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Part III. Population of Counties

POPULATION OF COUNTIES -- WASHINGTON: 1890-1990

County	1990	1980	1970	1960	1950	1940	1930	1920	1910	1900	1890
WASHINGTON	4,866,692	4,132,156	3,409,169	2,853,214	2,378,963	1,736,191	1,563,396	1,356,621	1,141,990	518,103	357,232
Adams	13,603	13,267	12,014	9,929	6,584	6,209	7,719	9,623	10,920	4,840	2,098
Asotin	17,605	16,823	13,799	12,909	10,878	8,365	8,136	6,539	5,831	3,366	1,580
Benton	112,560	109,444	67,540	62,070	51,370	12,053	10,952	10,903	7,937	—	—
Chelan	52,250	45,061	41,355	40,744	39,301	34,412	31,634	20,906	15,104	3,931	—
Clallam	56,464	51,648	34,770	30,022	26,396	21,848	20,449	11,368	6,755	5,603	2,771
Clark	238,053	192,227	128,454	93,809	85,307	49,852	40,316	32,805	26,115	13,419	11,709
Columbia	4,024	4,057	4,439	4,569	4,860	5,549	5,325	6,093	7,042	7,128	6,709
Cowlitz	82,119	79,548	68,616	57,801	53,369	40,155	31,906	11,791	12,561	7,877	5,917
Douglas	26,205	22,144	16,787	14,890	10,817	8,651	7,561	9,392	9,227	4,926	3,161
Ferry	6,295	5,811	3,655	3,889	4,096	4,701	4,292	5,143	4,800	4,562	—
Franklin	37,473	35,025	25,816	23,342	13,563	6,307	6,137	5,877	5,153	486	696
Garfield	2,248	2,468	2,911	2,976	3,204	3,383	3,662	3,875	4,199	3,918	3,897
Grant	54,758	48,522	41,881	46,477	24,346	14,668	5,666	7,771	8,698	—	—
Grays Harbor	64,175	66,314	59,553	54,465	53,644	53,166	59,982	44,745	35,590	15,124	9,249
Island	60,195	44,048	27,011	19,638	11,079	6,098	5,369	5,489	4,704	1,870	1,787
Jefferson	20,146	15,965	10,661	9,639	11,618	8,918	8,346	6,557	8,337	5,712	8,368
King	1,507,319	1,269,749	1,156,633	935,014	732,992	504,980	463,517	389,273	284,638	110,053	63,989
Kitsap	189,731	147,152	101,732	84,176	75,724	44,387	30,776	33,162	17,647	6,767	4,624
Kittitas	26,725	24,877	25,039	20,467	22,235	20,230	18,154	17,737	18,561	9,704	8,777
Klickitat	16,616	15,822	12,138	13,455	12,049	11,357	9,825	9,268	10,180	6,407	5,167
Lewis	59,358	56,025	45,467	41,858	43,755	41,393	40,034	36,840	32,127	15,157	11,499
Lincoln	8,864	9,604	9,572	10,919	10,970	11,361	11,876	15,141	17,539	11,969	9,312
Mason	38,341	31,184	20,918	16,251	15,022	11,603	10,060	4,919	5,156	3,810	2,826
Okanogan	33,350	30,639	25,867	25,520	29,131	24,546	18,519	17,094	12,887	4,689	1,467
Pacific	18,882	17,237	15,796	14,674	16,558	15,928	14,970	14,891	12,532	5,983	4,358
Pend Oreille	8,915	8,580	6,025	6,914	7,413	7,156	7,155	6,363	—	—	—
Pierce	586,203	485,643	411,027	321,590	275,876	182,081	163,842	144,127	120,812	55,515	50,940
San Juan	10,035	7,838	3,856	2,872	3,245	3,157	3,097	3,605	3,603	2,928	2,072
Skagit	79,555	64,138	52,381	51,350	43,273	37,650	35,142	33,373	29,241	14,272	8,747
Skamania	8,289	7,919	5,845	5,207	4,788	4,633	2,891	2,357	2,887	1,688	774
Snohomish	465,642	337,720	265,236	172,199	111,580	88,754	78,861	67,690	59,209	23,950	8,514
Spokane	361,364	341,835	287,487	278,333	221,561	164,652	150,477	141,289	139,404	57,542	37,487
Stevens	30,948	28,979	17,405	17,884	18,580	19,275	18,550	21,605	25,297	10,543	4,341
Thurston	161,238	124,264	76,894	55,049	44,884	37,285	31,351	22,366	17,581	9,927	9,675
Wahkiakum	3,327	3,832	3,592	3,426	3,835	4,286	3,862	3,472	3,285	2,819	2,526
Walla Walla	48,439	47,435	42,176	42,195	40,135	30,547	28,441	27,539	31,931	18,680	12,224
Whatcom	127,780	106,701	81,950	70,317	66,733	60,355	59,128	50,600	49,511	24,116	18,591
Whitman	38,775	40,103	37,900	31,263	32,469	27,221	28,014	31,323	33,280	25,360	19,109
Yakima	188,823	172,508	144,971	145,112	135,723	99,019	77,402	63,710	41,709	13,462	4,429

WASHINGTON NOTES

After a period when Great Britain also claimed it, Washington was definitively acquired in 1846 and was included in Oregon Territory, established in 1848. Washington became a separate territory in 1853, acquired essentially its present boundaries in 1863, and was admitted as a State on November 11, 1889.

The 1850 population is that of Clark and Lewis Counties, Oregon Territory; census coverage extended only to the southwestern part of present-day Washington. In 1860 census coverage included nearly the whole present State, and some persons in present-day northern Idaho and northwestern Montana.

County Notes:

Note 1: Areas shown for 1850 were then in Oregon Territory. Total for 1890 includes population (7,842) of certain Indian reservations not reported by county.

Note 2: The San Juan Islands were in dispute with Great Britain until 1872, and were reported in the 1870 census as "the disputed islands." San Juan County was formed in 1873.

Note 3: The first Spokane County was renamed Stevens in 1864. The present Spokane County was formed from Stevens after 1870.