

Office of Community Health Systems Series on Rural-Urban Disparities

Summary of Commonly Used Rural Urban Classifications for Washington Counties

County	2013 Metropolitan, Micropolitan, Noncore (OMB)	2013 Rural Urban Continuum Codes (USDA)	2013 Urban Influence Codes (USDA)	April 2014 Rural (OFM)	April 1, 2014 Population (OFM)
Adams	Micropolitan	Urban population of 2,500 to 19,999, adjacent to a metro area	Micropolitan area adjacent to small metro area	Rural	19,400
Asotin	Metropolitan	Counties in metro areas of fewer than 250,000 population	In small metro area of less than 1 million residents	Rural	21,950
Benton	Metropolitan	Counties in metro areas of 250,000 to 1 million population	In small metro area of less than 1 million residents	Urban	186,500
Chelan	Metropolitan	Counties in metro areas of fewer than 250,000 population	In small metro area of less than 1 million residents	Rural	74,300
Clallam	Micropolitan	Urban population of 20,000 or more, not adjacent to a metro area	Micropolitan area not adjacent to a metro area	Rural	72,500
Clark	Metropolitan	Counties in metro areas of 1 million population or more	In large metro area of 1+ million residents	Urban	442,800
Columbia	Metropolitan	Counties in metro areas of fewer than 250,000 population	In small metro area of less than 1 million residents	Rural	4,080
Cowlitz	Metropolitan	Counties in metro areas of fewer than 250,000 population	In small metro area of less than 1 million residents	Rural	103,700
Douglas	Metropolitan	Counties in metro areas of fewer than 250,000 population	In small metro area of less than 1 million residents	Rural	39,700

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Ferry	Noncore	Completely rural or less than 2,500 urban population, not adjacent to a metro area	Noncore not adjacent to metro or micro area and does not contain a town of at least 2,500 residents	Rural	7,660
Franklin	Metropolitan	Counties in metro areas of 250,000 to 1 million population	In small metro area of less than 1 million residents	Rural	86,600
Garfield	Noncore	Completely rural or less than 2,500 urban population, adjacent to a metro area	Noncore adjacent to small metro area and does not contain a town of at least 2,500 residents	Rural	2,240
Grant	Micropolitan	Urban population of 20,000 or more, not adjacent to a metro area	Micropolitan area not adjacent to a metro area	Rural	92,900
Grays Harbor	Micropolitan	Urban population of 20,000 or more, adjacent to a metro area	Micropolitan area adjacent to small metro area	Rural	73,300
Island	Micropolitan	Urban population of 20,000 or more, adjacent to a metro area	Micropolitan area adjacent to large metro area	Rural	80,000
Jefferson	Noncore	Urban population of 2,500 to 19,999, adjacent to a metro area	Noncore adjacent to small metro area and contains a town of at least 2,500 residents	Rural	30,700
King	Metropolitan	Counties in metro areas of 1 million population or more	In large metro area of 1+ million residents	Urban	2,017,250
Kitsap	Metropolitan	Counties in metro areas of 250,000 to 1 million population	In small metro area of less than 1 million residents	Urban	255,900
Kittitas	Micropolitan	Urban population of 20,000 or more, adjacent to a metro area	Micropolitan area adjacent to large metro area	Rural	42,100
Klickitat	Noncore	Urban population of 2,500 to 19,999, adjacent to a metro area	Noncore adjacent to large metro area	Rural	20,850

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Lewis	Micropolitan	Urban population of 20,000 or more, adjacent to a metro area	Micropolitan area adjacent to large metro area	Rural	76,300
Lincoln	Noncore	Completely rural or less than 2,500 urban population, adjacent to a metro area	Noncore adjacent to small metro area and does not contain a town of at least 2,500 residents	Rural	10,700
Mason	Micropolitan	Urban population of 20,000 or more, adjacent to a metro area	Micropolitan area adjacent to large metro area	Rural	62,000
Okanogan	Noncore	Urban population of 2,500 to 19,999, adjacent to a metro area	Noncore adjacent to small metro area and contains a town of at least 2,500 residents	Rural	41,700
Pacific	Noncore	Urban population of 2,500 to 19,999, not adjacent to a metro area	Noncore adjacent to micro area and contains a town of at least 2,500 residents	Rural	21,100
Pend Oreille	Metropolitan	Counties in metro areas of 250,000 to 1 million population	In small metro area of less than 1 million residents	Rural	13,210
Pierce	Metropolitan	Counties in metro areas of 1 million population or more	In large metro area of 1+ million residents	Urban	821,300
San Juan	Noncore	Completely rural or less than 2,500 urban population, not adjacent to a metro area	Noncore not adjacent to metro or micro area and does not contain a town of at least 2,500 residents	Rural	16,100
Skagit	Metropolitan	Counties in metro areas of fewer than 250,000 population	In small metro area of less than 1 million residents	Rural	119,500
Skamania	Metropolitan	Counties in metro areas of 1 million population or more	In large metro area of 1+ million residents	Rural	11,370
Snohomish	Metropolitan	Counties in metro areas of 1 million population or more	In large metro area of 1+ million residents	Urban	741,000

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Spokane	Metropolitan	Counties in metro areas of 250,000 to 1 million population	In small metro area of less than 1 million residents	Urban	484,500
Stevens	Metropolitan	Counties in metro areas of 250,000 to 1 million population	In small metro area of less than 1 million residents	Rural	43,900
Thurston	Metropolitan	Counties in metro areas of 250,000 to 1 million population	In small metro area of less than 1 million residents	Urban	264,000
Wahkiakum	Noncore	Completely rural or less than 2,500 urban population, adjacent to a metro area	Noncore adjacent to large metro area	Rural	4,010
Walla Walla	Metropolitan	Counties in metro areas of fewer than 250,000 population	In small metro area of less than 1 million residents	Rural	60,150
Whatcom	Metropolitan	Counties in metro areas of fewer than 250,000 population	In small metro area of less than 1 million residents	Rural	207,600
Whitman	Micropolitan	Urban population of 20,000 or more, adjacent to a metro area	Micropolitan area adjacent to small metro area	Rural	46,500
Yakima	Metropolitan	Counties in metro areas of fewer than 250,000 population	In small metro area of less than 1 million residents	Rural	248,850

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