



**AGENDA ITEM #8**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**MEMBERS:**

- City of Lacey
- City of Olympia
- City of Rainier
- City of Tenino
- City of Tumwater
- City of Yelm
- Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation
- Nisqually Indian Tribe
- Town of Bucoda
- Thurston County
- North Thurston Public Schools
- Olympia School District
- Tumwater School District
- Intercity Transit
- LOTT Clean Water Alliance
- Port of Olympia
- PUD No. 1 of Thurston County

**TO:** Thurston Regional Planning Council

**FROM:** Michael Ambrogi, Senior Planner  
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**DATE:** November 24, 2021

**SUBJECT:** *The 2021 Profile: Data, Trends, and Analyses for Thurston County*

**PURPOSE**

Staff will provide an overview of information from the 2021 edition of *The Profile*.

**Summary:**

- *The Profile* is the single-most comprehensive and reliable source of information about jurisdictions within Thurston County.
- TRPC has published *The Profile* annually since 1982.
- For the 2021 update, data on racial equity was added.
- A summary of the type of data found in each chapter of *The Profile* is provided.
- Preview the data at [www.trpc.org/theprofile](http://www.trpc.org/theprofile)

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:**

- Lacey Fire District #3
- Puget Sound Regional Council
- The Evergreen State College
- Thurston Conservation District
- Thurston Economic Development Council
- Timberland Regional Library

**REQUESTED ACTION**

None. This is informational only.

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New to *The Profile* in 2021 is the Racial Equity topic. This explores some of the inequities experienced by Thurston County residents of different racial and ethnic backgrounds and, where possible, trends over time. This new topic area will aid both agency staff and members of the public in understanding the data behind issues of racial equity in our community.

## BACKGROUND

*The Profile* is an annual compilation of data, trends, and analyses for Thurston County and the cities and towns within. The document, originally published in 1982, serves a wide variety of users needing current, accurate data for the region. *The Profile* has developed a reputation as the single-most comprehensive and reliable source of information about Thurston County. To date, more than 60 topics covering nine subject areas are included in *The Profile*.

The 2021 edition of *The Profile*, which can be found online at [www.trpc.org/theprofile](http://www.trpc.org/theprofile), contains information on the following:

- **Statistical Profiles:** One-page data summaries for the county, cities and towns, and tribes. Updated annually, 2020 Census results where available are now included in these community overviews.
- **Land Use:** Land area and annexations; urban centers and corridors; land cover and impervious surfaces; open space tax programs; agriculture; and building space.
- **Population & Demographics:** Population estimates and projections; life expectancy and mortality; household size and type; race and ethnicity; language spoken at home; disability; and crime and public safety.
- **Housing:** Housing estimates and projections; subdivision activity; building permits; home sales; housing affordability; ownership and tenancy; apartment rents and vacancy; and homelessness.
- **Transportation:** Vehicle ownership; commuting trends; transit ridership; freight data; gas prices; and vehicle miles traveled.
- **Employment:** Employment estimates and projections; wages; and unemployment rates.
- **Economics:** Income and poverty statistics; taxable retail sales; cost of living; and the consumer price index.
- **Education:** School enrollment; graduation rates; school district diversity; higher education; and educational attainment.
- **Water:** Water use; marine and freshwater quality; drinking water; and water wells.
- **Environment:** Air quality; solid waste; wastewater management; energy use; and salmon population.
- **Racial Equity:** Population, household income, poverty, homeownership, household type, education, and homelessness as viewed through the lens of racial equity.

For the 2021 edition of *The Profile*, the full list of topics covered are included on the main page to aid interested parties in finding the information they're looking for.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Please review the 2021 edition of *The Profile* and help us to spread the word about this comprehensive resource for Thurston County data. Additionally, please help us understand how you utilize information within the document and whether it meets your needs. Individuals may contact either Michael Ambrogi or Katrina Van Every with comments, questions, or other feedback.