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Local Officials, Fire Protection District Administrators and Library District Administrators in the Thermal Electric Generating Facilities Impacted Area

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**SUBJECT: POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR THE 2021 DISTRIBUTION OF THERMAL ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITIES TAX PROCEEDS**

Population estimates for incorporated places, unincorporated areas, fire protection districts, and library districts are attached. These population estimates should be used for the 2021 distribution of tax proceeds from thermal electric generating facilities in accordance with RCW 54.28.055.

These estimates were produced by the Office of Financial Management using information from OFM's Small Area Estimate Program and the Department of Revenue's tax code area boundaries for cities, fire protection districts and library districts. The estimates account for annexations through 4/1/2021. Incorporated area populations are included in the fire protection district population estimates in cases where districts provide services to cities (RCW 52.04.071 and RCW 52.04.091). Incorporated area populations are not included in the library district population estimates per RCW 54.28.055(2).

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

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**TABLE 1****Population Estimates for Cities and Unincorporated Areas to be Used for the 2021  
Distribution of Thermal Electric Generating Facilities Tax Proceeds**

Cities and Unincorporated Areas of Counties	2020 Population to be Used for the 2021 Distribution of Tax Proceeds	Proportion of Impacted Area Unincorporated Population by County	Proportion of Impacted Area Incorporated Population by City
Total Unincorporated	62,860	1.0000	1.000
Total Incorporated	273,180		
<u>Benton County</u>	205,530		
Unincorporated Area	36,530	0.5810	
Benton City	3,560		0.013
Kennewick	84,960		0.311
Prosser	6,220		0.023
Richland	58,550		0.214
West Richland	15,710		0.058
<u>Franklin County</u>	96,410		
Unincorporated Area	13,315	0.2120	
Connell	5,500		0.020
Mesa	495		0.002
Pasco	77,100		0.282
<u>Grant County</u>	305		
Unincorporated Area	305	0.0050	
<u>Walla Walla County</u>	4,890		
Unincorporated Area	4,890	0.0780	
<u>Yakima County</u>	28,905		
Unincorporated Area	7,820	0.1240	
Grandview	11,230		0.041
Mabton (Part)	0		0.000
Sunnyside (Part)	9,855		0.036

## Notes:

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information provided, population estimates are subject to errors arising from incomplete or inaccurate source data as well as modeling error.

According to RCW 54.28.010(7), the "impacted area" for a thermal electric generating facility on a federal reservation means that area in the state lying within 35 statute miles of the most commonly used entrance of the federal reservation and which is south of the southern boundary of Township 15 North. For the present analysis, the entrance at the intersection of Stevens Dr. and Horn Rapids Rd. is considered the most commonly used entrance.

The 2020 population includes city annexations through April 1, 2021.

Population estimates are rounded to the nearest 5.

**TABLE 2****Population Estimates for Fire Protection Districts to be Used for the 2021  
Distribution of Thermal Electric Generating Facilities Tax Proceeds**

Fire Protection Districts	2020 Population to be Used for the 2021 Distribution of Tax Proceeds	Proportion of Impacted Area Fire Protection District Population
Total	74,280	1.000
<u>Benton County</u>	47,560	
1	19,100	0.257
2	7,945	0.107
4	19,450	0.262
5	380	0.005
6	685	0.009
<u>Franklin County</u>	13,795	
1	2,100	0.028
2	60	0.001
3	6,685	0.090
4	3,060	0.041
5	1,890	0.025
<u>Grant County</u>	305	
8	305	0.004
<u>Walla Walla County</u>	4,880	
1	0	0.000
3	735	0.010
5	3,990	0.054
6	155	0.002
7	0	0.000
<u>Yakima County</u>	7,740	
5	7,730	0.104
7	10	0.000

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Incorporated area populations are included in the fire protection district population estimates in cases where districts provide services to cities (RCW 52.04.071 and RCW 52.04.091). Incorporated area populations are included in the following fire protection district estimates: Benton City (Benton-2), West Richland (Benton-4) and Mesa (Franklin-1).

The 2020 population includes city annexations through April 1, 2021.

Population estimates are rounded to the nearest 5.

**TABLE 3****Population Estimates for Library Districts to be Used for the 2020  
Distribution of Thermal Electric Generating Facilities Tax Proceeds**

Library Districts	2020 Population to be Used for the 2021 Distribution of Tax Proceeds	Proportion of Impacted Area Library District Population
Total	62,860	1.000
Mid-Columbia	49,845	0.793
North Central	305	0.005
Walla Walla County	4,890	0.078
Yakima Valley	7,820	0.124

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Incorporated area populations are not included in the library district estimates per RCW 54.28.055(2).

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# MAP

## Thermal Electric Generating Facility Impacted Area

