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SUBJECT: 2026 Q4 REGIONAL TAX AUTHORITY POPULATION ESTIMATES

The 2026 Q4 RTA population estimates are attached. These estimates represent the best estimate of the population in the Sound Transit RTA.

The estimates were derived from OFM's Small Area Estimates Program using the Department of Revenue's RTA boundary file for 2026 Q4 (Oct 1 - Dec 31).

If you have any questions regarding these figures, please contact me at 360-704-0186 or nate.chase@ofm.wa.gov.

Attachments

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2026 Q4 Regional Transit Authority Populations

County	Estimate Population Inside RTA	Estimate Population Outside RTA
King	2,160,013	264,687
Pierce	820,239	146,760
Snohomish	514,160	365,540

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Data sources: SAEP: 2026-08-17 | Parcels: 2026-07-06 | Census blocks: 2020.
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Note: Annual population updates to these estimates occur in the September Q4 file. The September Q4 file represents the April 1st population of the same year plus any change due to military adjustments.

Sound Transit District
County

2026 Regional Transit Authority

Source: Washington State Department of Revenue (2026-Q4). Sound Transit Area (RTA) Boundary [Shapefile].

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