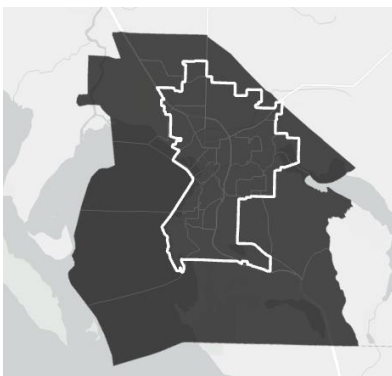


About the HUD-USPS Vacancy Rate Data

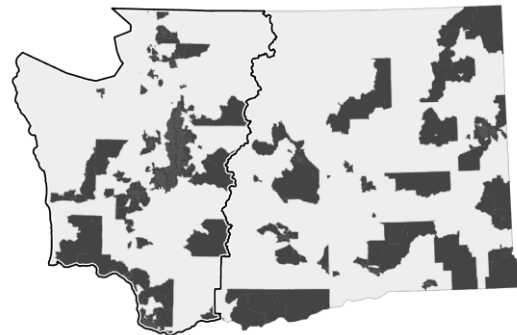
The HUD-USPS vacancy rate data is based on vacancy reports provided to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development by the United States Postal Service. Data is tabulated for Census Tracts on a first quarter basis and includes all residential and business addresses classified by mail carriers as deliverable (able to receive mail service). Bellingham, Western Washington, and Washington State rates shown on this graph were derived using this data. The vacancy rate for Bellingham includes all residential addresses reported in Census Tracts covering Bellingham which includes some rural areas beyond the City Limits. Western Washington rates are derived using all tracts in Western Washington counties with reported vacancy statistics. Statewide rates are derived from all Washington Census Tracts with reported vacancy rate statistics. This includes all urban areas and some rural areas representing approximately 80% of all residential addresses in the state. The graphics below show the tracts included in the rate calculations. *Addresses that are vacant but considered deliverable for mail service are typically* those seen as "vacant for rent" or "vacant for sale" and constitute most of the housing a community considers available for occupancy. Other types of vacant residential addresses that are not typically considered deliverable include units that are rented but not occupied; sold but not occupied; or for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use. More information on the HUD-USPS data can be found at:

<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/usps.html>

Census Tracts covering Bellingham



Census Tracts in WA and Western WA with vacancy data



(2020 Census Geography)