

# Snohomish County's Growth and Revenue Impacts

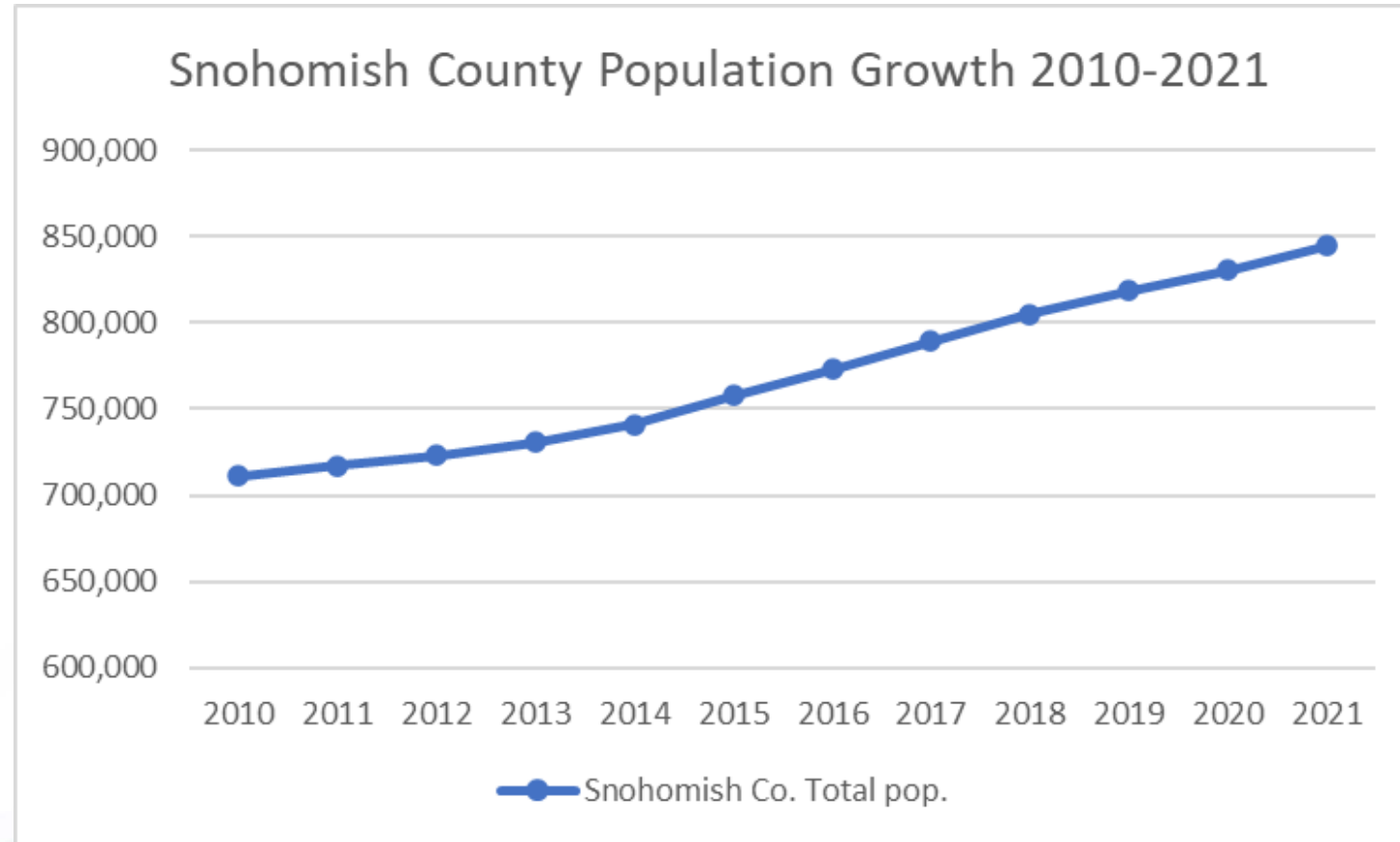
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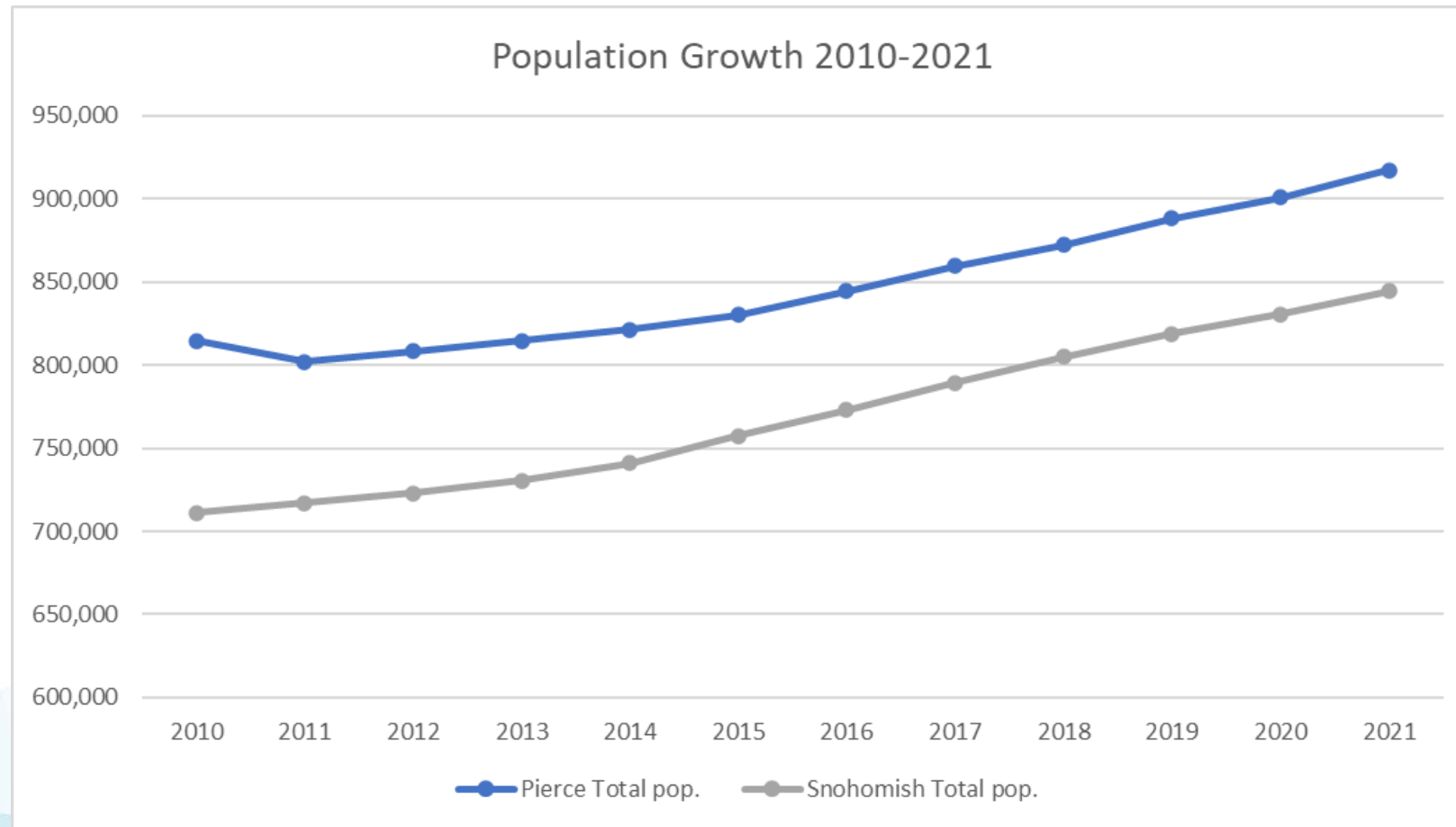
# Snohomish County: Population Growth 2010-2021

Snohomish County has grown 18.75% since 2010

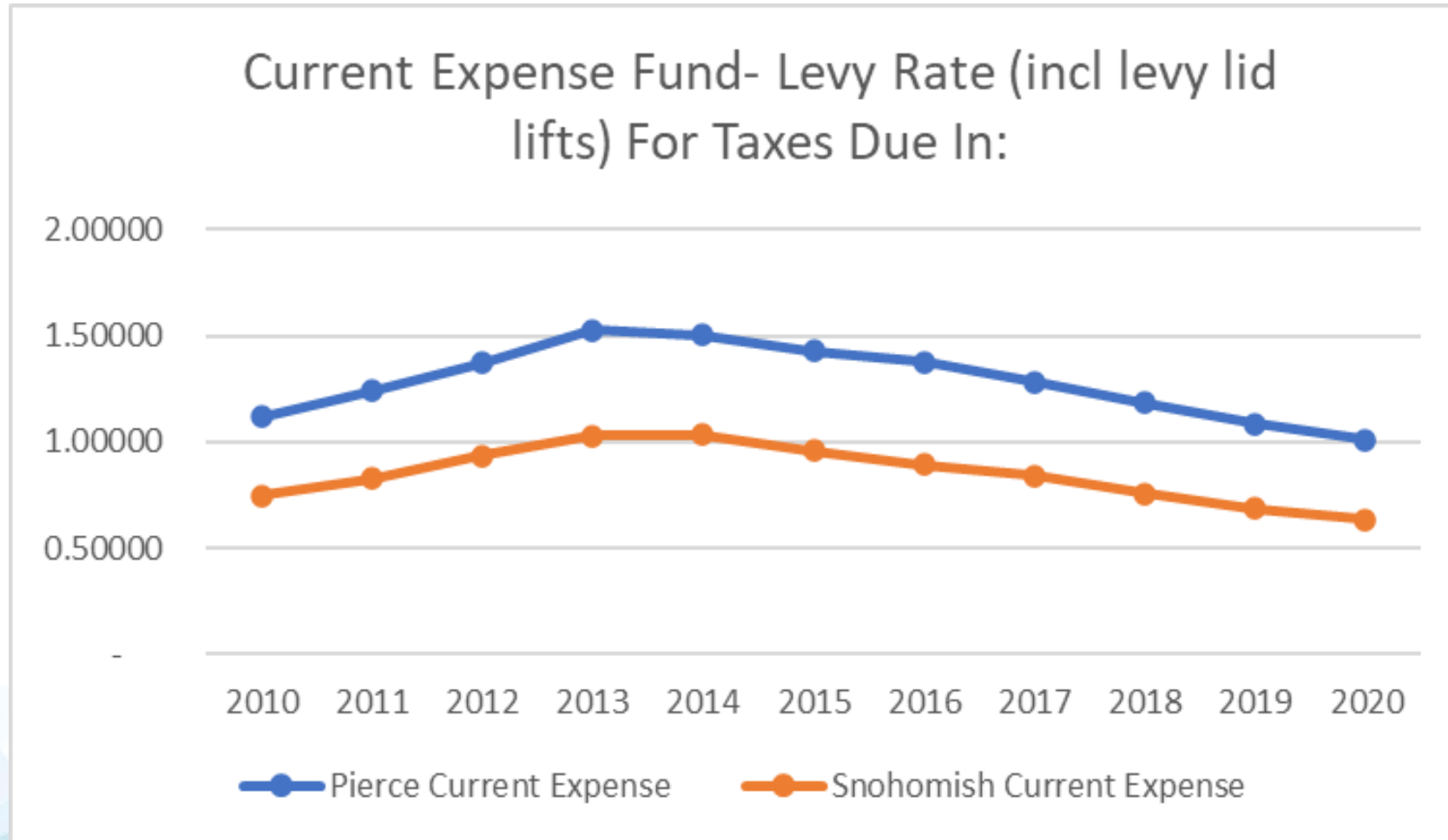


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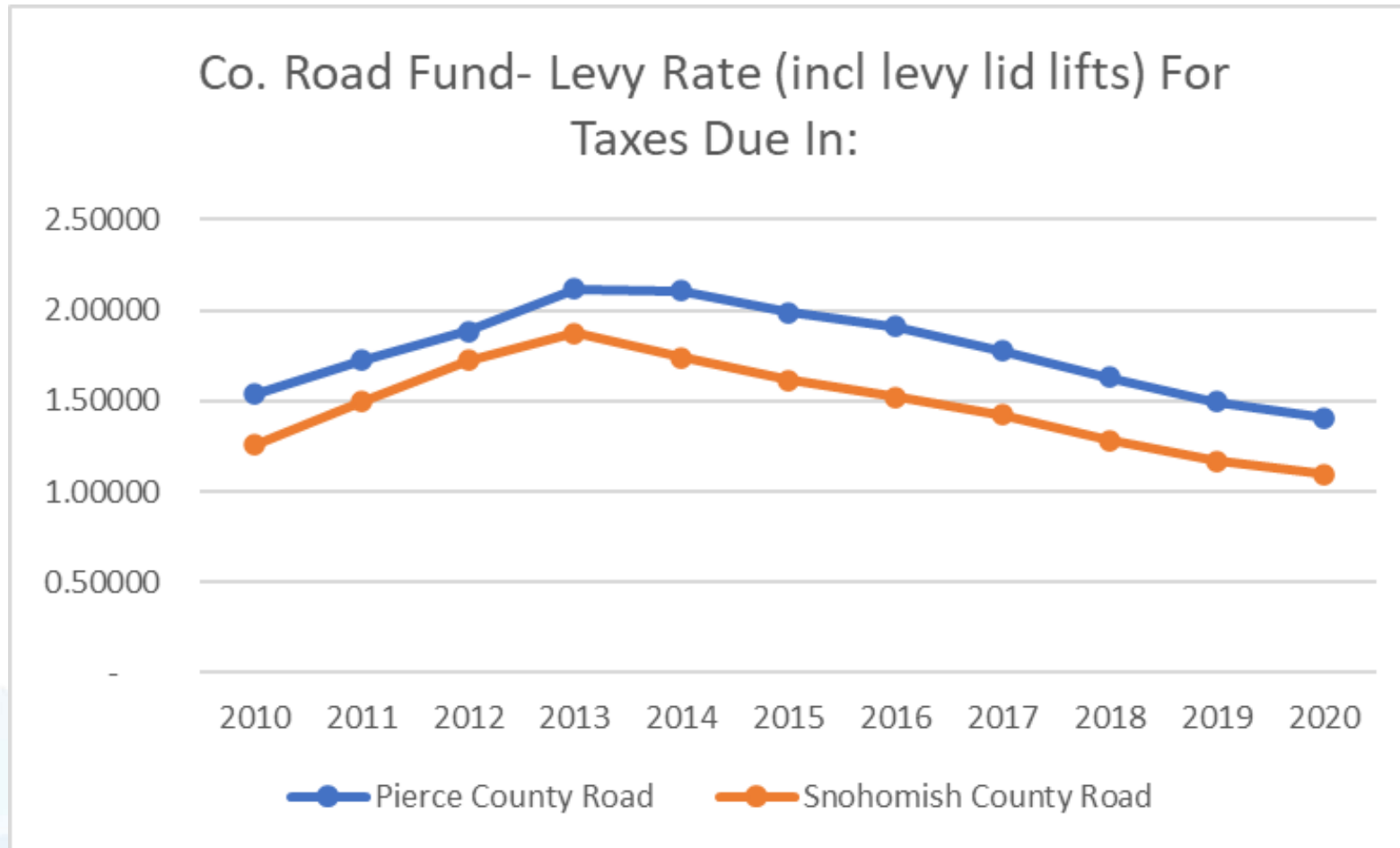
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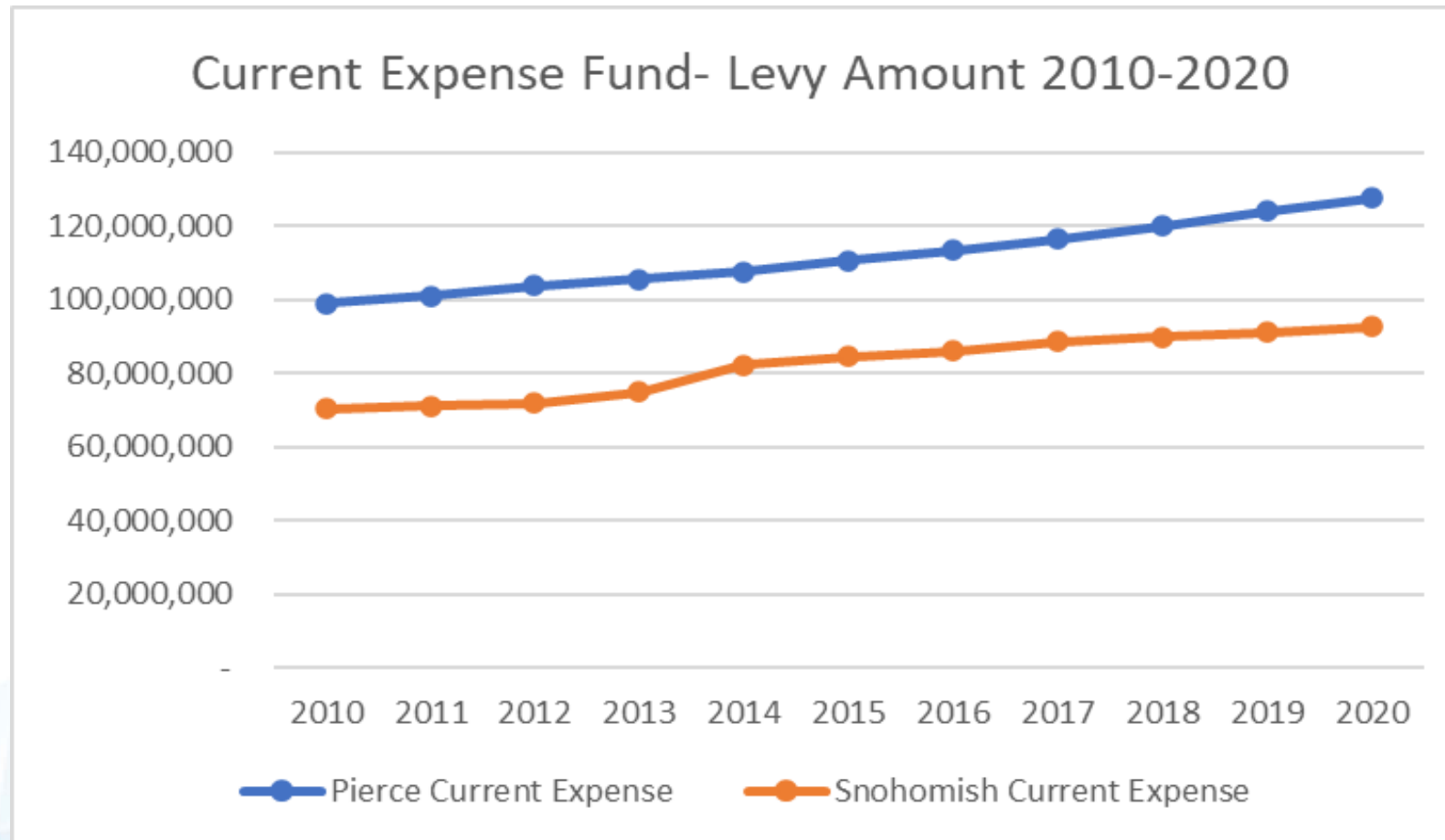
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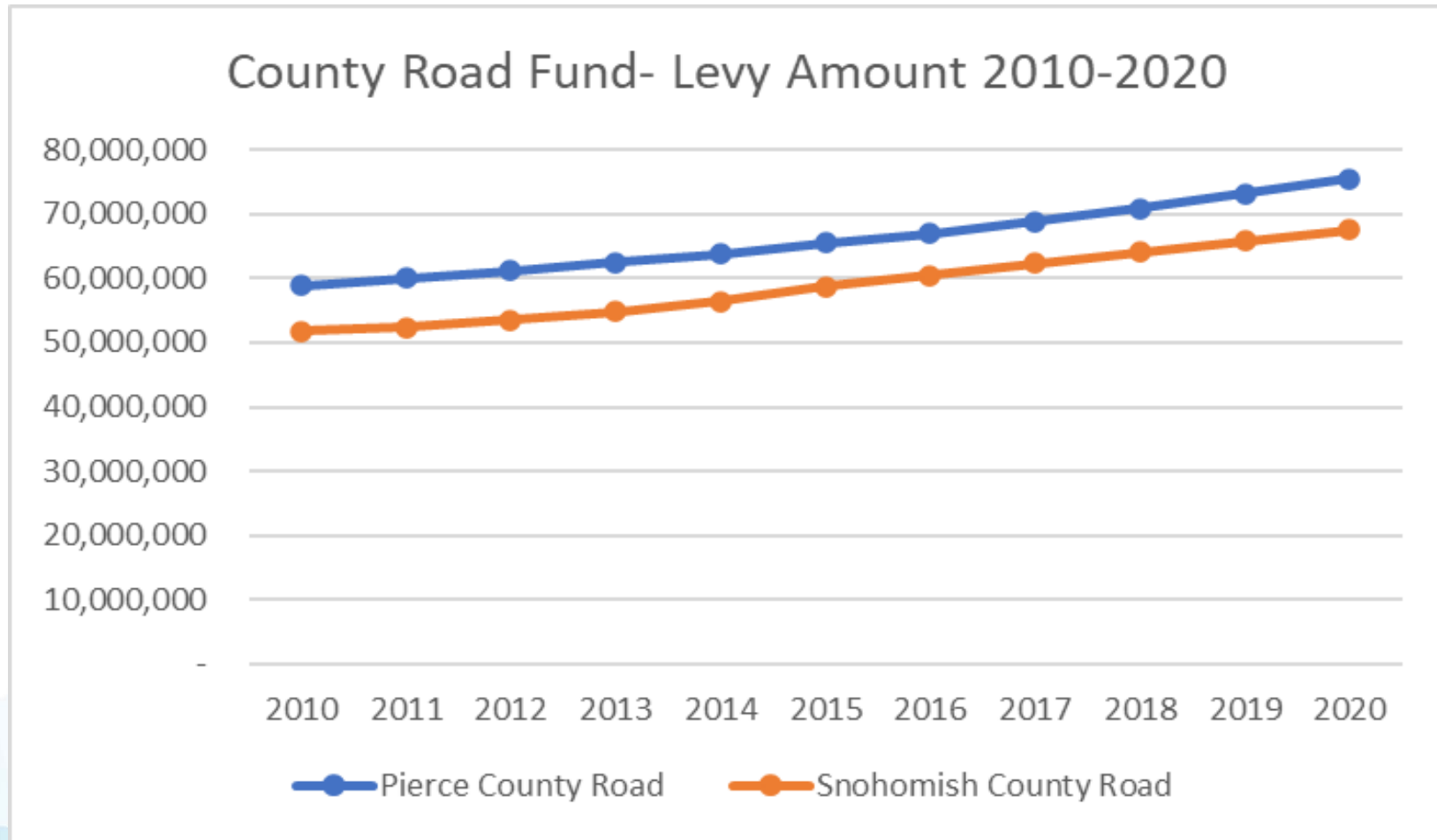
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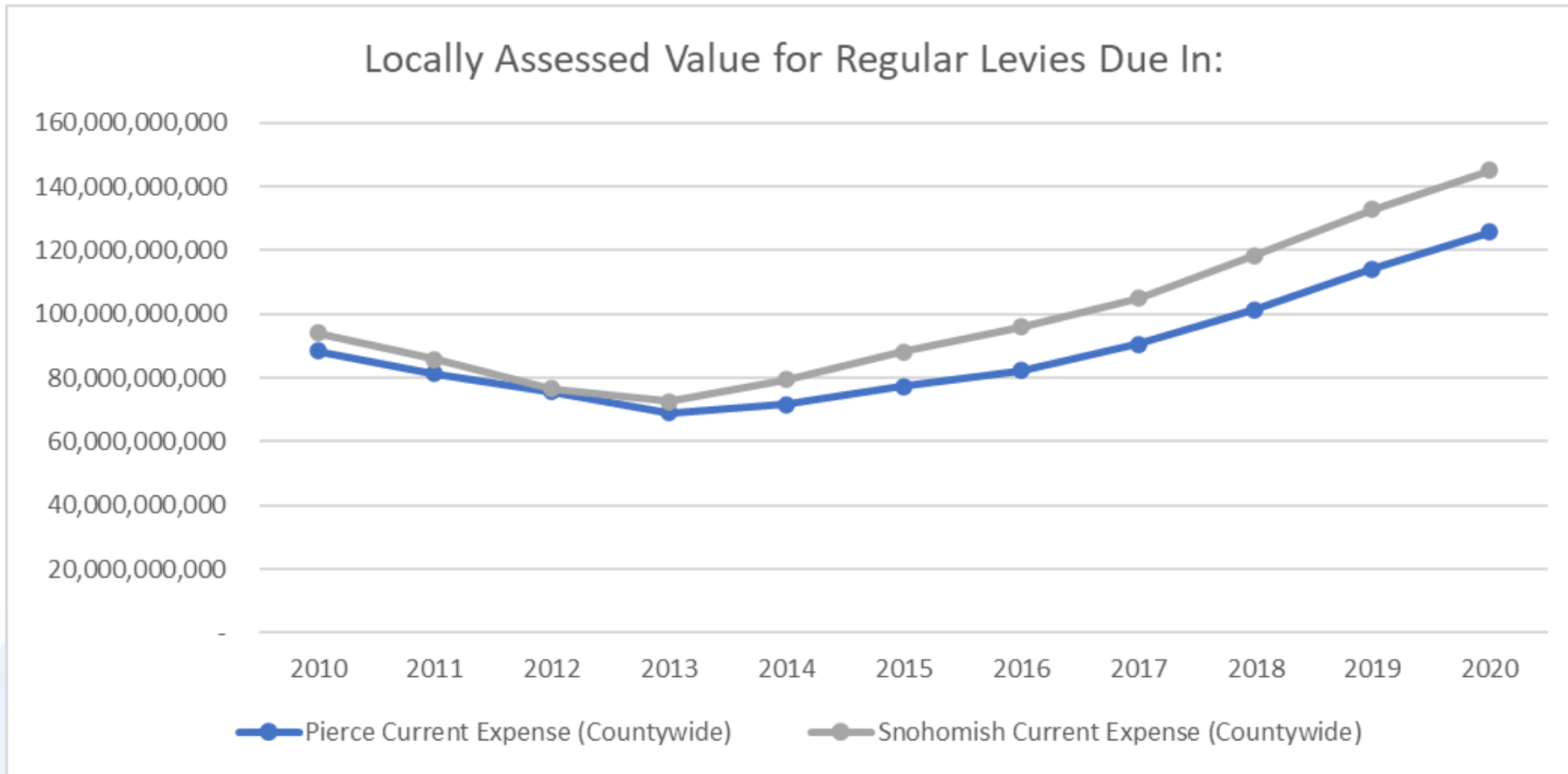
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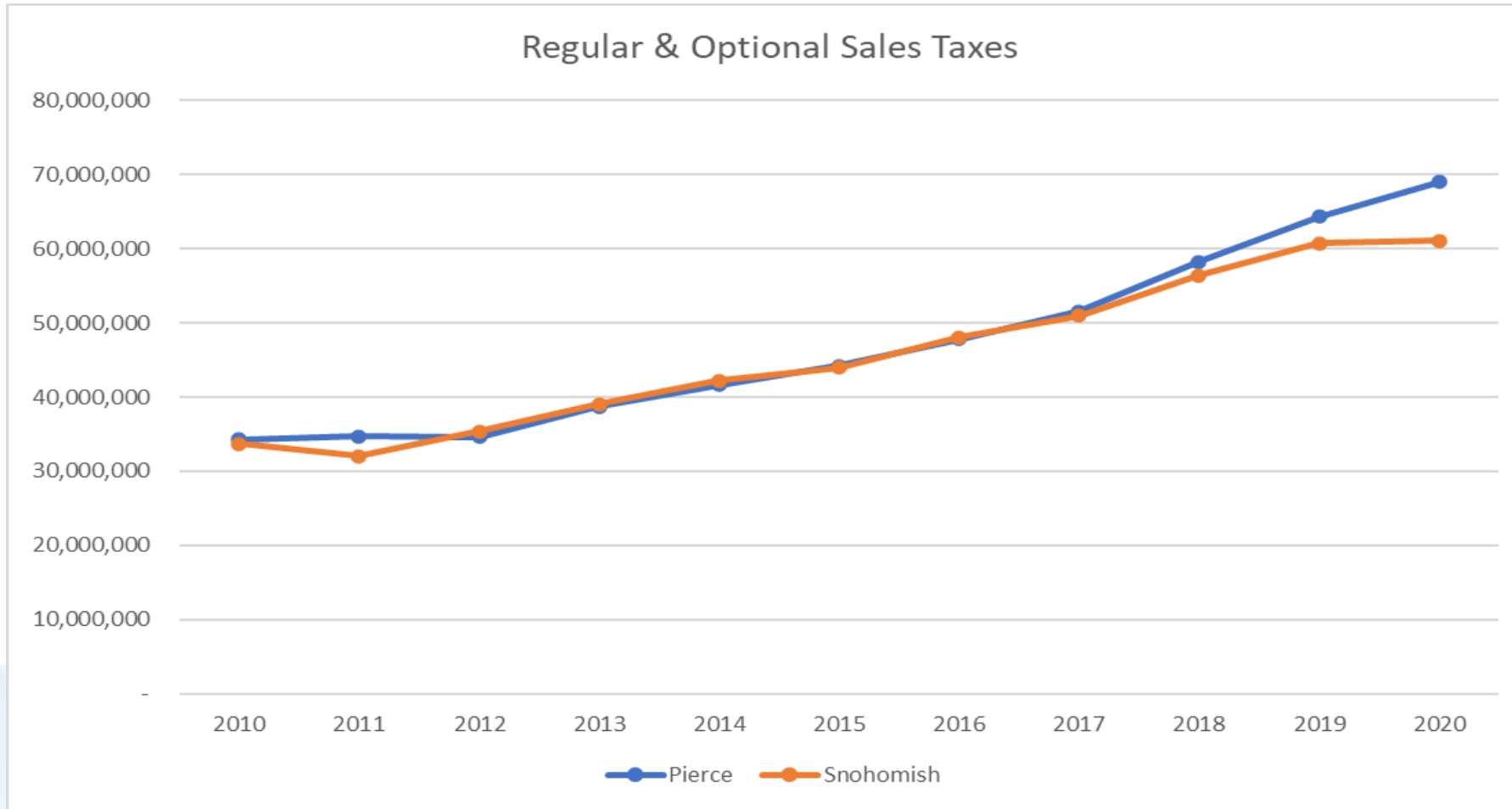


# Snohomish and Pierce County: Comparison of Assessed Value 2010-2020

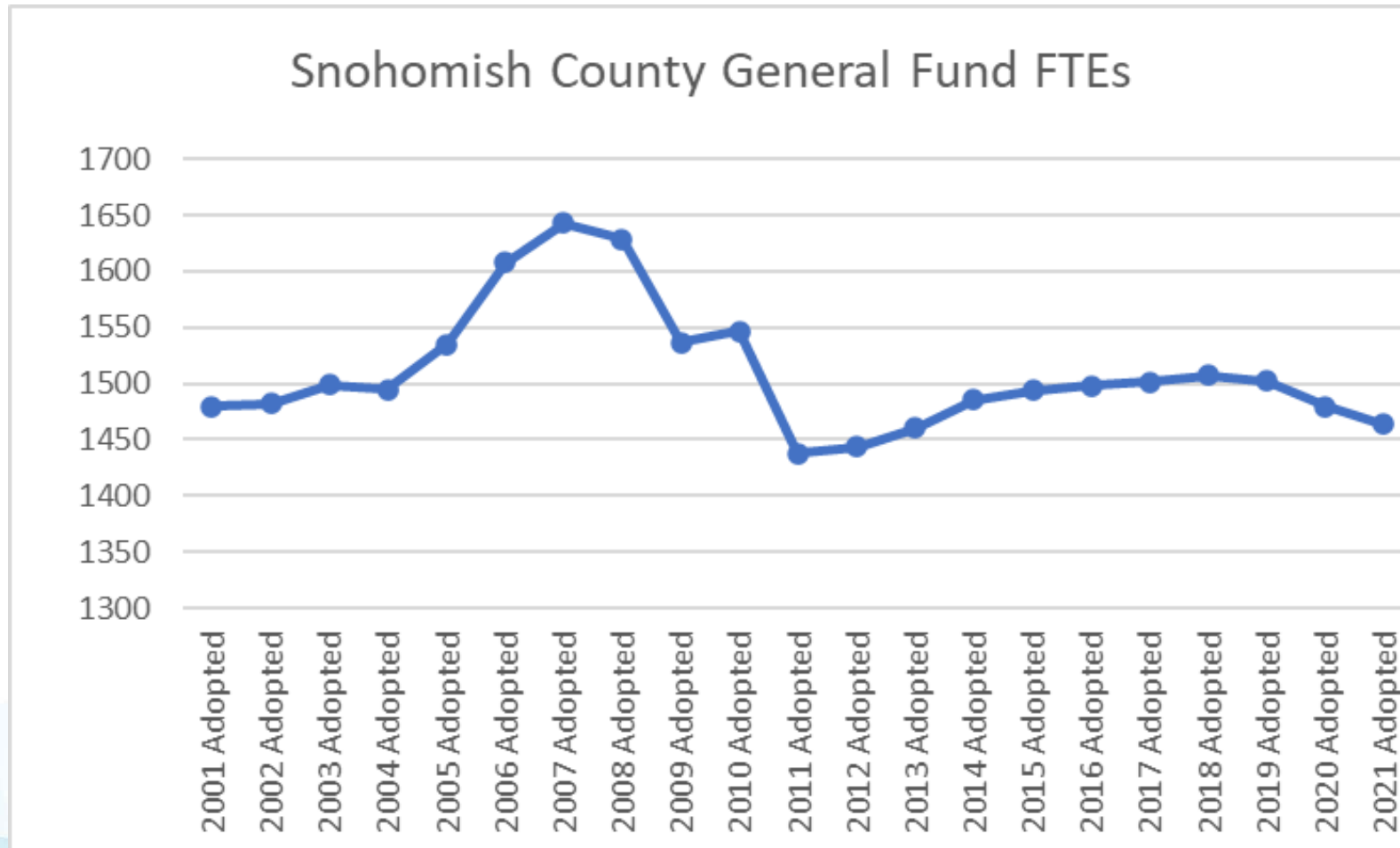




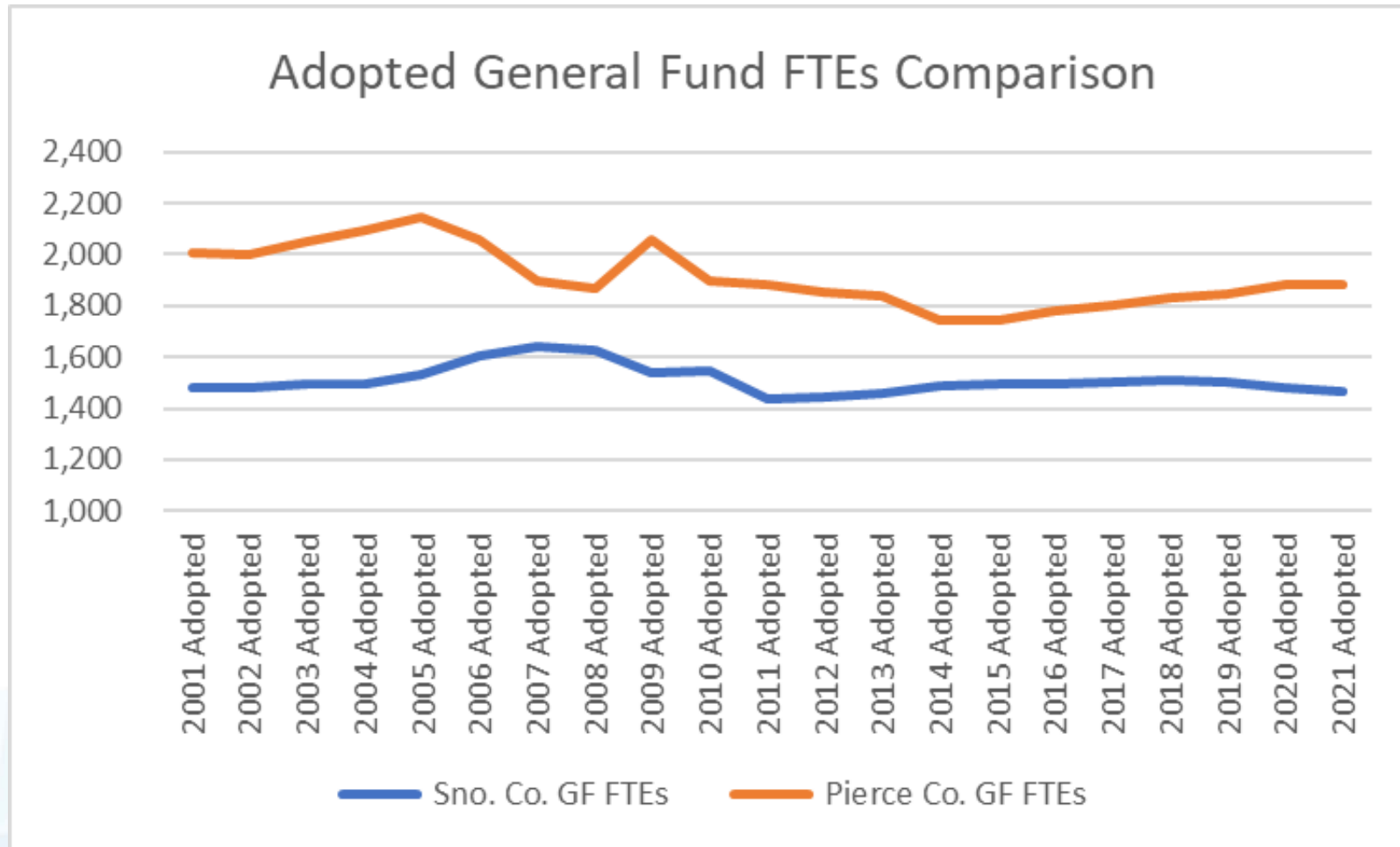
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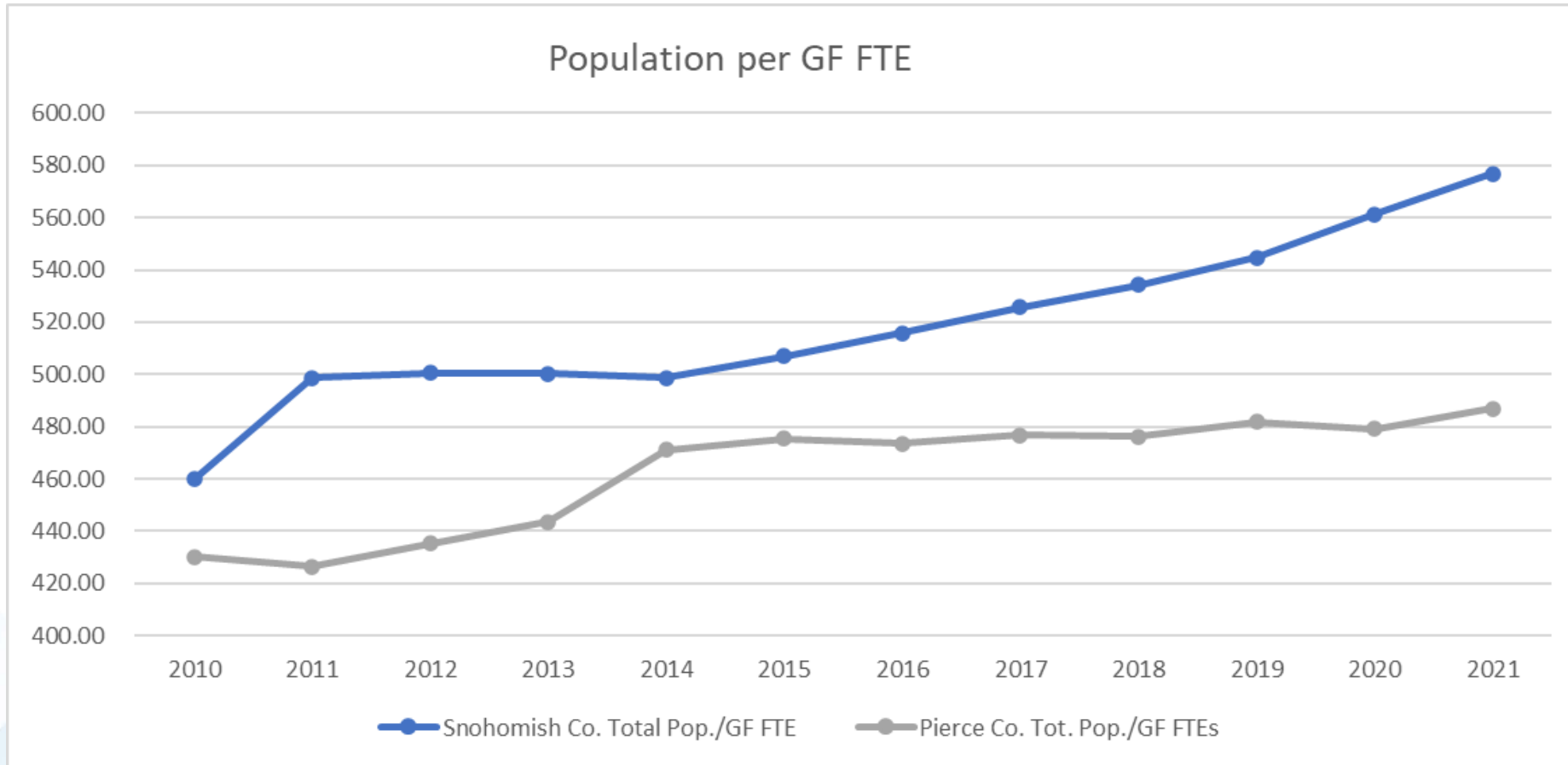
# Snohomish County General Fund FTEs



# Snohomish and Pierce County: General Fund FTE Comparison



# Snohomish and Pierce County: General Fund FTE Comparison by Population



This information indicates that the number of GF FTEs is not keeping pace with the population growth in Snohomish Co.

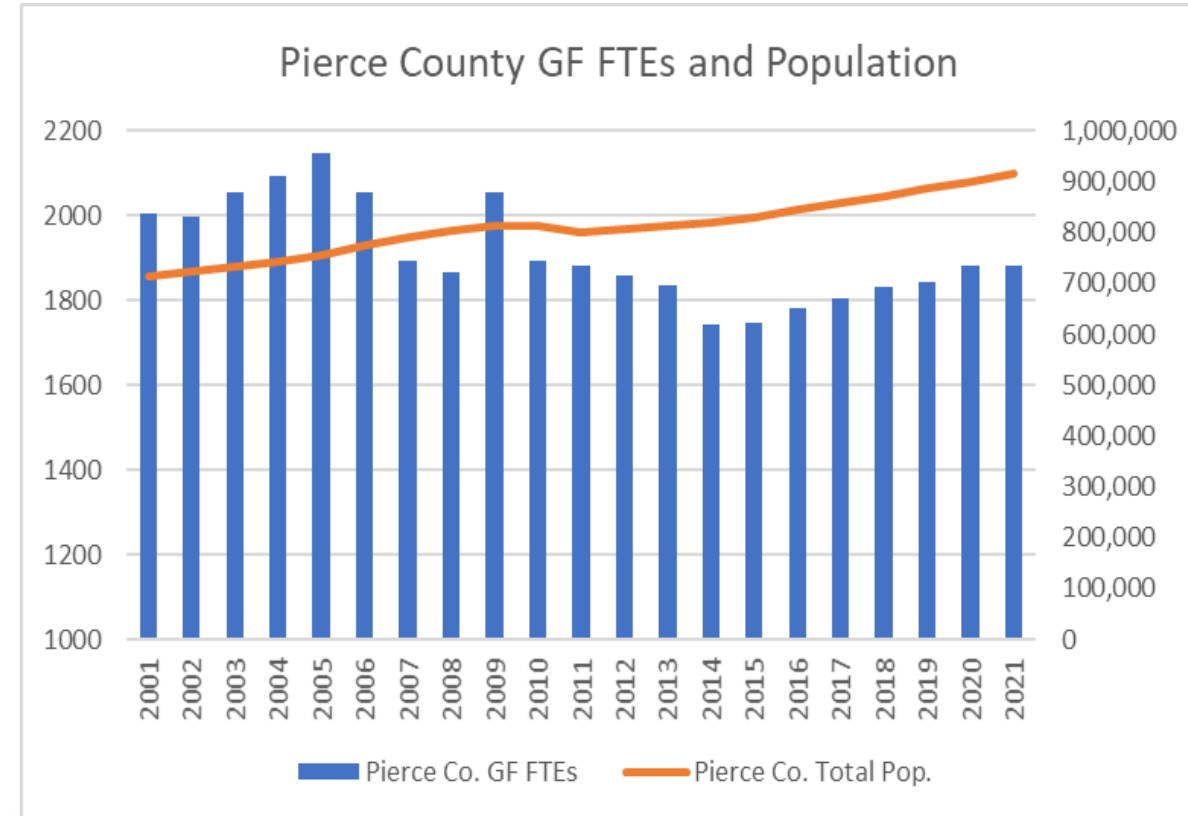
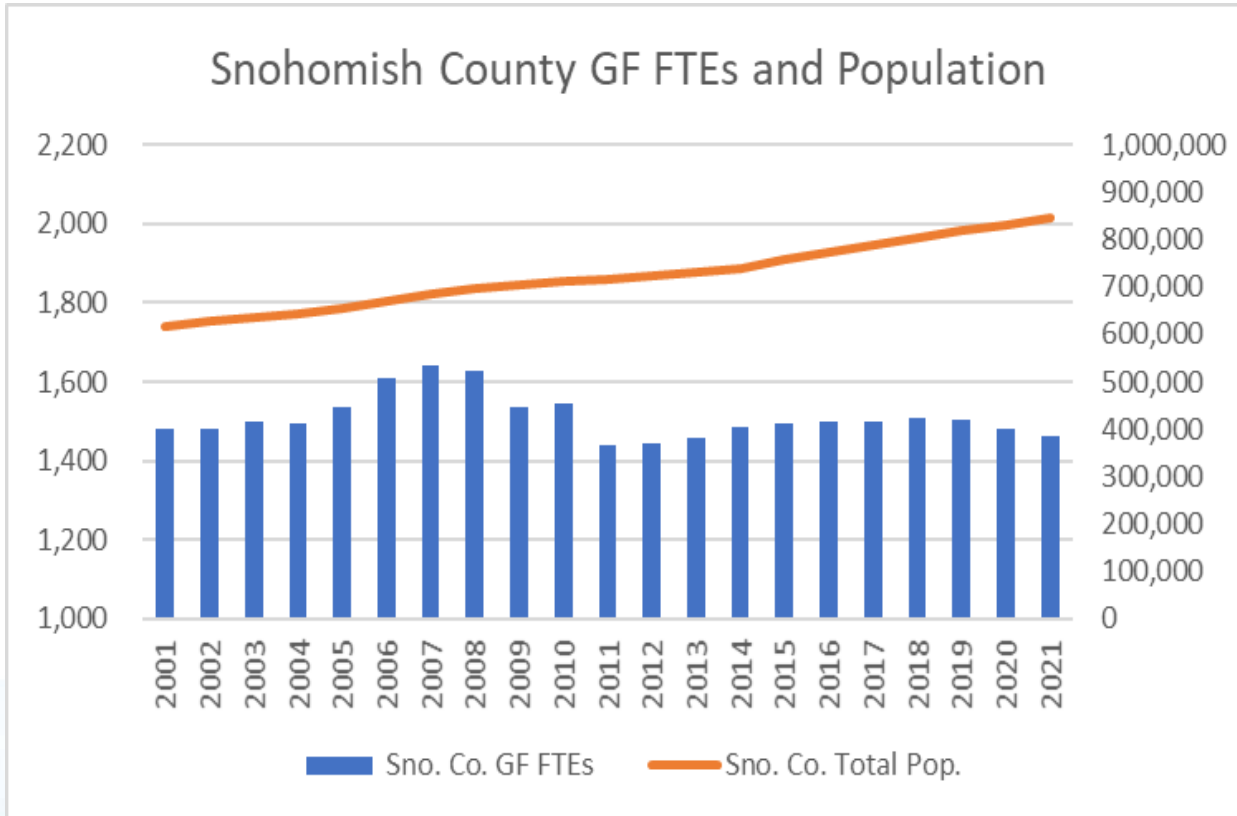
It also shows that Snohomish Co. serves more residents per GF FTE in comparison to Pierce Co.



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# Snohomish & Pierce County: Comparison of Population & General Fund FTEs 2010-2021 (separated view)

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# Property Tax Dollar



County General Use	County Roads	Schools	Cities & Towns	Fire Districts	Libraries, Hospitals, Parks, & Ports, RTA
6.58%	4.63%	63.08%	9.37%	10.11%	6.23%

# Snohomish County 2022 Estimated Levy Per Household



\$ 485,300	Average Residence value		
\$ 4,695	Average Total Property tax bill		
\$ 295.65	Snohomish County General Fund portion		
\$ 7.39	Average yearly increase		
0.157%	Percentage increase to total bill		
estimates based on 2021 Assessors Annual Report			

# How much does this raise?

- The county's portion of General Fund property taxes will rise from 6.30% of the total property tax bill to 6.45%.
- This will raise an estimated \$2.3 million in 2022 for a total General Fund budget of \$288.350 million.
- This does not resolve the structural budget imbalance, but it is a start.



# Using Banked Capacity

- Some taxing districts, like Snohomish County, have levied less than the maximum amount allowed over the years. [RCW 84.55.092](#) allows these districts to retain the right to use that "banked" capacity at some future date. Thus, when comparing a district's current year levy to their prior levy it may reflect a change of more than 1% if they are using their banked capacity.

(Source MRSC: <https://mrsc.org/Home/Explore-Topics/Finance/Revenues/The-Property-Tax-in-Washington-State.aspx>)



# Sustaining GF Programs

- Law and Justice (L&J) agencies account for 76% of the General Fund budget. This includes the Sheriff's Office (Law Enforcement and Corrections), Courts, Prosecuting Attorney, ME, Clerk, OPD, and DEM.
- The remaining 24% includes departments such as Dept of Conservation & Natural Resources, Assessor, Auditor, Human Services, PDS, Treasurer, and Human Resources.
- If we have a budget crisis because of falling revenues and/or an economic downturn not softened by federal spending, we will have to make across-the-board cuts. Since L&J agencies are the largest percentage of the GF budget, cuts will necessarily hit them proportionally, compromising our Law and Justice system.
- The Snohomish County Sheriff's Office is our largest GF agency, and the largest expense within that agency is paying for Deputies.
- If we don't stabilize our finances and build in long-term sustainability, there will be negative consequences for all of our GF agencies, including Law and Justice.



# How could this \$2.3 million in revenue get spent?

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- Law enforcement body worn cameras and associated staff
- Two detectives (domestic violence and sex crimes against children)
- Three Crime Prevention Officers (one for each precinct)
- One new Superior Court judge and required staff