

School District Classification of Urban, Suburban, Rural Status

The National Center for Education Statistics classifies an educational agency's (district) service area as follows:

- 1) Central city of an MSA (Urban)
- 2) Serves an MSA by not primarily its central city (Suburban)
- 3) Does not serve an MSA. (Rural)

A county is designated an MSA if it has (a) one or more Urban Areas (a city and its surrounding densely settled territory with a combined population of 50,000 or more and a population density of 1,000 people or more per square mile) and a total population exceeding 100,000; or (b) one city with at least 50,000 people. Counties not designated MSA are considered rural.

Those districts that serve an MSA, then, are designated as either urban or suburban, while areas not serving an MSA are rural. School size is not as important a factor as proximity to a metro area using this designation.

Urban

BELLEVUE
BELLINGHAM
BREMERTON
EVERETT
EVERGREEN (CLARK)
FINLEY
KENNEWICK
OLYMPIA
PASCO
RICHLAND
SEATTLE
SPOKANE
TACOMA
VANCOUVER
YAKIMA

GRANGER
GRANITE FALLS
GREAT NORTHERN
GREEN MOUNTAIN
GRIFFIN
HIGHLAND
HIGHLINE
HOCKINSON
INDEX
ISSAQUAH
KAHLOTUS
KENT
KIONA-BENTON
LA CENTER
LAKE STEVENS
LAKE WASHINGTON
LAKEWOOD
LIBERTY
LYNDEN
MABTON
MARYSVILLE
MEAD
MEDICAL LAKE
MERCER ISLAND
MERIDIAN
MONROE
MOUNT ADAMS
MOUNT BAKER
MUKILTEO
NACHES VALLEY
NINE MILE FALLS
NOOKSACK VALLEY
NORTH FRANKLIN
NORTH KITSAP
NORTH THURSTON
NORTHSHORE
OAK HARBOR
ORCHARD PRAIRIE
ORTING
PATERSON
PENINSULA
PROSSER
PUYALLUP
RAINIER
RENTON

RIDGEFIELD
RIVERSIDE
RIVERVIEW
ROCHESTER
SELAH
SHORELINE
SKYKOMISH
SNOHOMISH
SNOQUALMIE VALLEY
SOUTH KITSAP
SOUTH WHIDBEY
STANWOOD-CAMANO
STAR
STEILACOOM
SULTAN
SUMNER
SUNNYSIDE
TAHOMA
TENINO
TOPPENISH
TUKWILA
TUMWATER
UNION GAP
UNIVERSITY PLACE
VASHON ISLAND
WAPATO
WASHOUGAL
WEST VALLEY (SPK)
WEST VALLEY (YAK)
WHITE RIVER
YELM
ZILLA

Suburban

ARLINGTON
AUBURN
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND
BATTLE GROUND
BETHEL
BLAINE
CAMAS
CARBONADO
CENTRAL KITSAP
CENTRAL VALLEY
CHENEY
CLOVER PARK
COUPEVILLE
DARRINGTON
DEER PARK
DIERINGER
EAST VALLEY (SPK)
EAST VALLEY (YAK)
EATONVILLE
EDMONDS
ENUMCLAW
FEDERAL WAY
FERNDALE
FIFE
FRANKLIN PIERCE
FREEMAN
GRANDVIEW

Rural

ABERDEEN
ADNA
ALMIRA
ANACORTES
ASOTIN-ANATONE
BENGE
BICKLETON
BOISTFORT
BREWSTER
BRIDGEPORT
BRINNON

(Rural Con't)

BURLINGTON-EDISON
CAPE FLATTERY
CASCADE
CASHMERE
CASTLE ROCK
CENTERVILLE
CENTRALIA
CHEHALIS
CHEWELAH
CHIMACUM
CLARKSTON
CLE ELUM -ROSLYN
COLFAX
COLLEGE PLACE
COLTON
COLUMBIA (STEV)
COLUMBIA (WALLA)
COLVILLE
CONCRETE
CONWAY
COSMOPOLIS
COULEE-HARTLINE
CRESCENT
CRESTON
CURLEW
CUSICK
DAMMAN
DAVENPORT
DAYTON
DIXIE
EASTMONT
EASTON
ELLENSBURG
ELMA
ENDICOTT
ENTIAT
EPHRATA
EVALINE
EVERGREEN (STEV)
GARFIELD
GLENWOOD
GOLDENDALE
GRAND COULEE
GRAPEVIEW
HARRINGTON
HOOD CANAL
HOQUIAM
INCHELIUM
KALAMA
KELLER
KELSO
KETTLE FALLS
KITITAS
KLICKITAT
LA CONNER

LACROSSE
LAKE CHELAN
LAMONT
LIND
LONGVIEW
LOON LAKE
LOPEZ
LYLE
MANSFIELD
MANSON
MARY M KNIGHT
MARY WALKER
MCCLEARY
METHOW VALLEY
MILL A
MONTESANO
MORTON
MOSES LAKE
MOSSYROCK
MOUNT PLEASANT
MOUNT VERNON
NAPAVINE
NASELLE-GRAYS
NESPELEM
NEWPORT
NORTH BEACH
NORTH MASON
NORTH RIVER
NORTHPORT
OAKESDALE
OAKVILLE
OCEAN BEACH
OCOSTA
ODESSA
OKANOGAN
OMAK
ONALASKA
ONION
ORCAS ISLAND
ORIENT
ORONDO
OROVILLE
OTHELLO
PALISADES
PALOUSE
PATEROS
PE ELL
PIONEER
POMEROY
PORT ANGELES
PORT TOWNSEND
PRESCOTT
PULLMAN
QUEETS-CLEARWATER
QUILCENE
QUILLAYUTE VALLEY

QUINAULT
QUINCY
RAYMOND
REARDAN-EDWALL
REPUBLIC
RITZVILLE
ROOSEVELT
ROSALIA
ROYAL
SAN JUAN ISLAND
SATSOP
SEDRO-WOOLLEY
SELKIRK
SEQUIM
SHAW ISLAND
SHELTON
SKAMANIA
SOAP LAKE
SOUTH BEND
SOUTHSIDE
SPRAGUE
ST JOHN
STARBUCK
STEHEKIN
STEPTOE
STEVENSON-CARSON
SUMMIT VALLEY
TAHOLAH
TEKOA
THORP
TOLEDO
TONASKET
TOUCHET
TOUTLE
TROUT LAKE
VADER
VALLEY
WAHKIAKUM
WAHLUKE
WAITSBURG
WALLA WALLA
WARDEN
WASHTUCNA
WATERVILLE
WELLPINIT
WENATCHEE
WHITE PASS
WHITE SALMON
WILBUR
WILLAPA VALLEY
WILSON CREEK
WINLOCK
WISHKAH
WISHRAM
WOODLAND