

The following table ranks each county from those with the highest percentage of students meeting basic standards to those with the lowest percentage. Counties with fewer than 100 students taking the WASL (after exclusions) are not ranked.

*Percentage of 10th Graders Meeting Writing Standards - WASL 2002*

Rank	County	Percent
1	San Juan	74.6%
2	King	69.7%
3	Whitman	67.6%
4	Benton	66.3%
5	Spokane	65.5%
6	Thurston	65.3%
6	Whatcom	65.3%
8	Snohomish	65.1%
9	Island	64.4%
10	Kitsap	63.5%
11	Kittitas	62.9%
12	Mason	61.0%
13	Walla Walla	60.1%
14	Klickitat	59.8%
15	Stevens	59.7%
16	Clark	59.0%
17	Lincoln	57.9%
18	Cowlitz	57.8%
19	Lewis	57.6%
19	Skagit	57.6%
21	Clallam	57.2%
22	Jefferson	56.9%
23	Pierce	56.0%
24	Pacific	54.6%
25	Chelan	54.5%
26	Okanogan	52.4%
27	Franklin	49.5%
28	Douglas	48.8%
29	Pend Oreille	47.6%
30	Adams	46.0%
31	Yakima	45.4%
32	Grant	45.0%
33	Grays Harbor	43.5%
34	Asotin	35.9%
*	Columbia	50.8%
*	Ferry	66.7%
*	Garfield	66.7%
*	Skamania	38.8%
*	Wahkiakum	85.7%
<b>Washington</b>		<b>61.9%</b>

Source: WA State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction