

About the Redistricting Commission

Every 10 years, following the national census, the bipartisan Washington State Redistricting Commission is established for the purpose of redrawing legislative and congressional district boundaries. Four of the five commissioners are appointed by the Legislature. They, in turn, appoint a fifth, non-voting, non-partisan chairperson.

The Commissioners must meet specific qualifications and adhere to the principles and requirements established in the State and Federal Constitutions and laws when creating a new redistricting plan.

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How do I find my district?

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Where do I get more information about my district?

Elections are administered at the local level by county auditors (except King County, which has a Dept. of Records and Elections). These offices are available to help you with district information, registering to vote, requesting an absentee ballot, and other elections-related services.

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About Districts

Census

Every ten years since 1790, as required in the U.S. Constitution, the United States has taken an official head count to help ensure a government by and for the people. The Census counts every man, woman and child to guarantee that all people are fairly represented in the political process.

What are districts?

States are divided into discrete areas that contain approximately equal numbers of people for the purpose of voting and equal representation at the federal and state levels. These areas are known as districts. Population data from the U.S. Census is used to divide people into state and federal voting districts of approximately equal population. The boundaries are adjusted over time to maintain approximately equal populations among districts.

District A **District B** **District C** **Districts have approximately equal population**

Smaller districts are also created for elections at the local level for many different purposes. Locally, people are divided into commissioner or council districts, school districts, fire districts, and other special purpose districts. Where you live determines the districts you can vote in, and who represents you in offices ranging from your congressional and state legislative representatives, to your local school board member, or fire commissioner. Voters may only vote for the candidates listed on their district's ballot.

What is reapportionment?

Reapportionment is the redistribution of the 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives among the 50 states every ten years following the Census. Each state receives at least one congressional seat. The remaining 385 seats are divided or "apportioned" according to the state population. Some states grow faster than others, so some states will lose seats, while others will gain seats. The 2010 Census counted more than 6.7 million people living in Washington. With that growth, Washington earned a tenth congressional seat.

What is redistricting?

Redistricting is the process of changing boundaries of voting districts so that all districts have approximately the same number of people to ensure all citizens are equally represented in government.

How many people are in each district?

The number of people allocated to each district is determined by dividing the total population by the number of districts possible. At the federal level, with a total population of 6,724,540 and 10 districts, each Congressional district contains approximately 672,454 people. At the state level, each of the 49 legislative districts contains approximately 137,236 people.

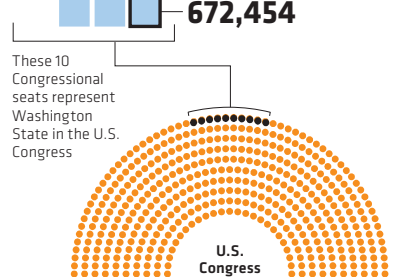
WASHINGTON STATE DISTRICTS

The state is divided into **49 Legislative Districts**. Each has a population of **137,236**

Each district elects for the state **2 Representatives** **1 Senator**

The state is divided into **10 Congressional Districts**. Each has a population of **672,454**

These 10 Congressional seats represent Washington State in the U.S. Congress



The 2012 redistricting plan equalizes the legislative district populations to within an overall range of 93 people, while the congressional districts vary by no more than 19 people.

Who draws the lines?

Every state in the union draws their lines differently. Most states' districts are drawn by their State Legislature. Others use special commissions or staffs to draw the map for legislative consideration. Only six states use an independent commission to draw the lines. Washington is one of them, and the second of the six to delegate the task to a commission.

Until 1983, the Washington State Legislature was responsible for redrawing the boundaries of our congressional and state legislative districts. The process proved to be so time-consuming and contentious, that the voters approved a constitutional amendment giving the redistricting authority to an independent commission. 2011 marks the third time in state history that the Redistricting Commission was formed to draw new lines.

What are the requirements?

State and federal law specify the requirements. In summary, the requirements provide that district boundaries shall have a population as nearly equal as practicable. **Consistent with equal population, lines should be drawn to:**

- Make sure that parts of a district are not physically separated.
- Provide areas that are composed of convenient, contiguous and compact area.
- Make sure that, to the extent possible, boundaries of cities, counties, neighborhoods and communities with common interests are respected, and their division minimized.

In doing its job, the Commission is to:

- Provide fair and effective representation.
- Encourage electoral competition.
- Draw districts that do not purposely favor or discriminate against any political party or group.

When do the new districts take effect?

The new districts are the basis for the elections held between 2012 through 2021. In 2022, a new district plan will be adopted. Senators in the middle of their terms in 2012 represent their new districts following the 2012 General Election.



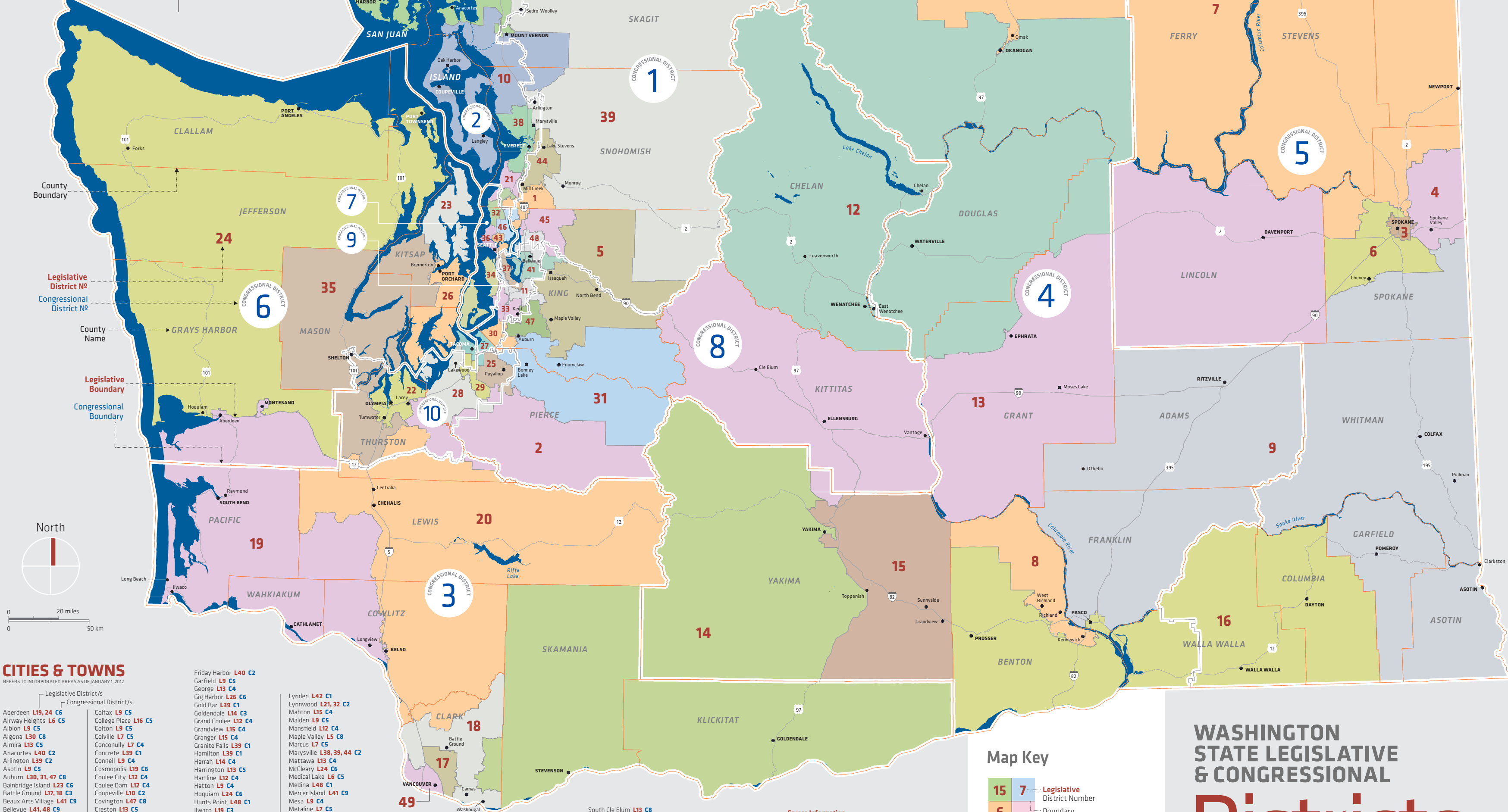
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CITIES & TOWNS

REFERS TO INCORPORATED AREAS AS OF JANUARY 1, 2012

Legislative District/s
Congressional District/s

Aberdeen **L19, 24 C6**
Airway Heights **L6 C5**
Albion **L9 C5**
Algona **L30 C8**
Almira **L13 C5**
Anacortes **L40 C2**
Arlington **L39 C2**
Asotin **L9 C4**
Auburn **L30, 31, 47 C8**
Bainbridge Island **L23 C6**
Battle Ground **L17, 18 C3**
Beaux Arts Village **L41 C9**
Bellevue **L41, 48 C9**
Bellingham **L40, 42 C2**
Benton City **L16 C4**
Big Ben **L14 C3**
Black Diamond **L5 C8**
Blaine **L42 C1**
Bonney Lake **L31 C8**
Borah **L1 C1**
Bremerton **L23, 26, 35 C6**
Brewster **L12 C4**
Bridgeport **L12 C4**
Brier **L1 C2**
Buckley **L31 C8**
Bucoda **L20 C3**
Burien **L33, 34 C7**
Burlington **L40 C2**
Camas **L18 C3**
Caribou **L31 C8**
Carnation **L5 C1**
Cashmere **L12 C8**
Castle Rock **L19, 20 C3**
Cathlamet **L19 C3**
Centralia **L20 C3**
Chehalis **L20 C3**
Chelan **L12 C8**
Cheney **L6 C5**
Chewelah **L7 C5**
Clarkston **L9 C5**
Cle Elum **L13 C8**
Clyde Hill **L48 C1**

Colfax **L9 C5**
College Place **L16 C5**
Colton **L9 C5**
Colville **L7 C5**
Conconully **L7 C4**
Concrete **L39 C1**
Connell **L9 C4**
Cosmopolis **L19 C6**
Coulee City **L12 C4**
Coulee Dam **L12 C4**
Coupeville **L10 C2**
Covington **L47 C8**
Creston **L13 C5**
Cusick **L7 C5**
Darrington **L39 C1**
Dayton **L16 C5**
Deer Park **L7 C5**
Des Moines **L30, 33 C9**
DuPont **L20 C3**
Duvall **L45 C1**
East Wenatchee **L12 C8**
Eatonville **L2 C8**
Edgewood **L13 C10**
Everett **L21, 32, 37 C7**
Elm **L24 C6**
Elmhurst **L13 C10**
Ellensburg **L13 C8**
Elma **L24 C6**
Elmer City **L12 C4**
Lacey **L22 C10**
Lacrosse **L9 C5**
Entiat **L12 C8**
Enumclaw **L31 C8**
Ephrata **L13 C4**
Everett **L21, 32, 37 C7**
Everson **L42 C1**
Fairfield **L9 C5**
Farmington **L9 C5**
Federal Way **L30 C9**
Ferdale **L42 C1**
Fife **L25 C10**
Fircrest **L20 C10**
Forks **L24 C6**

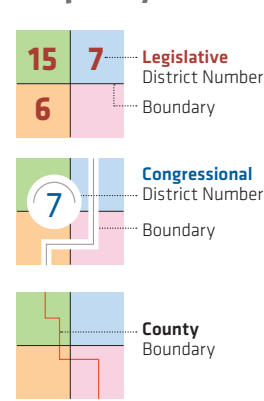
Friday Harbor **L40 C2**
Garfield **L9 C5**
George **L13 C4**
Gig Harbor **L26 C6**
Gold Bar **L39 C1**
Goldendale **L14 C3**
Grand Coulee **L12 C4**
Grandview **L15 C4**
Granger **L15 C4**
Granite Falls **L39 C1**
Hamilton **L39 C1**
Harrah **L14 C4**
Harrington **L13 C5**
Hartline **L12 C4**
Hatton **L9 C4**
Hogium **L24 C6**
Hunts Point **L48 C1**
Ilwaco **L19 C3**
Index **L39 C1**
Ione **L7 C5**
Issaquah **L5, 41 C8**
Kahlotus **L9 C4**
Kalama **L20 C3**
Kelso **L19 C3**
Kenmore **L46 C1**
Kennewick **L8, 16 C4**
Kent **L11, 33, 47 C8, 9**
Kirkland **L1, 45, 48 C1**
Kittitas **L13 C8**
Krupp **L13 C4**
La Center **L18 C3**
La Conner **L10 C2**
Lacey **L22 C10**
Lacrosse **L9 C5**
Lake Forest Park **L46 C7**
Lake Stevens **L44 C1**
Lakewood **L28, 29 C10**
Lamson **L9 C5**
Langley **L10 C2**
Latah **L9 C5**
Leavenworth **L12 C8**
Liberty Lake **L9 C5**
Lind **L8 C4**
Long Beach **L19 C3**
Longview **L19 C3**
Lyman **L39 C1**

Lynden **L42 C1**
Lynnwood **L21, 32 C2**
Mabton **L15 C4**
Malden **L9 C5**
Mansfield **L12 C4**
Maple Valley **L5 C8**
Marcus **L7 C5**
Marysville **L38, 39, 44 C2**
Mattawa **L13 C4**
McCleary **L24 C6**
Medical Lake **L6 C5**
Medina **L48 C1**
Mercer Island **L41 C9**
Mesa **L9 C4**
Metaline **L7 C5**
Metaline Falls **L7 C5**
Mill Creek **L44 C1**
Millwood **L4 C5**
Milton **L30 C8**
Monroe **L39 C1**
Montesano **L19 C6**
Morton **L20 C3**
Moses Lake **L13 C4**
Mossyrock **L20 C3**
Mount Vernon **L10, 40 C1**
Mountain Terrace **L1, 32 C2**
Pacato **L9, 16 C4**
Pateros **L12 C4**
Pe Ell **L20 C3**
Pomeroy **L9 C5**
Port Angeles **L24 C6**
Puyallup **L25 C10**
Poulsbo **L23 C6**
Prescott **L16 C5**
Prosser **L16 C4**
Pulman **L9 C5**
Puyallup **L25 C10**
Quincy **L13 C4**
Rainier **L12 C10**
Raymond **L19 C3**
Redmond **L45, 48 C1**
Renton **L11, 33, 37, 41 C9**
Republic **L7 C5**

Richland **L8 C4**
Ridgefield **L18 C3**
Ritzville **L9 C4**
Riverside **L7 C4**
Rock Island **L12 C4**
Rockford **L9 C5**
Rosalia **L9 C5**
Roslyn **L13 C8**
Roy **L2 C10**
Royal City **L13 C4**
Ruston **L27 C6**
Selah **L15 C4**
Sequim **L24 C6**
Shelton **L13 C4**
Shoreline **L32 C7**
Skykomish **L39 C1**
Snohomish **L44 C1**
Snoqualmie **L5 C8**
Soap Lake **L12 C4**
South Bend **L19 C3**

South Cle Elum **L13 C8**
South Prairie **L31 C8**
Spangle **L9 C5**
Spokane **L1, 6 C5**
Spokane Valley **L4 C5**
Sprague **L13 C5**
Springdale **L7 C5**
St. John **L9 C5**
Stanwood **L10 C2**
Starbuck **L16 C5**
Steilacoom **L28 C10**
Stevenson **L14 C3**
Sultan **L39 C1**
Sumas **L42 C1**
Summer **L31 C10**
Sunnyside **L15 C4**
Tacoma **L27, 28, 29 C6, 9, 10**
Tekoa **L9 C5**
Tenino **L20 C10**
Tieton **L14 C4**
Winlock **L20 C3**
Winthrop **L12 C4**
Woodinville **L45 C1**
Woodland **L20 C3**
Woodway **L32 C7**
Yacolt **L18 C3**
Yakima **L14, 15 C4**
Yarrow Point **L48 C1**
Yelm **L2 C10**
University Place **L28 C10**

Map Key



Interstate Hwy
U.S. Hwy
Cities
County Seat City Names
In All Capitals

WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATIVE & CONGRESSIONAL Districts

BOUNDARIES AS ADOPTED BY THE WASHINGTON STATE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION JANUARY 1, 2012, AND AS AMENDED BY THE 2012 WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE ON FEBRUARY 7, 2012.

49 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS
Average Population **137,236**

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*This map was created using the Redistricting 2010 TIGER/Line® Files.

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