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The Millionaires Tax doubles the reach of the Working Families Tax Credit

These expansions will make a difference for people in every county, especially in rural Washington

The Millionaires Tax will fund significant expansions to our state's Working Families Tax Credit (WFTC), an annual tax refund for low- and moderate-income households of between $335 to $1,330.

The Millionaires Tax will increase the reach of the WFTC by including two important groups:

1. **Lower-income young adults and seniors:** The expansion removes age restrictions on young adults and seniors without kids at home. This allows all 18- to 24-year-olds and people aged 65 and older to qualify for the credit if they meet the income requirements.

2. **Working-class families struggling to get by:** The expansion raises the income eligibility to match the state's Need Standard, a comprehensive measure of the cost of living set annually by the Department of Social and Health Services. This means a cash boost for more low- and moderate-income households who are struggling to meet their basic needs but currently don't qualify because they make more than the income limit.

Under these new expansions, beginning in 2029, 460,000 more households will qualify for the WFTC, extending the program's reach to a total of 810,000 households, or over one in five households in Washington. An additional $226 million is estimated to go back to communities across the state in the first year of implementation, for a total of over $432 million that will help individuals and families who are struggling to make ends meet.[1] The places with the highest percentage of eligible households are in rural counties like Adams, Grant, Franklin, and Yakima counties.[2]

In rural counties, about **three in ten households** will qualify for the WFTC

In urban counties, about **two in ten households** will qualify for the WFTC

Nearly **230,000 households** in rural Washington will qualify for the WFTC

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About **$130 million** will go back into the pockets of people in rural Washington

$130M

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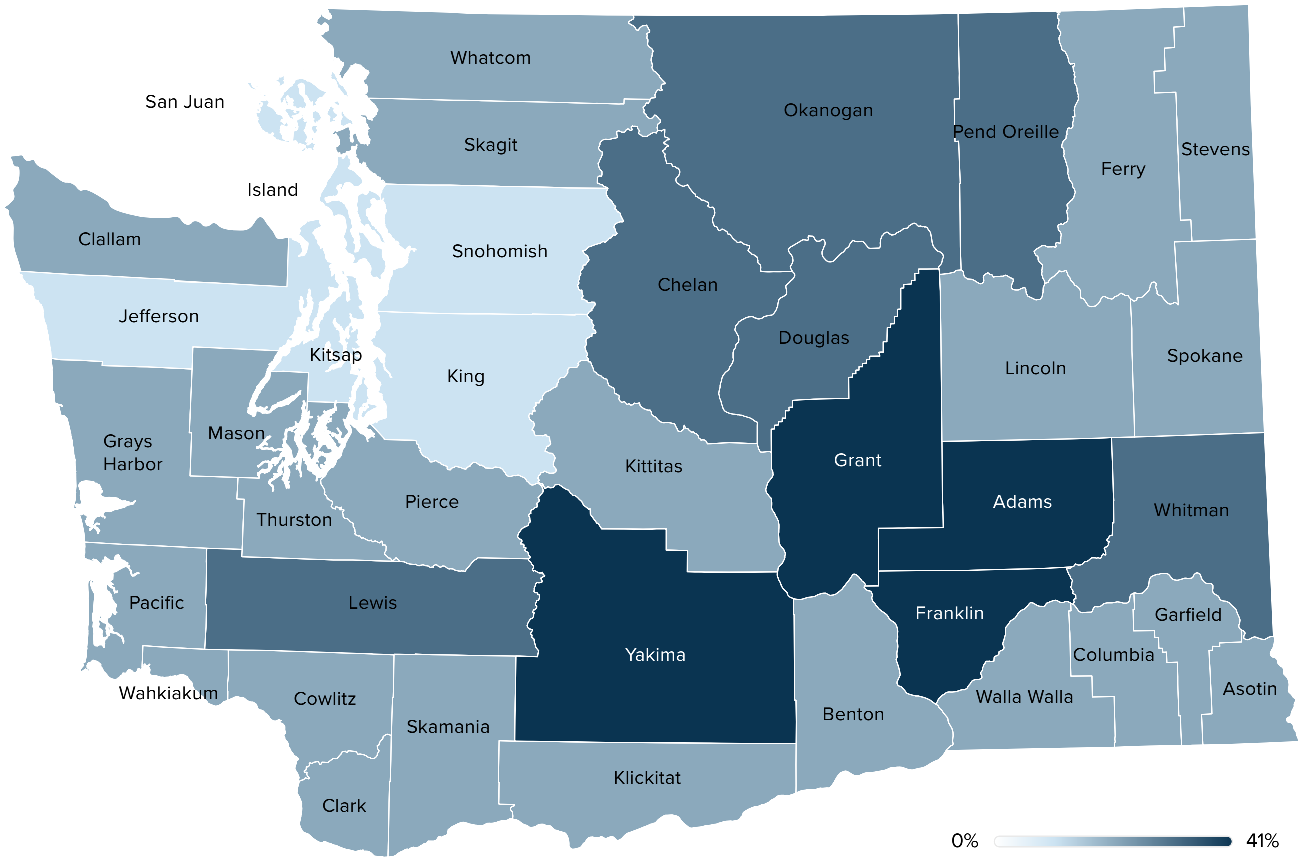
Communities in rural Washington are most likely to benefit from the Working Families Tax Credit expansion

Percent of households eligible for WFTC in 2029 with Millionaires Tax-funded expansion, by county



KING COUNTY:

1 in 6 (181,000)
Households eligible

$89.8M
Back into people's pockets

$500
Average cash boost

SPOKANE COUNTY

1 in 4 (66,000)
Households eligible

$36.2M
Back into people's pockets

$540
Average cash boost

YAKIMA COUNTY:

Over
1 in 3 (47,000)
Households eligible

$30.0M
Back into people's pockets

$638
Average cash boost

GRANT COUNTY:

Over
1 in 3 (19,000)
Households eligible

$11.3M
Back into people's pockets

$597
Average cash boost

Working Families Tax Credit expansion reaches over one in five households

Estimated Working Families Tax Credit eligibility and dollars refunded in 2029, by county

COUNTY	NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS ELIGIBLE FOR WFTC WITH EXPANSION	TOTAL DOLLARS REFUNDED WITH EXPANSION	PERCENT OF HOUSEHOLDS ELIGIBLE FOR WFTC WITH EXPANSION
Total	**810,274**	**$432,312,099**	**21%**
Adams	3,738	$2,675,889	41%
Asotin	2,754	$1,395,231	26%
Benton	26,365	$15,460,073	26%
Chelan	11,957	$6,409,508	28%
Clallam	8,719	$4,390,379	22%
Clark	54,389	$28,351,853	21%
Columbia	462	$246,648	24%
Cowlitz	13,872	$7,903,804	27%
Douglas	6,705	$3,793,152	31%
Ferry	953	$482,647	31%
Franklin	15,887	$10,076,543	36%
Garfield	255	$153,616	26%
Grant	18,865	$11,271,712	39%
Grays Harbor	9,960	$5,500,116	29%
Island	8,748	$4,192,206	20%
Jefferson	3,391	$1,441,168	19%
King	180,880	$89,782,805	15%
Kitsap	25,249	$12,827,189	18%
Kittitas	5,081	$ 2,405,198	23%
Klickitat	2,788	$1,304,447	24%

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Lewis	10,919	$6,143,521	28%
Lincoln	1,203	$704,644	22%
Okanogan	6,924	$3,804,136	35%
Pacific	2,990	$1,423,337	26%
Pend Oreille	1,668	$918,339	26%
Pierce	99,129	$54,239,433	22%
San Juan	1,780	$737,644	18%
Skagit	14,267	$8,010,132	22%
Skamania	1,229	$551,725	22%
Snohomish	72,550	$37,034,540	17%
Spokane	66,171	$36,246,081	25%
Stevens	5,619	$3,056,823	27%
Thurston	31,394	$16,346,289	21%
Wahkiakum	495	$227,762	23%
Walla Walla	7,623	$4,102,827	27%
Whatcom	25,309	$12,241,037	22%
Whitman	5,298	$2,373,591	28%
Yakima	47,000	$29,970,200	39%

SOURCE: Washington State Budget and Policy Center calculations of Department of Revenue data, May 2026.

Endnotes:

1. Per Washington State Department of Revenue data.
2. Rural counties are defined in RCW 82.14.370 as a county with a population density of less than 100 persons per square mile, a county smaller than 225 square miles, or a county with a population density of 100 persons or more per square mile with no city with a population greater than 45,000 persons.