

# The Changing Demographics of Washington's Public School Students

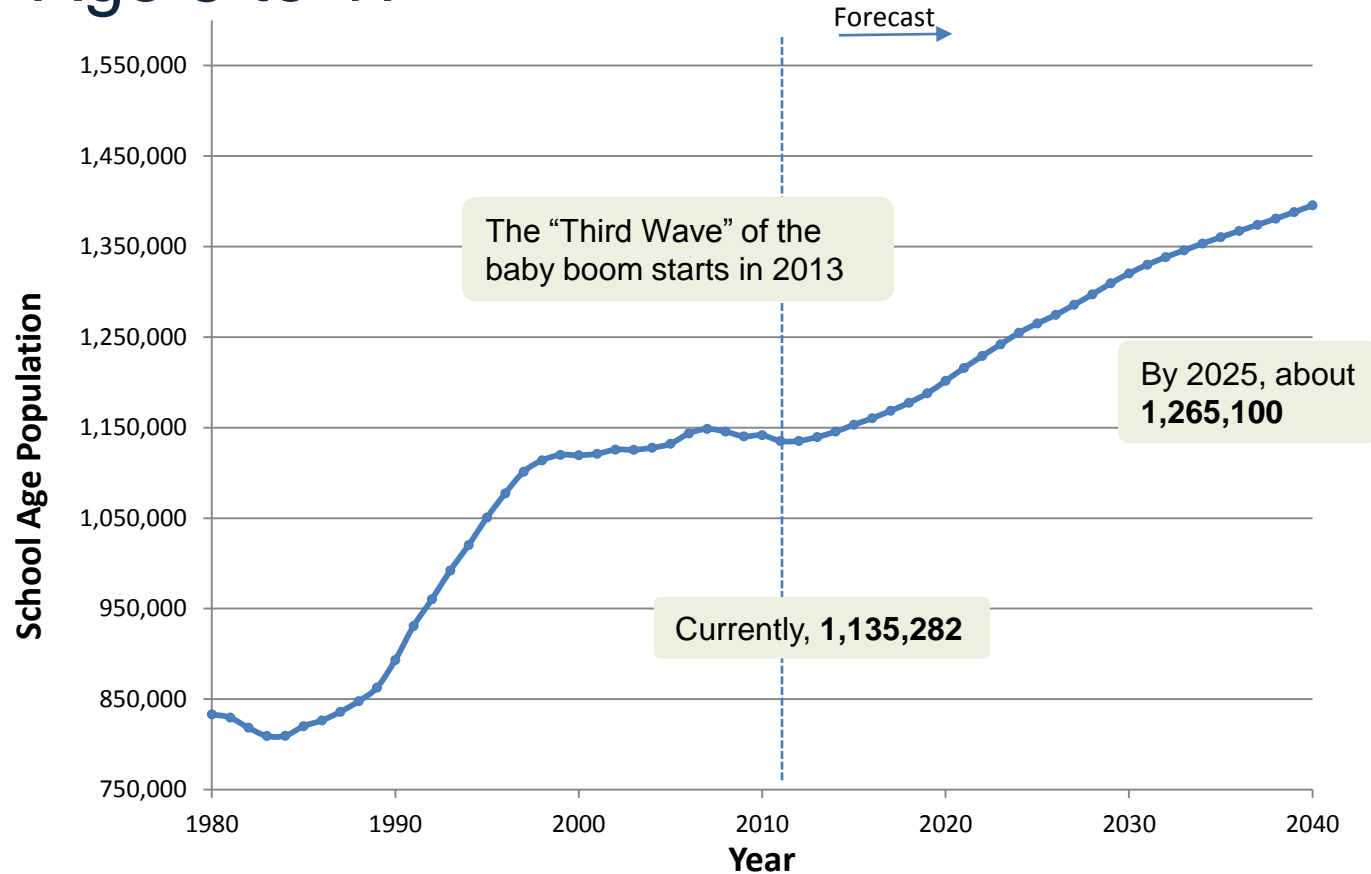
PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD,  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

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**Ms. Linda Drake, Senior Policy Analyst**



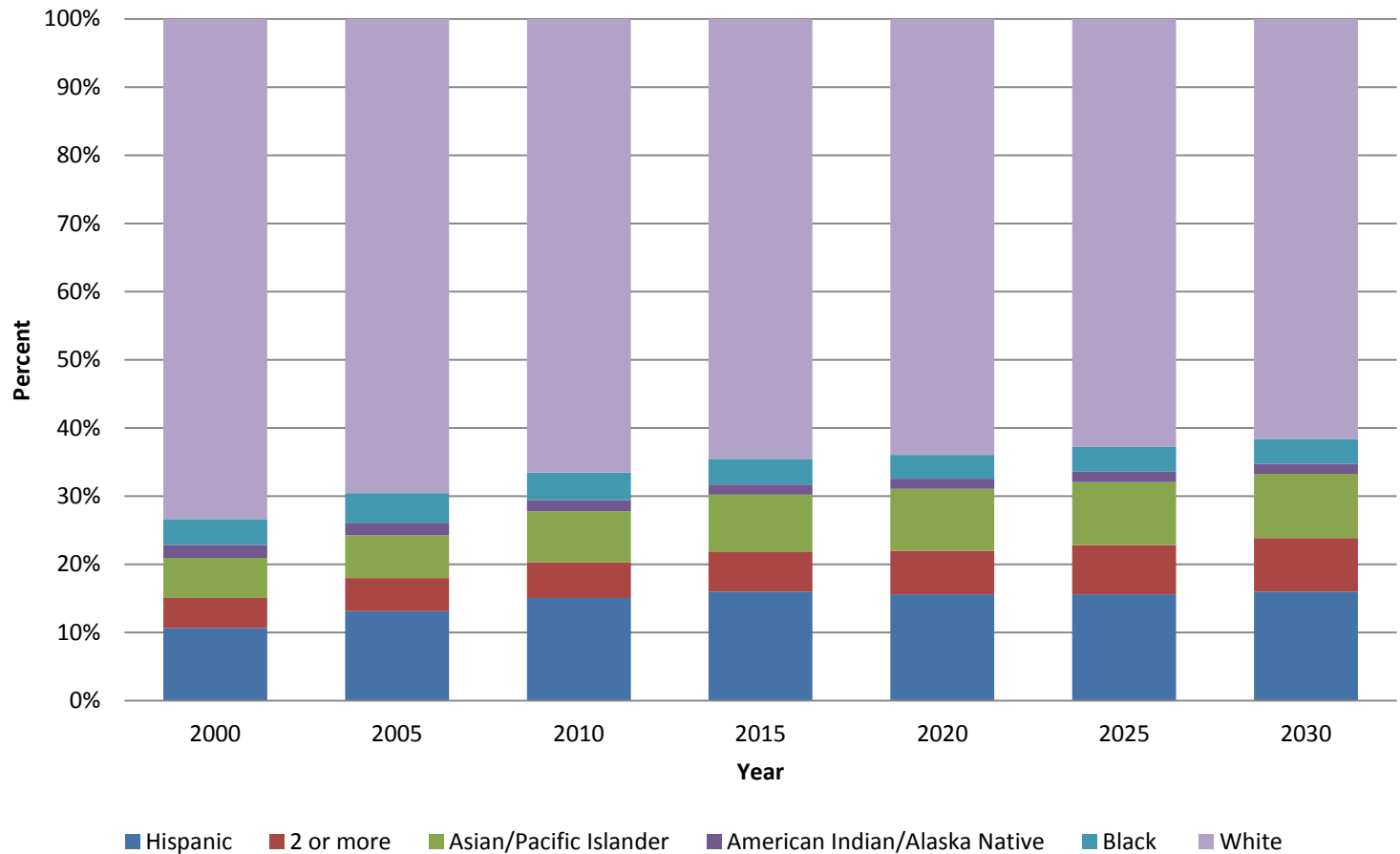
# Forecast of School Age Population, Age 5 to 17



Forecast of the State Population, November 2011 Forecast, Forecasting Division, State of Washington Office of Financial Management

# School Age Population, Race and Ethnicity

## Projections of the Percent of School Age (5-19) Population by Race and Ethnicity



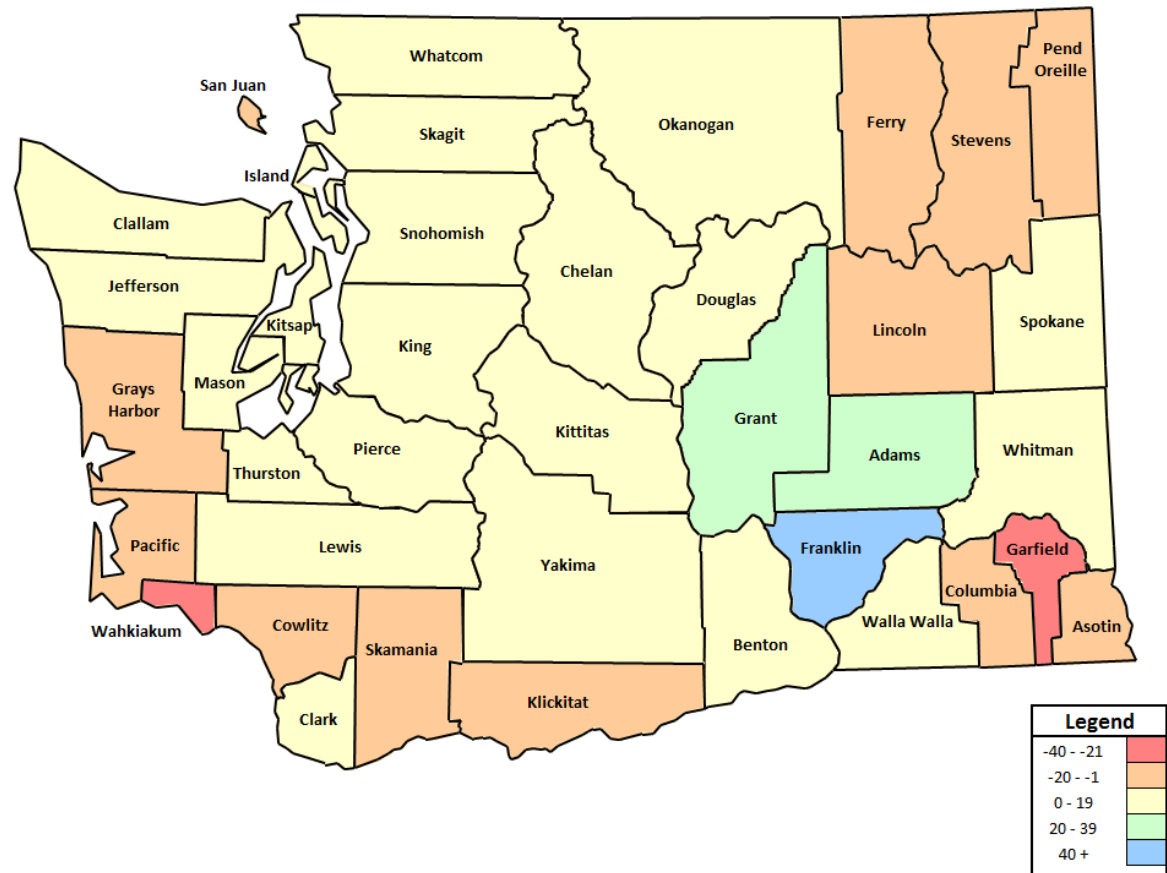
WA Office of Financial Management November 2011 Forecast of state population by age and sex 2010-2040



# Where are the students going to be?

## Projected Percent Change of School Age Population (ages 5-19) 2010-2025

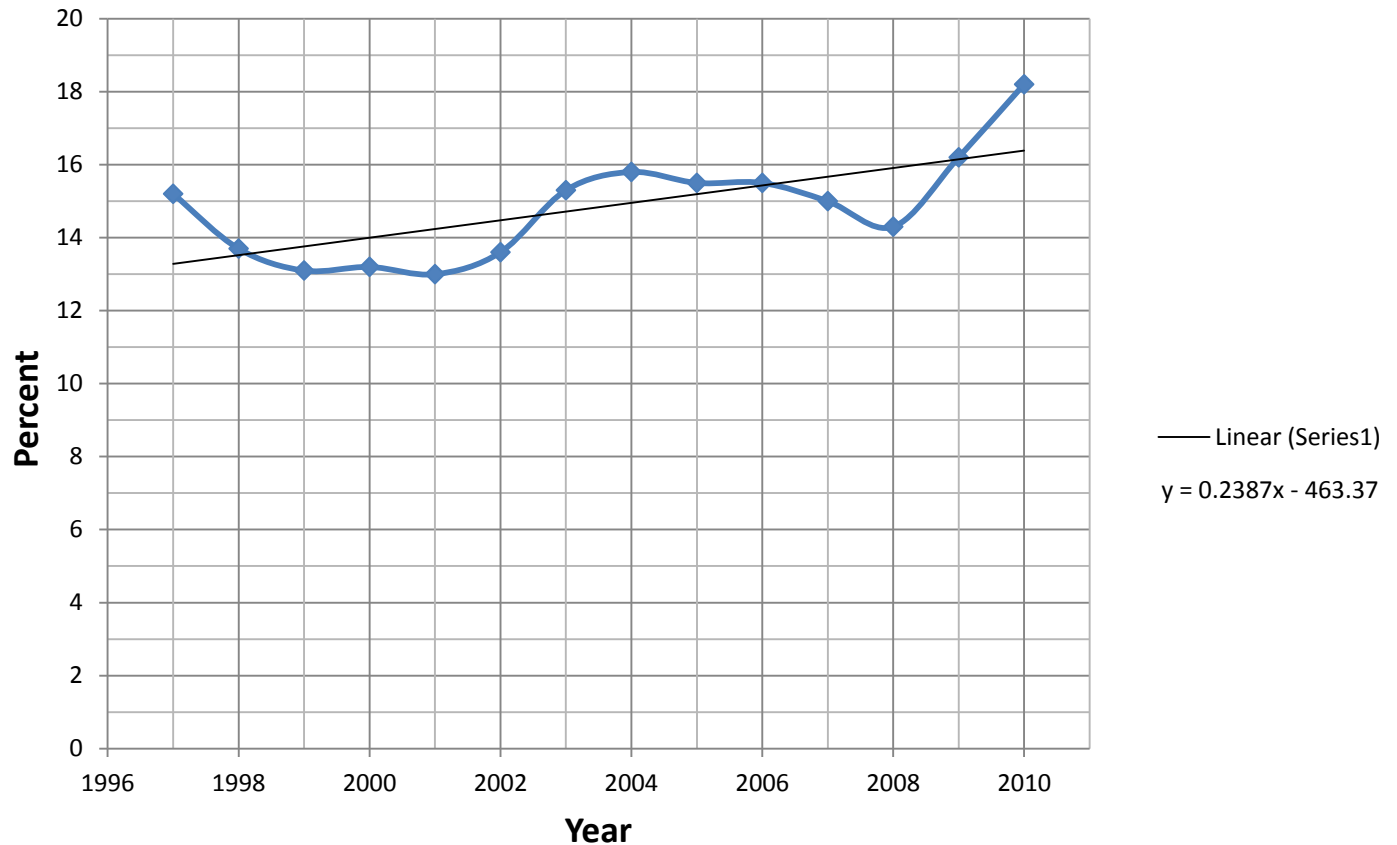
OFM May 2012 Forecast



If the trend continues, the percent of children in poverty in 2020 will be about 18.8%

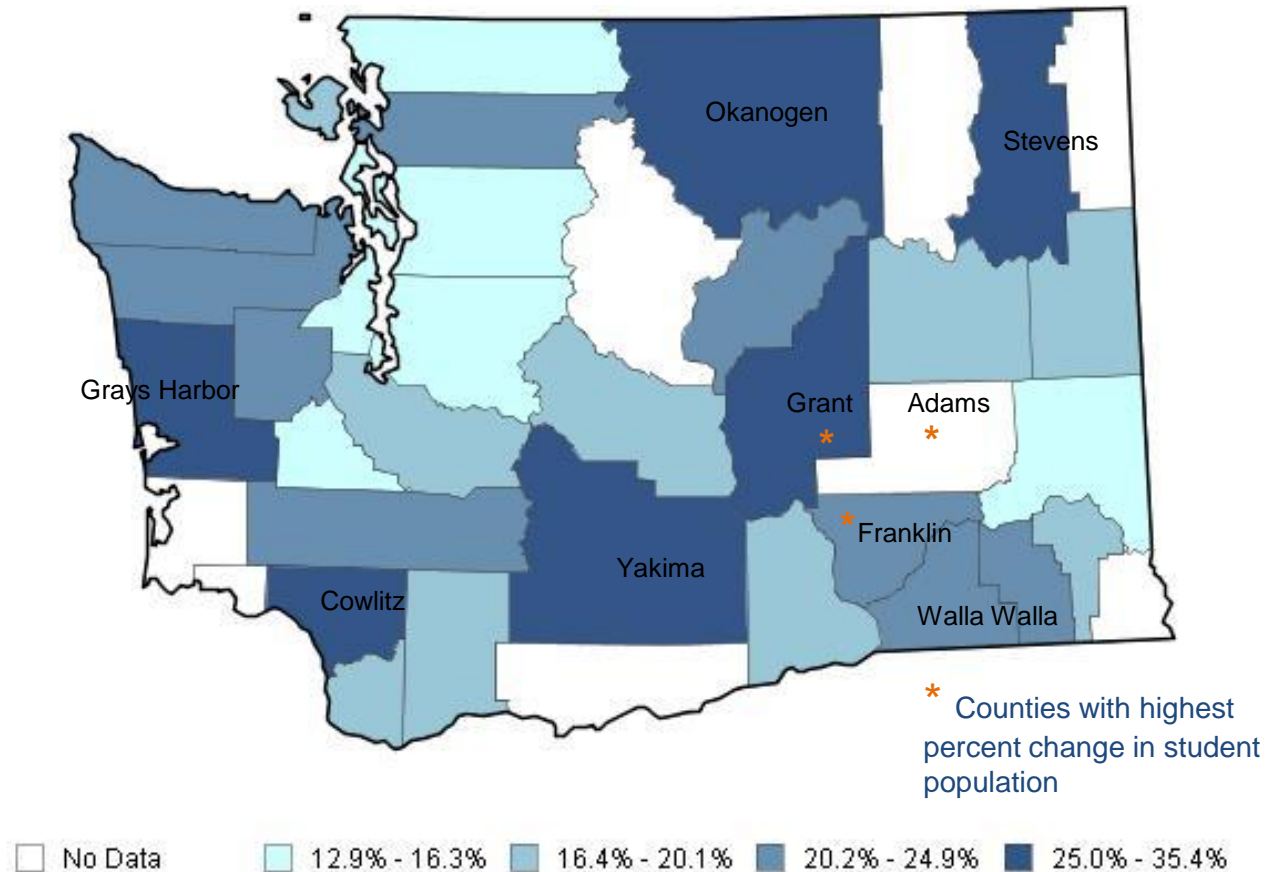
Poverty guidelines for or a family of 4: \$23,050

## Percent of children in poverty in Washington State 1997 to 2010



The percent of children under age 18 who live in families with income below the poverty threshold (100% Federal Poverty Guidelines). US Census Bureau's Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates.

# Children in Poverty in Washington State 2010

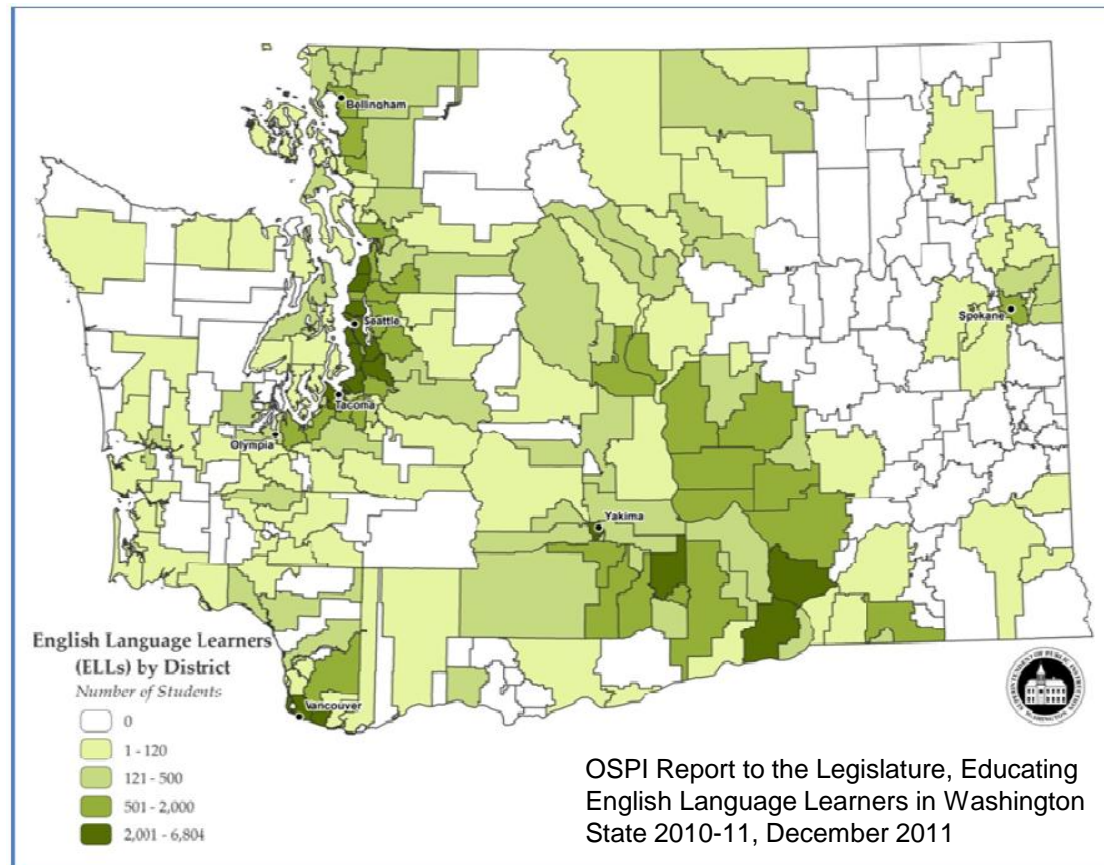


## Children under 18 in poverty (Percent) – 2010

Washington Kids Count is a joint effort of the Children's Alliance and Washington State Budget & Policy Center  
**KIDS COUNT Data Center, [www.kidscount.org/datacenter](http://www.kidscount.org/datacenter)**  
 A Project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation

ELL  
Headcount,  
October  
2010:  
92,084,  
8.8% of Total  
Enrollment

# English Language Learners (ELL)



- ELL enrollment has increased by 15.4% since 2005-2006
- 208 primary, non-English languages were represented in the Transition Bilingual Instruction Program, with Spanish accounting for 67% of ELLs



# Percent Change of Linguistically Isolated Households\*: 1990-2000

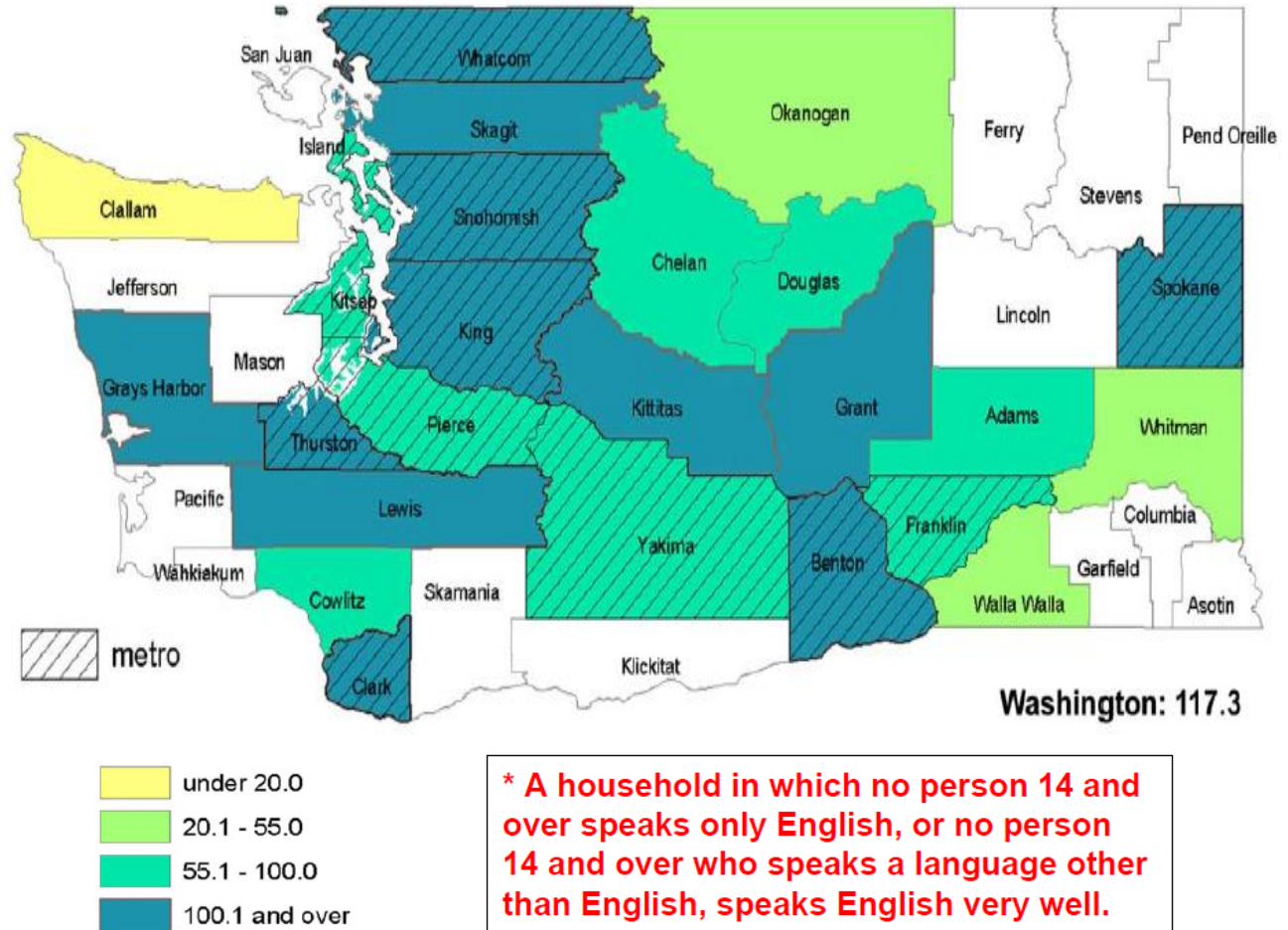
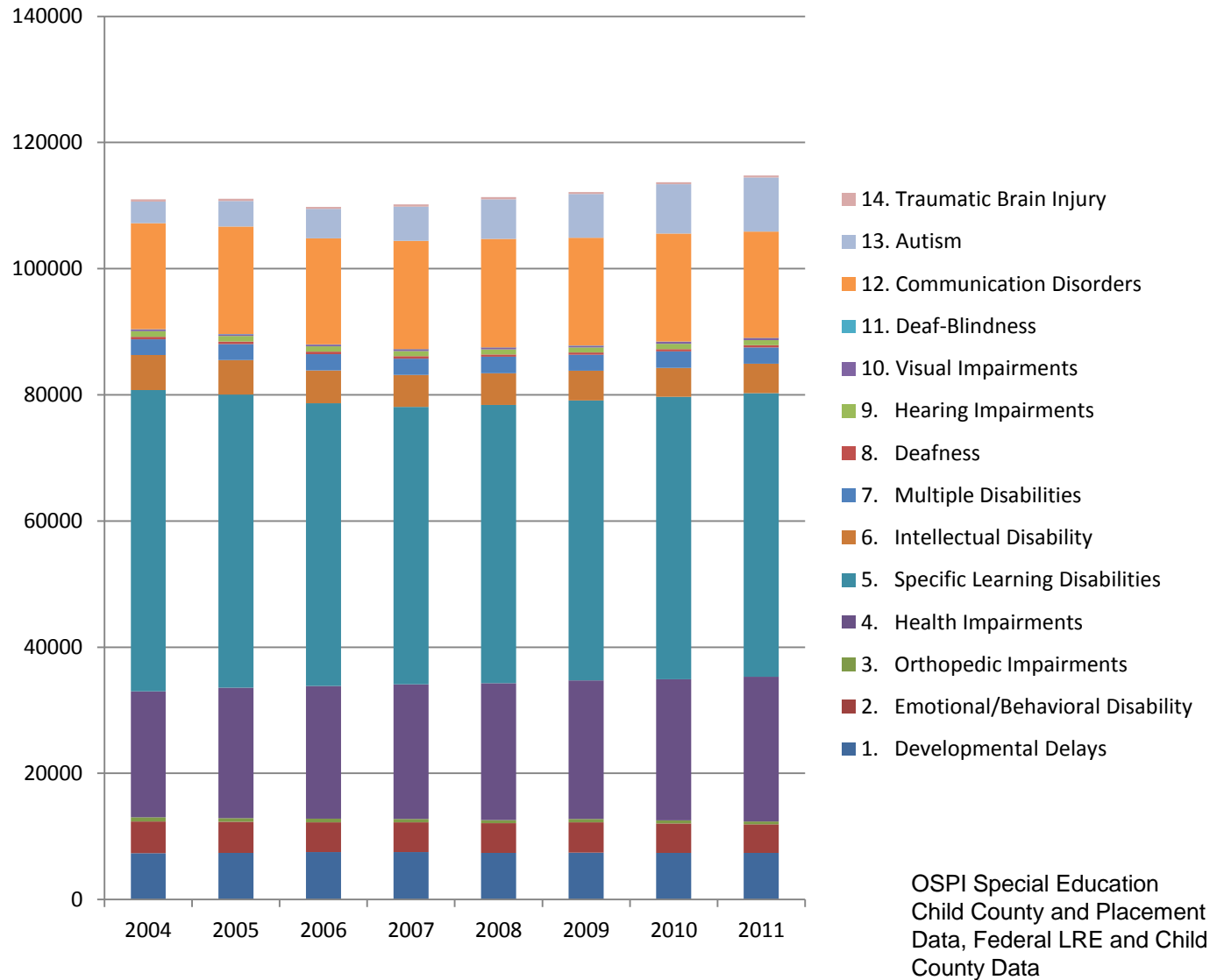


Figure by Kirschner, A, for "Work Force Issues for Governing Boards" presented by Menaul, R, Garcia, J, and Phippen, E., the Health Work Force Institute and the Washington State Hospital Association, May 20, 2009.



Special Education, age 6-21, 2010: 113,758, 11.0% of Total Enrollment (stayed within 1 percentage point for past 8 years)

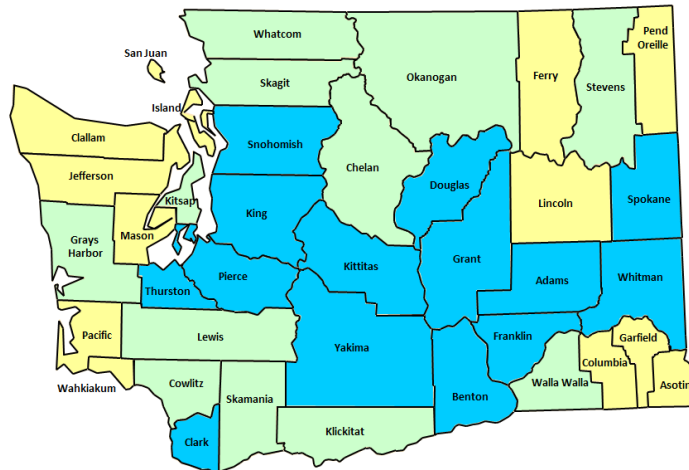
# Special Education Students, Age 6-21



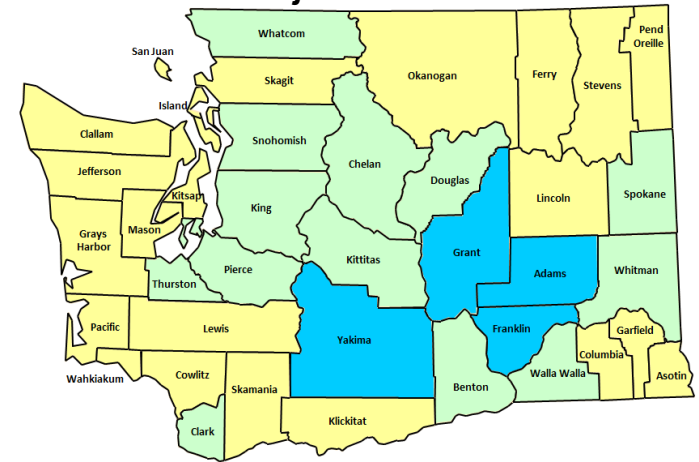
# School Age Population Compared to +65 Population

OFM May 2012 Forecast

## Age Distribution 2010



## Age Distribution Projected for 2020



+65 Population Outnumbers School Age Population

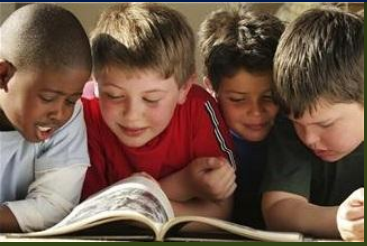
+65 Population and School Age Population Approximately Balanced

School Age Population Significantly Outnumbers +65 Population



- Districts with higher proportion of seniors will be challenged to keep the community engaged in education
- Support for public school funding is likely to be lower

Figlio, D. and D. Fletcher (2010). Suburbanization, Demographic Change and the Consequences for School Finance



# Summary of Data

## Steadily growing statewide enrollment

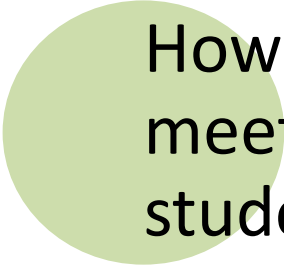
- Uneven growth around the state
- High poverty in some high growth areas

## An increasingly diverse student population

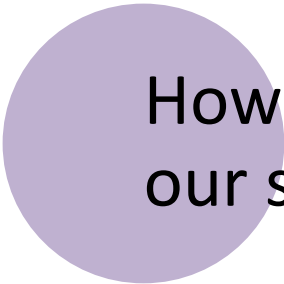
- Increasing percent of ethnic and racial student groups
- Increasing percent of ELLs
- Increasing number of Special Education Students

Many communities will have a larger senior-age population than school-age population

# Opportunities and Challenges



How should our schools change to meet the changing needs of our students?



How do we make the most of what our students have to offer?