

Office of Community Health Systems Series on Rural-Urban Disparities

Percent Change of Population Distribution for Washington State and its Counties by percent population rural

Geography	2000	2000 to 2010	2010	Population Change Direction
	Population % Rural	Population % Change	Population % Rural	
Washington	18	-11.6	16	More Urban
Adams	52.1	-23	40.2	More Urban
Asotin	5.7	15.9	6.7	More Rural
Benton	12	-12.2	10.6	More Urban
Chelan	38	-28.3	27.2	More Urban
Clallam	47.6	-25.6	35.5	More Urban
Clark	17.5	-21.4	13.8	More Urban
Columbia	32.1	6.8	34.3	More Rural
Cowlitz	32.6	-12.2	28.7	More Urban
Douglas	30.6	-13.1	26.6	More Urban
Ferry	100	0	100	Same
Franklin	20	-33.4	13.3	More Urban
Garfield	100	0	100	Same
Grant	47.3	-18.1	38.7	More Urban
Grays Harbor	39.5	1.7	40.1	More Rural
Island	48	-2.2	46.9	More Urban
Jefferson	55.3	3.8	57.5	More Rural
King	3.7	-14.2	3.2	More Urban
Kitsap	19.8	-15.3	16.7	More Urban
Kittitas	40.8	-1.8	40.1	More Urban
Klickitat	58.5	2.8	60.2	More Rural
Lewis	64.3	-5.7	60.7	More Urban
Lincoln	100	0	100	Same
Mason	74.7	-14.7	63.7	More Urban
Okanogan	78.6	1.8	80	More Rural
Pacific	51.1	26.8	64.8	More Rural
Pend Oreille	100	-16.9	83.1	More Urban
Pierce	7.9	-16.5	6.6	More Urban
San Juan	100	0	100	Same
Skagit	32.9	-11.7	29	More Urban
Skamania	100	0	100	Same
Snohomish	11	-1.7	10.8	More Urban
Spokane	14.2	-3.5	13.7	More Urban
Stevens	79.1	0.2	79.2	Same

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Thurston	24.8	-15.4	21	More Urban
Wahkiakum	100	0	100	Same
Walla Walla	18.9	-9.5	17.1	More Urban
Whatcom	32.3	-19.9	25.9	More Urban
Whitman	32.6	-15.5	27.5	More Urban
Yakima	28.7	-18.1	23.5	More Urban

Note:

- Figures are based on Census 2000 and Census 2010 SF 1, 100% Data
- To qualify as an urban area, the territory identified according to criteria must encompass at least 2,500 people, at least 1,500 of which reside outside institutional group quarters.
- The Census Bureau identifies two types of urban areas:
 - Urbanized Areas (UAs) of 50,000 or more people;
 - Urban Clusters (UCs) of at least 2,500 and less than 50,000 people.
- “Rural” encompasses all population, housing, and territory not included within an urban area.