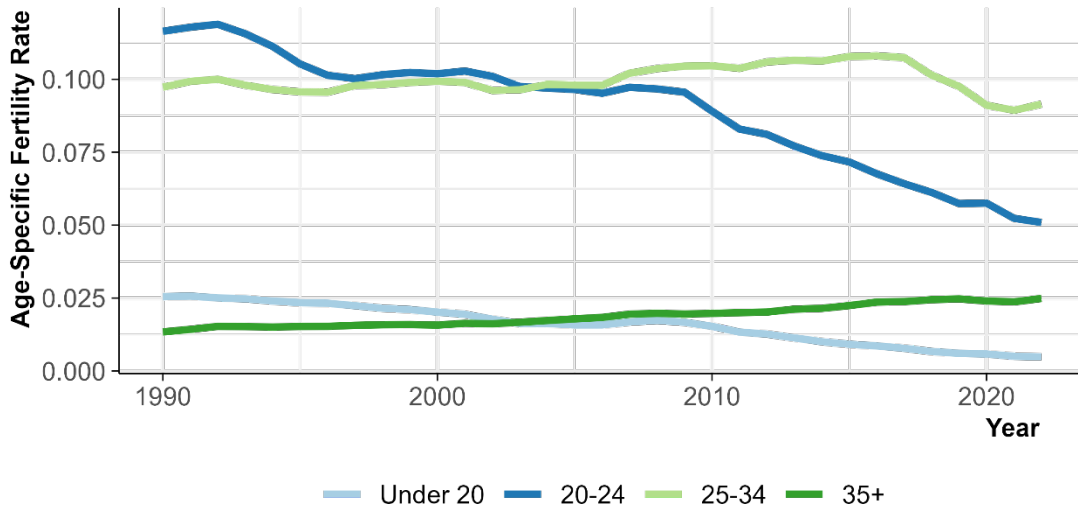
#### Components of State Population Change



Natural change (births minus deaths) accounted for 18% of the annual growth or 15,500 people. Births have been declining statewide since around 2017, driven largely by decreases in the fertility rates of mothers in their teens and early 20s, as seen in this figure below. This decrease has not been offset by the increased fertility rates seen in mothers over age 35. Before and after

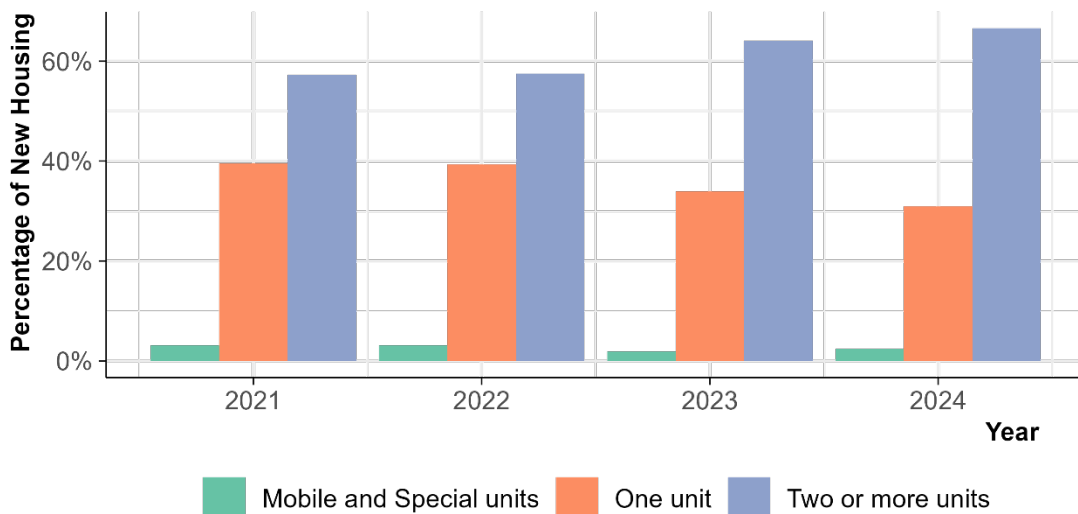
the COVID-19 pandemic, deaths—the other side of natural change—have been trending upwards and will continue to do so as the baby boomer generation ages.

### Age-Specific Fertility Rates by Age of Mother, 1990–2022



Washington continues to have strong housing growth. Over the past year, the state added 51,300 housing units, 5,000 more than the previous year. Of all new units built this past year, 67% were multi-family units, continuing the decade-long trend. More than 71% of all new housing units built within the past year were in one of the state’s five largest metropolitan counties — Clark, King, Pierce, Snohomish and Spokane. King County led all counties with 19,700 new housing units and saw 38% of the state’s total housing growth over the last year. Washington continues to have strong population growth; however, in 2024 the population pressure that has been driving housing demand is beginning to ease as new units are completed and enter the housing supply.

### Percentage of New Housing Units by Type, 2021–24



Consistent with previous years, over 68% of state population growth occurred in the five largest metropolitan counties. The nine counties with populations between 100,000 and 350,000 saw 22% of the state's growth. Counties with less than 100,000 had a 10% share, larger than the previous year. Kittitas (2.7%), Grant (1.9%) and Clark (1.7%) were the three fastest growing counties.

The April 1, 2024, population estimate for Washington's incorporated cities and towns is 5,288,500, an increase of 1.3% from the previous year. The top 10 cities for numeric change, in descending order, are Seattle, Vancouver, Tacoma, Redmond, Spokane Valley, Bellingham, Kent, Arlington, Bothell and SeaTac. Seattle's population increased by 18,500 people, for a total of 797,700. Strong housing growth was the main driver of population growth for these cities.

You can find additional information on the latest population estimates for the state, counties, cities and towns on [OFM's website](#).

**Table 1. Population, Change and Rank**

County	Total Population 2020	Total Population 2023	Total Population 2024	Numeric Change 2020–24	Numeric Change 2023–24	Numeric Change Rank	Percentage Change 2020–24	Percentage Change 2023–24	Percentage Change Rank	Percentage of State Total 2020	Percentage of State Total 2024	Percentage of State Total Rank
State	7,706,310	7,951,150	8,035,700	329,390	84,550	--	4.27	1.06	--	100.00	100.00	--
Adams	20,613	21,200	21,475	862	275	25	4.18	1.30	7	0.27	0.27	31
Asotin	22,285	22,650	22,725	440	75	34	1.97	0.33	38	0.29	0.28	30
Benton	206,873	215,500	217,850	10,977	2,350	8	5.31	1.09	11	2.68	2.71	10
Chelan	79,141	81,500	82,300	3,159	800	17	3.99	0.98	16	1.03	1.02	17
Clallam	77,155	78,075	78,550	1,395	475	21	1.81	0.61	33	1.00	0.98	18
Clark	503,311	527,400	536,300	32,989	8,900	2	6.55	1.69	3	6.53	6.67	5
Columbia	3,952	3,950	3,975	23	25	37	0.58	0.63	31	0.05	0.05	38
Cowlitz	110,730	113,000	113,900	3,170	900	15	2.86	0.80	23	1.44	1.42	12
Douglas	42,938	44,500	45,150	2,212	650	18	5.15	1.46	5	0.56	0.56	25
Ferry	7,178	7,300	7,350	172	50	36	2.40	0.68	27	0.09	0.09	36
Franklin	96,749	101,100	102,300	5,551	1,200	14	5.74	1.19	9	1.26	1.27	14
Garfield	2,286	2,300	2,325	39	25	37	1.71	1.09	12	0.03	0.03	39
Grant	99,123	103,300	105,300	6,177	2,000	10	6.23	1.94	2	1.29	1.31	13
Grays Harbor	75,636	77,000	77,400	1,764	400	23	2.33	0.52	35	0.98	0.96	19
Island	86,857	88,150	88,650	1,793	500	20	2.06	0.57	34	1.13	1.10	15
Jefferson	32,977	33,425	33,700	723	275	25	2.19	0.82	22	0.43	0.42	27
King	2,269,675	2,347,800	2,378,100	108,425	30,300	1	4.78	1.29	8	29.45	29.59	1
Kitsap	275,611	283,200	286,100	10,489	2,900	7	3.81	1.02	14	3.58	3.56	7
Kittitas	46,468	47,300	48,600	2,132	1,300	12	4.59	2.75	1	0.60	0.60	23
Klickitat	22,735	23,250	23,450	715	200	28	3.14	0.86	20	0.30	0.29	29
Lewis	82,149	84,075	84,950	2,801	875	16	3.41	1.04	13	1.07	1.06	16
Lincoln	10,876	11,125	11,300	424	175	30	3.90	1.57	4	0.14	0.14	35
Mason	65,726	67,000	67,475	1,749	475	21	2.66	0.71	26	0.85	0.84	20
Okanogan	42,104	43,000	43,200	1,096	200	28	2.60	0.47	36	0.55	0.54	26
Pacific	23,365	23,775	23,950	585	175	30	2.50	0.74	25	0.30	0.30	28
Pend Oreille	13,401	13,725	13,850	449	125	32	3.35	0.91	18	0.17	0.17	33
Pierce	920,393	946,300	952,600	32,207	6,300	4	3.50	0.67	29	11.94	11.85	2
San Juan	17,788	18,350	18,475	687	125	32	3.86	0.68	28	0.23	0.23	32
Skagit	129,523	132,000	133,300	3,777	1,300	12	2.92	0.98	15	1.68	1.66	11
Skamania	11,604	12,000	12,075	471	75	34	4.06	0.63	32	0.15	0.15	34
Snohomish	827,957	859,800	867,100	39,143	7,300	3	4.73	0.85	21	10.74	10.79	3
Spokane	539,339	554,600	559,400	20,061	4,800	5	3.72	0.87	19	7.00	6.96	4
Stevens	46,445	47,350	47,650	1,205	300	24	2.59	0.63	30	0.60	0.59	24
Thurston	294,793	303,400	307,000	12,207	3,600	6	4.14	1.19	10	3.83	3.82	6
Wahkiakum	4,422	4,550	4,550	128	0	39	2.89	0.00	39	0.06	0.06	37
Walla Walla	62,584	63,100	63,375	791	275	25	1.26	0.44	37	0.81	0.79	21
Whatcom	226,847	235,800	238,000	11,153	2,200	9	4.92	0.93	17	2.94	2.96	9
Whitman	47,973	48,100	48,750	777	650	18	1.62	1.35	6	0.62	0.61	22
Yakima	256,728	261,200	263,200	6,472	2,000	10	2.52	0.77	24	3.33	3.28	8

**Table 2. Components of Population Change**

<b>County</b>	<b>Natural Change 2020–24</b>	<b>Net Migration 2020–24</b>	<b>Population Change 2020–24</b>	<b>Natural Change 2023–24</b>	<b>Net Migration 2023–24</b>	<b>Population Change 2023–24</b>
State	61,724	267,666	329,390	15,458	69,092	84,550
Adams	849	13	862	276	-1	275
Asotin	-382	822	440	-91	166	75
Benton	2,535	8,442	10,977	774	1,576	2,350
Chelan	-101	3,260	3,159	34	766	800
Clallam	-2,664	4,059	1,395	-672	1,147	475
Clark	4,064	28,925	32,989	1,150	7,750	8,900
Columbia	-115	138	23	-20	45	25
Cowlitz	-739	3,909	3,170	-126	1,026	900
Douglas	499	1,713	2,212	121	529	650
Ferry	-229	401	172	-65	115	50
Franklin	3,589	1,962	5,551	901	299	1,200
Garfield	-41	80	39	-15	40	25
Grant	2,007	4,170	6,177	536	1,464	2,000
Grays Harbor	-1,577	3,341	1,764	-355	755	400
Island	-527	2,320	1,793	-131	631	500
Jefferson	-1,154	1,877	723	-312	587	275
King	31,256	77,169	108,425	7,327	22,973	30,300
Kitsap	945	9,544	10,489	164	2,736	2,900
Kittitas	-36	2,168	2,132	-94	1,394	1,300
Klickitat	-195	910	715	-23	223	200
Lewis	-728	3,529	2,801	-132	1,007	875
Lincoln	-100	524	424	-22	197	175
Mason	-734	2,483	1,749	-187	662	475
Okanogan	-443	1,539	1,096	-126	326	200
Pacific	-926	1,511	585	-240	415	175
Pend Oreille	-416	865	449	-85	210	125
Pierce	10,838	21,369	32,207	2,292	4,008	6,300
San Juan	-241	928	687	-97	222	125
Skagit	-315	4,092	3,777	-122	1,422	1,300
Skamania	-125	596	471	-72	147	75
Snohomish	13,059	26,084	39,143	3,686	3,614	7,300
Spokane	984	19,077	20,061	350	4,450	4,800
Stevens	-527	1,732	1,205	-83	383	300
Thurston	577	11,630	12,207	156	3,444	3,600
Wahkiakum	-130	258	128	-37	37	0
Walla Walla	-549	1,340	791	-98	373	275
Whatcom	-225	11,378	11,153	-12	2,212	2,200
Whitman	204	573	777	52	598	650
Yakima	3,537	2,935	6,472	856	1,144	2,000

**Table 3. Components of Population Change, Average Annual Change**

County	Natural Change 2010–20	Net Migration 2010–20	Population Change 2010–20	Natural Change 2023–24	Net Migration 2023–24	Population Change 2023–24
State	33,813.4	64,363.6	98,177.0	15,458	69,092	84,550
Adams	272.4	-83.9	188.5	276	-1	275
Asotin	-13.6	79.8	66.2	-91	166	75
Benton	1,221.7	1,947.9	3,169.6	774	1,576	2,350
Chelan	228.1	440.7	668.8	34	766	800
Clallam	-325.3	900.4	575.1	-672	1,147	475
Clark	2,171.3	5,623.5	7,794.8	1,150	7,750	8,900
Columbia	-19.5	6.9	-12.6	-20	45	25
Cowlitz	98.9	733.1	832.0	-126	1,026	900
Douglas	214.4	236.3	450.7	121	529	650
Ferry	-15.1	-22.2	-37.3	-65	115	50
Franklin	1,239.9	618.7	1,858.6	901	299	1,200
Garfield	-3.5	5.5	2.0	-15	40	25
Grant	827.3	173.0	1,000.3	536	1,464	2,000
Grays Harbor	-65.2	349.1	283.9	-355	755	400
Island	190.5	644.6	835.1	-131	631	500
Jefferson	-175.3	485.8	310.5	-312	587	275
King	12,199.7	21,642.9	33,842.6	7,327	22,973	30,300
Kitsap	863.0	1,584.8	2,447.8	164	2,736	2,900
Kittitas	106.9	448.4	555.3	-94	1,394	1,300
Klickitat	21.0	220.7	241.7	-23	223	200
Lewis	26.3	643.1	669.4	-132	1,007	875
Lincoln	-15.2	45.8	30.6	-22	197	175
Mason	-23.9	526.6	502.7	-187	662	475
Okanogan	78.1	20.3	98.4	-126	326	200
Pacific	-124.9	369.4	244.5	-240	415	175
Pend Oreille	-34.9	74.9	40.0	-85	210	125
Pierce	4,964.3	7,552.5	12,516.8	2,292	4,008	6,300
San Juan	-51.6	253.5	201.9	-97	222	125
Skagit	267.3	994.9	1,262.2	-122	1,422	1,300
Skamania	10.2	43.6	53.8	-72	147	75
Snohomish	4,377.2	7,085.0	11,462.2	3,686	3,614	7,300
Spokane	1,523.5	5,288.3	6,811.8	350	4,450	4,800
Stevens	-13.7	305.1	291.4	-83	383	300
Thurston	945.7	3,307.2	4,252.9	156	3,444	3,600
Wahkiakum	-22.5	66.9	44.4	-37	37	0
Walla Walla	85.8	294.5	380.3	-98	373	275
Whatcom	614.5	1,956.2	2,570.7	-12	2,212	2,200
Whitman	157.2	162.5	319.7	52	598	650
Yakima	2,012.4	-662.7	1,349.7	856	1,144	2,000

**Table 4. Top 25 Cities by Population Change**

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Numeric Change 2023–24</b>	<b>Numeric Change Rank</b>	<b>Change Due to Annexation 2023–24</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Percent Change 2023–24</b>	<b>Percent Change Rank</b>	<b>Change Due to Annexation 2023–24</b>
Seattle	18,500	1	0	Hatton <sup>a</sup>	108.75	1	0
Vancouver	3,000	2	2	Winlock	34.33	2	494
Tacoma	2,700	3	0	Mattawa	8.39	3	0
Redmond	2,550	4	0	Nooksack	7.05	4	1
Spokane Valley	1,400	5	0	Rock Island	7.01	5	0
Bellingham	1,310	6	0	Airway Heights	7.00	6	0
Kent	1,300	7	0	Cusick	6.45	7	0
Arlington	1,240	8	0	Sultan	6.39	8	0
Bothell	1,120	9	0	Rockford	6.14	9	0
SeaTac	970	10	0	Arlington	5.70	10	0
Pasco	940	11	0	Liberty Lake	5.48	11	0
Renton	900	12	0	Burlington	5.10	12	0
Richland	870	13	4	Poulsbo	4.92	13	0
Moses Lake	860	14	0	Warden	4.76	14	0
Port Orchard	820	15	0	Port Orchard	4.69	15	0
Airway Heights	790	16	0	Black Diamond	4.58	16	0
Shoreline	790	16	0	Connell	4.33	17	0
Lacey	780	18	0	Waverly	4.17	18	0
Bremerton	750	19	0	Ridgefield	4.02	19	9
Liberty Lake	720	20	0	La Center	3.98	20	0
Yakima	720	20	3	Grandview	3.82	21	0
Lynnwood	710	22	0	Washougal	3.77	22	0
Washougal	660	23	0	Edgewood	3.61	23	0
Kennewick	650	24	4	Tieton	3.56	24	0
Winlock	630	25	494	Deer Park	3.55	25	0

<sup>a</sup>Hatton conducted a city census revealing undercounts in 2020. The change here is not due to demographic change alone.

**Table 5. Top 10 Unincorporated Areas by Population Change**

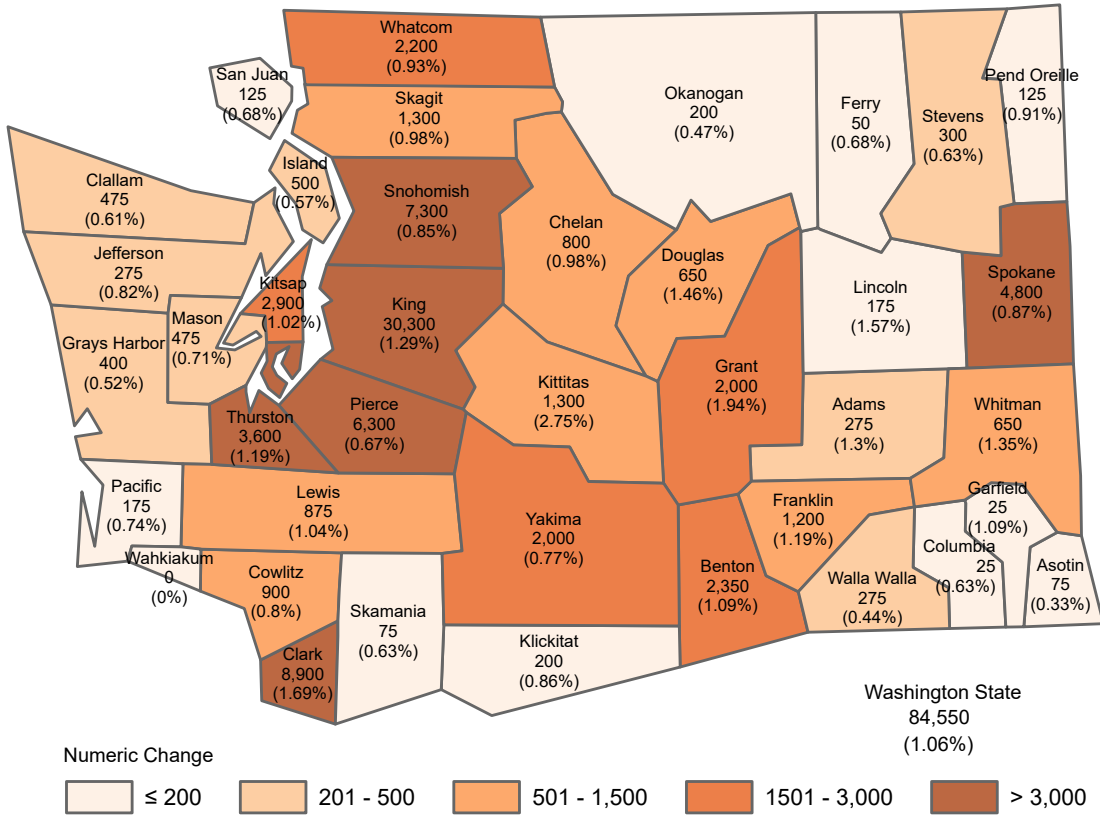
<b>Area</b>	<b>Numeric Change 2023–24</b>	<b>Numeric Change Rank</b>	<b>Change Due to Annexation 2023–24</b>
Unincorporated Clark County	3,675	1	-39
Unincorporated Snohomish County	2,265	2	-22
Unincorporated Thurston County	1,755	3	-16
Unincorporated Pierce County	1,495	4	-4
Unincorporated Spokane County	1,460	5	0
Unincorporated Kittitas County	1,205	6	-14
Unincorporated Cowlitz County	670	7	0
Unincorporated Kitsap County	570	8	0
Unincorporated Mason County	545	9	0
Unincorporated King County	515	10	0



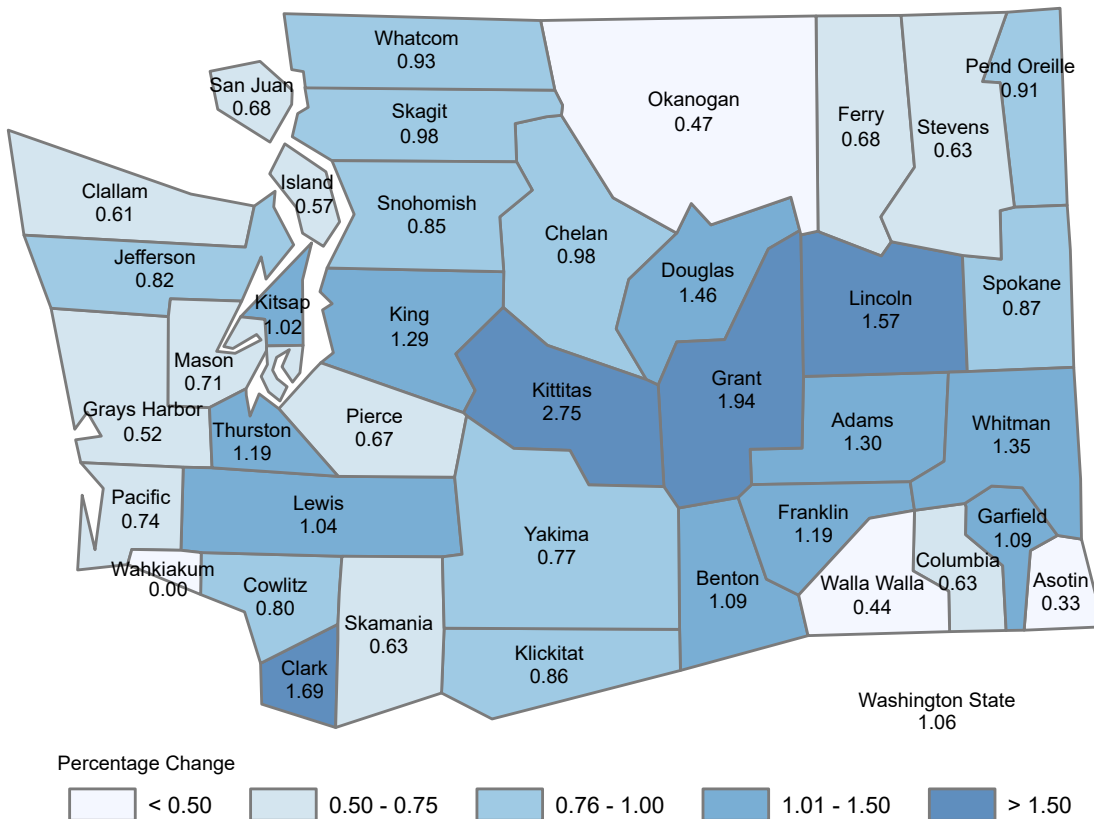
**Table 6. Population Density**

<b>County</b>	<b>Land Area (sq. mi.)</b>	<b>Total Population 2020</b>	<b>Total Population 2024</b>	<b>Population Density 2020</b>	<b>Population Density 2024</b>	<b>Numeric Change 2020–24</b>	<b>Numeric Change Rank</b>
State	66,455.1	7,706,310	8,035,700	115.96	120.92	4.96	--
Adams	1,925.0	20,613	21,475	10.71	11.16	0.45	29
Asotin	636.1	22,285	22,725	35.04	35.73	0.69	24
Benton	1,700.1	206,873	217,850	121.68	128.14	6.46	9
Chelan	2,921.2	79,141	82,300	27.09	28.17	1.08	20
Clallam	1,738.7	77,155	78,550	44.37	45.18	0.81	23
Clark	628.5	503,311	536,300	800.82	853.31	52.49	1
Columbia	868.6	3,952	3,975	4.55	4.58	0.03	39
Cowlitz	1,141.2	110,730	113,900	97.03	99.81	2.78	13
Douglas	1,819.2	42,938	45,150	23.60	24.82	1.22	18
Ferry	2,203.2	7,178	7,350	3.26	3.34	0.08	37
Franklin	1,241.6	96,749	102,300	77.92	82.39	4.47	11
Garfield	710.8	2,286	2,325	3.22	3.27	0.05	38
Grant	2,679.6	99,123	105,300	36.99	39.30	2.31	14
Grays Harbor	1,901.5	75,636	77,400	39.78	40.71	0.93	21
Island	208.5	86,857	88,650	416.63	425.23	8.60	8
Jefferson	1,803.7	32,977	33,700	18.28	18.68	0.40	30
King	2,115.2	2,269,675	2,378,100	1,073.02	1,124.28	51.26	2
Kitsap	395.1	275,611	286,100	697.57	724.12	26.55	3
Kittitas	2,297.3	46,468	48,600	20.23	21.16	0.93	21
Klickitat	1,871.6	22,735	23,450	12.15	12.53	0.38	31
Lewis	2,402.8	82,149	84,950	34.19	35.35	1.16	19
Lincoln	2,310.6	10,876	11,300	4.71	4.89	0.18	36
Mason	959.5	65,726	67,475	68.50	70.32	1.82	16
Okanogan	5,266.2	42,104	43,200	8.00	8.20	0.20	35
Pacific	933.6	23,365	23,950	25.03	25.65	0.62	25
Pend Oreille	1,400.2	13,401	13,850	9.57	9.89	0.32	33
Pierce	1,668.0	920,393	952,600	551.81	571.12	19.31	4
San Juan	173.9	17,788	18,475	102.28	106.23	3.95	12
Skagit	1,730.2	129,523	133,300	74.86	77.04	2.18	15
Skamania	1,658.3	11,604	12,075	7.00	7.28	0.28	34
Snohomish	2,086.5	827,957	867,100	396.81	415.57	18.76	5
Spokane	1,764.2	539,339	559,400	305.71	317.08	11.37	7
Stevens	2,477.1	46,445	47,650	18.75	19.24	0.49	27
Thurston	722.5	294,793	307,000	408.02	424.92	16.90	6
Wahkiakum	262.9	4,422	4,550	16.82	17.31	0.49	27
Walla Walla	1,270.0	62,584	63,375	49.28	49.90	0.62	25
Whatcom	2,107.9	226,847	238,000	107.62	112.91	5.29	10
Whitman	2,159.3	47,973	48,750	22.22	22.58	0.36	32
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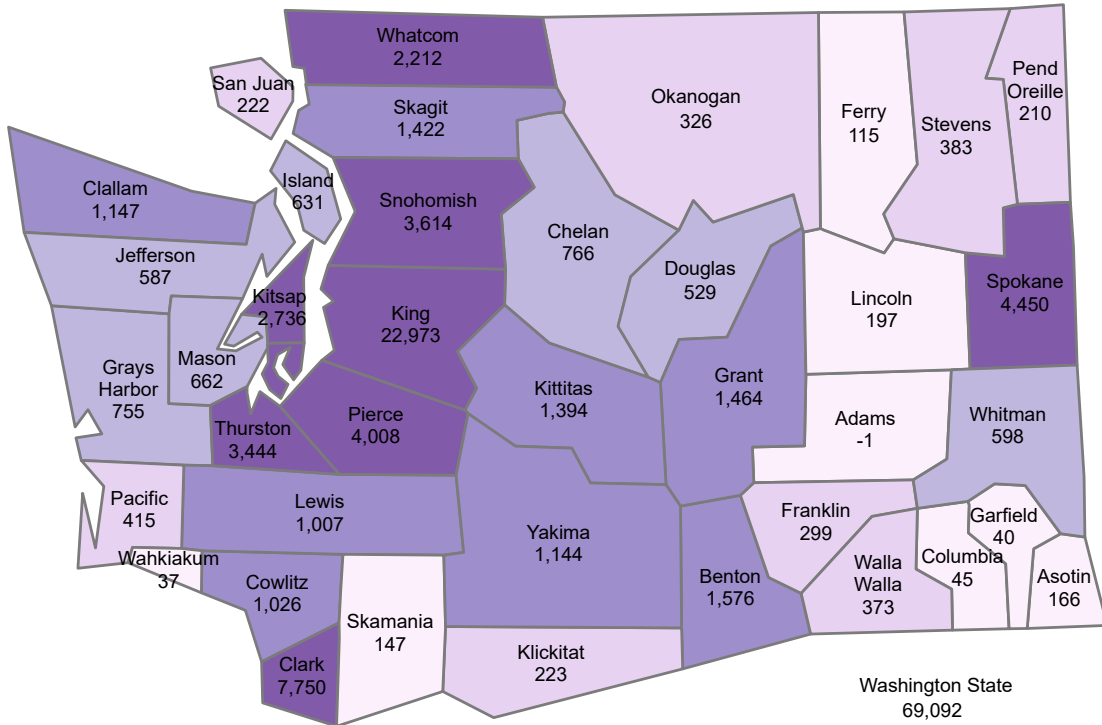
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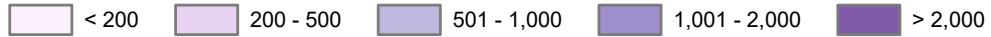
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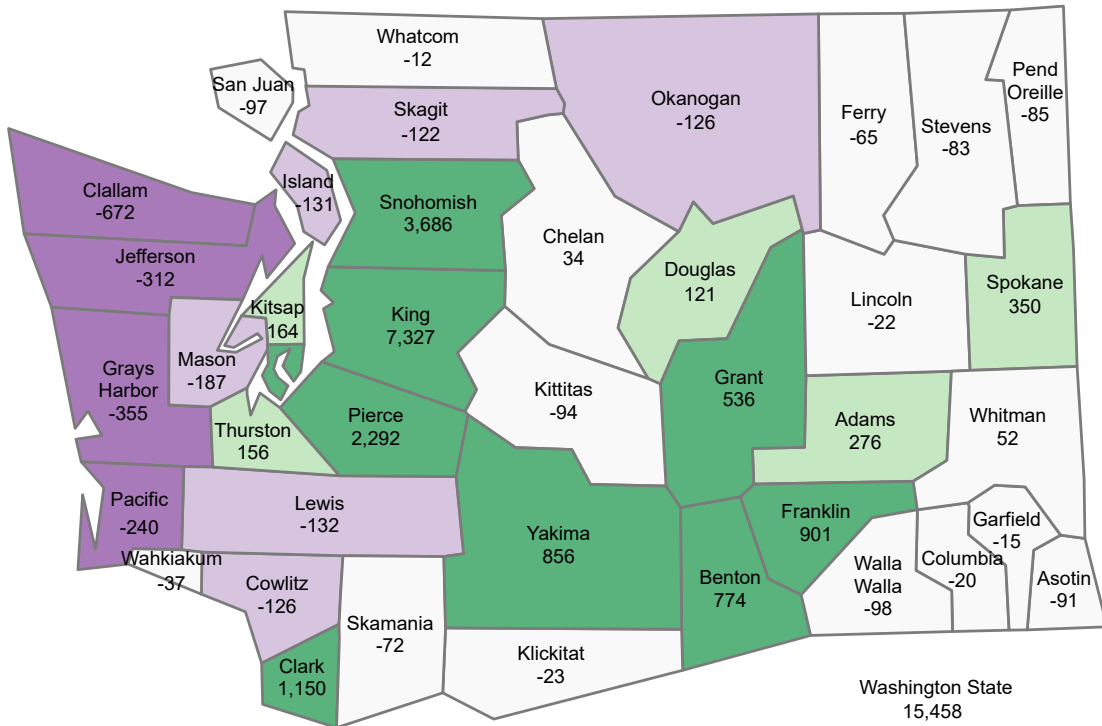
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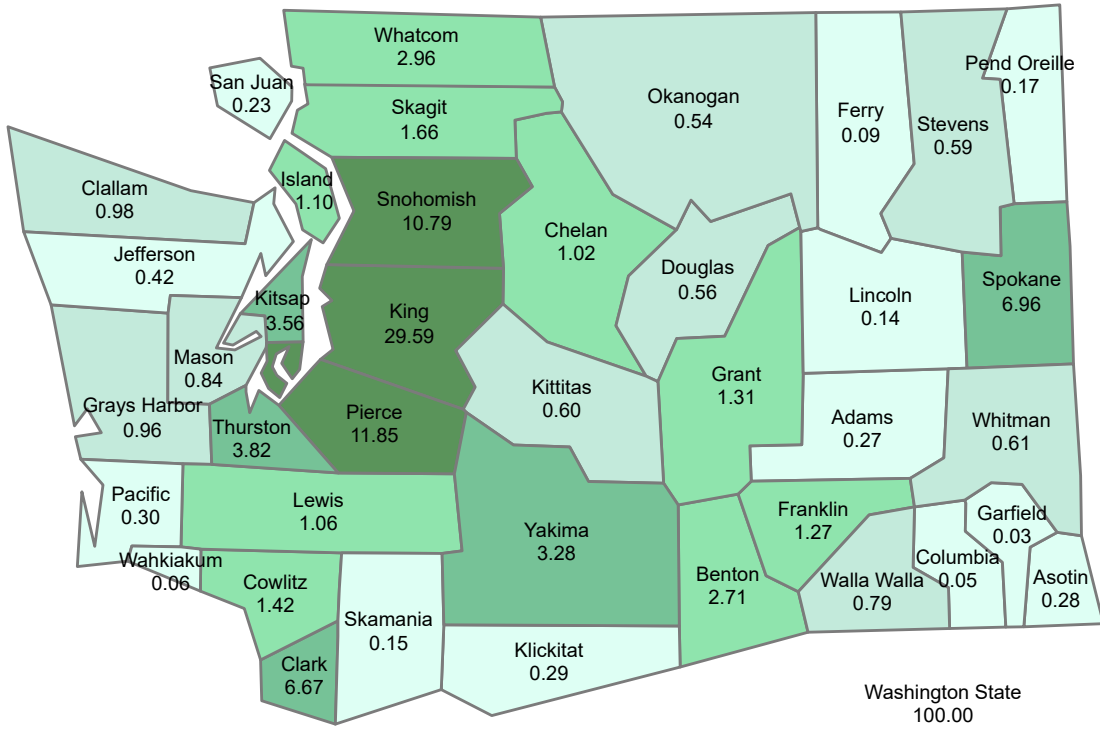
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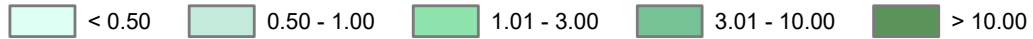
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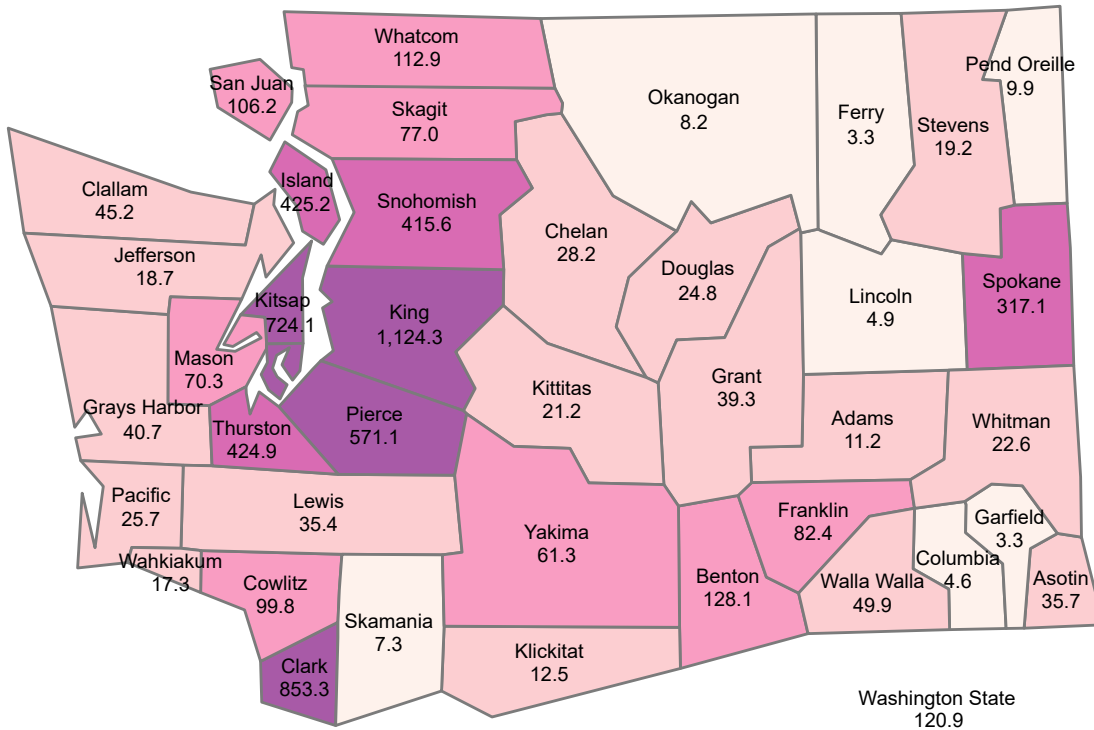
### Percentage of State Total Population: 2024



Percentage of State Total



### Population Density: 2024



Population Density (Persons per Square Mile)

