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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Where do I get more information about my district?

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WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATIVE & CONGRESSIONAL DistrictMap

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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

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 requirement is 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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- Puget Sound
- Bellingham
- Mount Vernon
- Spokane
- Yakima
- Tri-Cities
- Olympia
- Vancouver
- Bremerton

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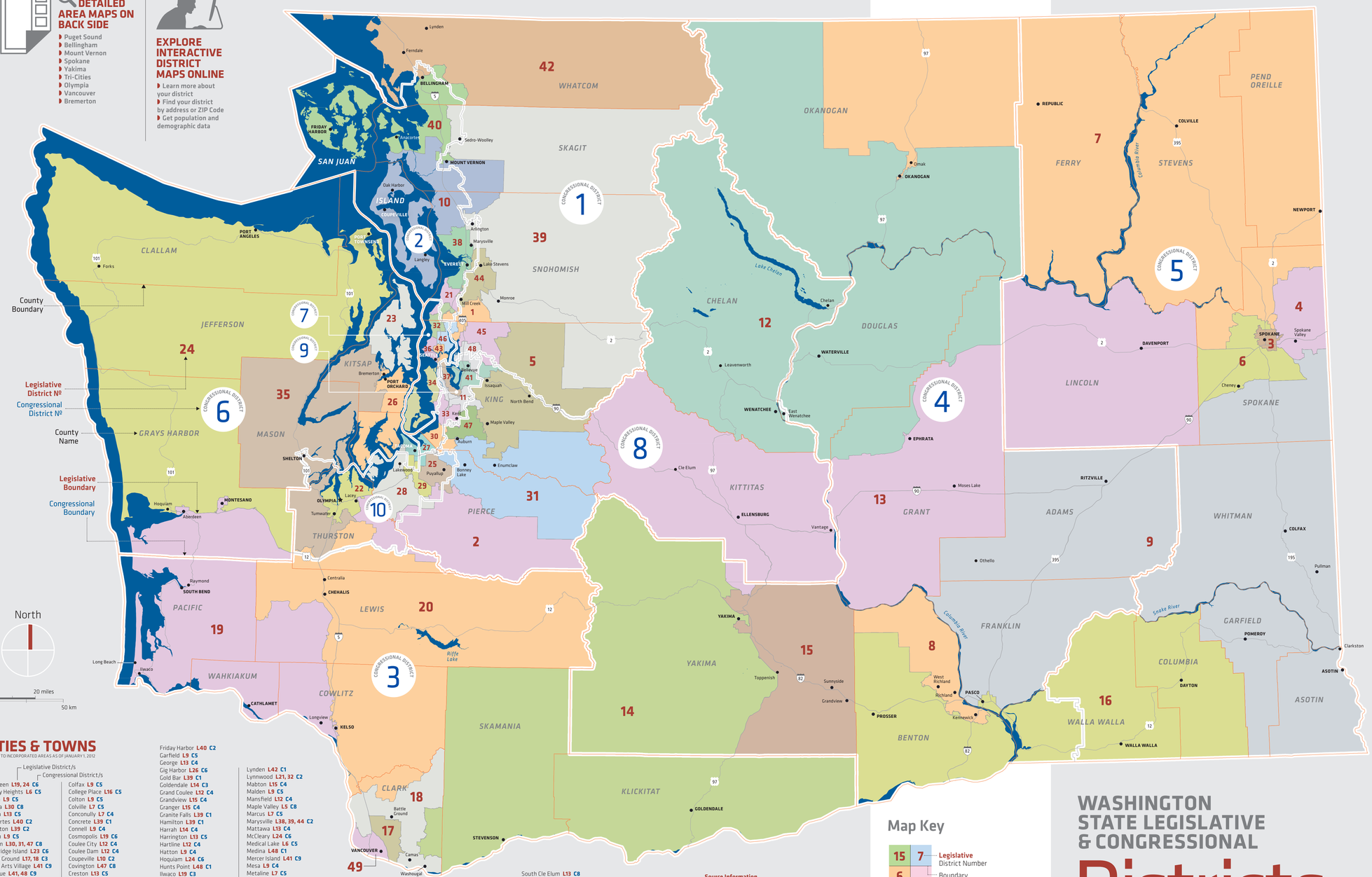
- Learn more about your district
- Find your district by address or ZIP Code
- Get population and demographic data



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 C5
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
Bingen L14 C3
Black Diamond L5 C8
Blaine L42 C1
Bonney Lake L31 C8
Bothell 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
Carbonado 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
Davenport L13 C5
Dayton L16 C5
Deer Park L7 C5
Des Moines L30, 33 C9
DuPont L28 C10
Duvall L45 C1
East Wenatchee L12 C8
Eatonville L2 C8
Edgewood L31 C10
Edmonds L21, 32 C7
Electric City L12 C4
Ellensburg L13 C8
Elma L24 C6
Elmer City L12 C4
Endicott L9 C5
Entiat L12 C8
Enumclaw L31 C8
Ephrata L13 C4
Everett L21, 38 C2
Everson L42 C1
Fairfield L9 C5
Farmington L9 C5
Federal Way L30 C9
Ferndale L42 C1
Fife L25 C10
Fircrest L28 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
Hoquiam 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
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Kettle Falls L7 C5
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
Lamont L9 C5
Langley L10 C2
Latah L9 C5
Leavenworth L12 C8
Liberty Lake L4 C5
Lind L9 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
Mountlake Terrace L1, 32 C2
Moxee L15 C4
Mukilteo L21 C2
Naches L14 C4
Napavine L20 C3
Nespelem L12 C4
Newcastle L41 C9
Newport L7 C5
Nooksack L42 C1
Normandy Park L33 C7
North Bend L5 C8
North Bonneville L14 C3
Northport L7 C5
Oak Harbor L10 C2
Oakesdale L9 C5
Oakville L19 C6
Ocean Shores L24 C6
Odessa L13 C5
Okanogan L7 C4
Olympia L22 C10
Omak L7 C4
Oroville L7 C4
Orting L2 C8
Othello L9 C4
Pacific L30 C8
Palouse L9 C5
Pasco L9, 16 C4
Pateros L12 C4
Pe Ell L20 C3
Pomeroy L9 C5
Port Angeles L24 C6
Port Orchard L26 C6
Port Townsend L24 C6
Poulsbo L23 C6
Prescott L16 C5
Prosser L16 C4
Pullman L9 C5
Puyallup L25 C10
Quincy L13 C4
Rainier L2 C10
Raymond L19 C3
Reardan L13 C5
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
Sammamish L41, 45 C8
SeaTac L33 C9
Seattle L 11, 32, 34, 36, 37, 43, 46 C7, 9
Sedro-Woolley L39 C2
Selah L15 C4
Sequim L24 C6
Shelton L35 C10
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 L3, 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
Sumner L31 C10
Sunnyside L15 C4
Tacoma L27, 28, 29 C6, 9, 10
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Tukwila L11 C9
Tumwater L22 C10
Twisp L12 C4
Union Gap L15 C4
Uniontown L9 C5
University Place L28 C10
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Vancouver L17, 18, 49 C3
Waitsburg L16 C5
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West Richland L8 C4
Westport L19 C6
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Wilson Creek L13 C4
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Woodinville L45 C1
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Woodway L32 C7
Yacolt L18 C3
Yakima L14, 15 C4
Yarrow Point L48 C1
Yelm L2 C10
Zillah L15 C4

Source Information

Legislative and congressional district boundaries as adopted by the Washington State Redistircting Commission and amended by the 2012 Washington State Legislature in Engrossed House Concurrent Resolution 4409 on February 7, 2012. (Files: LEG_AMEND_FINAL and CONG_AMEND_FINAL)*

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Map Key

15 7 6 — Legislative District Number / Boundary

7 — Congressional District Number / Boundary

County Boundary

82 Interstate Hwy

12 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.

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