

King County, Washington

2012 Report

Located on Puget Sound in Washington State, and covering 2,134 square miles, King County is nearly twice as large as the average county in the United States. With about 2 million people, it also ranks as the 13th most populous county in the nation.



MISSION

King County Government provides fiscally responsible, quality-driven local and regional services for healthy, safe, and vibrant communities.

VISION

King County: a diverse and dynamic community with a healthy economy and environment where all people and businesses have the opportunity to thrive.

King County is Your Regional Government

King County works hard to meet your needs, whether you live in a city or in an unincorporated area of King County.

If you live **anywhere** in King County:

- **Metro Transit** gets you where you need to go
- **Prosecutor, Public Defense, Superior Court and Corrections** protect communities, homes and businesses
- **Elections** ensures participation in local government
- **Human Services** strengthens communities through mental health, affordable housing and social justice
- **Parks** offers recreation opportunities in open spaces, trails and athletic fields
- **Public Health** manages threats through prevention and healthcare provision
- **Property Assessments** provide fair, equitable, and understandable information
- **Records and Licensing** keeps pets safe and protects property
- **Flood Management** secures homes, businesses, transportation systems and land resources
- **Wastewater Treatment** protects water quality and prevents water pollution
- **Garbage, Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Management** keeps our homes and businesses safe
- **King County International Airport** increases jobs and economic development

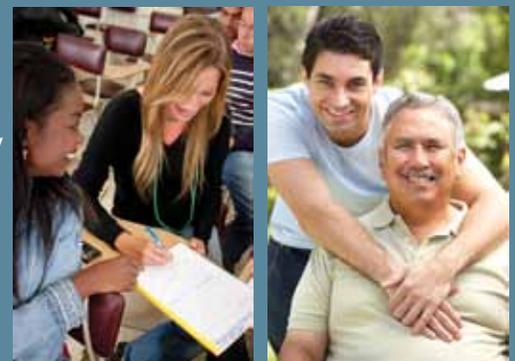
If you live in **unincorporated King County** or in a **city that contracts** with King County:

- The **Sheriff, Prosecutor, Public Defense, District Court and Corrections** protect communities, homes and businesses
- **Water and Land Resources** monitors water levels and quality and protects ecosystems and public safety
- **Permitting** helps you build and protects safety
- **Roads** provides arterial and local roadways

King County's Changing Demographics

King County's population is not only growing, but is becoming more diverse by race and ethnicity. In addition, there are over 170 languages spoken in King County.

King County is committed to working toward fairness and opportunity for all people and communities. Every agency in King County is making commitments annually to advance equity. We recognize that our economy and quality of life depend on the ability of everyone to contribute.





King County Performance Measures	2011 Actual	2012 Actual	Status	Context
JUSTICE AND SAFETY				
Sheriff response times to critical emergencies: contract cities & unincorporated King County	3.9 min & 6.7 min	3.4 min & 5.7 min		Improving
Superior Court felony adult criminal cases resolved within time standard	88%	88%		Meeting target
Cardiac arrest survival rate, all King County	52%	52%		Highest survival rate in United States
HEALTH AND HUMAN POTENTIAL				
Percent of homeless dental patients completing their treatment within one year	55%	54%		Exceeding federal goal to complete treatment for 35% of patients within one year
Household hazardous waste collected by King County	1,408 tons	1,435 tons		Stable
Cumulative number of homeless housing units funded by King County and partners; goal is total of 9,500 in 2015	5,046	5,424		More than halfway to 2015 goal
Former jail inmates with mental health issues who reduce incarcerations after receiving mental health services	71%	75%		Improving
Proportion of King County population living near a park or trail	69%	69%		Close to 70% target
ECONOMIC GROWTH AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT				
Number of people completing King County Job Training Programs	1,528	1,906		Improving
New residential permit processing time (calendar days)		94	N/A	Determining baseline performance for future target setting
On-time Metro bus performance	76%	76%		Approaching goal of 80% for weekday routes
Percent of unincorporated roads with pavement condition meeting standards, arterial & local roads	70% & 77%	68% & 75%		Declining due to inadequate funding
King County residences near transit stops	87%	87%		Higher in areas with high proportions of low-income and minority residents
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY				
Recycling rates for single family households	55%	56%		2013 target is 61%
Percent of renewable energy produced, used, or procured by King County	23%	53%		Exceeding 50% target
New privately-owned rural acres with stewardship plans or enrolled in incentive programs that conserve, protect and manage open space and forest land	720 acres	940 acres		Exceeding annual target for 500 new acres
HOW WE DELIVER OUR SERVICES				
King County Bond Rating at highest rating level	Yes	Yes		Meeting target
Percent of infrastructure projects meeting standards for scope, schedule, and budget		56%	N/A	Targets being set
Proportion of ballots reported on election night for General Elections	21% 2008 Election	57% 2012 Election		Improving
Time to process design and construction contracts	152 days average			Nearly at 150 day target
Number of small contractor and supplier firms certified to work with King County	1,202	1,414		Improving

Good: Meeting target or improving
 Acceptable: Close to target
 Not good: Not meeting target or getting worse

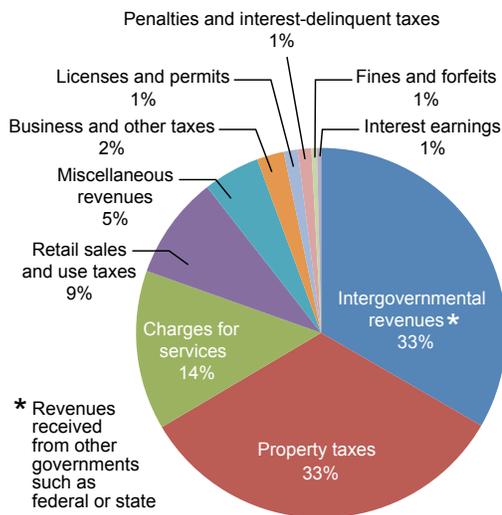
If you would like more information on these and other measures of King County performance, please visit www.kingcounty.gov/AimsHigh. The measures reported on this page were included based on the input we received from a group of residents from the community. What would you like to see reported in the future? Please let us know by contacting michael.jacobson@kingcounty.gov.

Selected Accomplishments

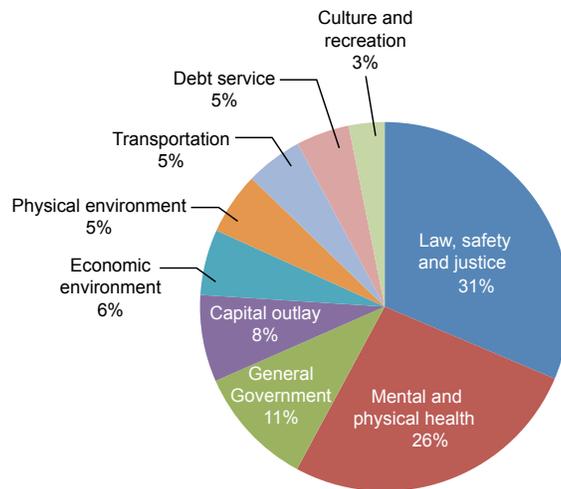
- ★ Partnered with community groups, individuals, businesses, and U.S. Immigration Services to educate citizens about voter registration and voting processes, resulting in over 30,000 new voter registrations.
- ★ Metro Transit saw its second highest ridership ever in 2012. Ridership has been on the rise since 2010, following a two-year decline during the economic slump. Metro continues to partner with major institutions, cities, employers, human service agencies, and others to encourage alternatives to driving alone for work and personal travel.

Our Finances - Revenues and Expenditures

King County Governmental Funds Revenue 2012



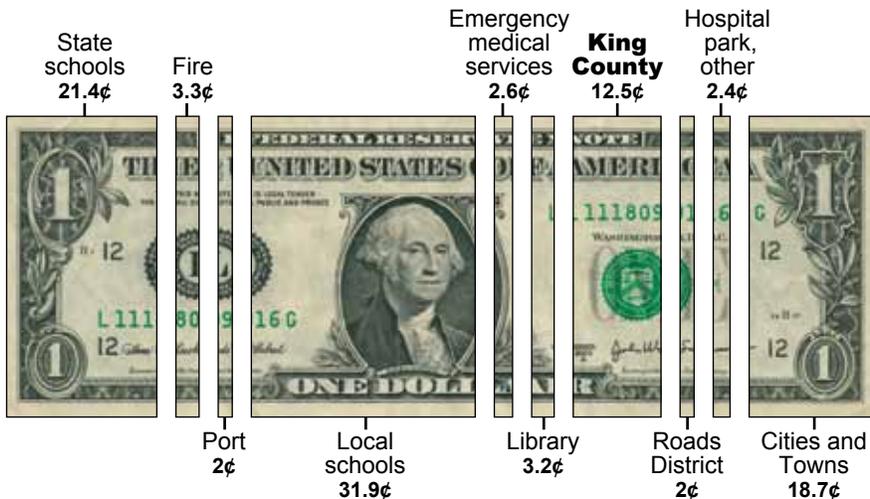
King County Governmental Funds Expenditures 2012



This data is from the 2012 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances for Governmental Funds; including the General Fund, Public Health Fund, and other Governmental Funds. Published in the 2012 King County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

2012 Property Taxes Levied in King County

How the average tax dollar is divided.



Independent audits of King County's financial statements have been conducted by the Washington State Auditor's Office, resulting in clean opinions. Complete financial information can be found at www.kingcounty.gov/operations/Finance/FMServices.aspx.

Current Key Initiatives

JUSTICE AND SAFETY: MENTAL ILLNESS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM



Elected leadership of the justice and safety systems are working collaboratively on strategies for addressing and responding to the challenges and costs of people with mental illness in the criminal justice system. The Crisis Solutions Center, supported by sales tax revenue, will increase the number of jail diversions of people with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance abuse disorders, linking them to cost effective treatment and support.

HEALTH AND HUMAN POTENTIAL: HEALTHCARE ENROLLMENT



King County has initiated a countywide effort to make the most of federal healthcare reform. In 2014, 180,000 residents will become eligible for subsidized health insurance or Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. King County plans to enroll as many of these eligible residents as possible. Healthcare insurance provides a route to good physical and mental health. Maximizing enrollment will help people live healthier and more productive lives. Access to preventive care will save millions of dollars in more complex and expensive health care costs.

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT: SUPPORTING TRANSIT AND ROADS



A reliable road network and an effective transit system are key to keeping the people and economy of King County moving. Revenues supporting County-owned roads have fallen dramatically, without corresponding reductions in service responsibility. King County is united with city partners on a roads and transit proposal to the Washington State Legislature to preserve these critical services. Without this funding, King County will have to significantly reduce bus service, even after preserving service by boosting efficiency.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY: CLIMATE CHANGE



King County recently completed a Climate Action Plan. The County committed to reducing countywide greenhouse gas emissions by at least 80% below 2007 levels by 2050. To do this, King County will:

- Reduce the need for driving, increase efficiency of King County vehicles
- Reduce energy use in government operations and by residents and businesses
- Support healthy farms, forests, and other open spaces
- Reduce consumption and improve material management
- Prepare for climate change impacts

We Want To Hear From You

Do you like this report? Would you like to see other information? Please let us know by contacting Michael Jacobson at 206-263-9622 or michael.jacobson@kingcounty.gov.

More detailed and comprehensive performance and community indicator data, along with King County's performance in all of our eight Strategic Plan Goal Areas can be found at www.kingcounty.gov/AimsHigh. For more information on our services, visit our website at www.kingcounty.gov. For more financial information, please see www.kingcounty.gov/operations/Finance/FMServices.aspx.

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