

2023 WASHINGTON STATE ASSESSORS



Washington State Association of County Assessors
Affiliate of the Washington Association of County Officials

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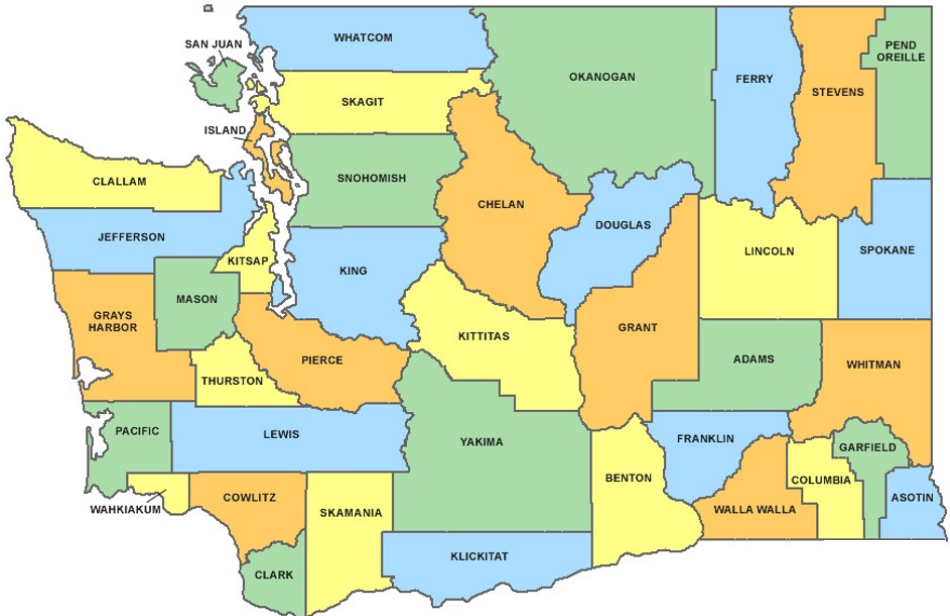
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WSACA

The Washington State Association of County Assessors (WSACA) actively promotes legislation that enables its members to efficiently appraise property and equalize values, and strives for uniformity of appraisals and ratios within and between their respective counties. WSACA works with the Washington Association of County Officials (WACO) to better understand the mutual concerns experienced by WSACA members and other county officials.

Mission Statement

The Washington State Association of County Assessors is dedicated to “Valuing Washington” with the highest standards of professionalism, using the broadest application of proper appraisal methods, techniques and standards available, in order to assure statewide equalization in the valuation of real and personal property, while maintaining the principle of local control; and to providing information both to the public for a better understanding of the appraisal and assessment process, and to the Washington State Legislature in order to achieve a “Fair and Equitable” ad valorem system.

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WSACA Districts

NE District

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Puget Sound District

Island
King
Kitsap
Pierce
San Juan
Skagit
Snohomish
Thurston
Whatcom

2023 Committees

Standing Committees

Education

Chair: Emily Wilcox - 2025
DOR: Jeri Lux

Members:

Jenny Rynearson - 2023

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Bill Spencer - 2024

Rebecca Xczar - 2024

Danny Hagen - 2025

Kelly Mauck - 2025

Pam Rushton - 2025

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Legislative

Chair: Steven Drew

Members:

Mike Lonergan

Peter Van Nortwick

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Rebecca Xczar

John Rosenau

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John Wilson

Linda Hjelle

Nominating

Chair: John Rosenau

Members:

Rachel Siracuse

Emily Wilcox

Linda Hjelle

Bill Spencer

Resolution

Chair: Mike Lonergan

Members:

Steven Drew

Jim Ruud

Larry Gilman

Special Committees

Appraisal

Chair: Linda Hjelle

Members:

Rebecca Xczar

Jenny Rynearson

Phil Cook

Larry Gilman

Bill Spencer

Kelly Mauck

Exemptions

Chair: Bruce Walker

Members:

Veronica Rodriquez

Tammy Kettermann

Falon Hoven

Billi Bare

Jacob Tate

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Public/Gov't Relations

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Members:

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Mike Hougardy

John Wilson

Patti McLean

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Assessment Process

The assessor's primary duty is determining the taxable value of all real and personal property within their jurisdiction for the equitable distribution of property taxes. The process is governed by state law and reviewed by the Department of Revenue to promote uniform taxation according to Article VII of the Washington State Constitution.

Real property is valued every year based on an analysis of sales and a physical inspection at least once every six years. Business personal property is valued every year based on the depreciated cost of business assets identified by the business owner. Any taxpayer who disagrees with the value determined by the assessor has the right to appeal the valuation to the County Board of Equalization.

The amount of taxes to be paid is the total amount of the levies determined by the various taxing district officials, including the state of Washington, county and city legislative authorities, school boards, fire district commissioners, junior taxing districts and the voting public for special levies. The assessor calculates the levy for each district using the lesser of the budget requested by the district and certain levy limits imposed by statute. The levy rate for each district is the levy amount divided by the total taxable value of the district.

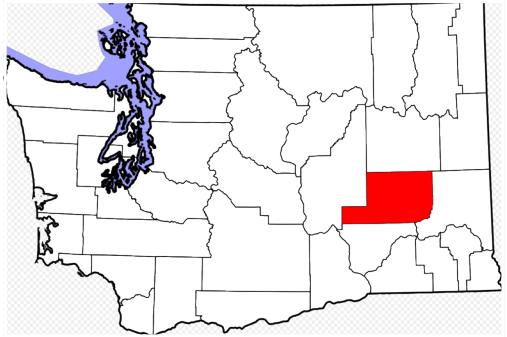
The assessor maintains a public record, known as the assessment roll, listing ownership, description, tax code area, location and the assessed valuation for all property within the county. Assessor records include information about when a parcel is sold or divided, when boundary lines change, and when new plats are created. The assessor also maintains a detailed series of maps showing all properties within the county. Aerial survey photos are an integral part of the mapping system in most counties.

2023 County Assessors

Adams	Veronica Rodriguez	509-659-3203	veronicar@co.adams.wa.us
Asotin	Jenny Rynearson	509-243-2017	jrynearson@co.asotin.wa.us
Benton	Bill Spencer	509-786-2046	bill.spencer@co.benton.wa.us
Chelan	Wes Cornelius	509-667-6367	wesley.cornelius@co.chelan.wa.us
Clallam	Pam Rushton	360-417-2228	prushton@co.clallam.wa.us
Clark	Peter Van Nortwick	564-397-4634	peter.vannortwick@clark.wa.gov
Columbia	Tammy Ketterman	509-382-2131	tammy_ketterman@co.columbia.wa.us
Cowlitz	Emily Wilcox	360-577-3010	WilcoxE@co.cowlitz.wa.us
Douglas	Jim Ruud	509-888-6340	JRuud@co.douglas.wa.us
Ferry	Rachel Siracuse	509-775-5225	assessor@co.ferry.wa.us
Franklin	John Rosenau	509-545-3506	jrosenau@franklincountywa.gov
Garfield	Brian Bartels	509-843-3631	bbartels@co.garfield.wa.us
Grant	Melissa McKnight	509-754-2011	mrm@grantcountywa.gov
Grays Harbor	Dan Lindgren	360-964-1536	dlindgren@co.grays-harbor.wa.us
Island	Kelly Mauck	360-679-7303	k.mauck@islandcountywa.gov
Jefferson	Jeff Chapman	360-385-9105	jchapman@co.jefferson.wa.us
King	John Wilson	206-296-7300	john.wilson@kingcounty.gov
Kitsap	Phil Cook	360-337-7085	philcook@kitsap.gov
Kittitas	Mike Hougardy	509-962-7501	mike.hougardy@co.kittitas.wa.us
Klickitat	Billi Bare	509-773-3715	billib@klickitatcounty.org
Lewis	Ross Nielson	360-740-1101	ross.nielson@lewiscountywa.gov
Lincoln	Scott Liebing	509-596-1454	sliebing@co.lincoln.wa.us
Mason	Patti McLean	360-427-9670	pmclean@co.mason.wa.us
Okanogan	Larry Gilman	509-422-7190	lgilman@co.okanogan.wa.us
Pacific	Bruce Walker	360-875-9301	brucew@co.pacific.wa.us
Pend Oreille	James McCroskey	509-447-4312	jmccroskey@pendoreille.org
Pierce	Mike Lonergan	253-798-4066	mlonerg@co.pierce.wa.us
San Juan	John Kulseth	360-370-7534	johnk@sanjuanco.com
Skagit	Danny Hagen	360-416-1777	dhagen@co.skagit.wa.us
Skamania	Gabe Spencer	509-427-3720	spencer@co.skamania.wa.us
Snohomish	Linda Hjelle	425-388-3678	Linda.Hjelle@co.snohomish.wa.us
Spokane	Tom Konis	509-477-3698	tkonis@spokanecounty.org
Stevens	Rick Johnson	509-684-6161	rjohnson@stevenscountywa.gov
Thurston	Steven Drew	360-867-2200	steven.drew@co.thurston.wa.us
Wahkiakum	Falon Hoven	360-795-3791	hovenf@co.wahkiakum.wa.us
Walla Walla	Byron Burres	509-524-2574	bburres@co.walla-walla.wa.us
Whatcom	Rebecca Xczar	360-778-5055	rxczar@co.whatcom.wa.us
Whitman	Wraylee Flodin	509-397-6220	wraylee.flodin@whitmancounty.net
Yakima	Jacob Tate	509-574-1100	jacob.tate@co.yakima.wa.us

Adams County

Assessor Veronica Rodriguez



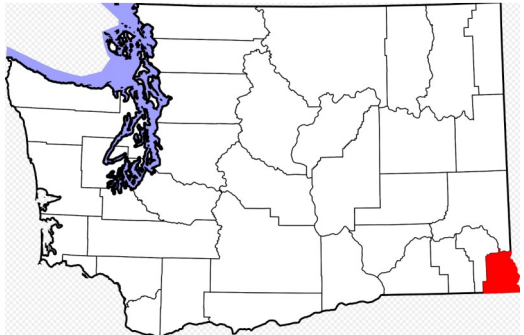
Held office since 2021

Exemptions Committee

County Seat: Ritzville Population: 20,900
Number of parcels: 13,003 real; 1,264 personal
Total assessed value: \$2,183,559,111

Asotin County

Assessor Jenny Rynearson



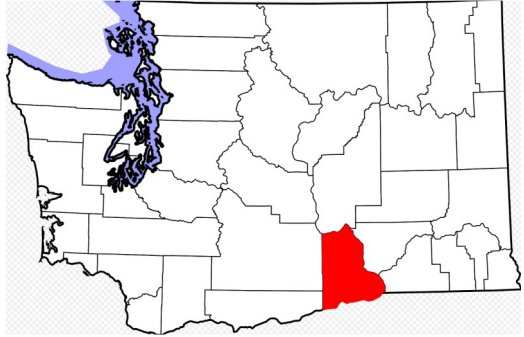
Held office since 2016

Vice President
Education and Appraisal Committees

County Seat: Asotin Population: 22,500
Number of parcels: 12,256 real; 566 personal
Total assessed value: \$1,945,310,346

Benton County

Assessor Bill Spencer



Held office since 2015

Education, Nominating, Appraisal and Tech/GIS Committees
President 2020

County Seat: Prosser Population: 209,400
Number of parcels: 69,903 real; 4,860 personal
Total assessed value: \$23,048,540,780

Chelan County

Assessor Wes Cornelius



Held office since 2023

County Seat: Wenatchee Population: 80,000
Number of parcels: 44,695 real; 1,681 personal
Total assessed value: \$15,693,973,723

Clallam County

Assessor Pam Rushton



Held office since 2005

Education Committee

WACO Education Committee

County Seat: Port Angeles Population: 77,750

Number of parcels: 47,456 real; 2,083 personal

Total assessed value: \$11,916,351,747

Clark County

Assessor Peter Van Nortwick



Held office since 2011

Legislative and Technology/GIS Committees

County Seat: Vancouver Population: 513,100

Number of parcels: 179,042 real; 9,870 personal

Total assessed value: \$82,047,395,199

Columbia County

Assessor Tammy Ketterman



Held office since 2023

Exemptions and Open Space Committees

County Seat: Dayton Population: 3,950

Number of parcels: 6,188 real; 286 personal

Total assessed value: \$1,039,008,554

Cowlitz County

Assessor Emily Wilcox



Held office since 2019

Western District Chair

Education Committee Chair

Nominating Committee

County Seat: Kelso Population: 111,500

Number of parcels: 52,945 real; 2,993 personal

Total assessed value: \$15,277,836,842

Douglas County

Assessor Jim Ruud



Held office since 2007

Resolution Committee

President 2012

County Seat: Waterville Population: 43,550

Number of parcels: 27,757 real; 1,095 personal

Total assessed value: \$7,573,489,800

Ferry County

Assessor Rachel Siracuse



Held office since 2003

Northeast District Chair

Open Space and Nominating Committees

County Seat: Republic Population: 7,250

Number of parcels: 8,855 real; 419 personal

Total assessed value: \$860,880,525

Franklin County

Assessor John Rosenau



Held office since 2021

Southeast District Chair

Nominating Committee Chair

Open Space and Legislative Committees

County Seat: Pasco Population: 98,350

Number of parcels: 34,940 real; 2,747 personal

Total assessed value: \$15,285,134,700

Garfield County

Assessor Brian Bartels



Held office since 2017

Open Space Committee

County Seat: Pomeroy Population: 2,300

Number of parcels: 3,743 real; 266 personal

Total assessed value: \$265,838,422

Grant County

Assessor Melissa McKnight



Held office since 2015

Secretary/Treasurer

Open Space Committee Chair

County Seat: Ephrata Population: 100,800

Number of parcels: 55,242 real; 5,139 personal

Total assessed value: \$15,016,757,278

Grays Harbor County

Assessor Dan Lindgren



Held office since 2015

Technology/GIS Committee Chair

Legislative Committee

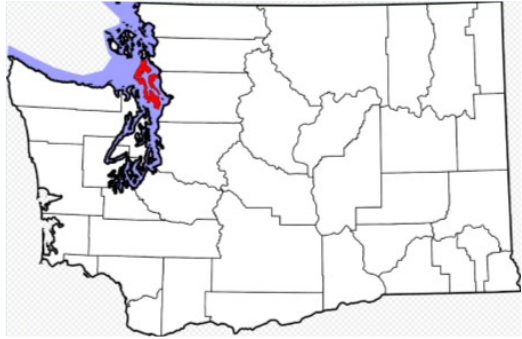
County Seat: Montesano Population: 76,050

Number of parcels: 57,145 real; 2,384 personal

Total assessed value: \$9,312,825,658

Island County

Assessor Kelly Mauck



Held office since 2023

Appraisal and Education Committees

County Seat: Coupeville Population: 87,100

Number of parcels: 49,201 real; 2,181 personal

Total assessed value: \$18,841,244,321

Jefferson County

Assessor Jeff Chapman



Held office since 2014

Legislative and Technology/GIS Committees

County Seat: Port Townsend Population: 33,100

Number of parcels: 29,893 real; 540 personal

Total assessed value: \$8,684,417,661

King County

Assessor John Wilson



Held office since 2015

Legislative and Public/Gov't Relations Committees
WACO Board Trustee

County Seat: Seattle Population: 2,287,050
Number of parcels: 699,206 real; 28,622 personal
Total assessed value: \$711,824,632,241

Kitsap County

Assessor Phil Cook



Held office since 2015

Education and Appraisal Committees

County Seat: Port Orchard Population: 277,700
Number of parcels: 122,598 real; 5,306 personal
Total assessed value: \$60,628,527,471

Kittitas County

Assessor Mike Hougardy



Held office since 2017

Public/Government Relations Committee
WACO Nominating Committee

County Seat: Ellensburg Population: 45,225
Number of parcels: 34,311 real; 1,443 personal
Total assessed value: \$9,922,803,949

Klickitat County

Assessor Billi Bare



Held office since 2023

Exemptions Committee

County Seat: Goldendale Population: 23,000
Number of parcels: 20,060 real; 1,730 personal
Total assessed value: \$3,710,412,488

Lewis County

Assessor Ross Nielson



Held office since 2023

Technology/GIS Committee

County Seat: Chehalis Population: 82,700

Number of parcels: 61,297 real; 2,943 personal

Total assessed value: \$11,440,374,762

Lincoln County

Assessor Scott Liebing



Held office since 2018

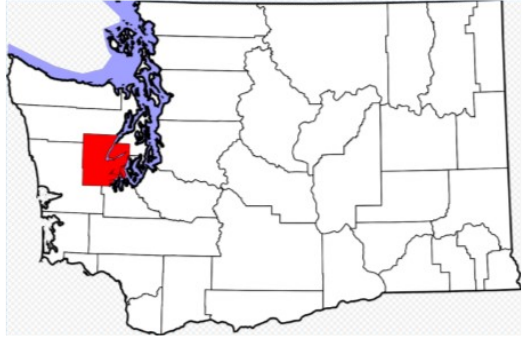
County Seat: Davenport Population 10,900

Number of parcels: 17,021 real; 1,122 personal

Total assessed value: \$1,369,407,195

Mason County

Assessor Patti McLean



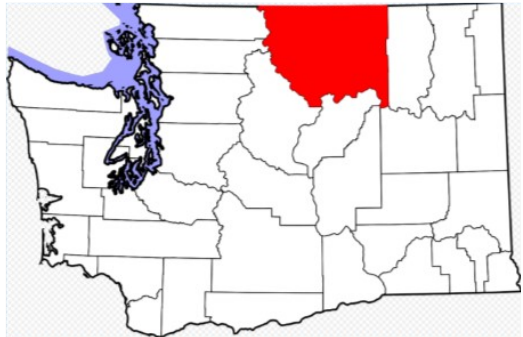
Held office since 2019

Public/Government Relations Committee

County Seat: Shelton Population: 66,200
Number of parcels: 55,038 real; 1,539 personal
Total assessed value: \$12,677,274,973

Okanogan County

Assessor Larry Gilman



Held office since 2019

Appraisal and Resolution Committees

County Seat: Okanogan Population: 42,350
Number of parcels: 46,263 real; 2,402 personal
Total assessed value: \$4,721,718,729

Pacific County

Assessor Bruce Walker



Held office since 2003

Exemptions Committee Chair

Open Space Committee

President 2017

County Seat: South Bend Population: 23,425

Number of parcels: 32,625 real; 761 personal

Total assessed value: \$3,639,674,807

Pend Oreille County

Assessor James McCroskey



Held office since 2008

Public/Government Relations Committee

County Seat: Newport Population: 13,475

Number of parcels: 14,872 real; 647 personal

Total assessed value: \$2,127,020,277

Pierce County

Assessor-Treasurer Mike Lonergan



Held office since 2013

Resolution Committee Chair
Legislative and Audit Committees
WACO Board Member (WACO Representative)
WACO Personnel Committee

County Seat: Tacoma Population: 928,200
Number of parcels: 325,578 real; 10,792 personal
Total assessed value: \$157,652,508,753

San Juan County

Assessor John Kulseth



Held office since 2015

Legislative and Public/Government Relations Committees

County Seat: Friday Harbor Population: 17,850
Number of parcels: 18,746 real; 1,715 personal
Total assessed value: \$12,490,694,086

Skagit County

Assessor Danny Hagen



Held office since 2023

Public/Government Relations Committee Chair
Education and Audit Committees

County Seat: Mount Vernon Population: 130,000
Number of parcels: 80,647 real; 2,466 personal
Total assessed value: \$30,046,142,003

Skamania County

Assessor Gabe Spencer



Held office since 2007

Technology/GIS Committee

County Seat: Stevenson Population: 11,750
Number of parcels: 7,978 real; 271 personal
Total assessed value: \$1,876,964,081

Snohomish County

Assessor Linda Hjelle



Held office since 2015

Puget Sound District Chair

Appraisal Committee Chair

Legislative and Nominating Committees

WACO Secretary/Treasurer, WACO Audit Committee Chair

WACO Budget and Personnel Committees

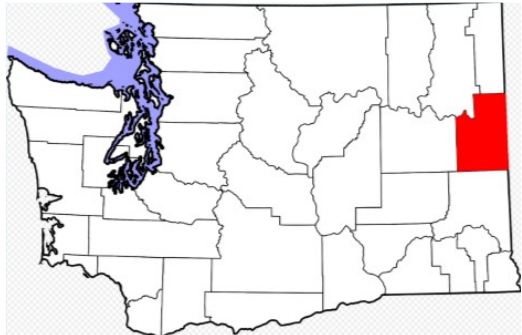
County Seat: Everett Population: 837,800

Number of parcels: 308,917 real; 12,359 personal

Total assessed value: \$219,454,345,012

Spokane County

Assessor Tom Konis



Held office since 2019

Technology/GIS Committee

WACO Board Trustee

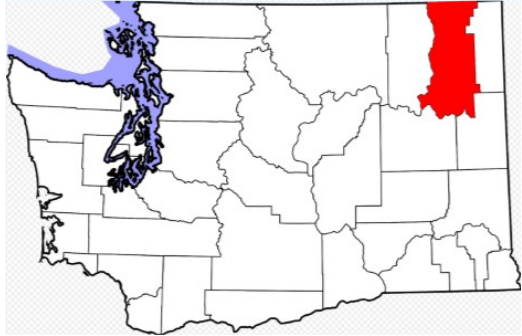
County Seat: Spokane Population: 542,100

Number of parcels: 219,918 real; 11,169 personal

Total assessed value: \$88,340,941,294

Stevens County

Assessor Rick Johnson

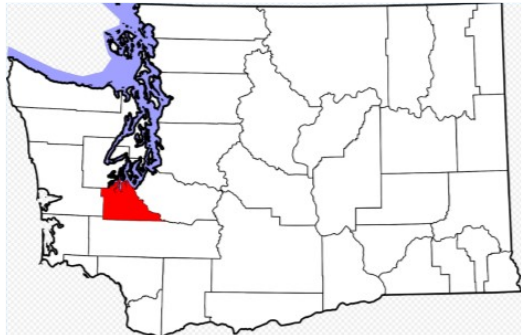


Held office since 2023

County Seat: Colville Population: 46,725
Number of parcels: 42,616 real; 1,581 personal
Total assessed value: \$5,878,232,081

Thurston County

Assessor Steven Drew



Held office since 2011

Legislative Committee Chair
Resolution Committee
WACO Legislative Committee

County Seat: Olympia Population: 300,500
Number of parcels: 121,882 real; 6,601 personal
Total assessed value: \$59,889,577,889

Wahkiakum County

Assessor Falon Hoven



Held office since 2023

Exemptions, Legislative and Public/Gov't Relations Committees

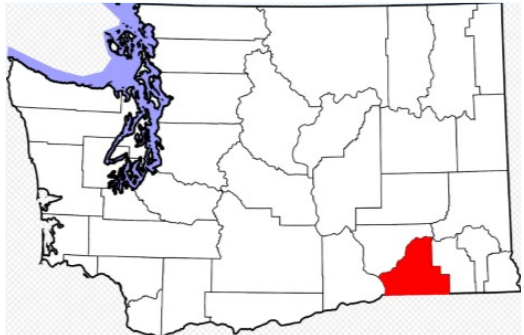
County Seat: Cathlamet Population: 4,475

Number of parcels: 5,207 real; 316 personal

Total assessed value: \$853,474,565

Walla Walla County

Assessor Byron Burres



Held office since 2023

Open Space Committee

County Seat: Walla Walla Population: 62,100

Number of parcels: 28,377 real; 2,411 personal

Total assessed value: \$7,557,610,197

Whatcom County

Assessor Rebecca Xczar



Held office since 2020

President

Appraisal, Legislative and Education Committees

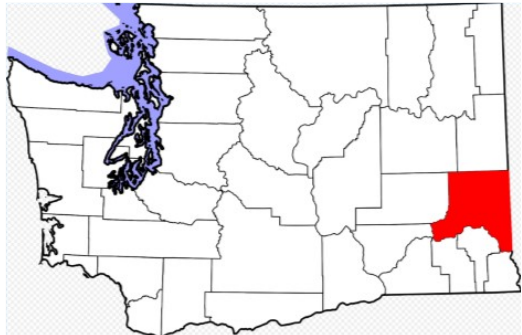
County Seat: Bellingham Population: 226,300

Number of parcels: 108,923 real; 5,177 personal

Total assessed value: \$42,345,965,568

Whitman County

Assessor Wraylee Flodin



Held office since 2021

Open Space Committee

County Seat: Colfax Population: 44,600

Number of parcels: 35,099 real; 1,839 personal

Total assessed value: \$4,184,626,455

Yakima County

Assessor Jacob Tate



Held office since 2023

Exemptions and Open Space Committees

County Seat: Yakima Population: 258,100
Number of parcels: 103,570 real; 3,806 personal
Total assessed value: \$24,315,921,822

Longest Serving Assessors:

Rachel Siracuse, Ferry County, since 2003
Bruce Walker, Pacific County, since 2003

Multiple Terms as WSACA President:

Deanna Walter, Chelan County, 2022, 2018
Dave Thomas, Skagit County, 2021, 2019
Dianne Dorey, Lewis County, 2015, 2005
Steve Marks, Franklin County, 2014, 1998
D.L. Lindley, Grays Harbor County, 1968, 1967

Combined Role with Treasurer:

Mike Lonergan, Pierce County

Most Parcels:

King County

Fewest Parcels:

Garfield

Combined years of service: 281

WSACA Presidents

2022 Deanna Walter, Chelan	1994 Alan Shipp, Klickitat
2021 Dave Thomas, Skagit	1993 Paul Easter, Grays Harbor
2020 Bill Spencer, Benton	1992 John Sweetman, Ferry
2019 Dave Thomas, Skagit	1991 Ray Ryan, Cowlitz
2018 Deanna Walter, Chelan	1990 Gertrude Snyder, Douglas
2017 Bruce Walker, Pacific	1989 Ruthe Ridder, King
2016 Vicki Horton, Spokane	1988 Pete LeFebre, Adams
2015 Dianne Dorey, Lewis	1987 Paul Mahoney, Skagit
2014 Steve Marks, Franklin	1986 Larry Shelley, Walla Walla
2013 Cindy Portman, Snohomish	1985 Jack Westerman III, Jefferson
2012 Jim Ruud, Douglas	1984 Hugh M Colwell, Kittitas
2011 Terry McLaughlin, Cowlitz	1983 Linda Lethlean, Skamania
2010 Dave Anderson, Adams	1982 Barbara Breeze, Benton
2009 Linda Franklin, Clark	1981 Robert Shaw, Snohomish
2008 Van Vandenberg, Klickitat	1980 Blanche Estep, Stevens
2007 Scott Noble, King	1979 Roy L Compton, Island
2006 Scott Furman, Okanogan	1978 Ralph Huck, Yakima
2005 Dianne Dorey, Lewis	1977 James Marks, Cowlitz
2004 Dave Cook, Yakima	1976 Lowell Johnson, Klickitat
2003 Mark Leander, Skagit	1975 Lester Campbell, Clark
2002 Bob Carlton, Columbia	1974 John Kolbe, Grant
2001 Keith Willnauer, Whatcom	1973 Sidney Parker, Wahkiakum
2000 Barb Wagner, Benton	1972 Bert F Geiger, Okanogan
1999 Gail Rauch, Snohomish	1971 J C Rutherford, Kitsap
1998 Steve Marks, Franklin	1970 Wilma B Van Buren, Franklin
1997 Carol Belas, Kitsap	1970 Lloyd L Harkins, Walla Walla
1996 Jerry Crossler, Adams	1969 Harold Adams, Whatcom
1995 Paul Dossett, San Juan	1968 D L Lindley, Grays Harbor

WSACA Presidents

1967 D L Lindley, Grays Harbor	1939 John F Thorpe, Okanogan
1966 Carroll Barlow, Snohomish	1938 C R Krater, Lewis
1965 Lucille Moen, Kittitas	1937 J A Smith, Kittitas
1964 A J Steen, King	1936 H L Kingsland, Spokane
1963 Charles Pulford, Pend Oreille	1935 H C Lum, Cowlitz
1962 Arlie Thompson, Pacific	1934 W R Hall, Ferry
1961 Bernard S Farley, Chelan	
1960 Clapton Sandstrom, Clark	
1959 Roy Demorest, Stevens	
1958 John King, Lewis	
1957 J C Pratt, Benton	
1956 Willis E Burnett, Mason	
1955 Wylie Brown, Spokane	
1954 Harry C Matson, Kitsap	
1953 C Merton Dick, Douglas	
1952 Ray Ropes, Skagit	
1951 Herbert Yates, Okanogan	
1950 Walter W Trantow, Cowlitz	
1949 Frances Whitemarsh, Franklin	
1948 C L Barlow, Snohomish	
1947 John Powers, Grant	
1946 D L Richardson, Stevens	
1945 Ray Cruikshank, Thurston	
1944 H J Linden, Thurston	
1943 A H McPhee, Yakima	
1942 Vernon J Robinson, Clallam	
1941 Harry M Ingersall, Whatcom	
1940 John R DeLaney, Chelan	

2023 Conferences

WSACA Legislative Conference
January 31-February 2, 2023
Olympia

WSACA 125th Annual Conference
June 12-15, 2023
Lewis-Clark Valley
Hosted by Asotin County

WACO 65th Annual Conference
September 26-28, 2023
Delta Hotel, Everett

