



# Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board

## **Cannabis Retail Allotments - Local Jurisdiction Outreach**

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## Background – State Retail License Allotments

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### The RCW outlines the framework for determining retail allocations:

- Limit retail outlets by county. [RCW 69.50.354](#)
- Information in the medical cannabis authorization database must be considered when increasing the maximum number of retail outlets to meet the needs of qualifying patients. [RCW 69.51A.230](#)
- Retail licenses that have been returned or were not previously issued, without exceeding the limit on the statewide number of stores, may be issued to social equity applicants. [RCW 69.50.335](#)
- The board may adopt rules to implement recommendations of the task force, however any recommendation to increase the current statewide limit of retail outlets must be approved by the legislature. [RCW 69.50.336](#)

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### The WAC outlines the following framework for determining retail allocations:

- The WSLCB will use consumption data and population data obtained from the office of financial management (OFM) population data to determine the maximum number of retail locations per county. [WAC 314-55-079](#)
  - The number of retail locations will be determined using a method that distributes the number of locations proportionate to the most populous cities within each county to accommodate the medical needs of qualifying patients and designated providers. Locations not assigned to a specific city will be at large. At large locations can be used for unincorporated areas in the county or in cities within the county that have no retail licenses designated. [WAC 314-55-079](#)
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## Retail Allotments – Current State

Retail Licenses	486
Title Certificates	45
Open Allotments	38

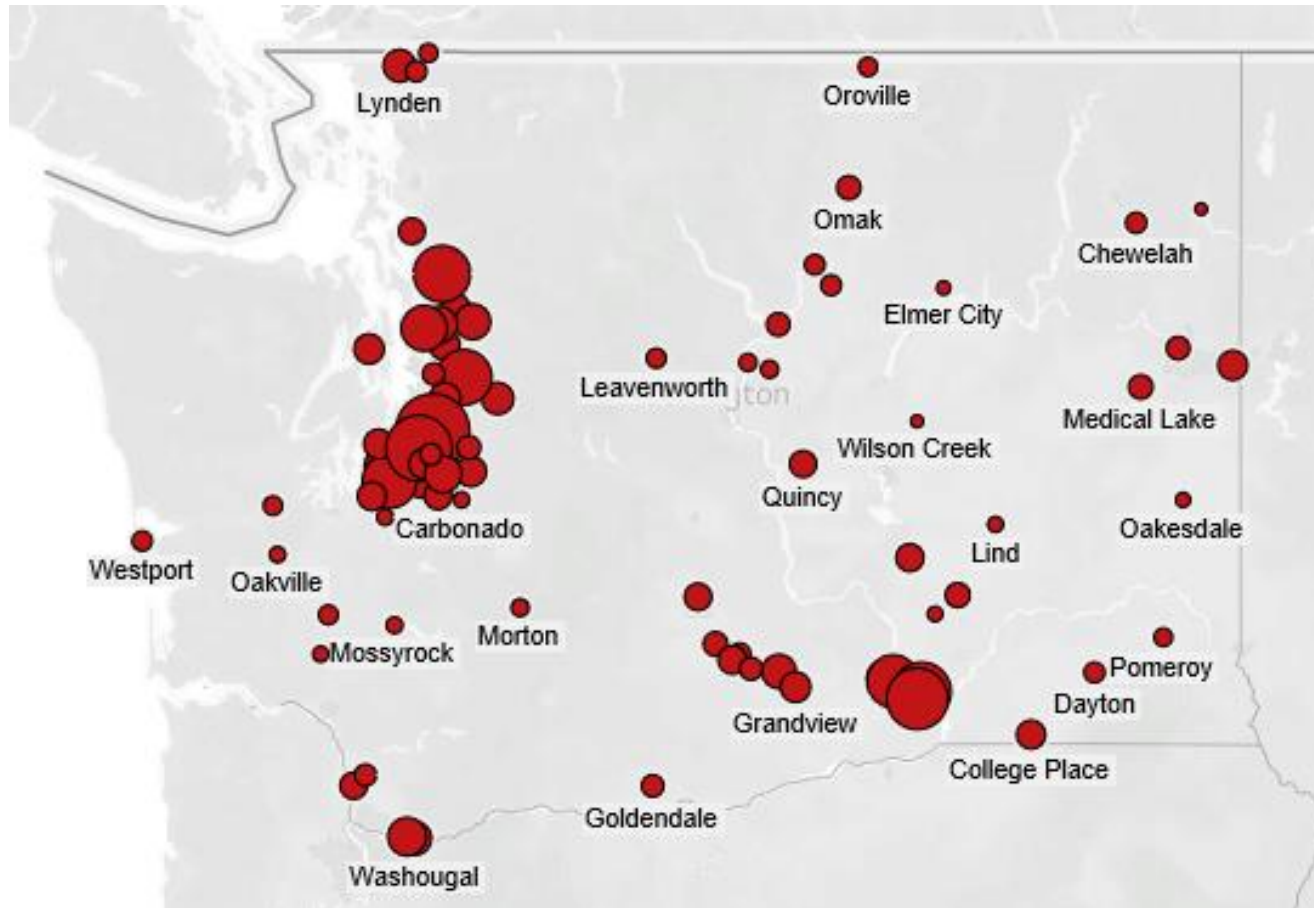
## Open Allotments – Breakdown

Reason	Allotments
Allotments Unfilled	21
Licenses Discontinued, Cancelled or Revoked	17
Total	38



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## Local Bans and Moratoria – Washington Cities

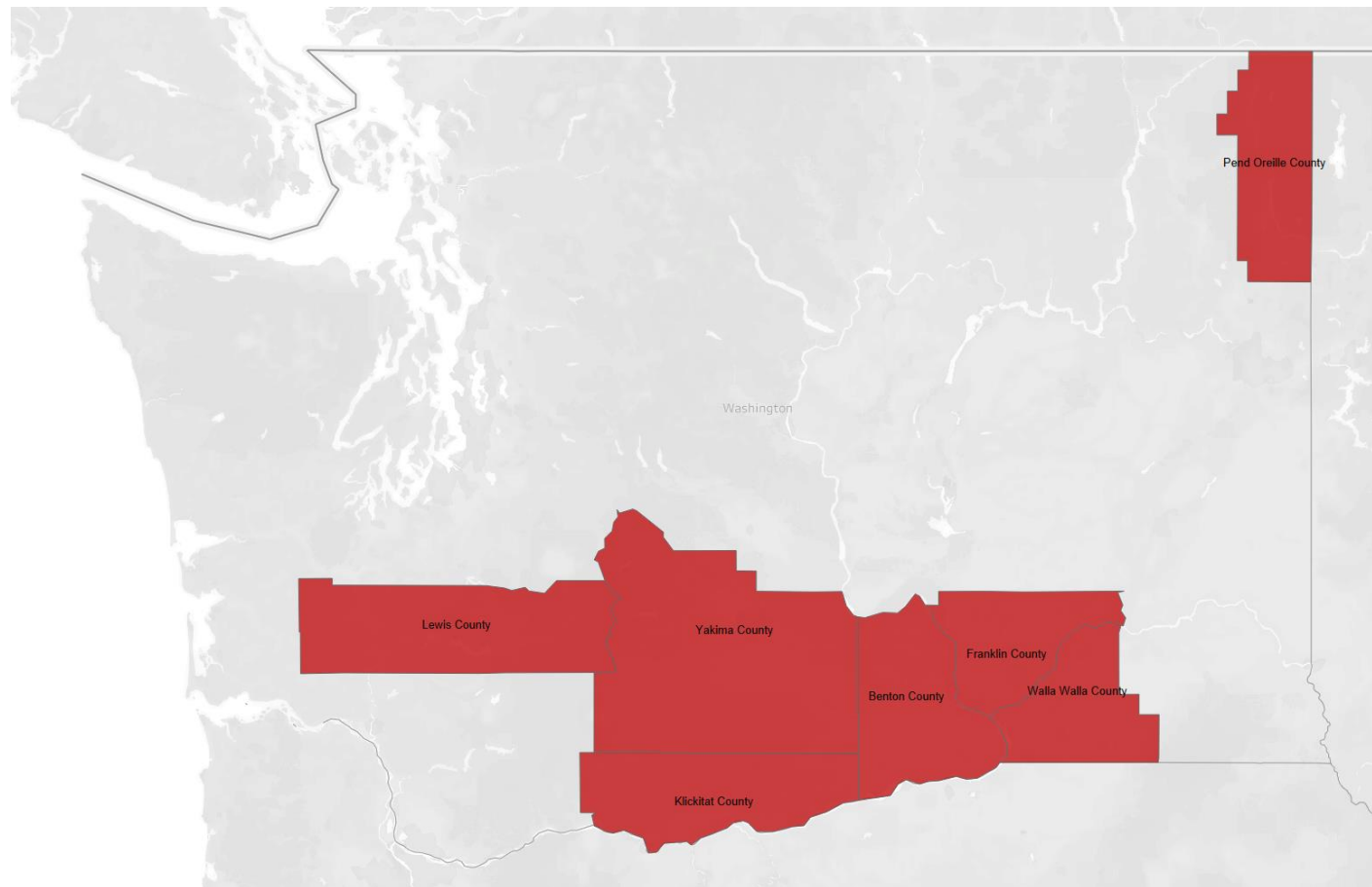


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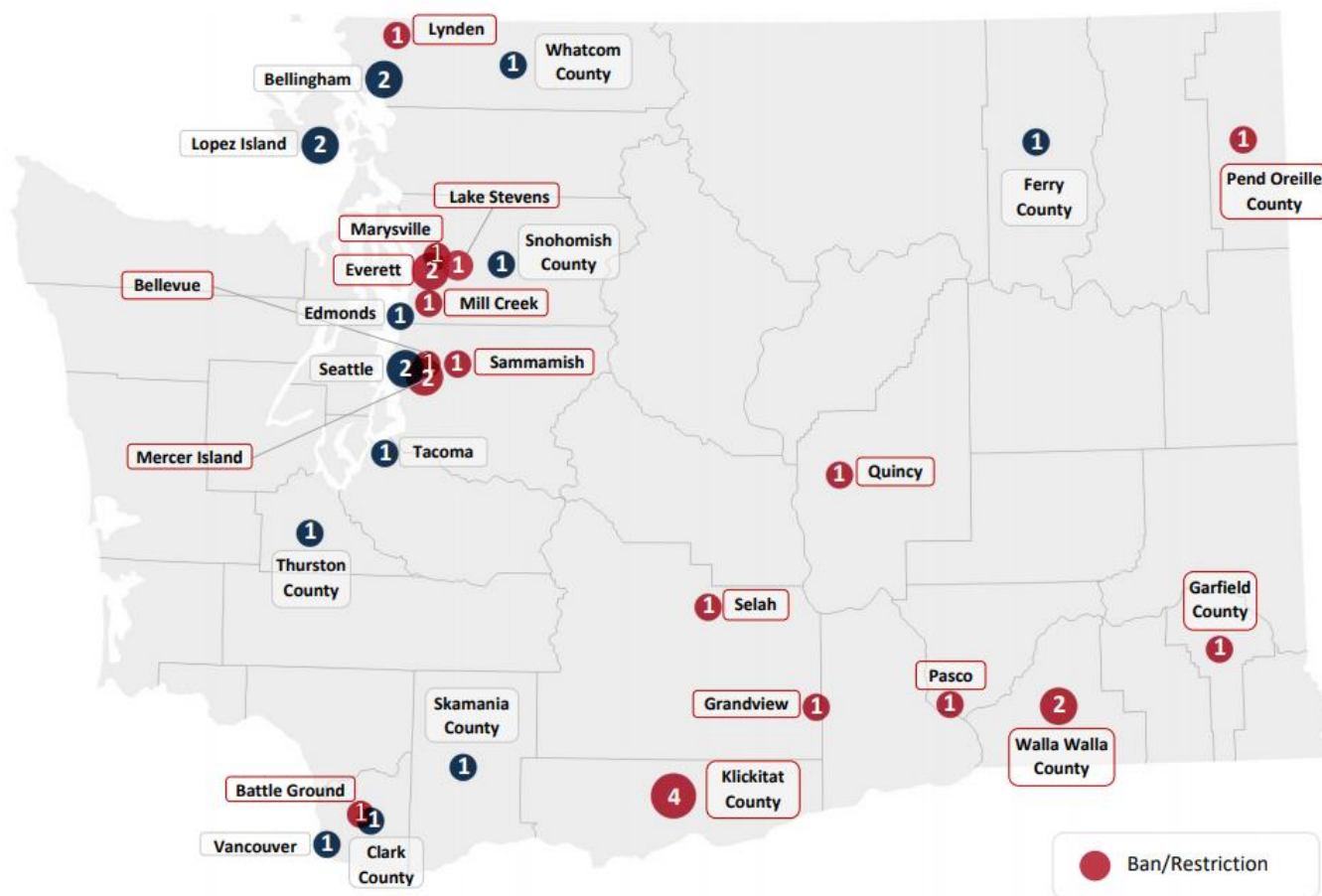


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## Social Equity Open Allotments



### Open Allotments: 38

- 23 located in a jurisdiction with a ban or restriction
- 15 potentially viable jurisdictions





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## Local Jurisdiction Outreach

Licensing contacted 17 local jurisdictions with bans or other restrictions who have open allotments to identify:

- Whether they would like additional information about the social equity program and retail cannabis licensing, and
- If they had any interest in rescinding their bans.

### Overview of Outreach Efforts:

#### **Jurisdictions requested additional information:**

- City of Marysville – 1 open allotment
- City of Quincy – 1 open allotment
- Klickitat County – 4 open allotments
- Pend Oreille County – 1 open allotment
- Walla Walla County – 2 open allotments
- City of Battleground – 1 open allotment
- City of Everett – 2 open allotments



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## Local Jurisdiction Outreach Continued

### **Jurisdictions maintaining current regulations or restrictions:**

- City of Bellevue – 1 open allotment
- City of Lynden – 1 open allotment
- City of Mercer Island – 2 open allotments
- City of Selah – 1 open allotment

### **Jurisdictions unable to make phone contact with:**

- City of Grandview – 1 open allotment
- City of Mill Creek – 1 open allotment
- City of Pasco – 1 open allotment
- City of Sammamish – 1 open allotment
- Garfield County – 1 open allotment
- City of Lake Stevens – 1 open allotment





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## Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Survey

December 2020 – Meeting with AWC

Responses: 116/281 Cities

Question	Response
Allows cannabis retailers	Yes: 60 / No: 56
City concerns	Crime, youth access, other
Aware of Social Equity Bill 2870	Yes: 26 / No: 92
Interest in hosting a social equity license	Yes: 5 / No: 75 / Maybe: 39
Interest in hosting a license explained	Revenue generation, promote equity, other

- Licensing contacted the jurisdictions with bans that responded with interest or potential interest in hosting a social equity license to provide information on the social equity bill.
  - Black Diamond, Duvall, Harrington, Lynnwood, Mossyrock, Springdale, and Woodland