

# WASHINGTON

## Fortifying Main Street:

*The Economic Benefit of Public Pension Dollars in Rural America*

### Key Findings

Average percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for each county type in the state:

- Capital: 3.2%
- Metropolitan: 1.3%
- Micropolitan: 1.8%
- Rural: 1.6%

Total average percent of GDP in the state: 0.7%

Average percent of Total Personal Income (TPI) for each county type in the state:

- Capital: 2.7%
- Metropolitan: 1.1%
- Micropolitan: 1.5%
- Rural: 1.8%

Total average percent of TPI in the state: 0.8%

Table A40. Washington County Data

No.	County Name	County Type	2018 Pension Benefits	Benefits as a % of GDP	Benefits as a % of Total Personal Income	Population Change (2000 vs 2018)
1	Adams	Micropolitan	\$6,694,673.01	0.72%	0.79%	20.28%
2	Asotin	Micropolitan	\$11,187,660.68	1.64%	1.05%	10.02%
3	Benton	Metropolitan	\$111,898,741.50	1.08%	1.17%	41.69%
4	Chelan	Metropolitan	\$66,109,534.08	1.58%	1.57%	15.64%
5	Clallam	Metropolitan	\$56,090,142.61	2.36%	1.58%	18.93%
6	Clark	Metropolitan	\$162,562,552.05	0.89%	0.63%	39.57%
7	Columbia	Rural	\$3,196,957.86	0.74%	1.57%	-0.12%
8	Cowlitz	Metropolitan	\$58,927,403.12	1.31%	1.20%	17.26%
9	Douglas	Micropolitan	\$37,578,814.75	2.09%	2.11%	31.60%
10	Ferry	Rural	\$5,645,910.86	2.92%	2.05%	5.36%
11	Franklin	Metropolitan	\$31,388,180.12	0.88%	0.89%	91.19%
12	Garfield	Rural	\$1,607,836.20	1.11%	1.61%	-6.26%
13	Grant	Metropolitan	\$52,591,237.68	0.96%	1.36%	30.30%
14	Grays Harbor	Metropolitan	\$59,630,534.18	2.42%	2.00%	9.98%
15	Island	Metropolitan	\$59,636,088.87	2.15%	1.27%	18.03%
16	Jefferson	Micropolitan	\$27,774,671.33	2.90%	1.66%	22.26%
17	King	Metropolitan	\$767,784,378.50	0.28%	0.38%	28.56%
18	Kitsap	Metropolitan	\$129,473,202.91	1.12%	0.85%	16.31%
19	Kittitas	Micropolitan	\$39,379,237.33	2.41%	1.95%	41.97%
20	Klickitat	Micropolitan	\$13,210,294.88	1.14%	1.23%	15.37%
21	Lewis	Metropolitan	\$61,943,589.40	1.82%	1.79%	16.04%
22	Lincoln	Micropolitan	\$9,622,162.67	2.00%	1.93%	5.46%
23	Mason	Metropolitan	\$61,135,840.89	4.08%	2.18%	32.59%
24	Okanogan	Micropolitan	\$28,980,918.05	2.06%	1.62%	6.49%
25	Pacific	Micropolitan	\$19,755,398.15	2.83%	2.15%	5.01%
26	Pend Oreille	Micropolitan	\$9,662,129.51	1.60%	1.70%	15.94%
27	Pierce	Metropolitan	\$440,870,837.46	1.11%	0.95%	27.18%
28	San Juan	Micropolitan	\$10,011,587.70	1.50%	0.76%	21.67%
29	Skagit	Metropolitan	\$86,708,152.29	1.16%	1.27%	24.50%
30	Skamania	Micropolitan	\$6,389,428.72	2.32%	1.17%	20.79%
31	Snohomish	Metropolitan	\$375,130,093.36	0.96%	0.82%	34.47%
32	Spokane	Metropolitan	\$277,368,024.59	1.18%	1.16%	23.14%
33	Stevens	Micropolitan	\$26,388,321.76	2.38%	1.48%	12.96%
34	Thurston (Capital)	Metropolitan	\$391,895,596.44	3.16%	2.65%	38.13%

Table A40. **Washington County Data (continued)**

<b>No.</b>	<b>County Name</b>	<b>County Type</b>	<b>2018 Pension Benefits</b>	<b>Benefits as a % of GDP</b>	<b>Benefits as a % of Total Personal Income</b>	<b>Population Change (2000 vs 2018)</b>
35	Wahkiakum	Rural	\$3,728,558.91	3.56%	1.99%	15.74%
36	Walla Walla	Metropolitan	\$40,067,731.99	1.31%	1.43%	10.41%
37	Whatcom	Metropolitan	\$108,289,839.39	0.80%	0.98%	35.29%
38	Whitman	Micropolitan	\$23,171,550.06	0.91%	1.14%	22.22%
39	Yakima	Metropolitan	\$127,641,325.81	1.29%	1.17%	12.97%

Figure A118. Washington State County Type

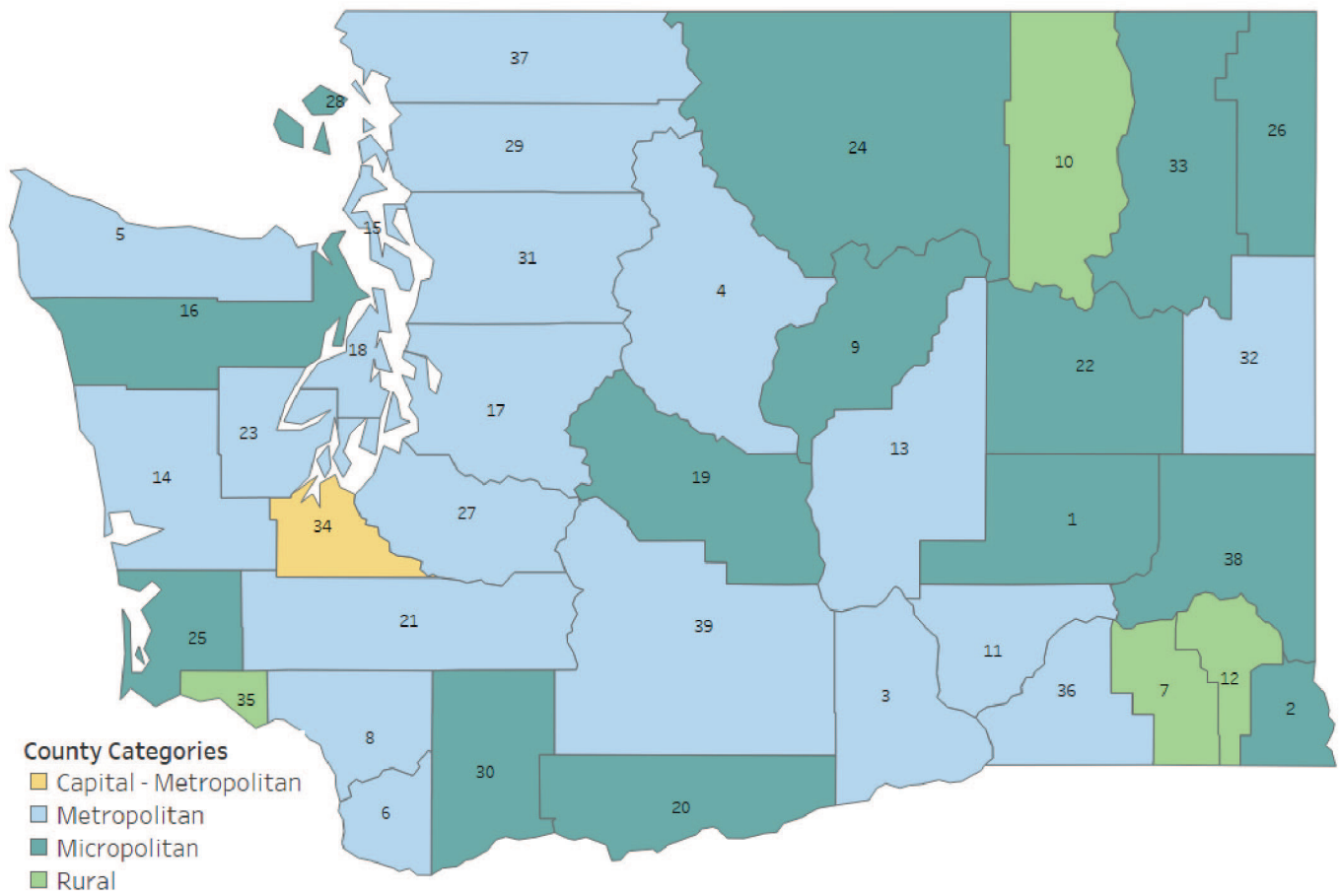


Figure A119. Washington State Pension Benefit Dollars as Share of County GDP

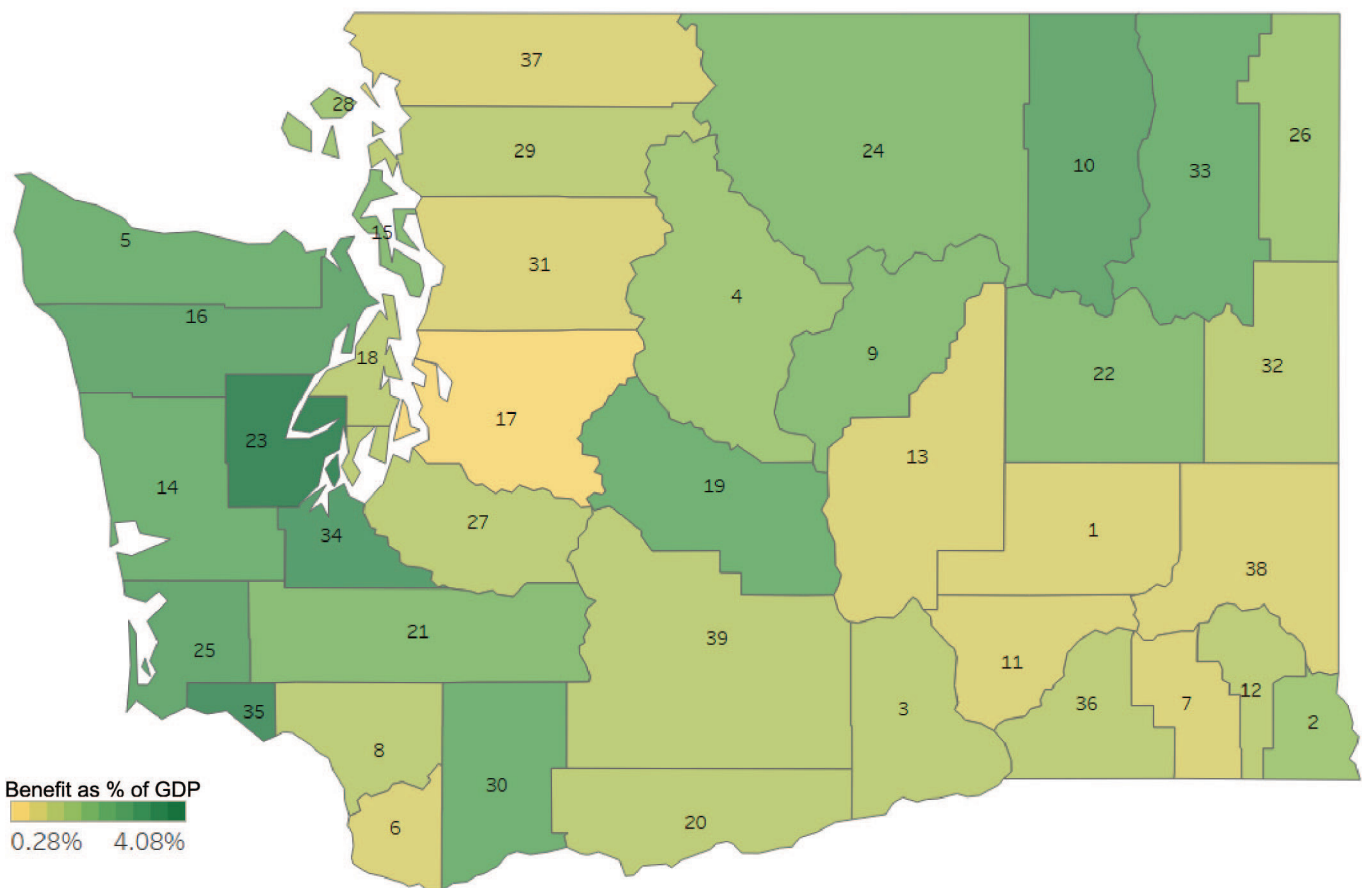
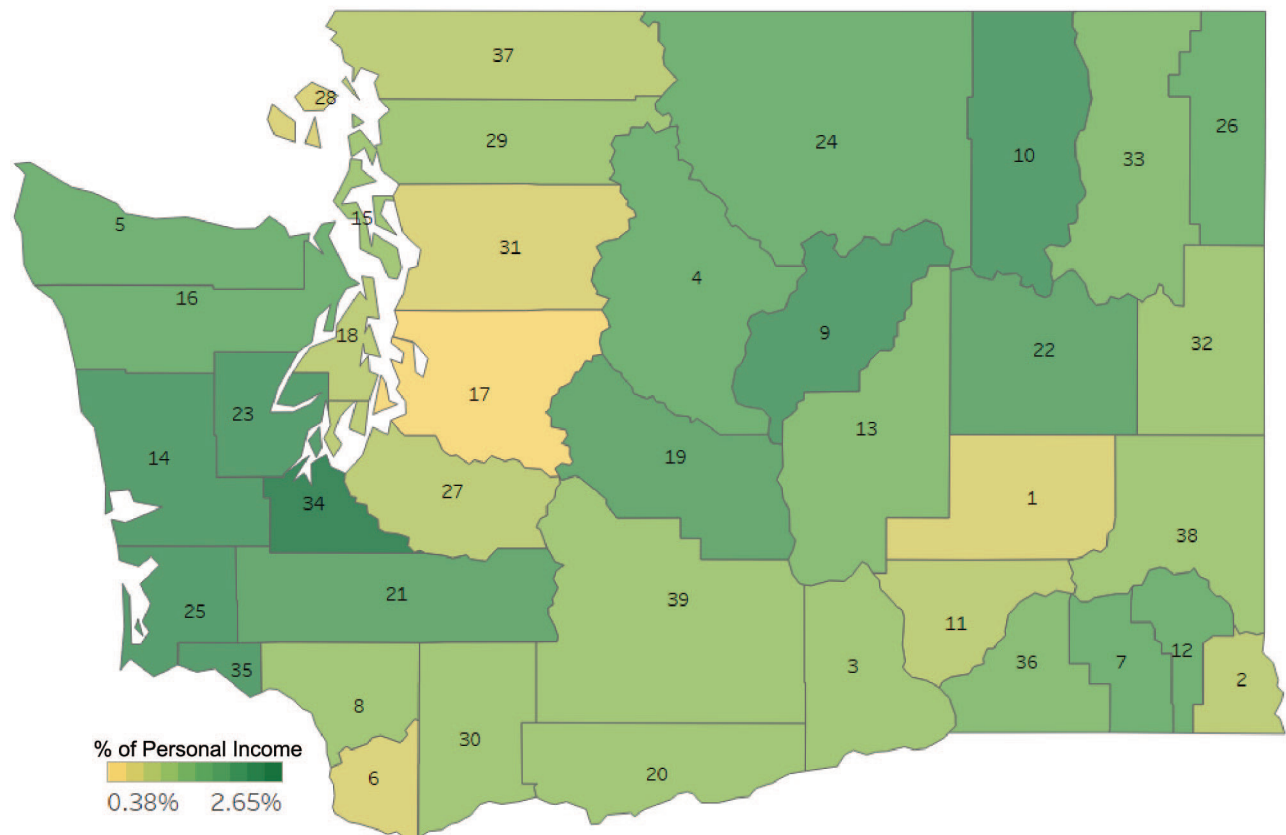


Figure A120. **Washington State Pension Benefit Dollars as Share of County Total Personal Income**



### Overview

In Washington, we received data from the Washington State Department of Retirement Systems, which includes: the Public Employees' Retirement System, the Teachers' Retirement System, the School Employees' Retirement System, Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' Retirement System, the Washington State Patrol Retirement System, and the Public Safety Employees' Retirement System.