

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