

# PUGET SOUND VITAL SIGNS

## INDICATOR OCCUPANCY/RESIDENCY OF ORCAS IN PUGET SOUND

This indicator measures the number of days orcas are in Puget Sound and the balance of occupancy between Southern Resident killer whales and transient orcas.

### Occupancy/residency of orcas in Puget Sound

No reported data available

#### Indicator Progress

INDICATOR  
TO BE  
DEVELOPED

#### Target Status



#### Target

No targets are currently set for this indicator.

#### Data Source

#### Indicator Lead

No Reporter Selected

#### Last Updated

06/29/2023

## Key Vital Sign Indicator Results

This is a new indicator and we are working with our partners to compile and report data.

As a first step, the Puget Sound Ecosystem Monitoring Program (PSEMP) Marine Mammals Workgroup Coordinators and Puget Sound Partnership hosted two virtual workshops to collaboratively explore the indicator purpose, use, and data streams. The Indicator Scoping Report describes the outcomes of the indicator scoping process and provides recommendations for next steps:

[Scoping Report for Orca Occupancy Indicator](#), prepared by True Wind Collaborative and Cascadia Consulting Group (PSEMP Marine Mammals Work Group Coordinators), June 2023

## CONTRIBUTING PARTNERS

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