2020 Facilities Inventory Executive Summary

Requirement and purpose

The state of Washington owns and leases thousands of facilities that house state agencies. This is a significant financial investment by the people of Washington. To monitor this investment, the Office of Financial Management gathers and reports the state’s facilities inventory, as required by RCW 43.82.150.

A facility is defined as a building or other structure with at least one wall, a roof and a permanent foundation, regardless of occupancy. Facilities in the inventory range from residences, classrooms and office buildings to grain elevators, warehouses and more.

The statewide facilities inventory is used to inform the biennial Six-Year Facilities Plan, capital budget decisions, comprehensive emergency management planning and other analyses related to state facilities.

2020 facilities inventory overview

As of June 30, 2020, the statewide inventory included 10,787 facilities, totaling more than 121.6 million square feet. Seventy-four agencies and higher education institutions reported 9,620 owned facilities, totaling more than 107.3 million square feet, and 1,167 leased facilities, totaling more than 14.3 million square feet.1 Based on square footage, 88.2 percent of the state’s facilities inventory is owned, while we lease the remaining 11.8 percent.

Since 2019, the state’s facilities inventory has increased by 663,618 square feet. We credit this change largely to improved reporting in the higher education and human services sectors. There was also a significant shift in square footage between agencies when 648,192 square feet was transferred from the Department of Social and Health Services to the Department of Children, Youth and Families in the transition of the Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration to DCYF.

You can find leased and owned inventory data spreadsheets on OFM’s Facilities Inventory web page.

Facilities portfolio management tool

For the past three years, OFM has used the facilities portfolio management tool, or FPMT system, to collect inventory data. FPMT has improved the accuracy of the inventory by providing a stable platform for state agencies to store, update and validate their facilities data. You can find more information about this system on OFM’s FPMT web page.

New facilities inventory dashboard

For the first time, OFM is developing an online facilities inventory dashboard. This new approach will replace the traditional paper report and is intended to add value and improve transparency through more accessible and dynamic data. The interactive dashboard will allow agencies, the Legislature and the public to view and explore facilities data in a more meaningful way. It will be available on OFM’s Facilities Inventory web page by the end of October.

1State law requires all agencies, boards, commissions and institutions of higher education to report their facilities inventory as of June 30 each year. All agricultural commissions are exempt from reporting. The statewide inventory does not include public school (K-12) facilities, which fall under local school district jurisdiction.