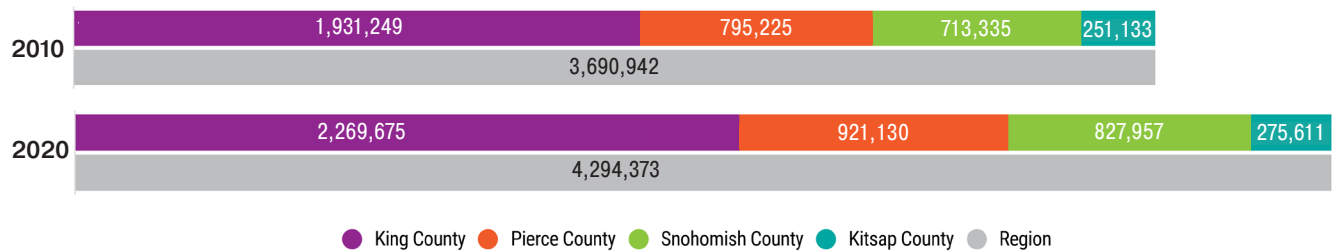


Regional Population Trends

Data from the 2020 Census is out and, no surprise, central Puget Sound has continued its strong growth.

The central Puget Sound region grew by 600,000 in the last 10 years. The population now stands at 4.3 million, up from 3.7 million in 2010. To put that in perspective, the region has added the equivalent of two Kitsap counties since the last census count.

Central Puget Sound Population Growth, 2010–2020



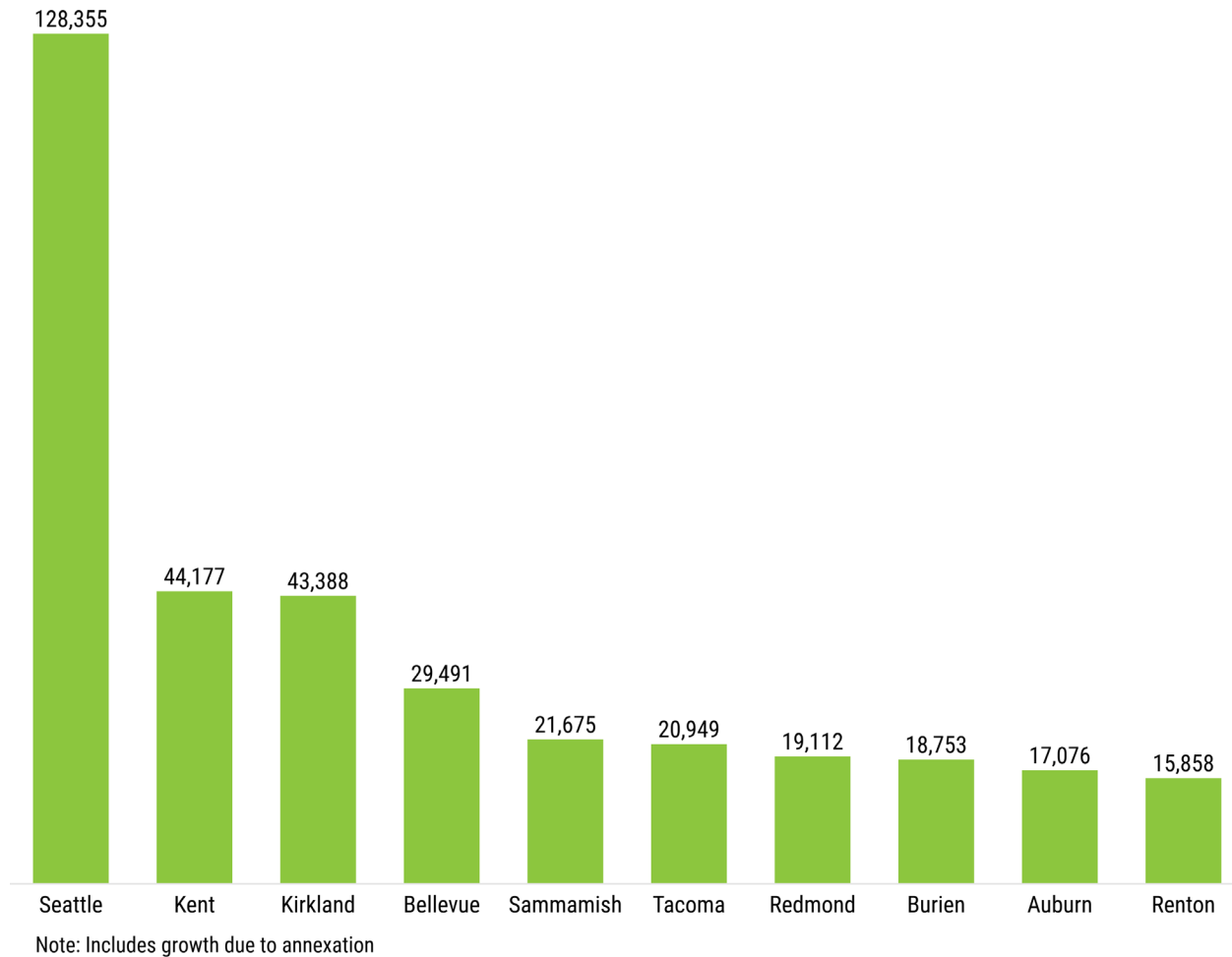
Growth here made up a large portion of Washington state’s population gains. Out of 981,000 people added to the state’s population during the last decade, 603,431 (62%) were central Puget Sound residents. This region now comprises 56% of the state’s population.

Almost every city in the region grew during the last decade

As the largest city in the region, Seattle gained the most people in terms of raw numbers. The city’s 128,000 additional residents helped make King County one of only five counties in the U.S. to gain more than 300,000 people this decade.

The only city on this top 10 list not in King County is Tacoma (Auburn is partly in King County and partly in Pierce County).

Top 10 Cities by Number of People Added, 2010–2020

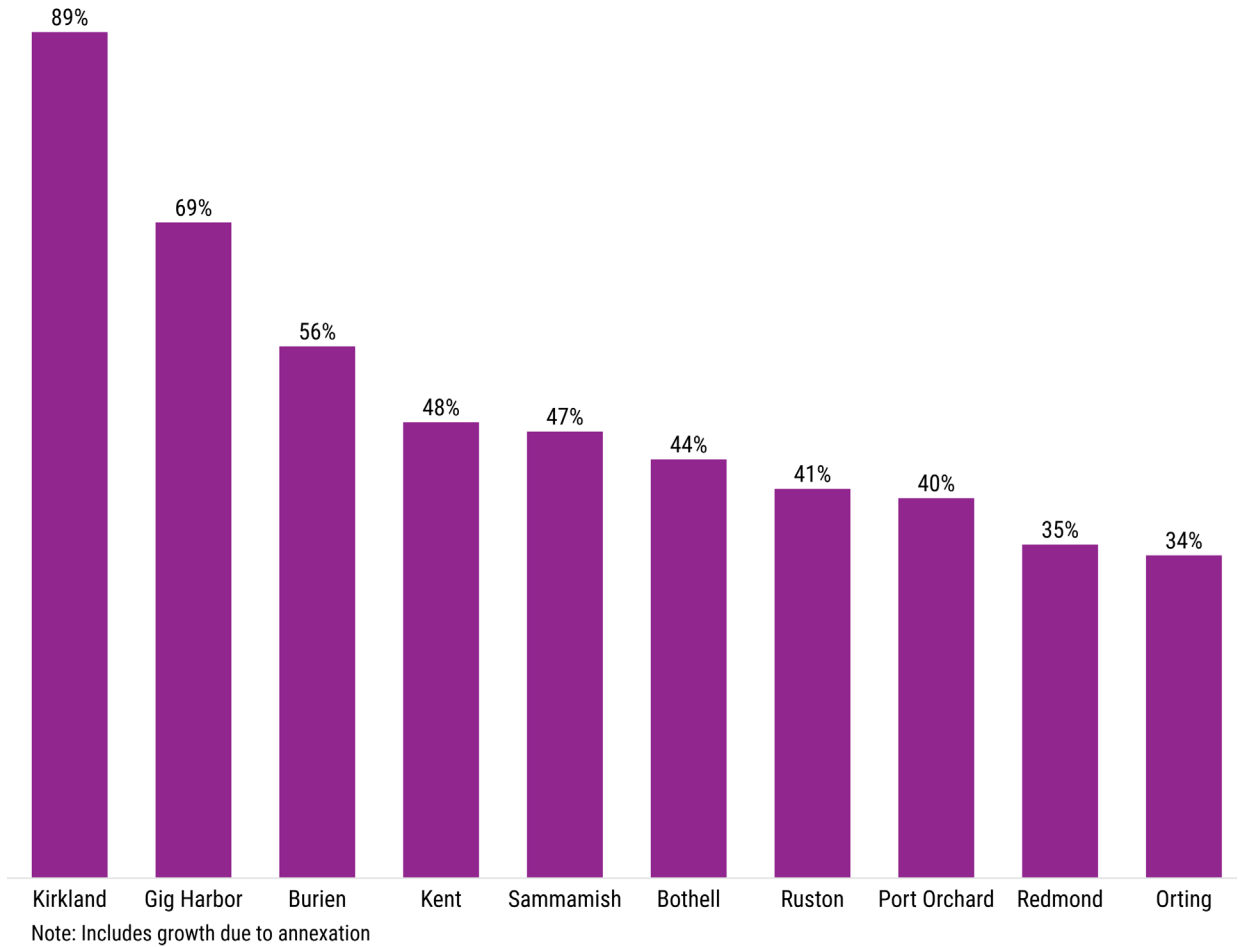


When looking at percentage growth, every county in the region has at least one city in the top 10. Three cities in Pierce County show up on the list: Gig Harbor, Ruston and Orting. Snohomish County is represented by Bothell (though part of Bothell is in King County). Kitsap County's Port Orchard had a substantial 40% growth rate.

The top city by percentage growth was Kirkland. But much of that growth came from annexation; the city took in an extra 32,000 in population in 2011 and nearly doubled its size.

Kent has been in the news for being one of the fastest-growing large cities in the country, but it ranks only fourth here. That's because the Census Bureau's list was limited to places over 100,000. Annexation also padded some of Kent's growth. The city added 25,000 people in the Panther Lake area just after the 2010 census.

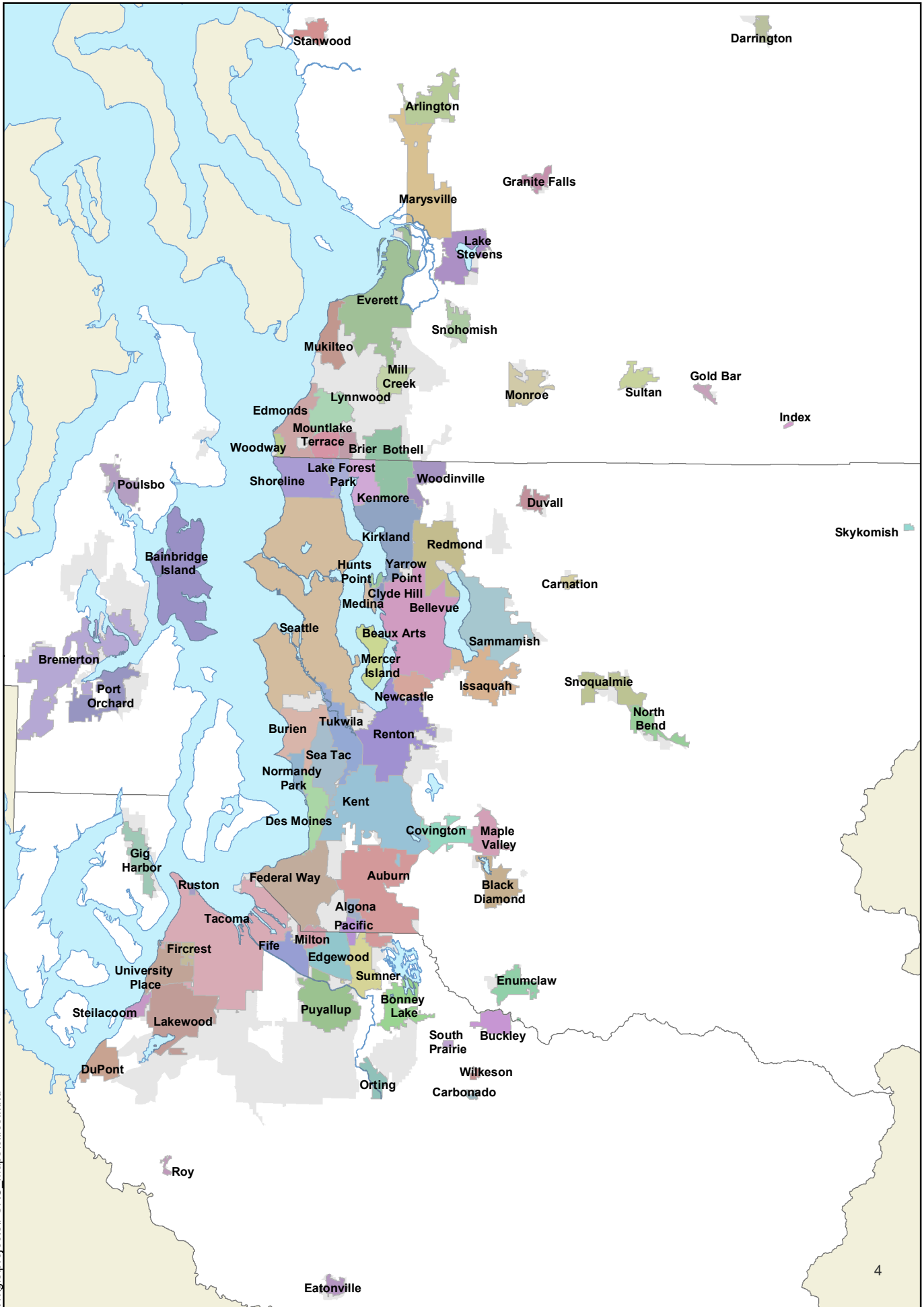
Top 10 Cities by Percent Growth, 2010–2020



The once-a-decade census helps communities plan how they will grow, determines political representation and impacts funding for local jurisdictions.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 and 2010 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File.

Appendix A: Cities and Towns of the Central Puget Sound Region



Appendix B: Population of Cities, Towns and Counties in the Central Puget Sound Region

County or Municipality	Census 2010	Census 2020	Population Change 2010-20	Population Change (%) 2010-20	Population Annexed 2010-20
Central Puget Sound	3,690,942	4,294,373	603,431	16.4	--
King County	1,931,249	2,269,675	338,426	17.5	--
Kitsap County	251,133	275,611	24,478	9.7	--
Pierce County	795,225	921,130	125,905	15.8	--
Snohomish County	713,335	827,957	114,622	16.1	--
Algona	3,014	3,290	276	9.2	0
Arlington	17,926	19,868	1,942	10.8	42
Auburn	70,180	87,256	17,076	24.3	0
Bainbridge Island	23,025	24,825	1,800	7.8	0
Beaux Arts Village	299	317	18	6.0	0
Bellevue	122,363	151,854	29,491	24.1	5,630
Black Diamond	4,151	4,697	546	13.2	0
Bonney Lake	17,374	22,487	5,113	29.4	188
Bothell	33,505	48,161	14,656	43.7	6801
Bremerton	37,729	43,505	5,776	15.3	65
Brier	6,087	6,560	473	7.8	155
Buckley	4,354	5,114	760	17.5	0
Burien	33,313	52,066	18,753	56.3	14,292
Carbonado	610	734	124	20.3	0
Carnation	1,786	2,158	372	20.8	1
Clyde Hill	2,984	3,126	142	4.8	0
Covington	17,575	20,777	3,202	18.2	0
Darrington	1,347	1,462	115	8.5	0
Des Moines	29,673	32,888	3,215	10.8	0
DuPont	8,199	10,151	1,952	23.8	0
Duvall	6,695	8,034	1,339	20.0	0
Eatonville	2,758	2,845	87	3.2	0
Edgewood	9,387	12,327	2,940	31.3	0
Edmonds	39,709	42,853	3,144	7.9	0
Enumclaw	10,669	12,543	1,874	17.6	366
Everett	103,019	110,629	7,610	7.4	6
Federal Way	89,306	101,030	11,724	13.1	0
Fife	9,173	10,999	1,826	19.9	69
Fircrest	6,497	7,156	659	10.1	42
Gig Harbor	7,126	12,029	4,903	68.8	18
Gold Bar	2,075	2,403	328	15.8	0
Granite Falls	3,364	4,450	1,086	32.3	0
Hunts Point	394	457	63	16.0	0
Index	178	155	-23	-12.9	0
Issaquah	30,434	40,051	9,617	31.6	0

County or Municipality	Census 2010	Census 2020	Population Change 2010-20	Population Change (%) 2010-20	Population Annexed 2010-20
Kenmore	20,460	23,914	3,454	16.9	0
Kent	92,411	136,588	44,177	47.8	25,458
Kirkland	48,787	92,175	43,388	88.9	31,816
Lake Forest Park	12,598	13,630	1,032	8.2	0
Lake Stevens	28,069	35,630	7,561	26.9	572
Lakewood	58,163	63,612	5,449	9.4	0
Lynnwood	35,836	38,568	2,732	7.6	4
Maple Valley	22,684	28,013	5,329	23.5	0
Marysville	60,020	70,714	10,694	17.8	0
Medina	2,969	2,915	-54	-1.8	396
Mercer Island	22,699	25,748	3,049	13.4	0
Mill Creek	18,244	20,926	2,682	14.7	0
Milton	6,968	8,697	1,729	24.8	401
Monroe	17,304	19,699	2,395	13.8	21
Mountlake Terrace	19,909	21,286	1,377	6.9	0
Mukilteo	20,254	21,538	1,284	6.3	0
Newcastle	10,380	13,017	2,637	25.4	0
Normandy Park	6,335	6,771	436	6.9	0
North Bend	5,731	7,461	1,730	30.2	114
Orting	6,746	9,041	2,295	34.0	0
Pacific	6,606	7,235	629	9.5	0
Port Orchard	11,144	15,587	4,443	39.9	943
Poulsbo	9,200	11,975	2,775	30.2	35
Puyallup	37,022	42,973	5,951	16.1	206
Redmond	54,144	73,256	19,112	35.3	331
Renton	90,927	106,785	15,858	17.4	899
Roy	793	816	23	2.9	0
Ruston	749	1,055	306	40.9	0
Sammamish	45,780	67,455	21,675	47.3	11,566
SeaTac	26,909	31,454	4,545	16.9	0
Seattle	608,660	737,015	128,355	21.1	0
Shoreline	53,007	58,608	5,601	10.6	0
Skykomish	198	161	-37	-18.7	0
Snohomish	9,098	10,126	1,028	11.3	0
Snoqualmie	10,670	14,121	3,451	32.3	0
South Prairie	434	373	-61	-14.1	0
Stanwood	6,231	7,705	1,474	23.7	7
Steilacoom	5,985	6,727	742	12.4	0
Sultan	4,651	5,146	495	10.6	10
Sumner	9,451	10,621	1,170	12.4	0
Tacoma	198,397	219,346	20,949	10.6	0
Tukwila	19,107	21,798	2,691	14.1	0

County or Municipality	Census 2010	Census 2020	Population Change 2010-20	Population Change (%) 2010-20	Population Annexed 2010-20
University Place	31,144	34,866	3,722	12.0	0
Wilkeson	477	499	22	4.6	0
Woodinville	10,938	13,069	2,131	19.5	0
Woodway	1,307	1,318	11	0.8	0
Yarrow Point	1,001	1,134	133	13.3	0

Sources: 2010 Census – Summary File 1, 2020 Census – Redistricting File
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