King County provides critical local and regional services to millions of people, with a two-year budget of about $11.6 billion, 15,000 employees and more than 60 lines of business.

Budget Highlights

**Mobility** Metro Transit is increasing bus service by 177,000 hours and investing in new capital projects that will allow it to keep pace with rider demand in the decades to come.

**Local Services** The new Department of Local Services will develop new and better ways to serve unincorporated King County.

**Homelessness** Homelessness is one of the most difficult, complex, and troubling issues facing our region today, and King County is utilizing many tools to effectively and efficiently provide services that help people stabilize their lives and successfully exit homelessness.

**Zero Youth Detention** The Road Map to Zero Youth Detention will expand the range of community-based programs so that diversion becomes the legal system’s primary response for most youth who come into contact with the legal system, instead of detention.

**Natural Environment** The Clean Water, Healthy Habitat Agenda makes targeted investments to achieve the best outcomes for the health of the Puget Sound region now and in the future.

**Equity and Social Justice** The 2019-2020 budget makes critical investments in policy areas that are focused upstream and where needs are greatest, on community partners, and on our employees, with transparent and accountable leadership. These investments uphold our values in realizing the vision of a racially just King County where all people have equitable opportunities to thrive.

By the Numbers

King County ranks #1 in population in Washington State and is the financial, economic, and industrial center of the Pacific Northwest.

With 2.2 million residents, King County’s population has increased by more than 13% since 2010, making it one of the fastest growing large counties in the nation.

King County has about:

- 29% of the state’s population
- but 40% of the state’s jobs
- and more than 50% of the state’s economy.

King County has a diverse population

One of every five residents was born in another country.

170+ languages are spoken in our schools.
King County General Fund

The King County General Fund supports the traditional functions of a county government, most of which are required by state law. About three-quarters of the General Fund is spent on criminal justice and public safety.

General Fund 2019-2020 Revenues by Category

- General Fund Revenues: $1.8 billion
  - Property Tax: 40%
  - Sales Tax: 16%
  - Intergovernmental Receipts: 2%
  - Fines, Fees, Transfers: 7%
  - Charges for Services: 29%
  - Interest: 1%
  - Other Taxes: 2%
  - Federal and State Revenue: 3%

General Fund 2019-2020 Expenditures by Category

- General Fund Expenditures: $1.8 billion
  - Justice and Safety: 72%
  - General Government: 14%
  - Health and Human Services: 5%
  - Natural Environment and Local Services: 1%
  - Elections: 3%
  - Debt Service: 3%
  - Assessments: 3%

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