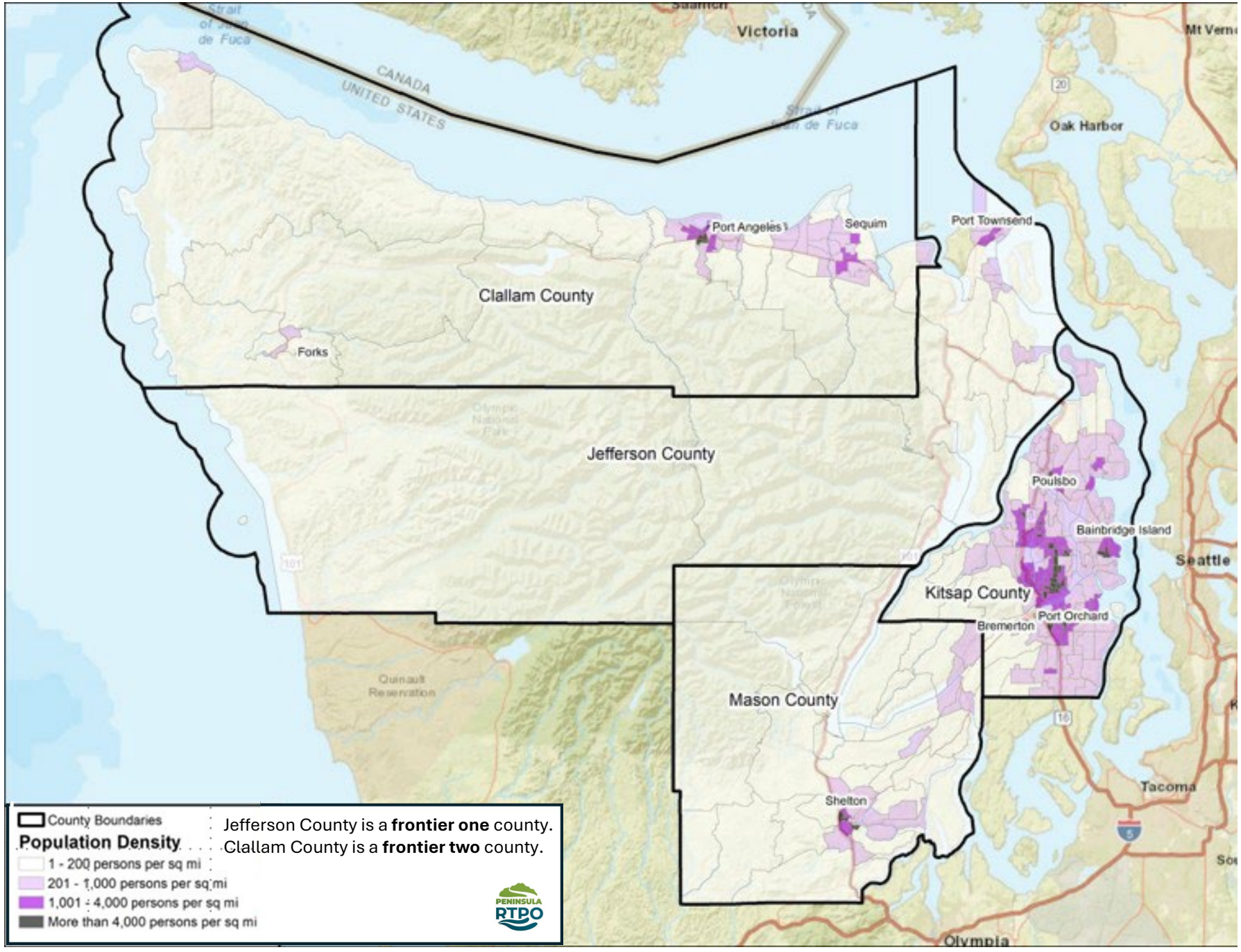
# POPULATION DENSITY: PEOPLE PER SQUARE MILE IN THE PENINSULA REGION




## POPULATION DENSITY

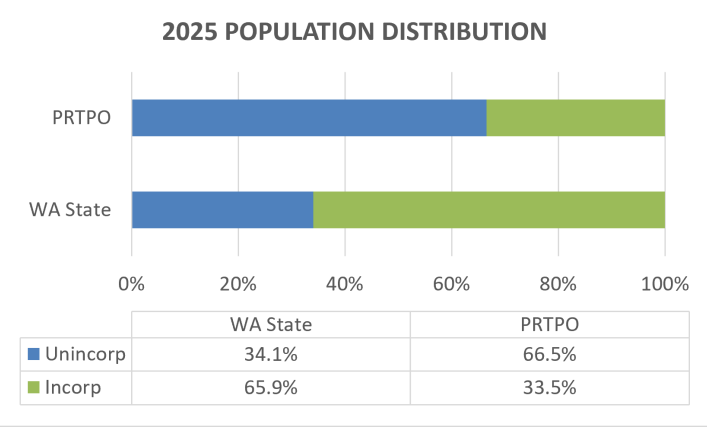
This is a highly rural region, with well over half of the population, jobs, and services located in Kitsap County. Jefferson County is so rural that it is designated a "frontier one" county, with less than 21 people per square mile. And Clallam is a "frontier two" county, at more than 21 but less than 50 people per square mile. Additionally, most of the region's population lives outside of any incorporated city or town.

**Peninsula Region Population Density Per Square Mile**

| County | Land Area (sq miles) | 2025 Population | Pop/Sq Mile |
|---|---|---|---|
| Clallam | 1,738.7 | 78,650 | 45.2 |
| Jefferson | 1,803.7 | 33,825 | 18.8 |
| Kitsap | 395.1 | 288,900 | 731.2 |
| Mason | 959.5 | 67,800 | 70.7 |
| **Peninsula Region** | **4,897.1** | **469,175** | **95.8** |

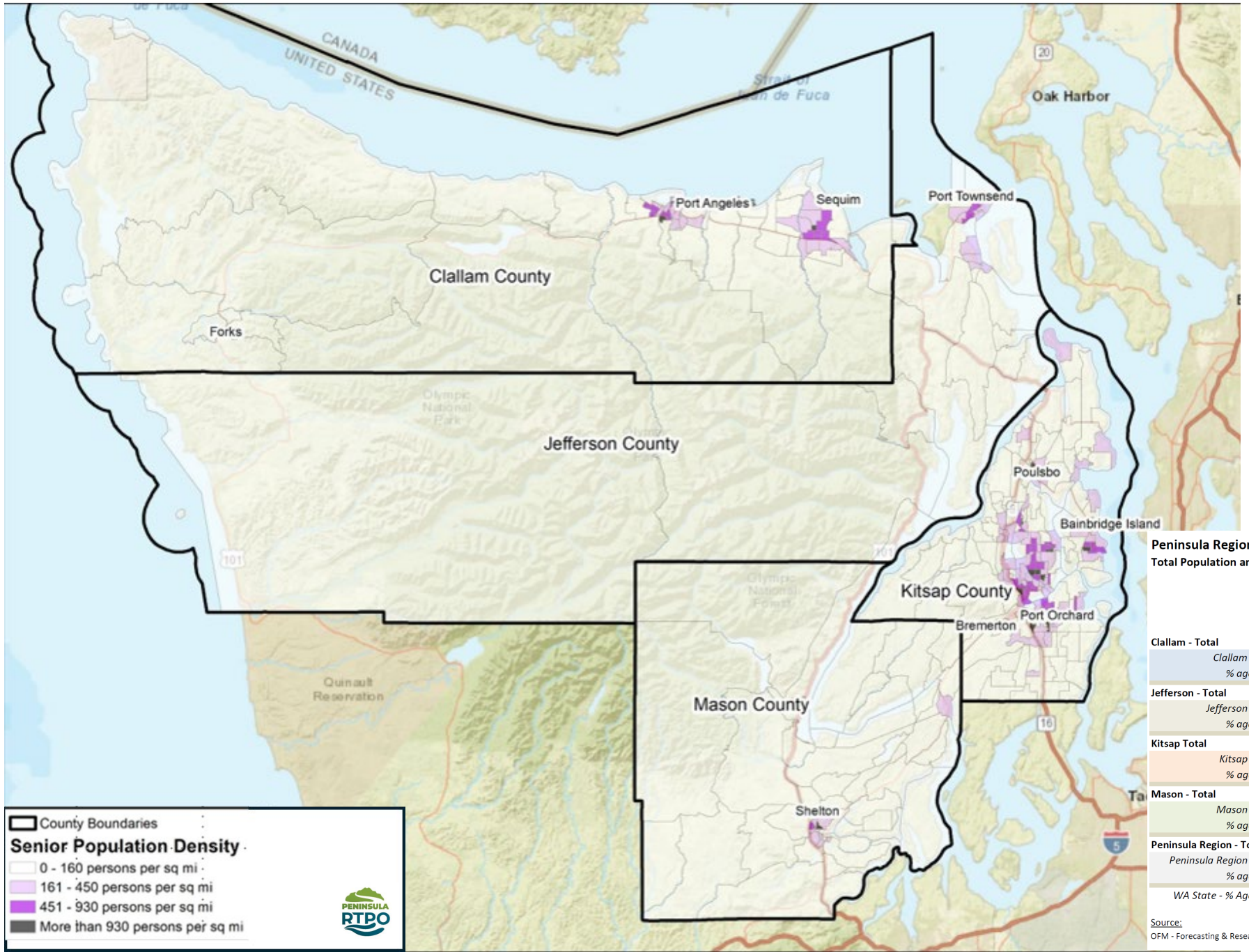
Source: WA State Office of Financial Management, 2025 Population Estimates, and Population Density by County. Formatted for the HSTP.

Note: Land area excludes lakes and other water bodies




| | WA State | PRTPO |
|---|---|---|
| Unincorp | 34.1% | 66.5% |
| Incorp | 65.9% | 33.5% |

# POPULATION DENSITY: PEOPLE 65 AND OLDER IN THE PENINSULA REGION




## SENIORS

People 65 and older account for over a quarter of the region's population. This is especially prevalent across the North Olympic Peninsula, in the rain shadow of the Olympics. Over 36% of the combined population in Clallam and Jefferson Counties is 65 or older and is expected to increase as a share of the total population until 2035, when natural factors will likely see that share decrease. Due to its size, well over half of all seniors in the region live in Kitsap County. By 2035, over one quarter of Kitsap residents are expected to be 65 or older.

**Peninsula Region Population and Projections - 2020 - 2050**

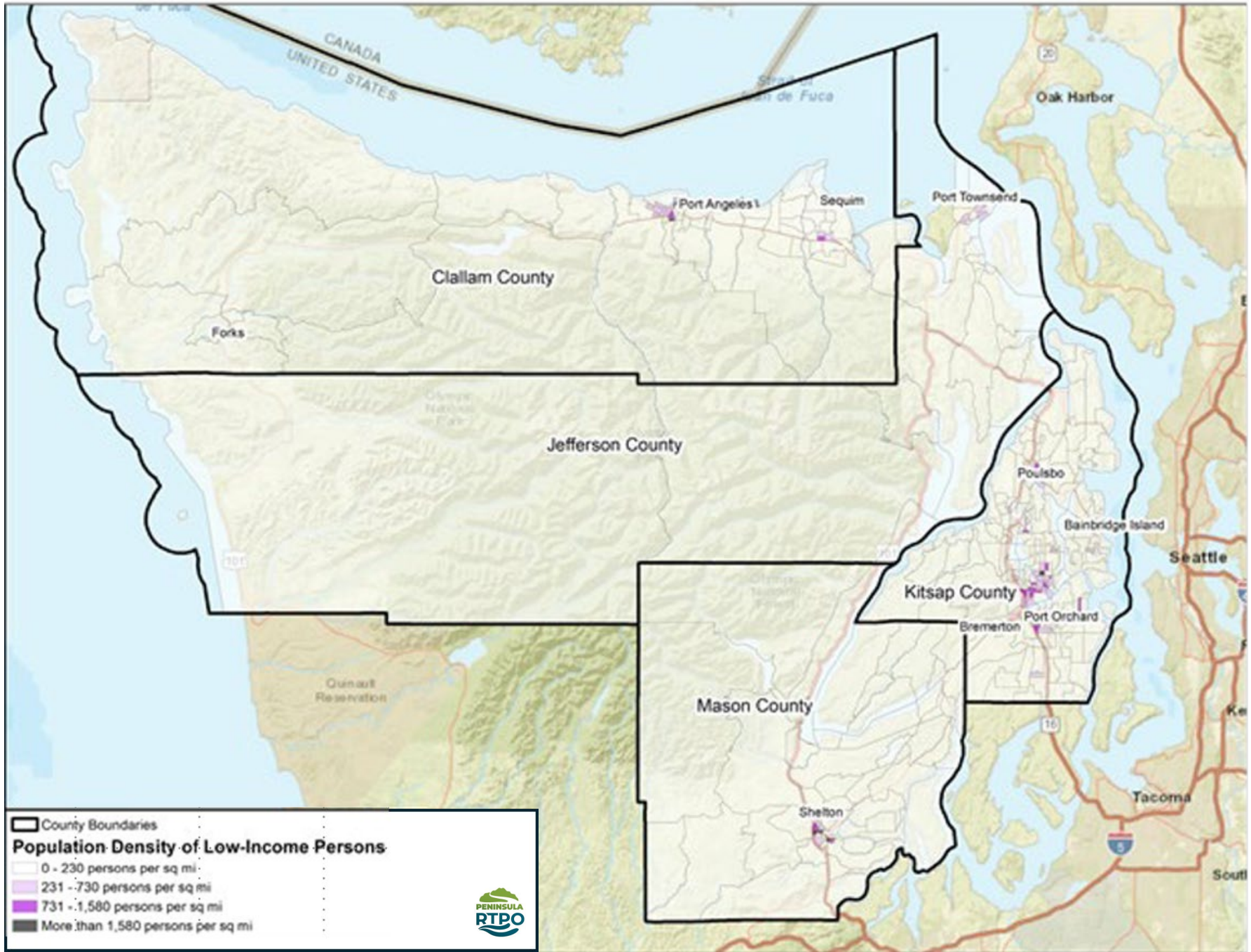
**Total Population and Population Age 65+, by County and Region Totals**

| | OFM Adj. Census | OFM PROJECTIONS | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2020 | 2025 | 2030 | 2035 | 2040 | 2045 | 2050 |
| **Clallam - Total** | **77,155** | **79,459** | **81,791** | **83,755** | **85,374** | **86,700** | **87,800** |
| *Clallam - 65+* | *25,061* | *26,603* | *28,026* | *28,270* | *27,663* | *27,684* | *28,499* |
| *% age 65+* | *32.5%* | *33.5%* | *34.3%* | *33.8%* | *32.4%* | *31.9%* | *32.5%* |
| **Jefferson - Total** | **32,977** | **34,586** | **36,226** | **37,750** | **39,170** | **40,486** | **41,719** |
| *Jefferson - 65+* | *12,632* | *14,618* | *15,687* | *15,930* | *15,589* | *15,289* | *15,613* |
| *% age 65+* | *38.3%* | *42.3%* | *43.3%* | *42.2%* | *39.8%* | *37.8%* | *37.4%* |
| **Kitsap Total** | **275,611** | **286,241** | **297,608** | **308,048** | **317,694** | **326,724** | **335,268** |
| *Kitsap - 65+* | *53,071* | *63,464* | *73,587* | *78,935* | *80,853* | *82,038* | *85,027* |
| *% age 65+* | *19.3%* | *22.2%* | *24.7%* | *25.6%* | *25.4%* | *25.1%* | *25.4%* |
| **Mason - Total** | **65,726** | **69,262** | **72,981** | **76,485** | **79,792** | **82,932** | **85,947** |
| *Mason - 65+* | *15,927* | *18,471* | *20,628* | *21,639* | *21,959* | *22,144* | *22,874* |
| *% age 65+* | *24.2%* | *26.7%* | *28.3%* | *28.3%* | *27.5%* | *26.7%* | *26.6%* |
| **Peninsula Region - Total** | **451,469** | **469,548** | **488,606** | **506,038** | **522,030** | **536,842** | **550,734** |
| *Peninsula Region - 65+* | *106,691* | *123,156* | *137,928* | *144,774* | *146,064* | *147,155* | *152,013* |
| *% age 65+* | *23.6%* | *26.2%* | *28.2%* | *28.6%* | *28.0%* | *27.4%* | *27.6%* |
| *WA State - % Age 65+* | *16.3%* | *18.4%* | *20.4%* | *21.3%* | *21.8%* | *22.2%* | *23.1%* |

Source:

OFM - Forecasting & Research | December 2022 | GMA Projections, Middle Series. Formatted for HSTP.

# POPULATION DENSITY: LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN THE PENINSULA REGION

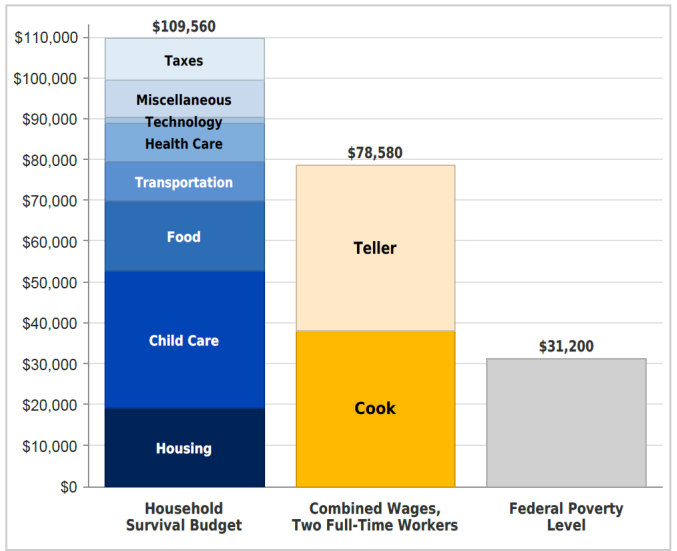



## LOW INCOME

The federal poverty level, or FPL, is a common indicator of low income. But as this figure from the 2024 "State of ALICE in Washington" report makes clear, too many who are struggling to make ends meet would never be considered "in poverty" by the federal metric. A financial set-back from loss of a job, change in a household situation, illness, or other factor can make it unaffordable to drive and with that come cascading effects.

**Figure 2. Household Survival Budget Costs Exceeded Wages of Common Jobs and the FPL**

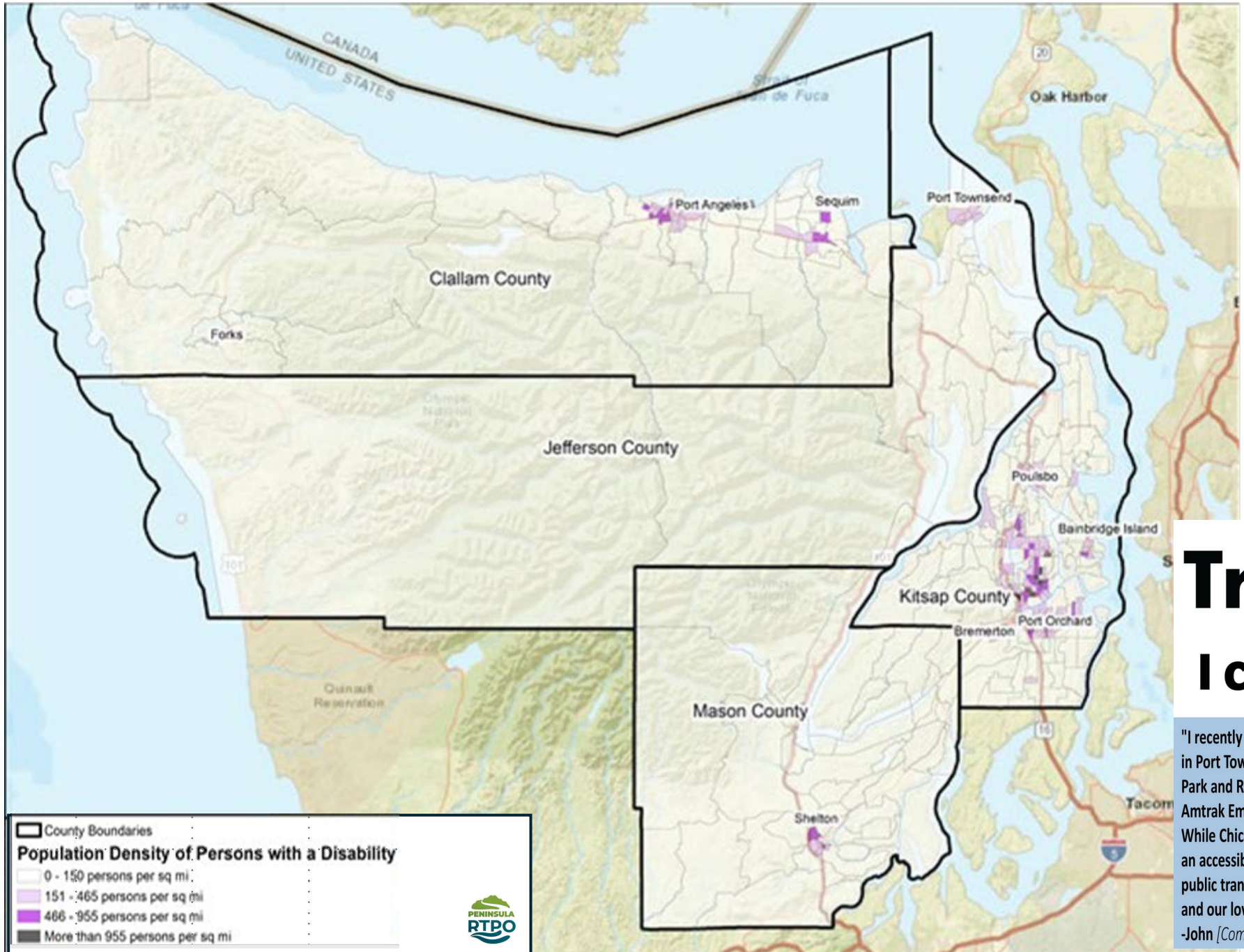
Family of Four, Washington, 2024




*Note: Cooks season and prepare foods in restaurants and other establishments. Tellers process routine transactions, such as cashing checks and depositing money, at a bank or credit union.*

*Sources: ALICE Household Survival Budget, 2024; Bureau of Labor Statistics—Occupational Employment Statistics, 2024; U.S. Census Bureau, Federal Poverty Measure, 2024*

# POPULATION DENSITY: PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN THE PENINSULA REGION




## DISABILITY

Not everyone with a disability needs help with travel, and not all those who need help require special vehicles or transportation services. For many, regular fixed-route transit is the ticket to independent lifestyles. Others need special vehicles or "door through door" assistance. Many who need travel support didn't need help not so long ago. People lose the ability to drive as a result of age-related declines, accidents, or illness, always a difficult transition. Those living in outlying rural areas have fewer viable options than those in town where there are higher densities and more services.

# Transit is Why

# I can live independently!

"I recently embarked on an unforgettable journey across the country with my son. Our trip started in Port Townsend, where we used Jefferson Transit's Dial-A-Ride service to get to the Four Corners Park and Ride. From there, we boarded the Dungeness Line to Seattle, where we caught the Amtrak Empire Builder with a comfortable wheelchair accessible sleeping car bound for Chicago. While Chicago wasn't our final destination, it marked the end of our Amtrak ride, and we rented an accessible van to get to Cincinnati, OH and Harrodsburg, KY. Despite a few logistical challenges, public transportation was key to making this journey possible, connecting us to the experiences and our loved ones."

-**John** *[Community Member, TAG Member, Public Transit Rider]*