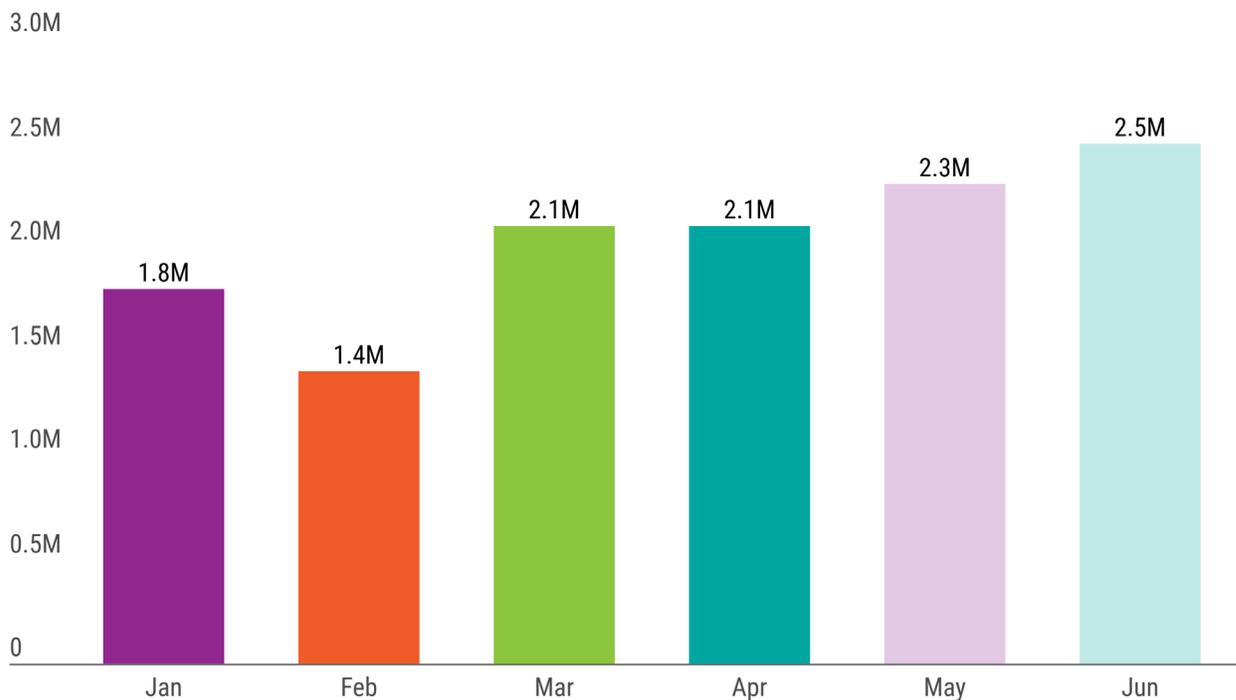


## FERRY RIDERSHIP GROWING IN THE REGION

Ferry ridership in the region continues to grow at a steady pace. From January to June 2019, 12.1 million riders used the ferry system in the central Puget Sound region. This represents an 8% increase compared to the same time period (January through June) in 2014. The ferry system here refers to all routes of the Washington State Ferries and Pierce County, which serve both cars and walk-on passengers, and King County Metro and Kitsap Transit, which provide passenger-only ferry service.

Ridership on the ferry system mixes commuters and recreational riders and typically varies by month and by route. June is typically the busiest month and accounted for 21% of the total ridership on the system in the first six months of 2019.

### Monthly Ridership\* (January through June 2019)



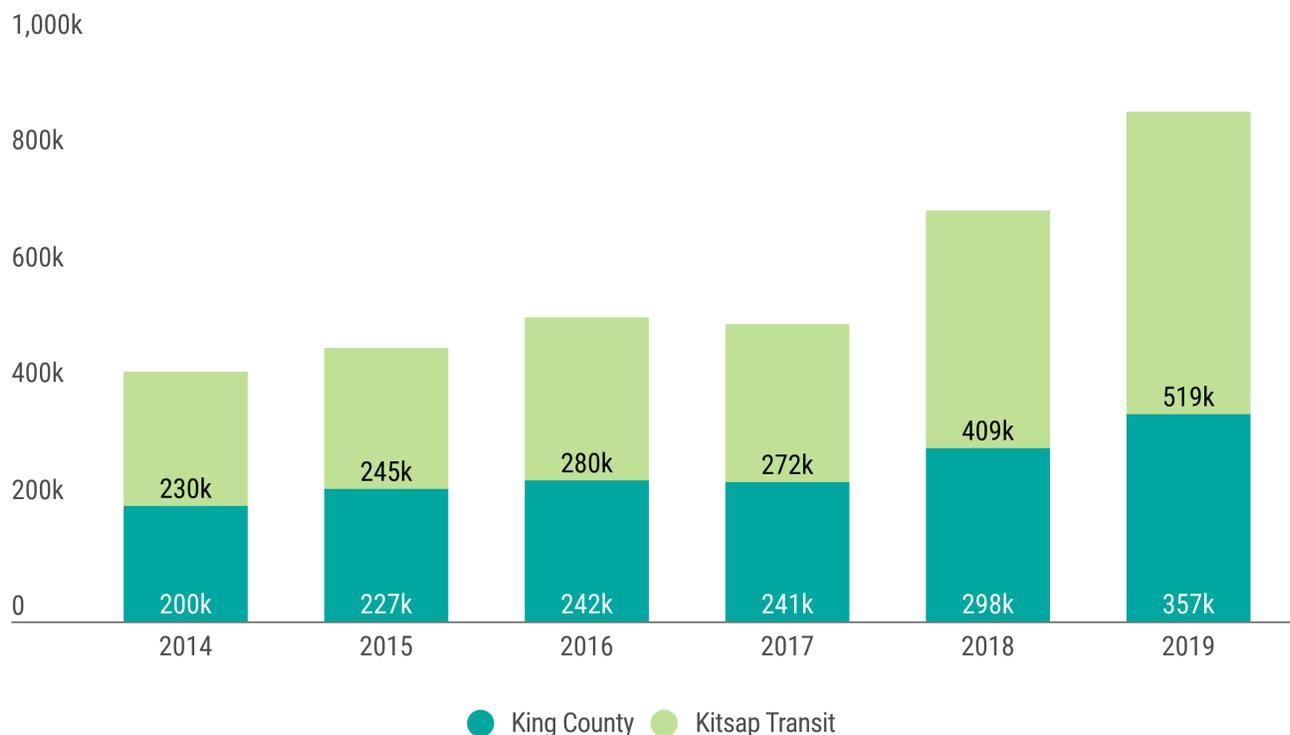
*\*Includes all routes of Washington State Ferries, King County, Kitsap Transit and Pierce County*

### Ridership on passenger-only ferry services

Ridership on passenger-only ferry services has seen sharp increases in the last few years. Passenger-only ferry service accounted for 7% of the total ridership on the system in the first six months of 2019. Comparing ridership for the first six months of 2019 to the same time period in 2014 shows an overall increase of 104%. Passenger-only ferry service provided by Kitsap Transit saw a 126% increase during the same time period, while King County Metro service saw an increase of 78%.

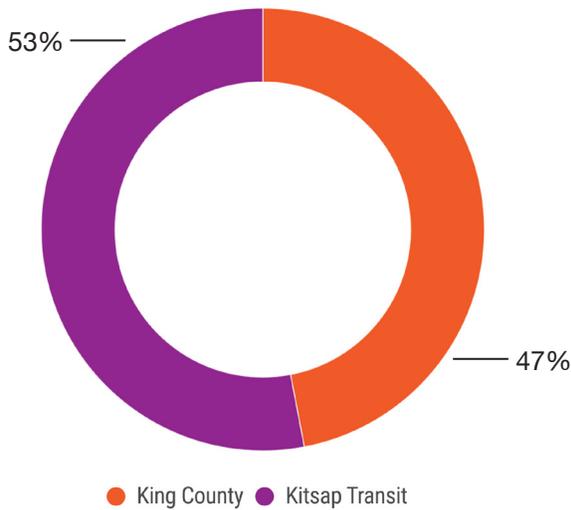
A breakdown by operator shows a steep increase in the share of boardings on routes provided by Kitsap Transit. In the first six months of 2014, Kitsap Transit's ferry service accounted for 53% of all passenger-only ferry boardings. This share increased to 59% when looking at the first six months of 2019. The growth in boardings corresponds to increases in service frequency over this time period and launching of new services (such as Kitsap Transit's Bremerton to Seattle and Kingston to Seattle passenger-only fast ferry service launched in 2017 and 2018, respectively).

### Ridership on Passenger-Only Ferry Service (January through June)

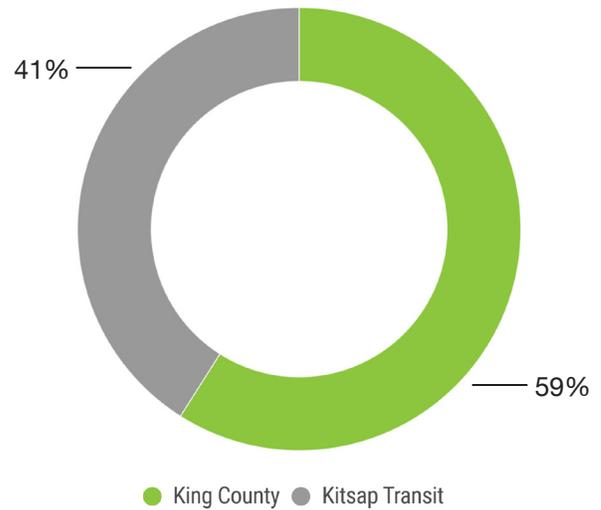


## Ridership Share by Operator

January through June 2014



January through June 2019



### **What's Next?**

Ferry routes provide a critical connection between the communities across the Puget Sound. The more recent growth in both the supply and demand for passenger-only ferry service will be important to understand as the region continues to grow. In this context, PSRC has been directed by the Washington State Legislature to study passenger-only ferry service throughout the Puget Sound region including a review of potential routes and terminals, ridership demand, costs, and use of alternative fuels. The study is to be completed by January 31, 2021.

*Data Source for all figures:  
National Transit Database Monthly Adjusted Release, June 2019  
<https://www.transit.dot.gov/ntd/data-product/monthly-module-adjusted-data-release>*