

Income based fare program

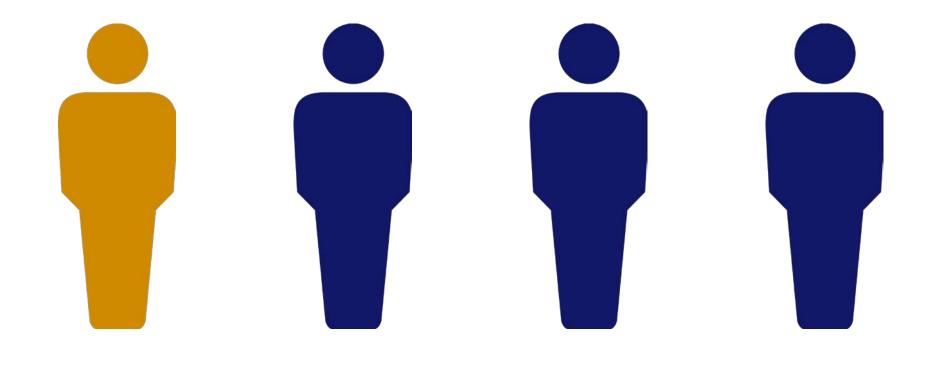








Nearly ONE IN FOUR PEOPLE in King County have income less than twice the federal poverty level





Race and Place Matter in King County

RACE AND PLACE PREDICT WHETHER PEOPLE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO THRIVE. QUALITY OF LIFE INDICATORS COMMUNITIES OF COLOR KING COUNTY PERCENT OF POPULATION ARE PEOPLE OF COLOR less than 20% **QUALITY OF LIFE INDICATORS** 20-40% ABOVE AVERAGE greater than 40% **BELOW AVERAGE** PEOPLE OF COLOR GENERALLY DO NOT EXPERIENCE THE SAME QUALITY OF LIFE AS WHITE RESIDENTS.



Determinants of Equity

- Access to health and human services
- Healthy built and natural environments
- Quality education
- Family wage jobs and job training
- Early childhood development
- Economic development
- Strong, vibrant neighborhoods
- Affordable, safe, quality housing
- Access to parks and natural resources
- Equity in county practices
- · Access to affordable, healthy, local food
- Equitable law and justice system
- Community and pubic safety
- Access to safe and efficient transportations







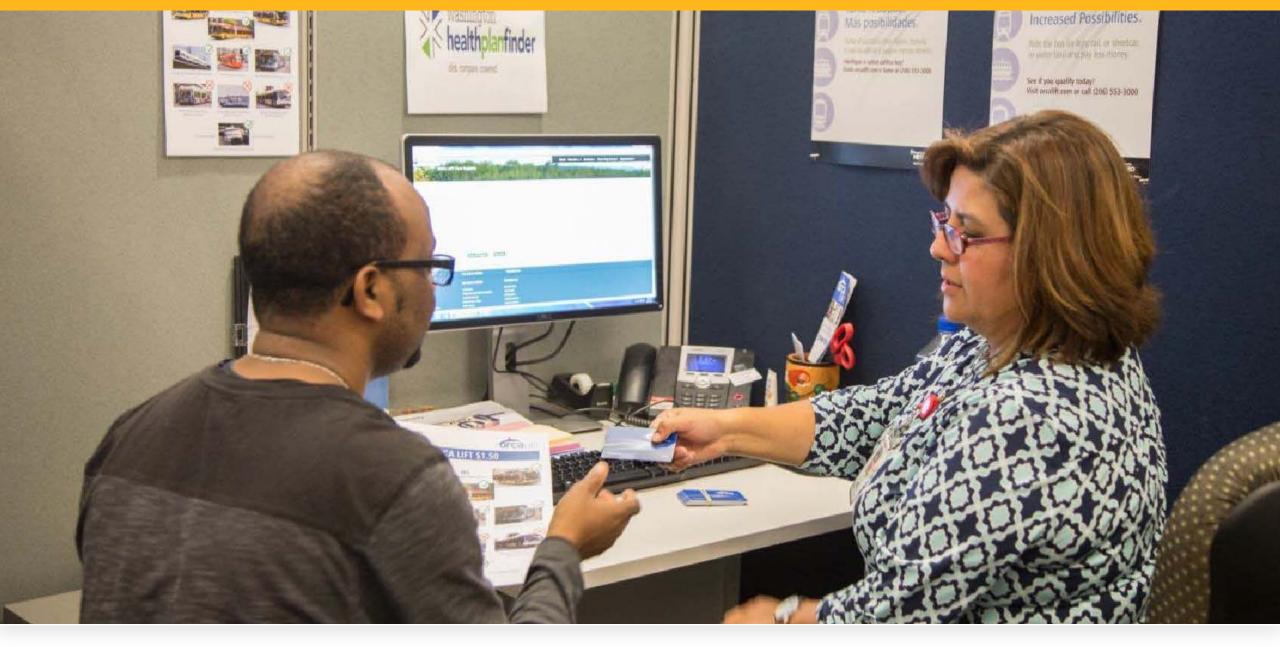








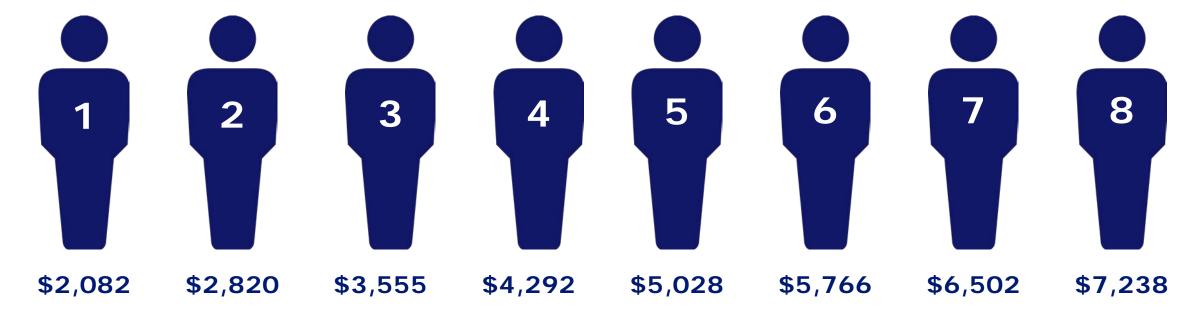






Maximum Monthly Income to Qualify

Household size



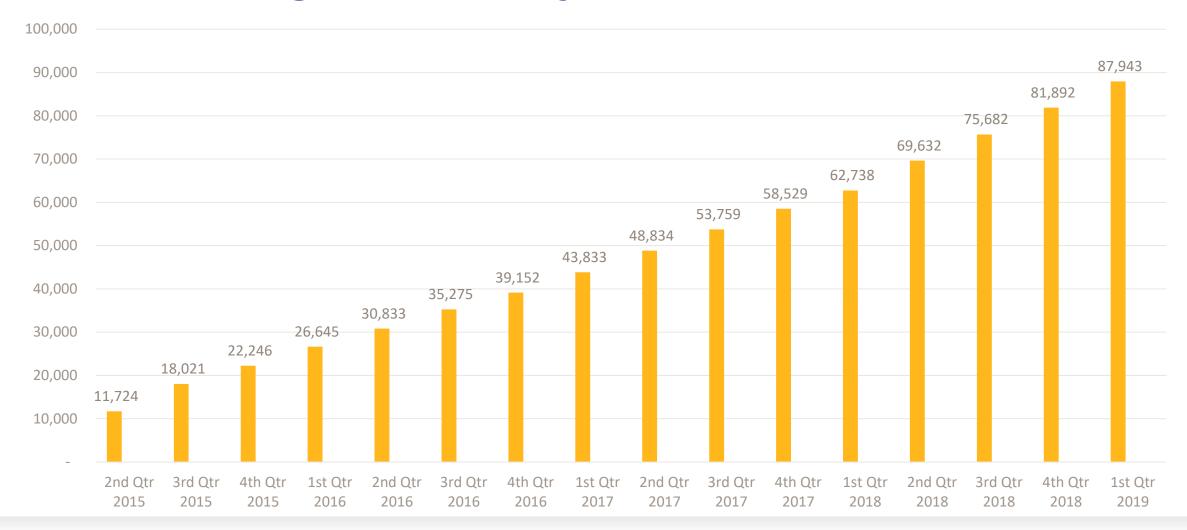






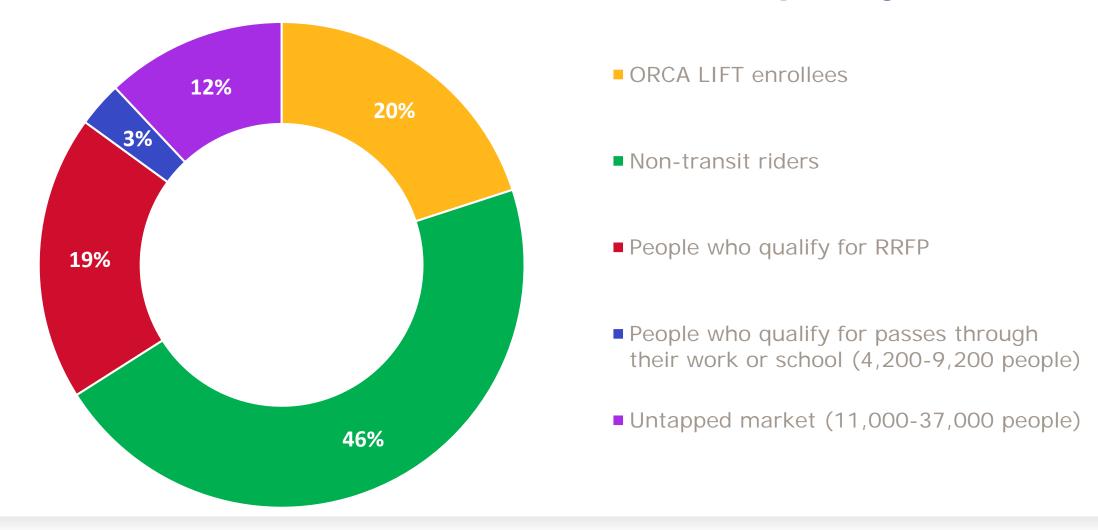


ORCA Lift Registrations by Quarter



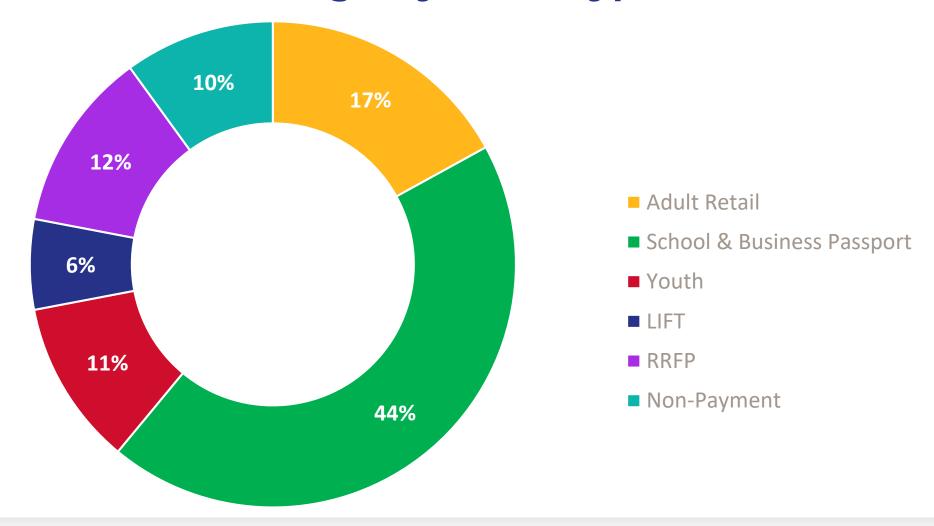


ORCA Lift Enrollment – Adults 18-64 who qualify



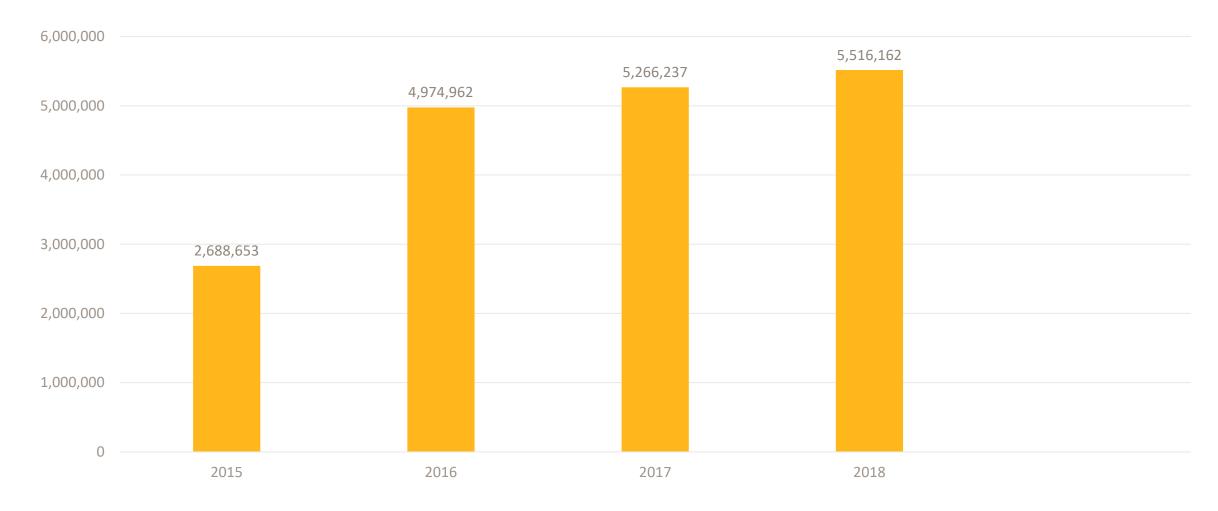


2017 Transit Boardings by Fare Type



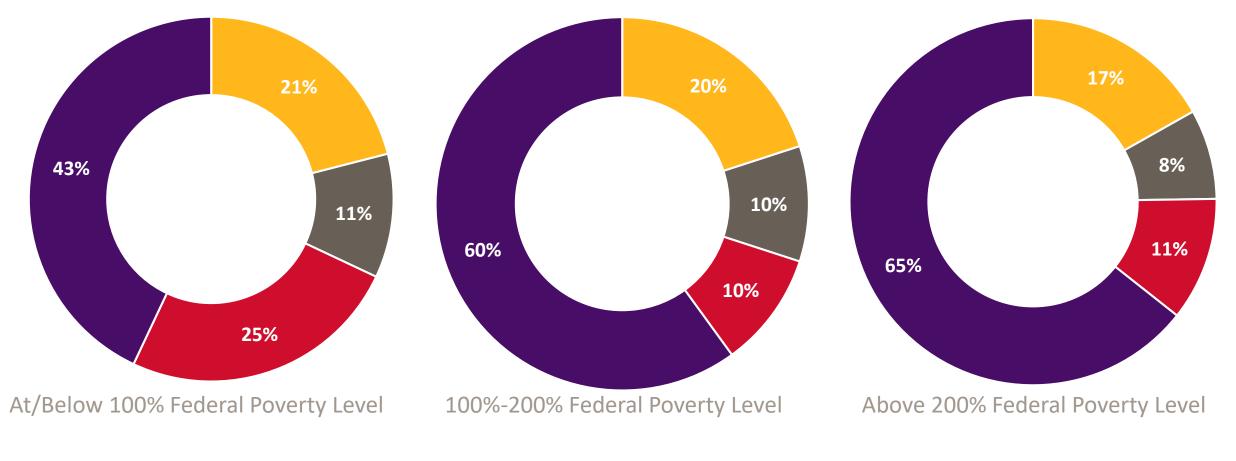


ORCA Lift Boardings by Year



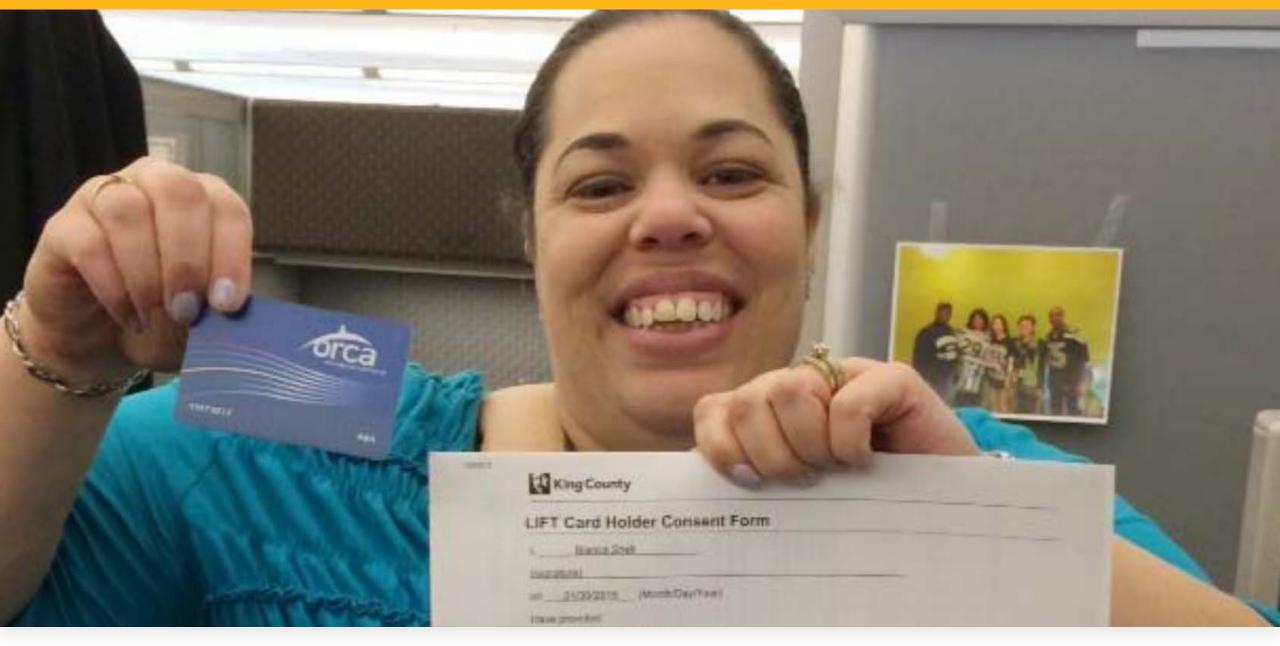


Ridership Frequency by Income Level



■ Frequent Regular Rider ■ Moderate Regular Rider ■ Infrequent Rider ■ Non-Rider







Current work

Policy shift to income-based fares, including new program for very low/no-income population

Phase 1 implementation in early 2019

Data-driven policy-making

- Evaluation of ORCA LIFT, working with academic research team, including pilot testing free fares (randomized enrollment for test group receiving 5 months of free transit, control group receiving ORCA LIFT card with \$10)
- Trial testing ability of 10-ride LIFT card to reduce Failure to Appear rates for juvenile defendants in King County
- Planned rigorous evaluation of new low-income program

Cash Rider Research

 Behavioral-science and equity-focused approach to changing rider behavior, increasing ORCA and mobile payment uptake (planned for late 2019-2020)





metro.kingcounty.gov/programs-projects/orca-lift

