



Briefing Report

# How Washington Compares 2020

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# Background

Compilation of measures from national datasets—shows how WA compares to others.

Intent is to make these public data sources more accessible and interactive.

Added two new measures based on feedback.



The background of the slide features a photograph of the Washington State Capitol building, showing its iconic dome and classical columns, partially obscured by green trees.

# Overview of measures

Population, economy, health, and environment

Taxes and revenue

Government spending and debt

Education costs and spending

Public assistance, transportation, and public safety spending

# Data is available in interactive dashboards

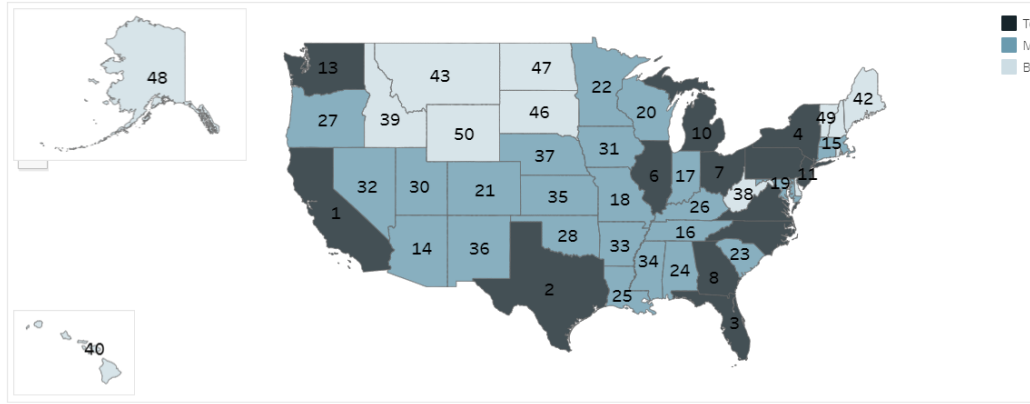
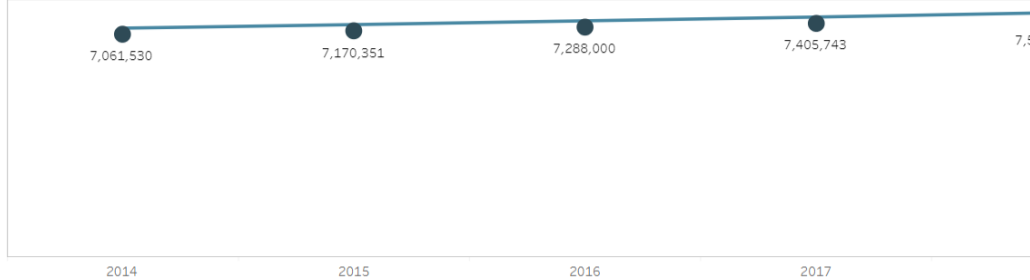
<http://leg.wa.gov/jlarc/reports/2020/WACompares/default.html>

## 1. Population 2018

Select a state to filter

- California 39,557,045
- Texas 28,701,845
- Florida 21,299,325
- New York 19,542,209
- Pennsylvania 12,807,060
- Illinois 12,741,080
- Ohio 11,689,442
- Georgia 10,519,475
- North Carolina 10,383,620
- Michigan 9,995,915
- New Jersey 8,908,520
- Virginia 8,517,685
- Washington 7,535,591
- Arizona 7,171,646
- Massachusetts 6,902,149
- Tennessee 6,770,010
- Indiana 6,691,878
- Missouri 6,126,452
- Maryland 6,042,718
- Wisconsin 5,813,568
- Colorado 5,695,564
- Minnesota 5,611,179
- South Carolina 5,084,127
- Alabama 4,887,871
- Louisiana 4,659,978
- Kentucky 4,468,402
- Oregon 4,190,713
- Oklahoma 3,943,079
- Connecticut 3,572,665
- Utah 3,161,105
- Iowa 3,156,145

5-year trend: Washington



Click here to view change in population

### How Washington Compares

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This briefing report used national data to show how Washington compares to other states.

Category	Measure	Rank	Measure	Trend
Population, economy, health, and environment	Population	13	7,614,893	↑
	Percent change in population (10-year change)	9	14.2%	↓
	Per capita personal income	7	\$62,026	↑
	Per capita state GDP	6	\$75,088	↑
	Annual unemployment rate	9	4.5%	↓
	Percent of population living in poverty	42	10.3%	↓
	Percent of population under 65 with health insurance	16	92.5%	↓
	Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	49	3.9	↓
	Percent of adults 25+ with at least a high school education	15	91.6%	↑
	Percent of adults with obesity (2018)	38	28.7%	↑
Education costs and spending	State and local per pupil funding, pre-K-12	19	\$13,275	↑
	State per pupil funding, pre-K-12	9	\$8,944	↑
	Average annual in-state tuition and fees at public 4-year institutions	25	\$10,080	↑
	Percent change in in-state tuition and fees at public 4-year institutions (5-year change)	50	(-12.4%)	↑
Higher education appropriations per FTE student	25	\$6,966	↓	
Taxes and Revenue	Per capita state revenue	21	\$8,052	↑
	Per capita local revenue	6	\$6,918	↑
	State & local revenue as a percent of personal income	27	23.1%	↑
	Per capita state taxes	12	\$3,185	↑
	Per capita local taxes	18	\$2,110	↑
Government spending and debt	Per capita state and local taxes	13	\$5,342	↑
	State and local taxes as a percent of personal income	30	9.1%	↑
	Per capita federal grants	33	\$1,945	↑
	Per capita federal expenditures	30	\$8,084	↑
Public assistance, transportation, and public safety spending	Per capita state expenditures	30	\$6,107	↑
	Percent change in per capita state expenditures (10-year change)	25	3.2%	↓
	Per capita general fund expenditures	17	\$2,725	↑
	Per capita state and local debt outstanding	6	\$11,928	↑
	State government FTEs per 100 persons	18	1.7	↓
Bond ratings (December 2019)	17	AA+	↑	

**Key**  
 Measure increased from last year ↑  
 Measure decreased from last year ↓

The complete report is on the JLARC web site: [www.leg.wa.gov/jlarc](http://www.leg.wa.gov/jlarc)  
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**Next Steps**

Annual report in Spring of 2021

**Full Report**

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