



# Redistricting KING COUNTY

King County Districting Committee  
Community Listening Sessions  
Summer 2021

# King County Districting Committee

- The King County Districting Committee is an independent, non-partisan committee made up of four members appointed by the King County Council and a fifth member selected by the committee who also serves as chair.
- The Committee's sole responsibility is redrawing County Council districts every 10 years based on the latest decennial Census data.
- The committee wants to hear about your community, areas important to the community and your priorities for redrawing the King County Council district boundaries.



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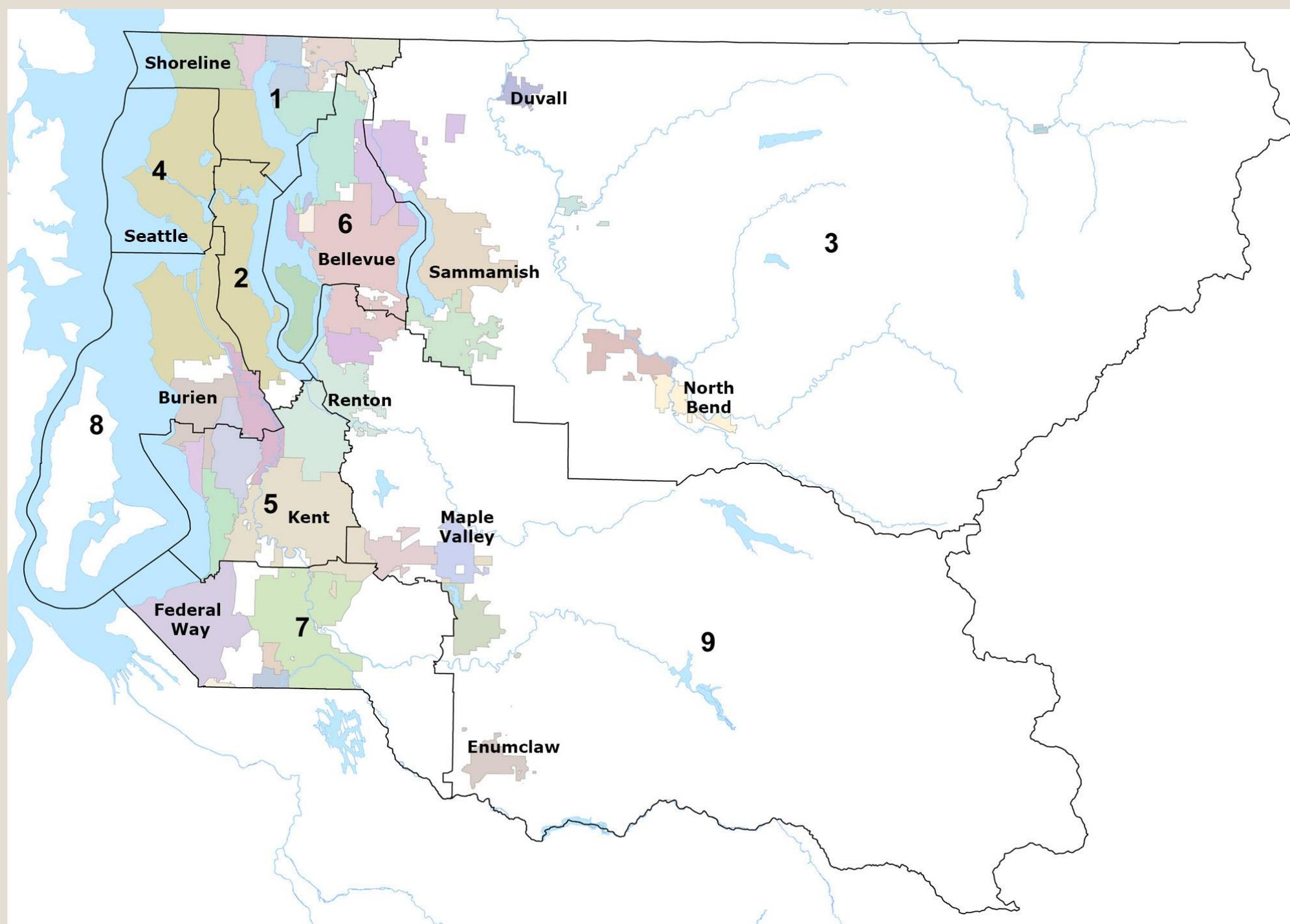
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# What is the King County Council?

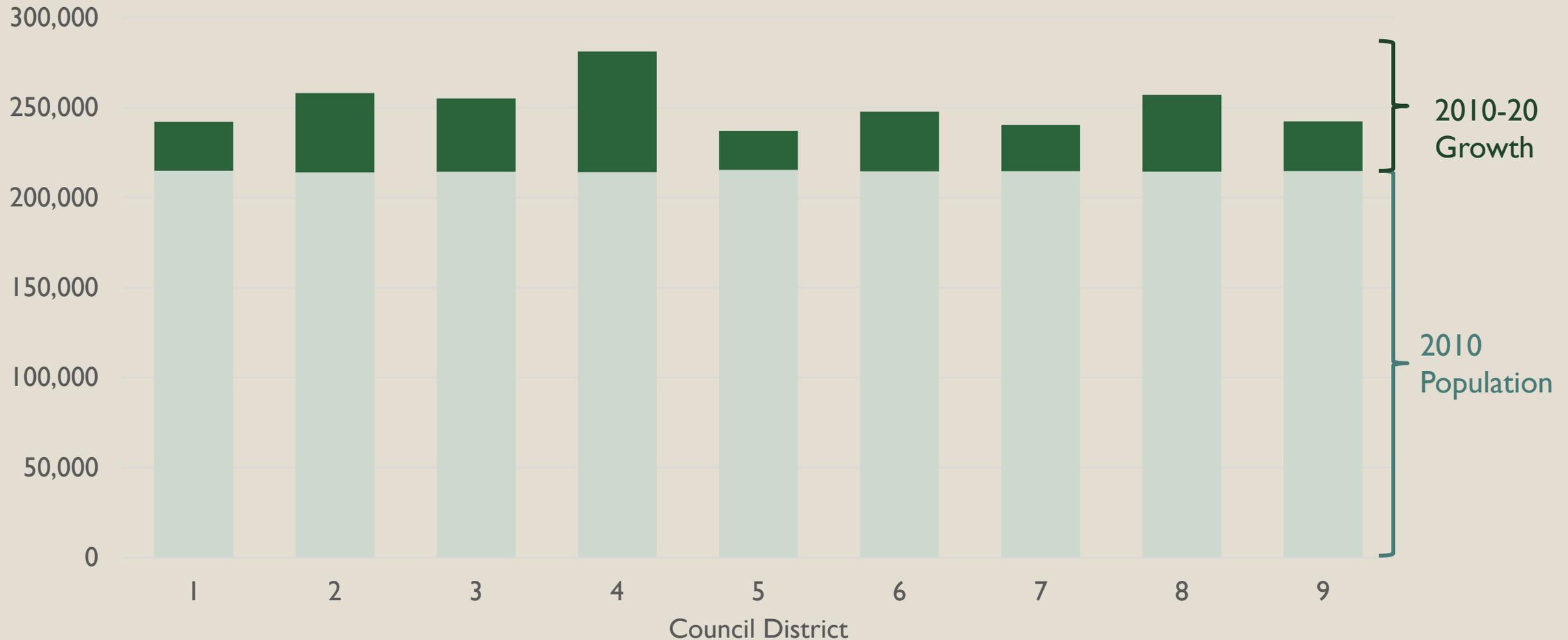
- The nine-member King County Council oversees the second largest government in the state.
- The County provides “regional” services to the whole county, including public health, elections, Metro transit, wastewater, solid waste, the regional criminal justice system and County parks.
- In unincorporated areas, the County serves as the local government and provides for law enforcement, roads and bridges, permitting and development, and other local government services.



King County  
Council  
Districts  
2012-2021



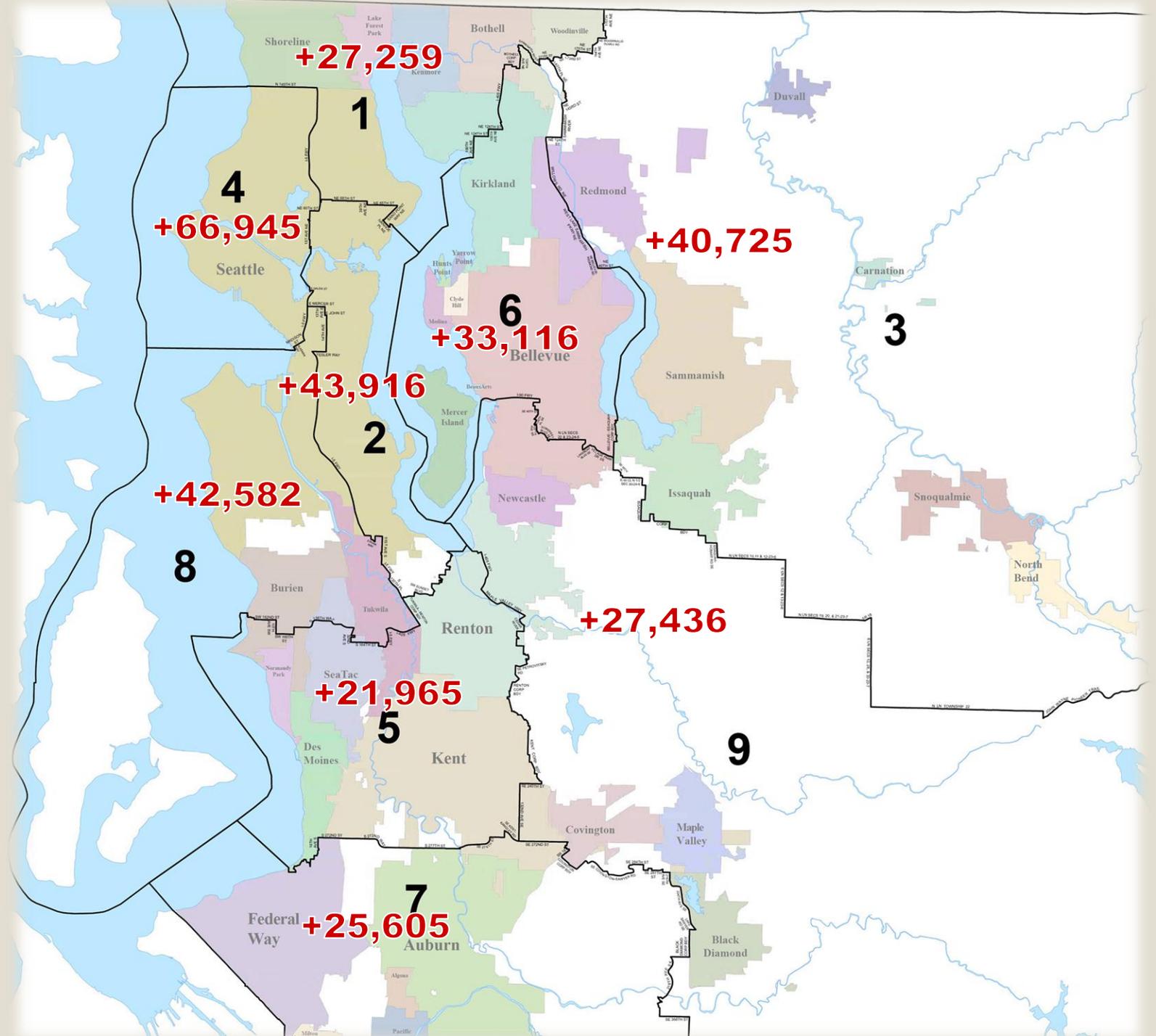
# Pre-Census Estimate of Growth in King County Council Districts



Source: OFM Small Area Estimates, 2020 (courtesy Rebeccah Maskin)

# Council Districts: Estimate of Total Population Growth 2010-2020

(Source: 2010 Census,  
2020 WA Office of  
Financial Management  
estimate)



# Estimated Council District deviation from equal population districts

*Relative to estimated 251,200 people if all districts were exactly the same population*



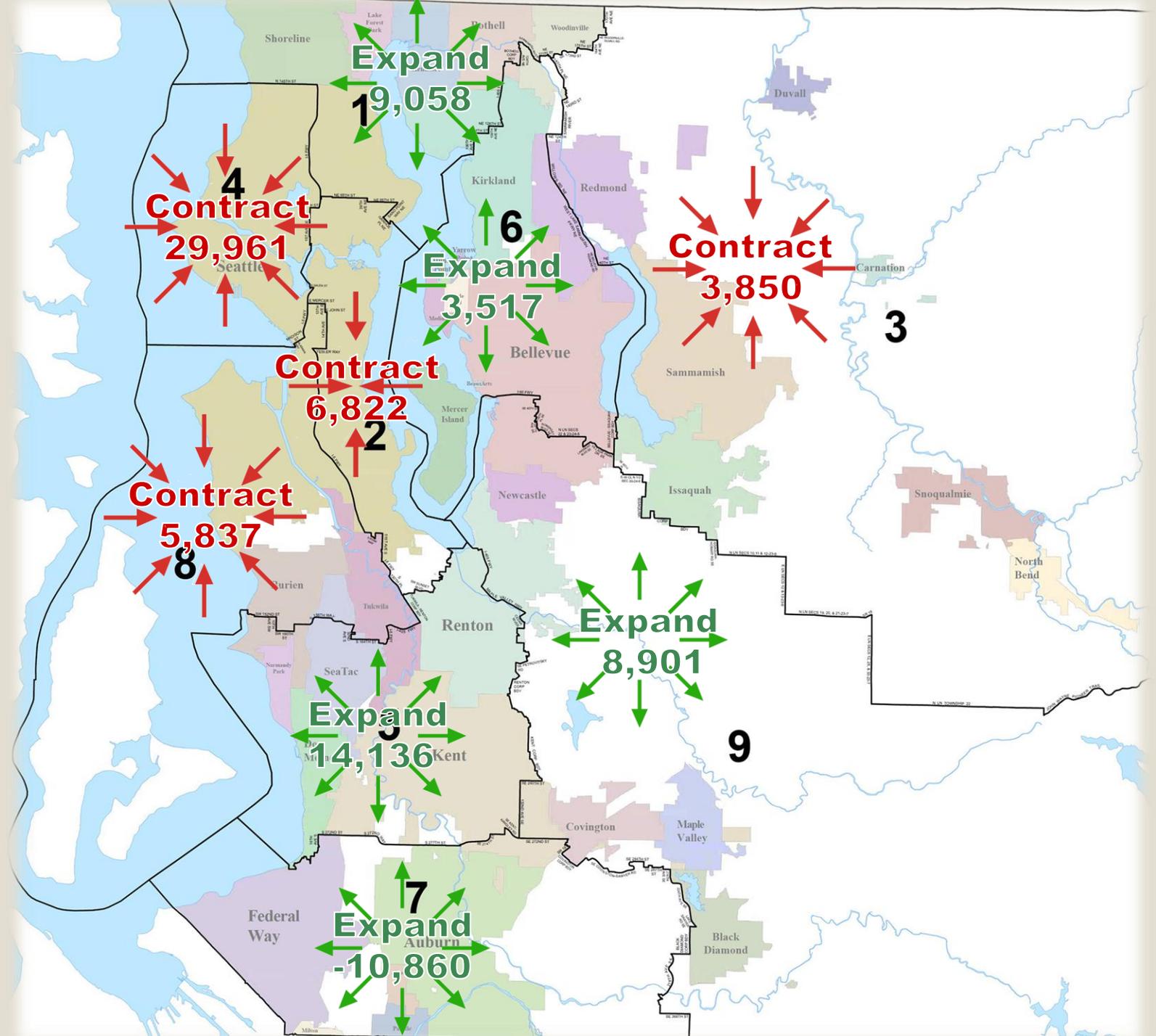
2020  
Avg. Pop:  
**251,200**

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# Council Districts:

Estimate of  
Population  
changes  
to achieve equal  
population  
districts

(Source: 2020 Washington  
Office of Financial  
Management *estimate*)



# Districting at a glance

- Redistricting determines which areas, neighborhoods and communities are grouped together into a district for purposes of electing a King County Councilmember to represent you.
- Under the Charter, the Committee must complete its work by the end of 2021.
- The process for redrawing districts is based on parameters set forth in federal, state and county laws.
- In carrying out all federal, state and local law requirements, the committee will consider the potential equity and social justice impacts of its decisions.
- Today, we will provide you with some background information on our process, but the primary purpose of this meeting is to hear from you!

# Boundary lines determine representation

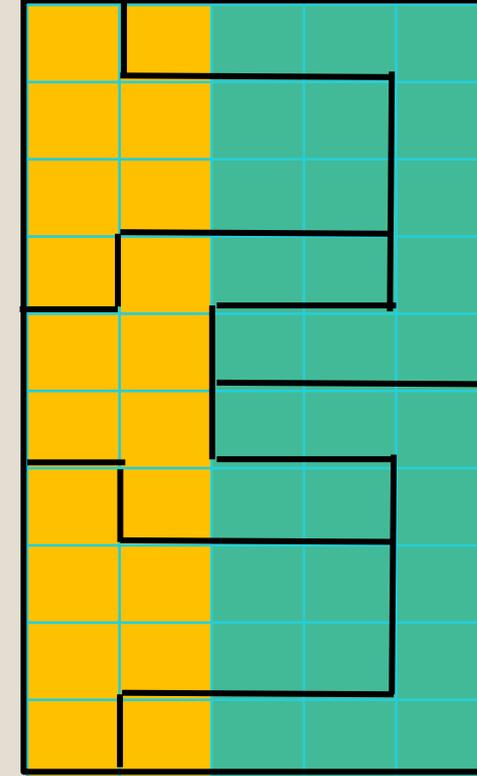
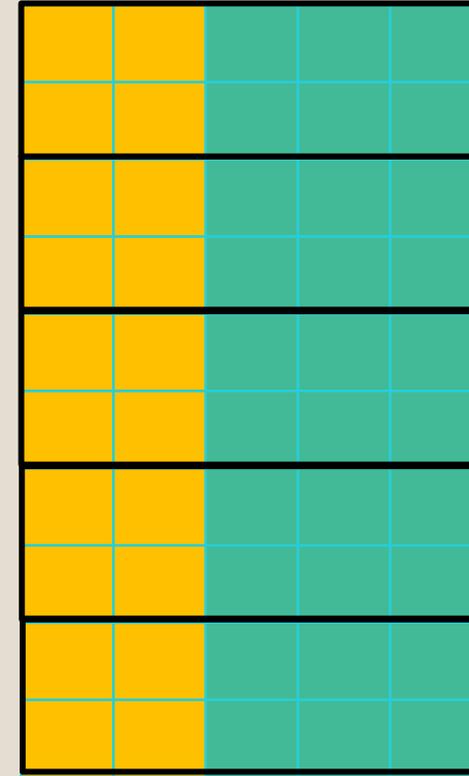
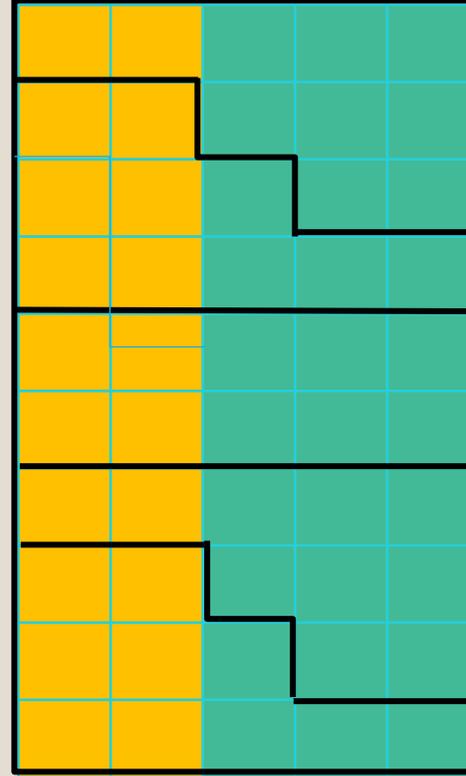
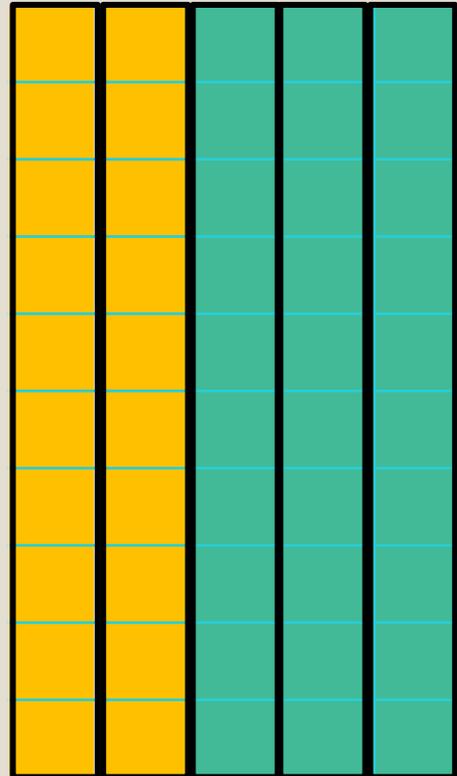
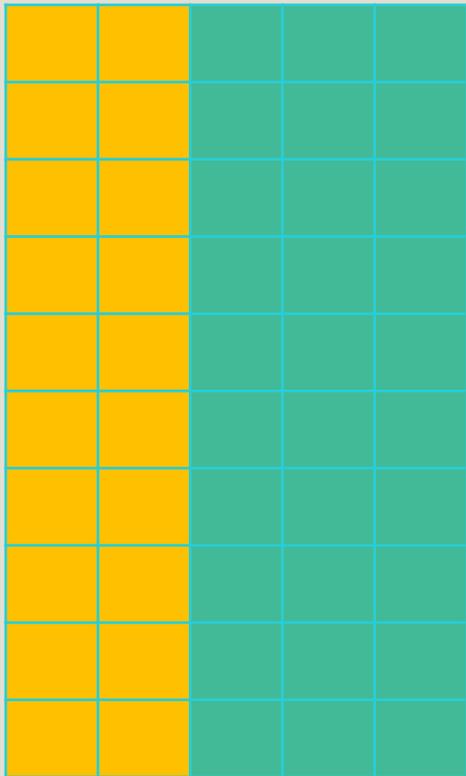
Orange = People who want pie

Green = People who want cake

50 People

Proportionate to electorate

Not proportionate to electorate



**50 PRECINCTS**  
**60% Prefer cake**  
**40% Prefer pie**

**5 DISTRICTS**  
**3 Cakes**  
**2 Pies**  
Scenario 1

**5 DISTRICTS**  
**3 Cakes**  
**2 Pies**  
Scenario 2

**5 DISTRICTS**  
**5 Cakes**  
**0 Pies**  
Scenario 3

**5 DISTRICTS**  
**2 Cakes**  
**3 Pies**  
Scenario 4

# Redistricting legal criteria

State law (RCW 29A.76) and the King County Charter (KCC Section 650) prescribe committee criteria for developing the new district boundaries:

## Nearly Equal Population

- Districts shall be as nearly equal in population as possible to each other

## Compact and Contiguous

- Districts are to be compact and comprised of contiguous territory

## Existing Natural Boundaries

- To the extent feasible, district boundaries shall coincide with existing recognized natural boundaries and be composed of economic and geographic units

## Communities of Interest

- To the extent feasible, districts boundaries shall preserve existing communities of related and mutual interest

## Census Tracts + Municipalities

- As nearly as practical, district boundaries shall correspond with the boundaries of municipalities and census tracts

## Not favor or disfavor a group

- Population data may not be used for purposes of favoring or disfavoring any racial group or political party

# We want to hear from you!

- We didn't come today hoping to have you redraw maps for us. As you can see from the legal criteria page, there are MANY considerations we must incorporate into the final map drawing.
- What we would love to hear from you is more about your community.

What is important to you and your community?

What is working with the current boundaries?  
What isn't working?

What should the Committee keep in mind when they are drawing the new boundaries to make sure your community is well represented?

# What will we do with the information?

- The Committee's community outreach plan calls for approximately 20 listening session meetings just like this one. These meetings are taking place with various communities throughout the county in order to help the committee understand the data and community priorities.
- Once we complete the listening session series, the Committee will develop draft redistricting maps.
- The draft redistricting maps will then continue to be evaluated by the Committee, and additional town hall meetings will take place prior to the required public hearing on the final redistricting map sometime before the end of the year.

# Thank you for attending and now for today's discussion:

1. What makes your community unique?
2. What areas would you identify as the hubs of your community?
3. Are there parks, trails, waterways, community centers or other destinations where community members gather or that are important to your community?
4. If you were to draw your community on a map, what might that look like?
5. Can you describe how the current County Council boundary lines work or don't work to provide your community or jurisdiction effective representation?
6. What else would you like the Districting Committee to know about your community or jurisdiction?
7. What is the best way to engage your community throughout the districting process?

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