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RCW 38.52.070 requires each local organization or joint local organization for emergency management that produces a local comprehensive emergency management plan to include a communication plan for notifying significant population segments of life safety information during an emergency.

"Significant population segment" means each limited English proficiency language group that constitutes five percent or one thousand residents, whichever is less, of the population of persons likely to be affected within a city, town, or county. The Office of Financial Management Forecasting Division's limited English proficiency population estimates are the demographic data set for determining eligible limited English proficiency language groups.

2021 information can be found at

[https://ofm.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/dataresearch/pop/LEP/ofm\\_pop\\_limited\\_english\\_proficiency\\_estimates\\_2021.xlsx](https://ofm.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/dataresearch/pop/LEP/ofm_pop_limited_english_proficiency_estimates_2021.xlsx)

As of the date of this document, the Washington counties have the following significant population segments with limited English proficiency.

Adams	Spanish
Benton	Spanish
Chelan	Spanish
Clark	Chuuk, Russian, Spanish, Ukrainian, Vietnamese
Cowlitz	Spanish
Douglas	Spanish
Franklin	Spanish
Grant	Spanish
Grays Harbor	Spanish
King	Amharic, Arabic, Burmese, Cambodian, Chinese Cantonese, Chinese Mandarin, Dari, Farsi, French, Hebrew, Modern, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Marathi, Marshallese, Oromo, Pashto, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Samoan, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, Tamil, Telugu, Tigrinya, Turkish, Ukrainian, Urdu, Vietnamese
Kitsap	Spanish
Kittitas	Spanish
Klickitat	Spanish
Lewis	Spanish
Mason	Spanish
Okanogan	Spanish
Pacific	Spanish
Pierce	Cambodian, Korean, Russian, Samoan, Spanish, Tagalog, Ukrainian, Vietnamese
Skagit	Spanish
Snohomish	Amharic, Arabic, Cambodian, Chinese-Mandarin, Hindi, Korean, Marshallese, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Telugu, Ukrainian, Urdu, Vietnamese
Spokane	Marshallese, Russian, Spanish
Thurston	Spanish, Vietnamese
Walla Walla	Spanish
Whatcom	Spanish
Yakima	Spanish
Adams	Spanish
Benton	Spanish
Chelan	Spanish