**Thurston County Hard to Count Census Information**

Thurston County Population 2010: **252,264**

2018 Estimated County Population: **286,419**

Housing units: **113,936***

In 2010, 80.8% of the county's households mailed back their 2010 census questionnaire, requiring more costly and difficult in-person follow up to enumerate the remaining 19.2%. (NOTE: This doesn't mean that only 80.8% of Thurston County's population was counted in 2010. Rather, it represents the percent of households that mailed back their census forms, or "self responded.")

##### Populations at Risk of Being Undercounted

**People of Color:**
- ~9% of the county's population is Hispanic (regardless of race)
- ~5% of the county's population reported their race as Black (either alone or in combination with other races)
- ~8% of the county's population reported their race as Asian (either alone or in combination with other races)
- ~3% of the county's population reported their race as American Indian or Alaska Native (either alone or in combination with other races)
- ~2% of the county's population reported their race as Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (either alone or in combination with other races)

Renters: **36.1***

Foreign Born: **20,692 (8%)*

Children younger than age 5: **15,934 (5.9%)*

Older than 60: **60,028 (22.2%)*

Low internet access: **11.4%***

Homeless: **835**
- Sheltered Persons: **515**
- Unsheltered Persons: **320**

*Source: 2017 estimate, American Community Survey

** Source: 2018 Department of Commerce PIT Count