

# DEMOGRAPHICS & SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS

Stevens County, WA

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# POPULATION

Stevens County is located in the northeast corner of Washington State bordering Canada to the north. In 2021, Stevens County was the twenty-eighth most populous county in the state with 47,050 individuals. This accounted for less than 1% of the state’s population. Most of the population lives in unincorporated Stevens County, with 10.4% living in Colville, the most populous city in the incorporated county. Of the 39 counties in Washington State, Stevens County had the twelfth lowest population density with a density of 18.86 individuals per square mile. The Washington State density for all counties was 116.86 individuals per square mile.<sup>1</sup>

In 2021, adults ages 20-34 made up the smallest proportion of Stevens County’s population. Stevens County had smaller proportions of ages 20-34 and higher proportions of seniors ages 65 years or older than Washington State.

## Population by Age Group, 2021

	Stevens County	WA State
0-19 years	24.1%	24.0%
20-34 years	13.9%	20.5%
35-64 years	37.9%	38.0%
65+ years	23.9%	17.3%

Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management – April 1, 2021 Official Population Estimates

According to 2021 data, Stevens County was not racially diverse. Among county residents, 83.6% were white, 5.5% were American Indian/ Alaska Native, 5.7% were of two or more races, while all other groups made up less than 1% of the population. Hispanics comprised 4.0% of the population, far lower than the statewide population with 14.2% identifying as Hispanic. Hispanics are included in all race categories.

## Population by Race Alone, 2021

	Stevens County	WA State
White	83.6%	72.8%
Black or African American	0.3%	4.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native	5.5%	1.9%
Asian	0.7%	9.9%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.2%	0.9%
Two or more races	5.7%	10.2%

Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management – April 1, 2021 Official Population Estimates

## Population 15 Years of Age and Older by Marital Status, 2016-2020

	Stevens County	WA State
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,344</b>	<b>100%</b>
Married	21,113	56.5%
Widowed	2,607	7.0%
Divorced	4,921	13.2%
Separated	476	1.3%
Never married	8,227	22.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table S1201

## Population by Nativity and Citizenship Status, 2016-2020

	Stevens County	WA State
U.S. citizen, born in the U.S.	43,509	96.2%
U.S. citizen by naturalization	9	0.0%
Not a U.S. citizen	386	0.9%
U.S. citizen, born abroad of American parent(s)	877	1.9%
U.S. citizen, born in Puerto Rico or U.S. island areas	452	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table B05001



## Geographical Mobility in Past Year for Current Residence, 2016-2020

	Count	Percent
Same house 1 year ago	39,948	89.0%
Moved within same county	2,228	5.0%
Moved from different county within same state	1,702	3.8%
Moved from different state	936	2.1%
Moved from abroad	52	0.1%

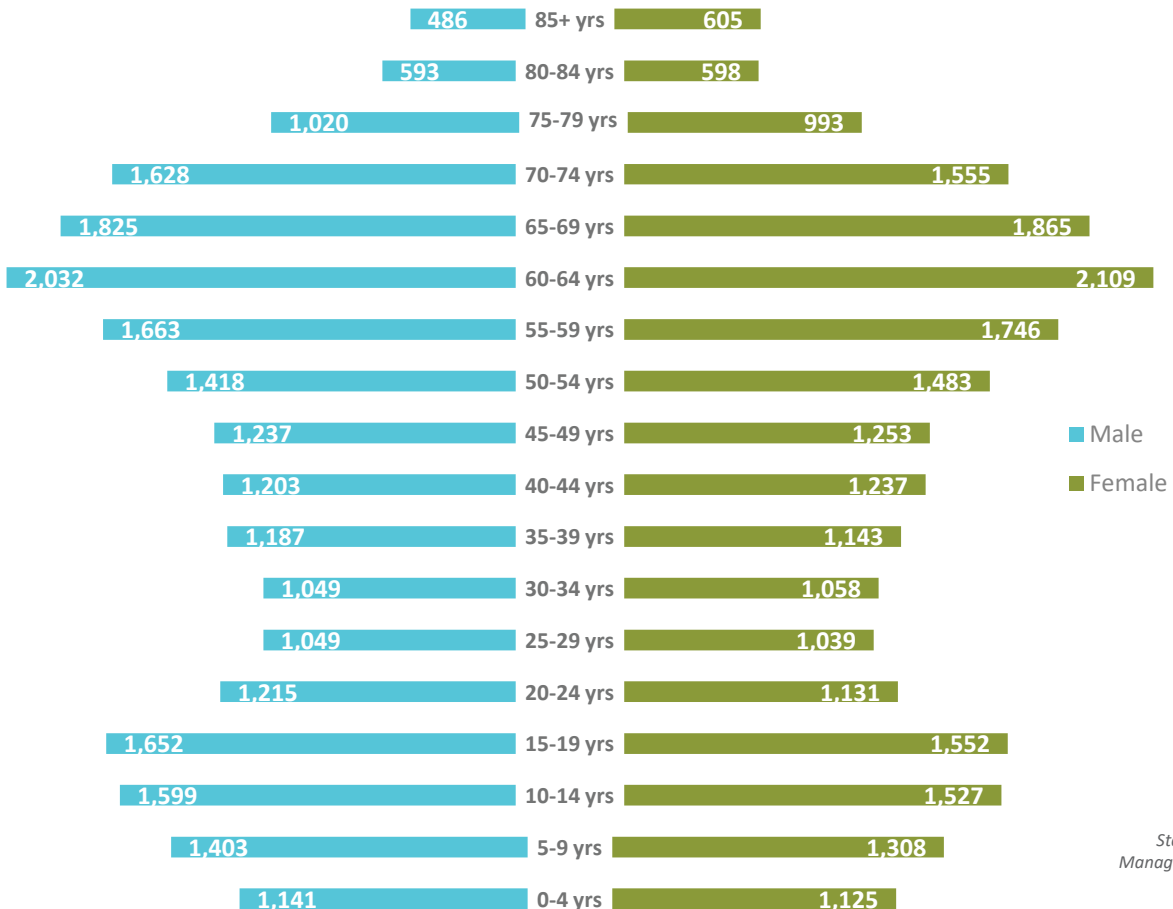
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table B07001

## Language Spoken at Home by Ability 2016-2020

	Stevens County	WA State
<b>Total Population 5 years and over</b>	<b>42,802</b>	<b>100%</b>
English only	41,177	96.2%
Language other than English	1,625	3.8%
Speak English less than "very well"	527	1.2%
Spanish	716	1.7%
Other Indo-European languages	594	1.4%
Asian and Pacific Islander languages	208	0.5%
Other languages	107	0.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table DP02

## Distribution of Population by Age and Sex, Stevens County, 2021



Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management – April 1, 2021 Population Estimates

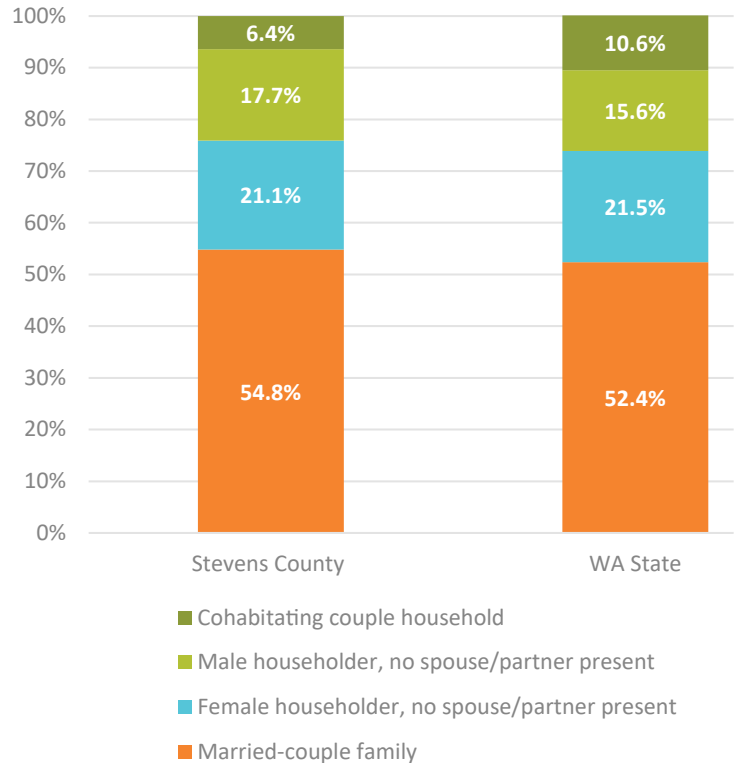
# FAMILY STRUCTURE

## Households by Type, Stevens County, 2016-2020

<b>Total Households</b>	<b>17,883</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Married-couple family</b>	<b>9,805</b>	<b>54.8%</b>
<b>Cohabiting couple household</b>	<b>1,146</b>	<b>6.4%</b>
<b>Male householder, no spouse/partner present</b>	<b>3,157</b>	<b>17.7%</b>
Householder living alone	2,285	12.8%
65 years and over	1,051	5.9%
<b>Female householder, no spouse/partner present</b>	<b>3,775</b>	<b>21.1%</b>
Householder living alone	2,246	12.6%
65 years and over	1,392	7.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table DP02

## Families with Children Younger than 18 Years of Age by Household Type, 2016-2020



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table DP02

# EDUCATION

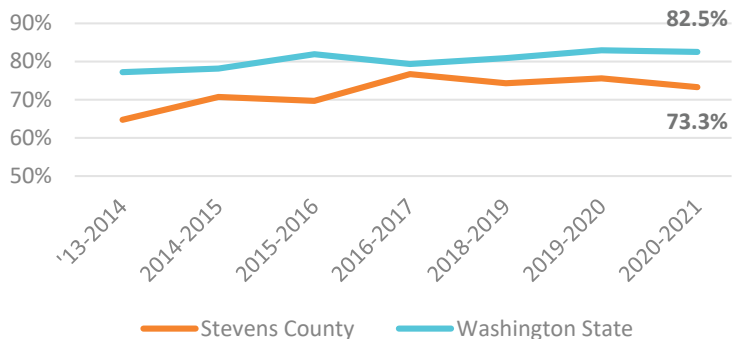
## Educational Attainment among Adults 25 Years of Age or Older, 2016-2020

	Stevens County	WA State
<b>Population 25 years of age or older</b>	<b>32,508</b>	<b>100%</b>
Less than ninth grade	663	2.0%
Ninth-12th grade, no diploma	2,047	6.3%
High school graduate/ GED	11,149	34.3%
Some college, no degree	8,722	26.8%
Associate's degree	3,272	10.1%
Bachelor's degree	4,045	12.4%
Graduate or professional degree	2,610	8.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table S1501

Among students who began ninth grade, 73.3% graduated from high school on time during the 2020/2021 school year. Another 6.6% continued high school beyond the traditional graduation date and completed high school in an extended period. Statewide, 82.5% of students graduated on time.

## On-Time High School Graduation Rate



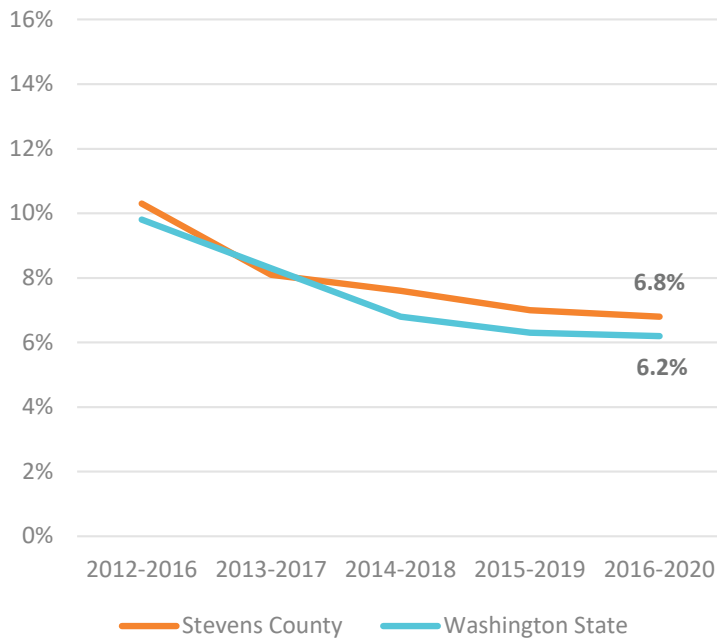
Source: Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction – Data and Reports, 2021

# HEALTH INSURANCE AND DISABILITY

For the 2016-2020, American Community Survey (ACS) estimate period, approximately 6.8% of Stevens County's population was uninsured. Those who were ages 19-64 years old, male, American Indian and Alaska Native alone had the highest proportion of being uninsured in their respective demographic categories. The uninsured rate in Stevens County was higher than Washington State.

In Stevens County for the 2016-2020 ACS estimate period, 19.9% of the population had a disability. Disability includes those with hearing, vision, cognitive, ambulatory, self-care, or independent living difficulties. Among those with a disability, 57.1% were 75 years of age or older. Overall, Stevens County had higher disability rates than the state.

## Uninsured Rate Over Time



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table S2701

## Percent of Uninsured, 2016-2020

### BY AGE

	Stevens County	WA State
Under 19 years	7.0%	2.8%
19-64 years	9.5%	8.9%
65+ Years	0.2%	0.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>6.2%</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table S2701

### BY SEX

	Stevens County	WA State
Male	7.2%	7.1%
Female	6.3%	5.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table S2701

### BY RACE

	Stevens County	WA State
White alone	6.2%	5.1%
Black or African American	14.0%	7.6%
American Indian/ Alaska Native	14.3%	13.6%
Asian	1.5%	4.8%
Native Hawaiian & other Pacific Islander	0.0%	10.6%
Some other race	12.3%	22.6%
Two or more races	10.4%	6.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table S2701

## Percent of Population with a Disability by Age, 2016-2020

	Stevens County	WA State
Under 5 years	0.3%	0.7%
5-17 years	7.2%	5.6%
18-34 years	9.4%	7.2%
35-64 years	21.2%	12.4%
65-74 years	27.7%	24.6%
75 years+	57.1%	50.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>19.9%</b>	<b>12.7%</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table S1810

# INCOME AND POVERTY

Estimates of median household income were based on the U.S. Census Bureau’s American Community Survey (ACS) estimates for 2016-2020 and the Washington State Office of Financial Management from 2021.

The projected median household income in Stevens County for 2021 was \$47,213, compared to \$81,998 statewide. The median household income is projected to decrease in 2021. For 2016 to 2020, approximately 17.5% of individuals in the county lived below 125% federal poverty level (FPL), and 32.5% lived below 200% FPL. The proportion of Stevens County residents living in poverty (below 200% FPL) was higher than the statewide proportion (24.1%).

## Median Household Income Estimates

	Stevens County	WA State
2010	\$40,008	\$54,888
2011	\$40,282	\$55,500
2012	\$41,643	\$56,444
2013	\$45,528	\$57,284
2014	\$45,683	\$60,153
2015	\$42,417	\$63,439
2016	\$44,467	\$65,500
2017	\$45,189	\$69,288
2018	\$44,363	\$72,297
2019	\$55,000	\$78,674
2020 Preliminary estimate	\$50,958	\$80,319
2021 Projection	\$47,213	\$81,998

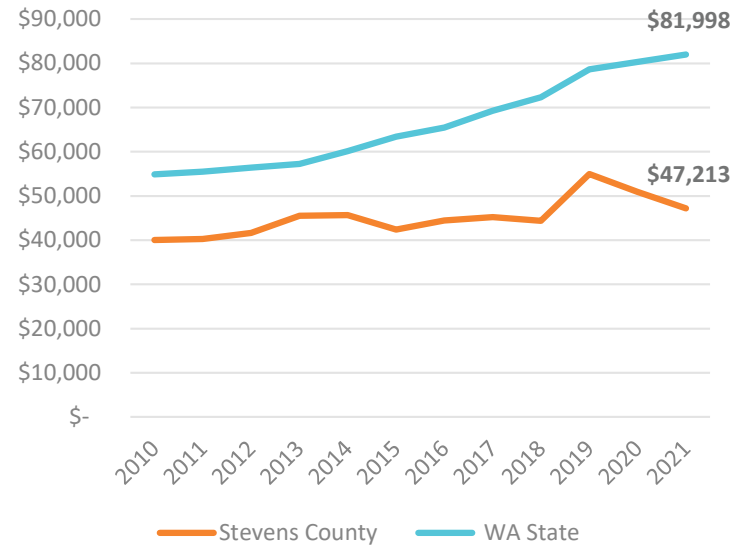
Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management – Median Household Estimates by County, April 2021

## Families with Children Living at or Below 100% FPL, 2016-2020

	Stevens County	WA State
All Families	8.1%	6.5%
Married Couple Families	5.4%	3.3%
Single Mothers	23.6%	21.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table S1702

## Median Household Income Over Time



Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management – Median Household Estimates by County, April 2021

## Individuals Living at or Below 100% FPL by Age Group, 2016-2020

	Stevens County	WA State
<18	15.0%	12.6%
18-64 Years	13.2%	10.0%
65+ Years	10.0%	7.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table S1701

## Population Living at or Below Various FPL, 2016-2020

	Stevens County	WA State
50% FPL	4.4%	4.7%
125% FPL	17.5%	13.4%
150% FPL	22.4%	16.7%
185% FPL	29.7%	21.8%
200% FPL	32.5%	24.1%
300% FPL	53.3%	39.3%

Disclaimer: Percentages do not add up to 100% because categories may overlap.  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table S1701

## Individuals Within Race and Hispanic Ethnicity Categories Living at or Below 100% FPL, 2016-2020

	Stevens County	WA State
White	12.0%	8.9%
Black or African American	21.8%	17.5%
American Indian and Alaskan Native	27.5%	22.0%
Asian	17.2%	9.2%
Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander	12.2%	12.6%
Some other race	7.5%	18.6%
Two or more races	12.8%	12.7%
Hispanic ethnicity	16.6%	16.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table S1701



## EMPLOYMENT

Of the estimated 18,998 individuals in the civilian labor force in Stevens County in 2021, there were 17,726 individuals employed. The average unemployment rate in Stevens County in 2021 was 6.7%, compared to 5.2% in Washington State.<sup>2</sup>

### Occupation of the Civilian-Employed Population 16 Years of Age or Older, 2016-2020

	Stevens County		WA State
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,121</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
Management, business, science, and arts occupations	5,388	31.5%	42.7%
Service occupations	3,279	19.2%	16.5%
Sales and office occupations	3,331	19.5%	19.5%
Natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations	2,353	13.7%	9.4%
Production, transportation, and materials moving occupations	2,770	16.2%	11.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table S2401

Compared to Washington State, Stevens County had a higher proportion of workers in service occupations, natural resources, construction, and maintenance occupations and production, transportation, and materials moving occupations. Stevens County had a lower proportion of workers in management, business, science, and arts occupations.



## Industry of the Civilian-Employed Population 16 Years of Age or Older, 2016-2020

	Stevens County		WA State
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,121</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
Educational services, and health care and social assistance	4,203	24.5%	21.6%
Retail trade	2,077	12.1%	11.6%
Manufacturing	1,667	9.7%	9.5%
Construction	1,573	9.2%	7.0%
Professional, scientific, and management, and administrative and waste management services	1,441	8.4%	13.6%
Public administration	1,165	6.8%	5.0%
Arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services	1,143	6.7%	9.0%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	911	5.3%	5.5%
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	851	5.0%	2.5%
Finance and insurance, and real estate and rental and leasing	808	4.7%	5.3%
Other services except public administration	732	4.3%	4.5%
Wholesale trade	371	2.2%	2.7%
Information	179	1.0%	2.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table S2403

## HOUSING

For the 2016 to 2020 American Community Survey (ACS) estimate period, there were an estimated 21,954 housing units in Stevens County. Of those, 18.5% were vacant. The majority of occupied housing were owner-occupied (79.0%) while the remaining housing units (21.0%) were renter-occupied. The homeowner vacancy rate was 1.7%, while the rental vacancy rate was 2.0% during this period.

The proportion of occupied housing lacking complete plumbing facilities and complete kitchen facilities was slightly higher in Stevens County compared to Washington State. In Stevens County, 1.5% of occupied housing lacked complete plumbing facilities and 1.5% lacked complete kitchen facilities. This is compared to only 0.4% of occupied housing in Washington State lacking complete plumbing facilities and 1.1% of occupied housing lacking complete kitchen facilities.<sup>3</sup>

In 2022 Quarter 1, the median price of homes in Stevens County was \$296,400 compared to \$563,600 in Washington State. Estimates of median home prices vary greatly in smaller areas. The median price of home sales in Stevens

County varied between \$192,900 to \$317,100 between 2020 Quarter 1 and 2022 Quarter 1. Housing affordability decreased in Stevens County and in Washington State. Housing affordability was estimated based on the National Association of Realtors' Housing Affordability Index, defined as the ability of a middle-income family to carry the mortgage payments on a median price home. Housing was consistently more affordable in Stevens County than Washington State.<sup>4</sup>



## Year Housing Units were Built, 2016-2020

	Stevens County		WA State
<b>Total Housing Units</b>	<b>21,954</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
Built 2014 or later	448	2.0%	4.8%
Built 2010 to 2013	816	3.7%	3.6%
Built 2000 to 2009	3,599	16.4%	15.0%
Built 1990 to 1999	4,042	18.4%	16.7%
Built 1980 to 1989	3,169	14.4%	12.9%
Built 1970 to 1979	4,714	21.5%	15.5%
Built 1960 to 1969	1,144	5.2%	9.3%
Built 1950 to 1959	1,271	5.8%	7.3%
Built 1940 to 1949	816	3.7%	4.7%
Built 1939 or earlier	1,935	8.8%	10.0%

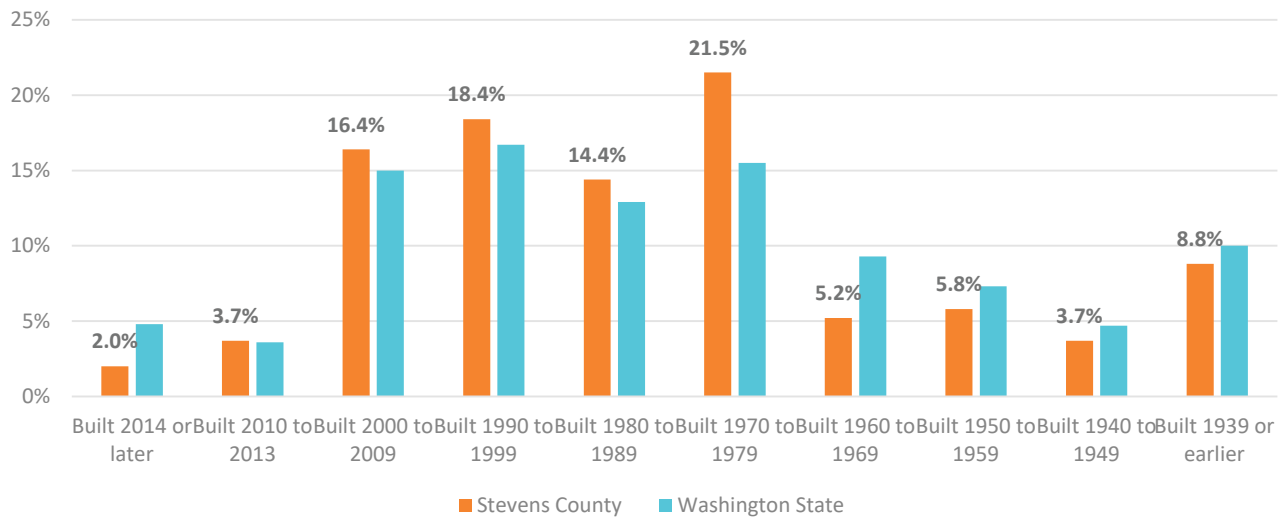
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table DP04

## House Heating Fuel in Occupied Housing, 2016-2020

	Stevens County		WA State
<b>Total occupied housing units</b>	<b>17,883</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>
Utility gas	3,747	21.0%	34.2%
Bottled, tank, or LP gas	953	5.3%	3.1%
Electricity	6,857	38.3%	56.2%
Fuel oil, kerosene, etc.	342	1.9%	1.7%
Coal or coke	0	0.0%	0.0%
Wood	5432	30.4%	3.9%
Solar energy	22	0.1%	0.1%
Other fuel	514	2.9%	0.5%
No fuel used	16	0.1%	0.5%

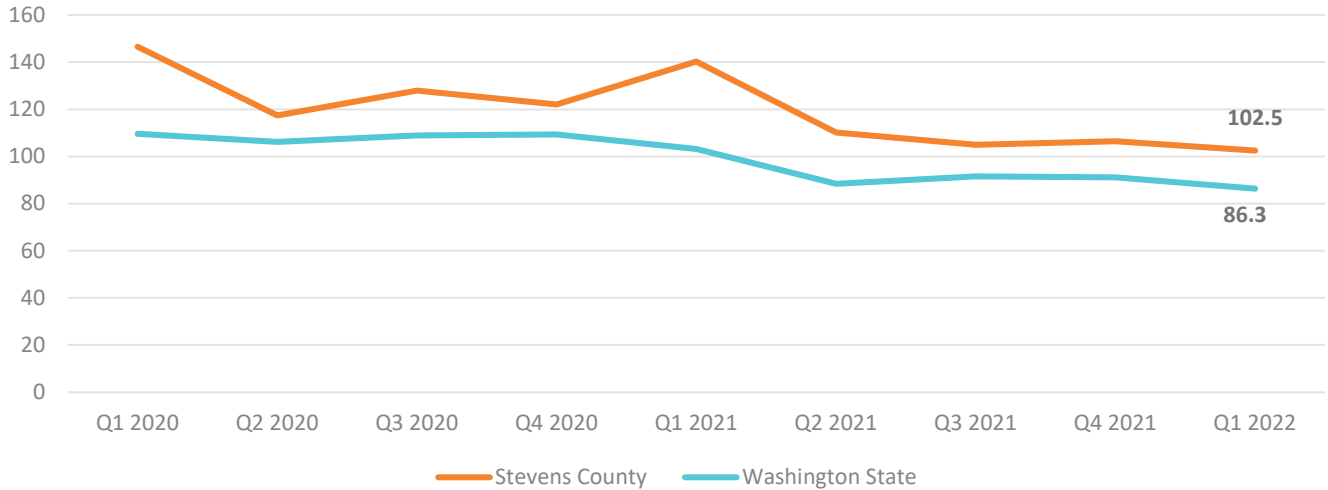
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## Age of Housing Stock



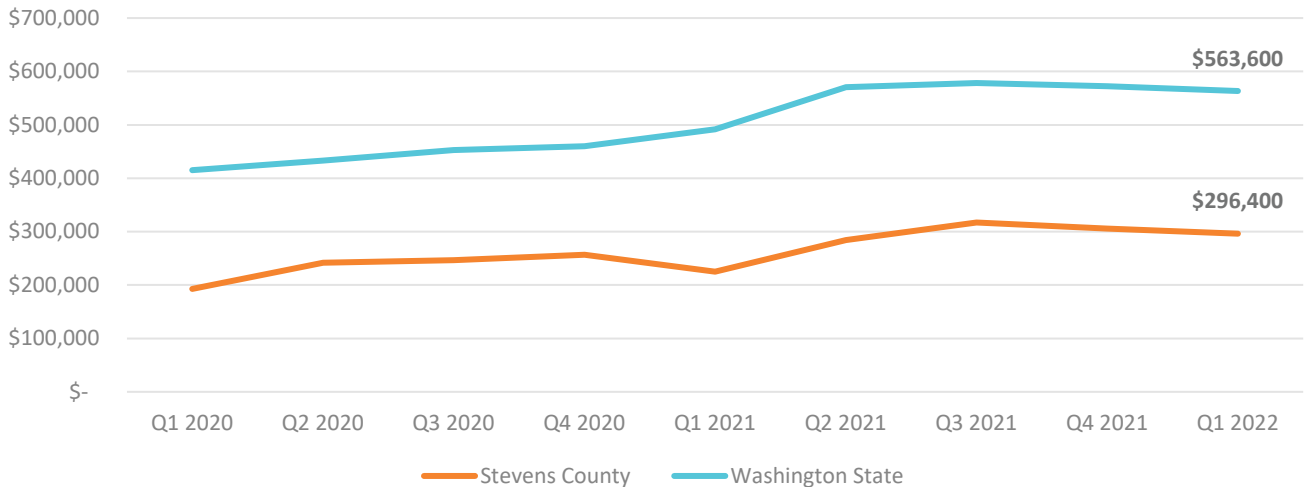
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## Housing Affordability Index



Source: Runstad Center for Real Estate Studies, University of Washington. 2022 Q1

## Median Home Prices



Source: Runstad Center for Real Estate Studies, University of Washington. 2022 Q1

**Endnotes**

1. Source: Washington State Office of Financial Management – Estimates of April 1, 2021 Population Density and Land Area by County
2. Source: Washington State Employment Security Department: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, accessed August 10, 2022.
3. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016-2020. Table DP04
4. Source: Runstad Center for Real Estate Studies, University of Washington. 2022 Q1



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