

About the Redistricting Commission

Every 10 years, following the decennial census population count, the bipartisan Washington State Redistricting Commission is established for the purpose of redrawing legislative and congressional district boundaries. This map presents the 2021 Redistricting Commission's final legislative and congressional districts, information about the 2020 population, and an overview of the redistricting process.

2021 Redistricting Commissioners

- Sarah Augustine, Chair; Joe Fain, Senate Republican Caucus Appointee; Paul Graves, House Republican Caucus Appointee; April Sims, House Democratic Caucus Appointee; Brady Piñero Walkinshaw, Senate Democratic Caucus Appointee

Learn About Your Districts

How do I find my district? You can find out which district you live in by using the Washington State Legislature's district finder tool. Visit app.leg.wa.gov/districtfinder and enter your home address or use the QR code below.

Where do I find more information about my district?

In 38 of 39 counties, county auditors administer elections. The 39th county - King County - has a Department of Elections. These offices are available to help you learn more about your district, register to vote, or request an absentee ballot. For additional information and for extra copies of this map, please contact your county auditor or:

Office of the Secretary of State, PO Box 40220, Olympia, WA 98504-0220, Email: redistricting@sos.wa.gov, Phone: (360) 902-4151, Website: sos.wa.gov



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About Redistricting

What is redistricting? Every state in the country is divided into distinct areas that contain approximately equal numbers of people for the purpose of electing representatives at all levels - from Representatives in the U.S. Congress to city councils, schools boards, or health commissioners. These areas are known as districts. Since the population of these districts can change, all states in the country engage in redistricting every 10 years in order to create new districts and/or redraw existing district boundaries to adjust for population changes in the last decade.

Why do districts matter?

Where you live determines the districts you can vote in and who represents you and your community in public offices and government, from your congressional and state legislative representatives to your county councilperson, school board member, or fire commissioner.

Why do we redistrict?

As states and communities grow and change, peoples' representation in government gets out of balance. Redistricting aims to distribute the population of the state evenly to ensure that every Washingtonian is represented fairly in the state Legislature and the U.S. Congress.

What is the census?

Every 10 years, as required in the Constitution, the United States conducts an official head count of the current population called the census. The census aims to count every person, including children, living in the country as of April 1 of the year it is taken. The count happens in years ending in zero (i.e., 2020, 2030, etc.).

What is reapportionment?

Reapportionment is the redistribution of the 435 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives among the 50 states every 10 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 gain seats, while others lose seats. The 2020 Census counted more than 7.7 million people living in Washington, giving it 10 congressional seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.

How does the commission decide how many people are in each district?

The number of residents in each district is determined by dividing the total population by the number of districts apportioned to the state. With a population of 7,705,281 and 10 districts, congressional districts in this redistricting cycle have approximately 770,528 residents and each of the 49 state legislative districts have approximately 157,251 residents.

How does the commission decide where district lines are drawn?

State and federal law tells us how the redrawing of district boundaries must happen. New districts must align with the boundaries of local political subdivisions and areas recognized as communities of interest as much as possible and minimize the number of counties and municipalities divided into more than one district.

The Commission must also comply with the Federal Voting Rights Act to ensure that minorities have an equal opportunity to elect representatives of their choice. To meet these guidelines, each commissioner draws their own map, and then, with help of the non-voting chair, comes to a compromise as a group to approve one final map of congressional and legislative districts.

How did the 2021 commission work with the public?

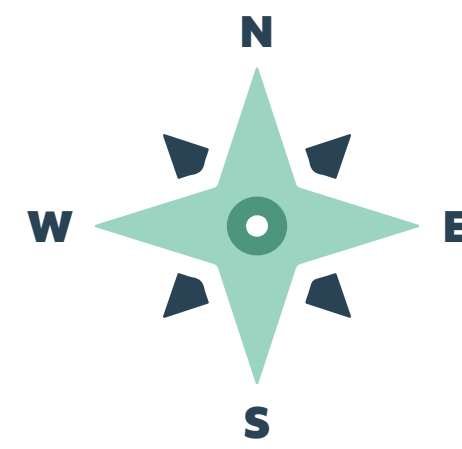
The Commission made a strong commitment to public involvement, including being the first to adopt and implement a Tribal consultation policy and to offer the public online mapping tools. More Washingtonians than ever contributed their ideas to the redistricting process, and the commission used their feedback to make decisions.



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- Tribal Lands, County Name, County Boundary, Legislative District Number, Congressional District Number, Legislative Boundary, Congressional Boundary

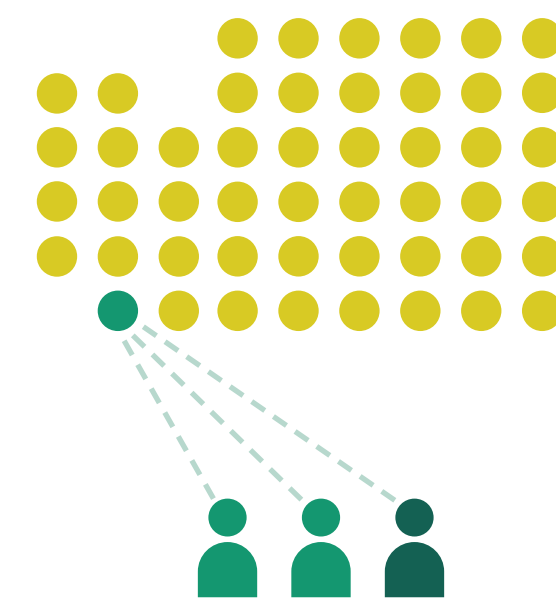
10 Congressional Districts

49 Legislative Districts

7,705,281 2020 Population

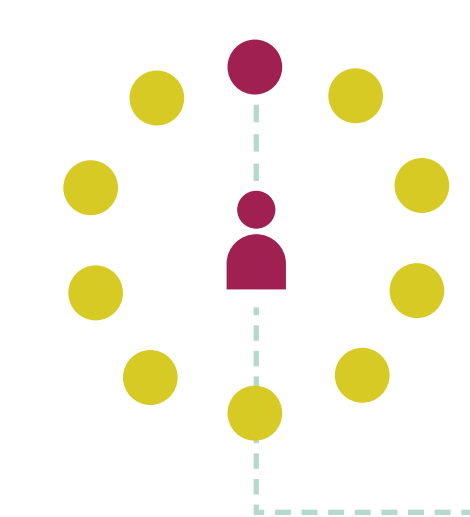
2020 Population

Our State Leadership

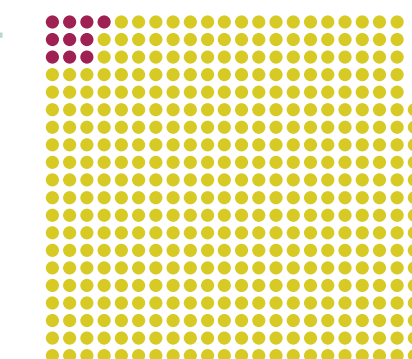


Washington State is divided into 49 Legislative Districts. Each has a population of approximately 157,251 Washingtonians and elects to the Washington State Legislature 2 Representatives for the House for a two-year term and 1 Senator for the Senate for a four-year term.

Our Federal Leadership



Washington State is entitled to 10 Congressional Districts. Each has a population of approximately 770,528 Washingtonians and elects 1 Representative for a two-year term in U.S. Congress.

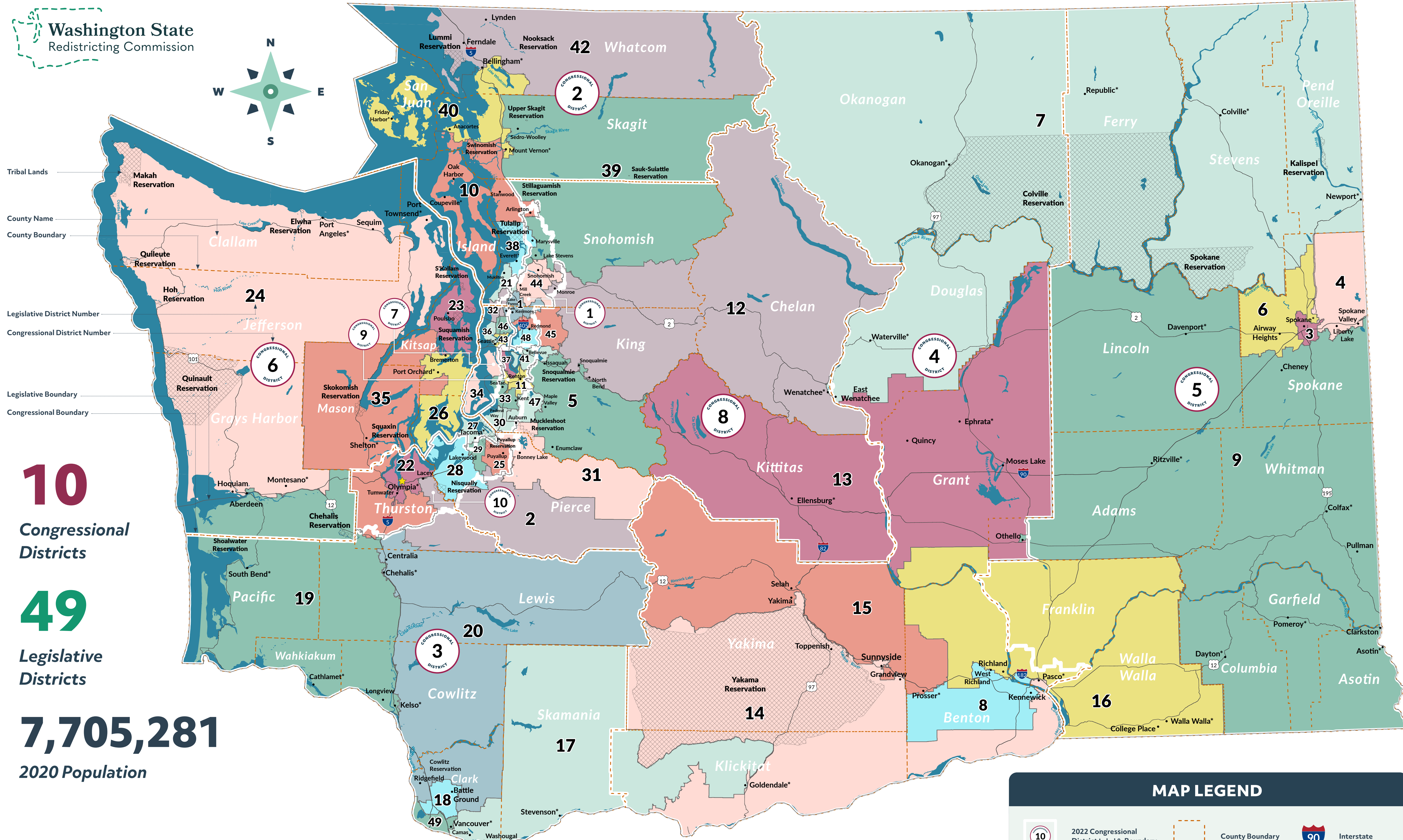


House of Representatives: Washington's 10 Congressional Representatives, also called congressmen or congresswomen, represent portions of our state (districts) in the U.S. House of Representatives for two-year terms.



The U.S. Congress is made of two bodies (or chambers): the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate

U.S. Senate: Additionally, Washington State voters elect two Senators to represent the whole state. Each elected Senator serves a six-year term in the U.S. Senate.



MAP LEGEND

- 2022 Congressional District Label & Boundary, 2024 Legislative District Label & Boundary, Cities, County Boundary, Tribal Lands, Roads, Interstate, U.S. Highway, County Seat

Projected Coordinate System: NAD 1983 HARN StatePlane Washington South FIPS 4602 Feet. Datum: North American 1983 HARN. Projection: Lambert Conformal Conic. Source Data: CONG_AMEND_FINAL as amended by HCR 4407 (adopted February 8, 2022); Soto Palmer v. Hobbs, No. 3:22-cv-05035-RSL, Order Regarding Remedy, Dkt. 290 (W.D. Wash., March 15, 2024) and attachments; WaDNr; ESRI; USGS; OpenStreetMap; 2020 US Census Bureau TIGER/Line Shapefiles. While every effort has been made to ensure the overall accuracy of the data, the Washington State Redistricting Commission is not responsible for any limitations of the data.

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