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### **Washington tops 7.9 million residents in 2023**

**OLYMPIA, Wash.** – Washington’s total population grew by an estimated 86,750 — to 7,951,150 as of April 1, 2023, according to annual estimates that the Office of Financial Management prepared.

The unadjusted population growth rate over the last year was 1.1%, somewhat slower than the previous year, when the state’s population grew by 1.3%.

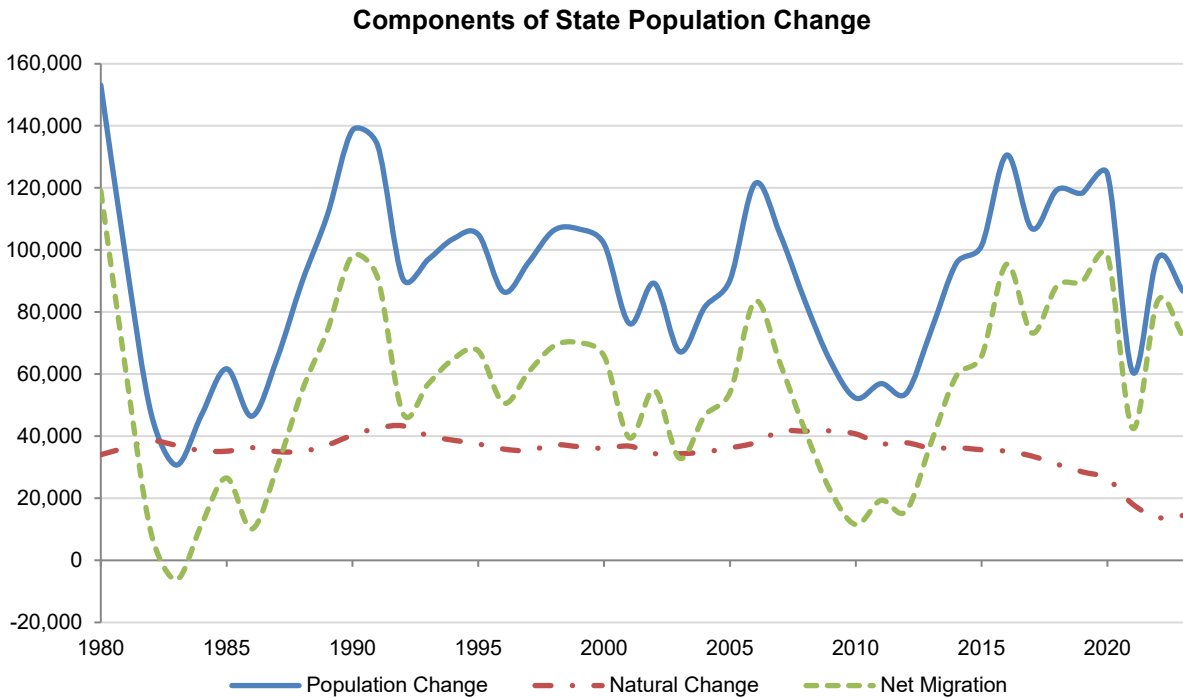
Washington’s population has grown by 244,840 people since the 2020 decennial census on April 1, 2020. The 86,750 increase is below the average annual increase from the last decade (98,200).

King County remains the main contributor to the state’s overall population growth, adding 30,100 people this year, compared to an average of 33,800 people per year between 2010 and 2020.

Migration continues to be the primary driver behind Washington’s population growth. From 2022 to 2023, net migration (people moving in minus people moving out) totaled 72,300, down by 11,300 from last year. Net migration accounted for 83% of the state’s population growth. Natural change (births minus deaths) was responsible for the other 17%. Natural change (14,445) remains low but has recovered somewhat from the increased deaths and lower births during the COVID-19 pandemic. Deaths will increase as baby boomers age, and birth rates from millennial and post-millennial parents should continue to be lower than previous generations.

Housing growth is a significant reason Washington saw population growth this year, evident in high occupancy rates in most cities in 2023. Over the past year, the state added 46,300 housing units, 300 less than the previous year. Of all new units built this past year, 63% were multi-family units. More than 72% of all new housing units the past two years were built in one of the state’s five largest metropolitan counties. King County led all counties with 18,800 new housing units and saw 40% of the state’s total housing growth over the last year. With strong housing growth this year in the face of slowing population growth, housing is slowly catching up with population.

Consistent with previous years, over 71% of state population growth occurred in the five largest metropolitan counties — Clark, King, Pierce, Snohomish, and Spokane. The nine counties with populations between 100,000 and 350,000 saw 21% of the state’s growth. Counties with less than 100,000 had an 8% share, smaller than the previous year. Whatcom (1.8%), Benton (1.5%), and Snohomish (1.5%) were the three fastest growing counties.



The April 1, 2023, population estimate for Washington’s incorporated cities and towns is 5,222,265, an increase of 1.3% from the previous year. The top 10 cities for numeric change, in descending order, are Seattle, Kirkland, Redmond, Bellingham, Lynnwood, Vancouver, Spokane, Mountlake Terrace, Tacoma, and Ridgefield. Seattle’s population increased by 16,700 people, for a total of 779,200. 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			Numeric Change			Percentage Change			Percentage of State Total		
	2020	2022	2023	2020-23	2022-23	Rank	2020-23	2022-23	Rank	2020	2023	Rank
State	7,706,310	7,864,400	7,951,150	244,840	86,750	--	3.18	1.10	--	100.00	100.00	--
Adams	20,613	21,100	21,200	587	100	28	2.85	0.47	32	0.27	0.27	31
Asotin	22,285	22,600	22,650	365	50	35	1.64	0.22	35	0.29	0.28	30
Benton	206,873	212,300	215,500	8,627	3,200	7	4.17	1.51	2	2.68	2.71	10
Chelan	79,141	80,650	81,500	2,359	850	13	2.98	1.05	11	1.03	1.03	17
Clallam	77,155	77,625	78,075	920	450	21	1.19	0.58	26	1.00	0.98	18
Clark	503,311	520,900	527,400	24,089	6,500	4	4.79	1.25	7	6.53	6.63	5
Columbia	3,952	3,950	3,950	-2	0	37	-0.05	0.00	37	0.05	0.05	38
Cowlitz	110,730	112,350	113,000	2,270	650	17	2.05	0.58	27	1.44	1.42	12
Douglas	42,938	44,000	44,500	1,562	500	19	3.64	1.14	9	0.56	0.56	25
Ferry	7,178	7,300	7,300	122	0	37	1.70	0.00	37	0.09	0.09	36
Franklin	96,749	99,750	101,100	4,351	1,350	11	4.50	1.35	5	1.26	1.27	14
Garfield	2,286	2,300	2,300	14	0	37	0.61	0.00	37	0.03	0.03	39
Grant	99,123	101,800	103,300	4,177	1,500	10	4.21	1.47	4	1.29	1.30	13
Grays Harbor	75,636	76,400	77,000	1,364	600	18	1.80	0.79	17	0.98	0.97	19
Island	86,857	87,700	88,150	1,293	450	21	1.49	0.51	30	1.13	1.11	15
Jefferson	32,977	33,350	33,425	448	75	33	1.36	0.22	34	0.43	0.42	27
King	2,269,675	2,317,700	2,347,800	78,125	30,100	1	3.44	1.30	6	29.45	29.53	1
Kitsap	275,611	280,900	283,200	7,589	2,300	9	2.75	0.82	15	3.58	3.56	7
Kittitas	46,468	47,200	47,300	832	100	28	1.79	0.21	36	0.60	0.59	24
Klickitat	22,735	23,150	23,250	515	100	28	2.27	0.43	33	0.30	0.29	29
Lewis	82,149	83,400	84,075	1,926	675	16	2.34	0.81	16	1.07	1.06	16
Lincoln	10,876	11,050	11,125	249	75	33	2.29	0.68	23	0.14	0.14	35
Mason	65,726	66,200	67,000	1,274	800	14	1.94	1.21	8	0.85	0.84	20
Okanogan	42,104	42,700	43,000	896	300	23	2.13	0.70	22	0.55	0.54	26
Pacific	23,365	23,600	23,775	410	175	27	1.75	0.74	19	0.30	0.30	28
Pend Oreille	13,401	13,625	13,725	324	100	28	2.42	0.73	20	0.17	0.17	33
Pierce	920,393	937,400	946,300	25,907	8,900	3	2.81	0.95	13	11.94	11.90	2
San Juan	17,788	18,150	18,350	562	200	26	3.16	1.10	10	0.23	0.23	32
Skagit	129,523	131,250	132,000	2,477	750	15	1.91	0.57	28	1.68	1.66	11
Skamania	11,604	11,900	12,000	396	100	28	3.41	0.84	14	0.15	0.15	34
Snohomish	827,957	847,300	859,800	31,843	12,500	2	3.85	1.48	3	10.74	10.81	3
Spokane	539,339	550,700	554,600	15,261	3,900	6	2.83	0.71	21	7.00	6.98	4
Stevens	46,445	47,050	47,350	905	300	23	1.95	0.64	24	0.60	0.60	23
Thurston	294,793	300,500	303,400	8,607	2,900	8	2.92	0.97	12	3.83	3.82	6
Wahkiakum	4,422	4,525	4,550	128	25	36	2.89	0.55	29	0.06	0.06	37
Walla Walla	62,584	62,625	63,100	516	475	20	0.82	0.76	18	0.81	0.79	21
Whatcom	226,847	231,650	235,800	8,953	4,150	5	3.95	1.79	1	2.94	2.97	9
Whitman	47,973	47,800	48,100	127	300	23	0.26	0.63	25	0.62	0.60	22
Yakima	256,728	259,950	261,200	4,472	1,250	12	1.74	0.48	31	3.33	3.29	8

**Table 2. Components of Population Change**

County	2020-23			2022-23		
	Natural Change	Net Migration	Population Change	Natural Change	Net Migration	Population Change
State	46,373	198,467	244,840	14,445	72,305	86,750
Adams	603	-16	587	180	-80	100
Asotin	-288	653	365	-113	163	50
Benton	1,761	6,866	8,627	463	2,737	3,200
Chelan	-121	2,480	2,359	-102	952	850
Clallam	-1,982	2,902	920	-783	1,233	450
Clark	2,939	21,150	24,089	959	5,541	6,500
Columbia	-95	93	-2	-13	13	0
Cowlitz	-650	2,920	2,270	-61	711	650
Douglas	382	1,180	1,562	135	365	500
Ferry	-165	287	122	-50	50	0
Franklin	2,695	1,656	4,351	894	456	1,350
Garfield	-23	37	14	-6	6	0
Grant	1,497	2,680	4,177	518	982	1,500
Grays Harbor	-1,244	2,608	1,364	-465	1,065	600
Island	-429	1,722	1,293	-160	610	450
Jefferson	-841	1,289	448	-280	355	75
King	23,924	54,201	78,125	7,072	23,028	30,100
Kitsap	780	6,809	7,589	429	1,871	2,300
Kittitas	60	772	832	53	47	100
Klickitat	-215	730	515	-46	146	100
Lewis	-575	2,501	1,926	-152	827	675
Lincoln	-84	333	249	-18	93	75
Mason	-559	1,833	1,274	-149	949	800
Okanogan	-298	1,194	896	-68	368	300
Pacific	-697	1,107	410	-237	412	175
Pend Oreille	-328	652	324	-129	229	100
Pierce	8,609	17,298	25,907	2,656	6,244	8,900
San Juan	-142	704	562	-31	231	200
Skagit	-220	2,697	2,477	-14	764	750
Skamania	-53	449	396	-16	116	100
Snohomish	9,387	22,456	31,843	3,033	9,467	12,500
Spokane	577	14,684	15,261	421	3,479	3,900
Stevens	-420	1,325	905	-120	420	300
Thurston	518	8,089	8,607	-50	2,950	2,900
Wahkiakum	-102	230	128	-40	65	25
Walla Walla	-420	936	516	-214	689	475
Whatcom	-213	9,166	8,953	-189	4,339	4,150
Whitman	118	9	127	114	186	300
Yakima	2,687	1,785	4,472	1,024	226	1,250

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

County	2010–2020			2022–2023		
	Natural Increase	Net Migration	Population Change	Natural Increase	Net Migration	Population Change
State	33,813.4	64,363.6	98,177.0	14,445	72,305	86,750
Adams	272.4	-83.9	188.5	180	-80	100
Asotin	-13.6	79.8	66.2	-113	163	50
Benton	1,221.7	1,947.9	3,169.6	463	2,737	3,200
Chelan	228.1	440.7	668.8	-102	952	850
Clallam	-325.3	900.4	575.1	-783	1,233	450
Clark	2,171.3	5,623.5	7,794.8	959	5,541	6,500
Columbia	-19.5	6.9	-12.6	-13	13	0
Cowlitz	98.9	733.1	832.0	-61	711	650
Douglas	214.4	236.3	450.7	135	365	500
Ferry	-15.1	-22.2	-37.3	-50	50	0
Franklin	1,239.9	618.7	1,858.6	894	456	1,350
Garfield	-3.5	5.5	2.0	-6	6	0
Grant	827.3	173.0	1,000.3	518	982	1,500
Grays Harbor	-65.2	349.1	283.9	-465	1,065	600
Island	190.5	644.6	835.1	-160	610	450
Jefferson	-175.3	485.8	310.5	-280	355	75
King	12,199.7	21,642.9	33,842.6	7,072	23,028	30,100
Kitsap	863.0	1,584.8	2,447.8	429	1,871	2,300
Kittitas	106.9	448.4	555.3	53	47	100
Klickitat	21.0	220.7	241.7	-46	146	100
Lewis	26.3	643.1	669.4	-152	827	675
Lincoln	-15.2	45.8	30.6	-18	93	75
Mason	-23.9	526.6	502.7	-149	949	800
Okanogan	78.1	20.3	98.4	-68	368	300
Pacific	-124.9	369.4	244.5	-237	412	175
Pend Oreille	-34.9	74.9	40.0	-129	229	100
Pierce	4,964.3	7,552.5	12,516.8	2,656	6,244	8,900
San Juan	-51.6	253.5	201.9	-31	231	200
Skagit	267.3	994.9	1,262.2	-14	764	750
Skamania	10.2	43.6	53.8	-16	116	100
Snohomish	4,377.2	7,085.0	11,462.2	3,033	9,467	12,500
Spokane	1,523.5	5,288.3	6,811.8	421	3,479	3,900
Stevens	-13.7	305.1	291.4	-120	420	300
Thurston	945.7	3,307.2	4,252.9	-50	2,950	2,900
Wahkiakum	-22.5	66.9	44.4	-40	65	25
Walla Walla	85.8	294.5	380.3	-214	689	475
Whatcom	614.5	1,956.2	2,570.7	-189	4,339	4,150
Whitman	157.2	162.5	319.7	114	186	300
Yakima	2,012.4	-662.7	1,349.7	1,024	226	1,250

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

Municipality	Numeric Change		Change Due to	Municipality	Percent Change		Change Due to
	2022-23	Rank	Annexation 2022-23		2022-23	Rank	Annexation 2022-23
Seattle	16,700	1	0	Black Diamond	11.96	1	0
Kirkland	3,350	2	0	Ridgefield	11.29	2	14
Redmond	2,220	3	0	Rock Island	10.18	3	0
Bellingham	2,050	4	0	Winlock	8.26	4	0
Lynnwood	2,050	4	0	George	7.93	5	0
Vancouver	2,000	6	0	Mountlake Terrace	7.88	6	0
Spokane	1,800	7	0	Sultan	7.51	7	0
Mountlake Terrace	1,740	8	0	Port Orchard	6.59	8	0
Tacoma	1,600	9	0	Lamont	6.25	9	0
Ridgefield	1,540	10	14	Deer Park	5.46	10	0
Marysville	1,400	11	0	Lynnwood	5.29	11	0
Lacey	1,250	12	94	Rockford	4.59	12	0
Kent	1,200	13	0	Buckley	4.52	13	0
Kennewick	1,150	14	0	Monroe	4.52	13	660
Pasco	1,100	15	210	Winthrop	4.50	15	0
Richland	1,100	15	19	Gig Harbor	4.15	16	0
Port Orchard	1,080	17	0	Prosser	4.04	17	21
Everett	900	18	0	South Prairie	4.03	18	0
Monroe	890	19	660	Sumas	4.02	19	0
Shoreline	800	20	0	Warden	3.96	20	0
Tumwater	740	21	439	McCleary	3.92	21	0
Black Diamond	735	22	0	Twisp	3.86	22	0
Bellevue	700	23	0	Kirkland	3.58	23	0
Bothell	610	24	0	Ocean Shores	3.07	24	0
Lake Stevens	560	25	3	Carnation	3.01	25	0

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

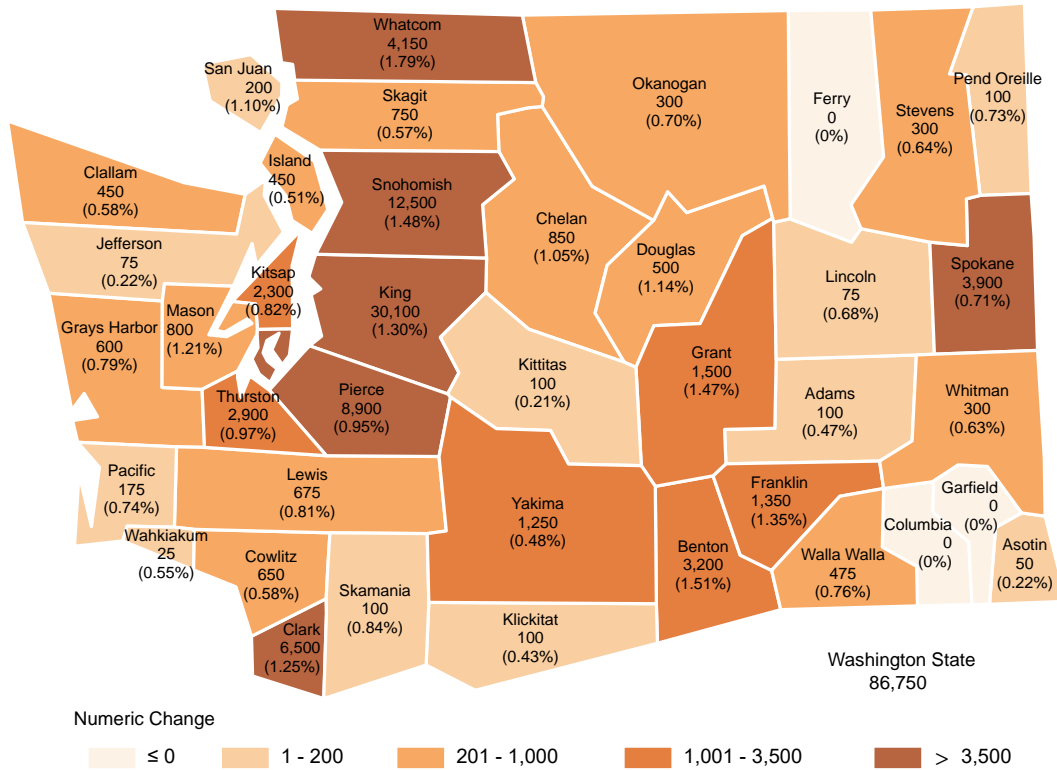
<b>Area</b>	<b>Numeric Change</b>		<b>Change Due to Annexation</b>
	<b>2022–23</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>2022–23</b>
Unincorporated Pierce County	5,350	1	-7
Unincorporated Snohomish County	2,520	2	-664
Unincorporated Clark County	2,505	3	-22
Unincorporated Kitsap County	1,460	4	0
Unincorporated Whatcom County	1,045	5	-5
Unincorporated King County	900	6	0
Unincorporated Mason County	810	7	0
Unincorporated Grant County	800	8	-1
Unincorporated Spokane County	675	9	0
Unincorporated Chelan County	415	10	-11

**Table 6. Population Density**

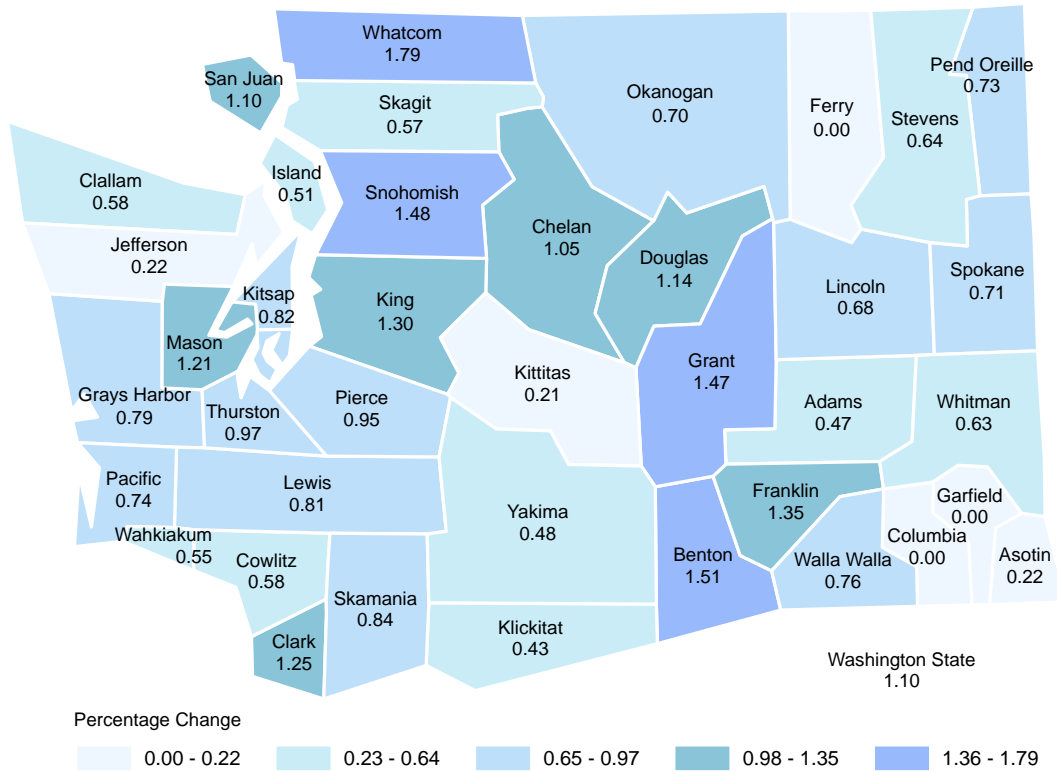
County	Land Area (sq. mi.)	Total	Total	Population	Population	Numeric	
		Population	Population	Density	Density	Change	Rank
		2020	2023	2020	2023	2020-23	
State	66,455.1	7,706,310	7,951,150	115.96	119.65	3.69	--
Adams	1,925.0	20,613	21,200	10.71	11.01	0.30	29
Asotin	636.1	22,285	22,650	35.04	35.61	0.57	22
Benton	1,700.1	206,873	215,500	121.68	126.76	5.08	9
Chelan	2,921.2	79,141	81,500	27.09	27.90	0.81	19
Clallam	1,738.7	77,155	78,075	44.37	44.90	0.53	23
Clark	628.5	503,311	527,400	800.82	839.15	38.33	1
Columbia	868.6	3,952	3,950	4.55	4.55	0.00	39
Cowlitz	1,141.2	110,730	113,000	97.03	99.02	1.99	13
Douglas	1,819.2	42,938	44,500	23.60	24.46	0.86	18
Ferry	2,203.2	7,178	7,300	3.26	3.31	0.05	37
Franklin	1,241.6	96,749	101,100	77.92	81.43	3.51	11
Garfield	710.8	2,286	2,300	3.22	3.24	0.02	38
Grant	2,679.6	99,123	103,300	36.99	38.55	1.56	14
Grays Harbor	1,901.5	75,636	77,000	39.78	40.49	0.71	21
Island	208.5	86,857	88,150	416.63	422.83	6.20	8
Jefferson	1,803.7	32,977	33,425	18.28	18.53	0.25	31
King	2,115.2	2,269,675	2,347,800	1,073.02	1,109.95	36.93	2
Kitsap	395.1	275,611	283,200	697.57	716.78	19.21	3
Kittitas	2,297.3	46,468	47,300	20.23	20.59	0.36	28
Klickitat	1,871.6	22,735	23,250	12.15	12.42	0.27	30
Lewis	2,402.8	82,149	84,075	34.19	34.99	0.80	20
Lincoln	2,310.6	10,876	11,125	4.71	4.81	0.10	35
Mason	959.5	65,726	67,000	68.50	69.82	1.32	16
Okanogan	5,266.2	42,104	43,000	8.00	8.17	0.17	34
Pacific	933.6	23,365	23,775	25.03	25.47	0.44	25
Pend Oreille	1,400.2	13,401	13,725	9.57	9.80	0.23	33
Pierce	1,668.0	920,393	946,300	551.81	567.34	15.53	4
San Juan	173.9	17,788	18,350	102.28	105.51	3.23	12
Skagit	1,730.2	129,523	132,000	74.86	76.29	1.43	15
Skamania	1,658.3	11,604	12,000	7.00	7.24	0.24	32
Snohomish	2,086.5	827,957	859,800	396.81	412.07	15.26	5
Spokane	1,764.2	539,339	554,600	305.71	314.36	8.65	7
Stevens	2,477.1	46,445	47,350	18.75	19.12	0.37	27
Thurston	722.5	294,793	303,400	408.02	419.93	11.91	6
Wahkiakum	262.9	4,422	4,550	16.82	17.31	0.49	24
Walla Walla	1,270.0	62,584	63,100	49.28	49.68	0.40	26
Whatcom	2,107.9	226,847	235,800	107.62	111.86	4.24	10
Whitman	2,159.3	47,973	48,100	22.22	22.28	0.06	36
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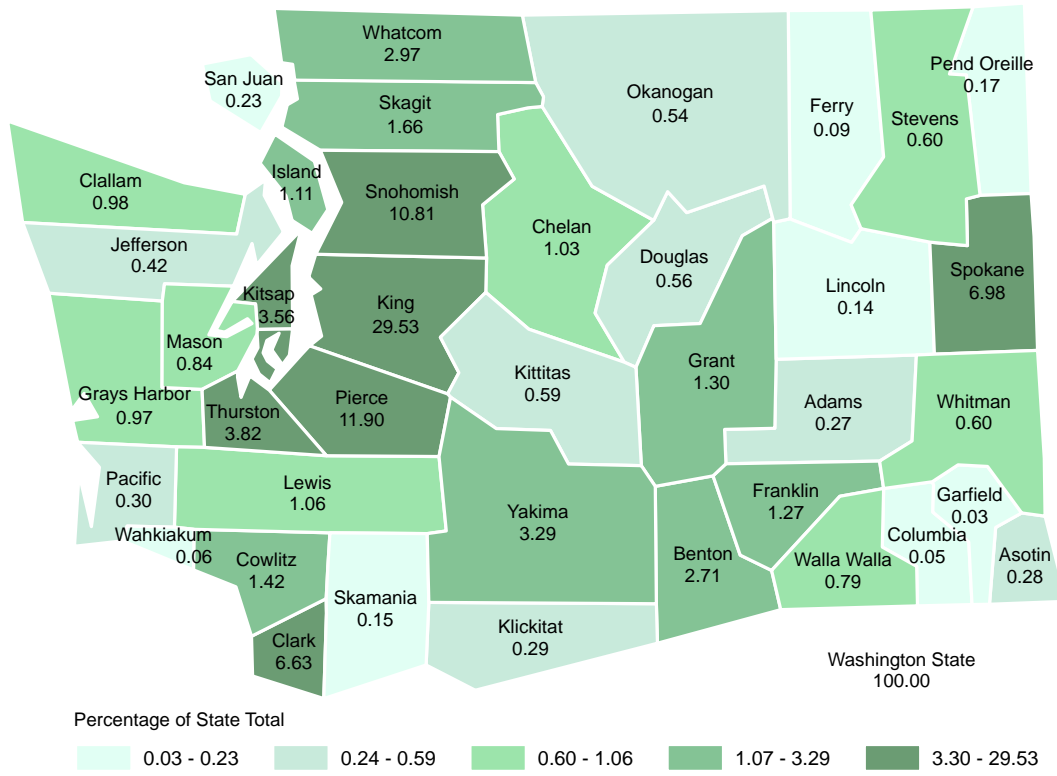
### Numeric Change in Population: 2022–23



### Percentage Change in Population: 2022–23



### Percentage of State Total Population: 2023



### Population Density: 2023

