



# Regional & Local Planning

Healthy Neighborhoods, Healthy Schools

Seattle City Council Committee on the Built Environment and the Seattle School Board Operations Committee Joint Meeting

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# Overview

- Washington Growth Management Act
- Planning in Central Puget Sound Region
  - Regional Planning Framework
  - VISION 2040 – Long-Range Regional Strategy for Environment, Growth Management, Economic Development, Transportation



# Washington's Growth Management Act

## Landmark Change - 1990

- Establish urban growth areas to curb sprawl
- Protect resource lands & critical areas
- Coordinated planning required, including regional policies (*Multicounty Planning Policies & Countywide Planning Policies* – which provide a common framework)
- Requirements for strong local comprehensive plans and implementing development regulations
- Regional certification of local plans
- Buildable lands analyses, growth targets

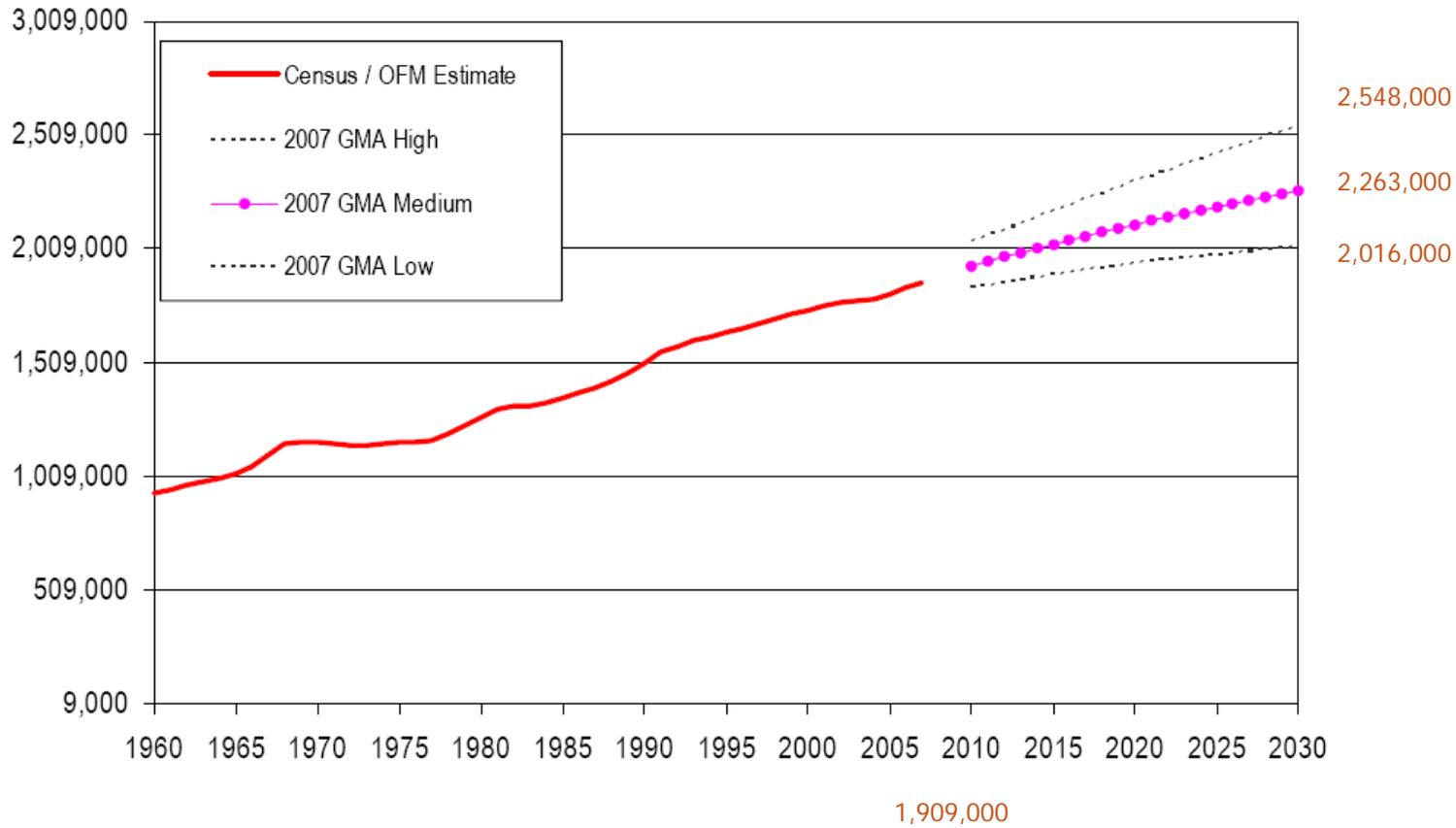


# Washington State Planning Goals

- sprawl reduction
- concentrated urban growth
- affordable housing
- economic development
- open space & recreation
- regional transportation
- environmental protection
- property rights
- natural resource industries
- historic lands & buildings
- permit processing
- public facilities & services
- public participation
- shoreline management

# OFM Planning Projections – King Co.

## 2007 GMA



# Local Comprehensive Plans

## Required Elements

- land use
- housing
- capital facilities
- utilities
- transportation
- shoreline master program policies
- rural (*for counties only*)

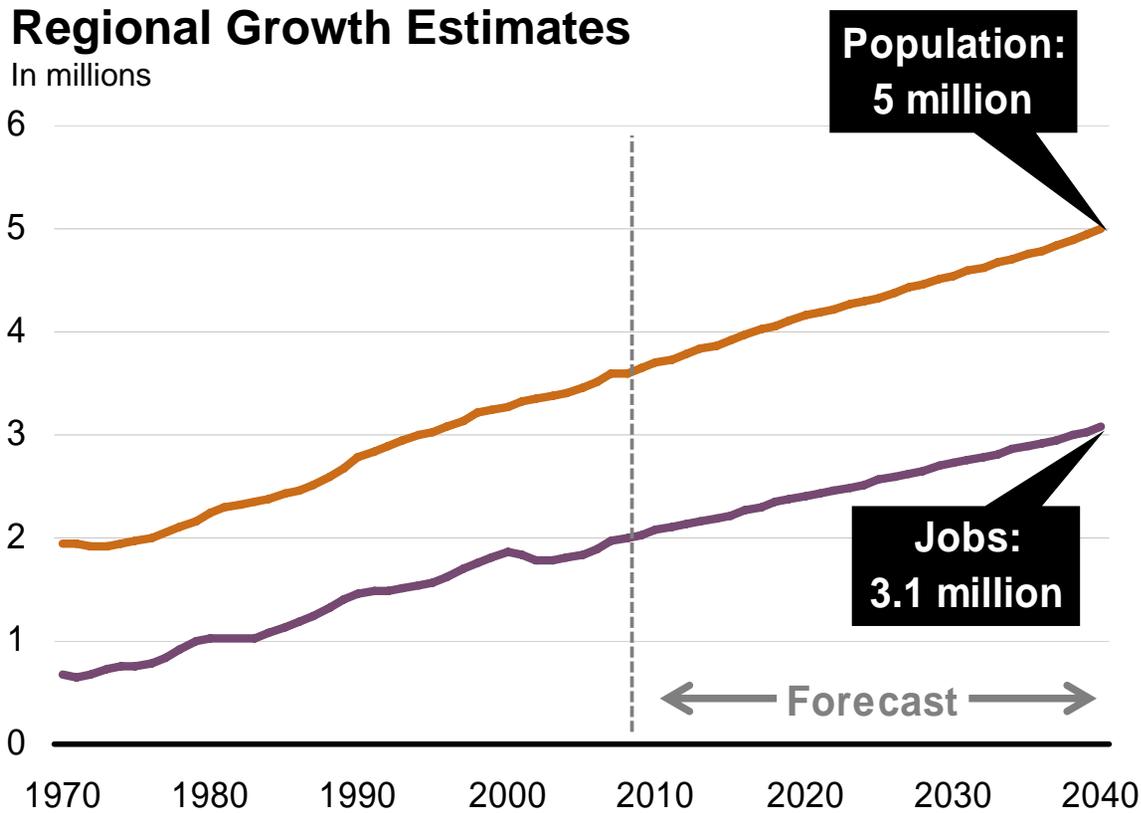
Required elements on hold *until state funding available:*

- parks
- economic development



# Planning in Central Puget Sound

# Our Region is Growing

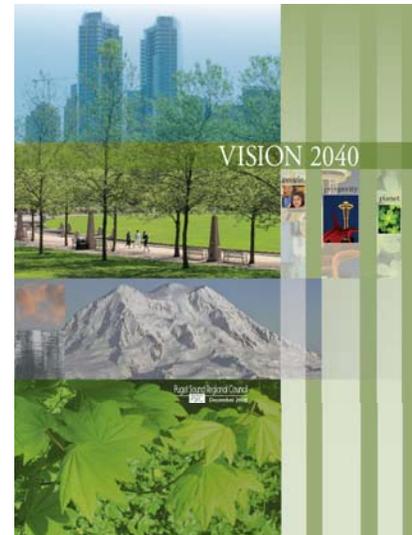


**Puget Sound forecast to see 36% increase in population & 51% increase in jobs by 2040**

# Regional Framework for Planning

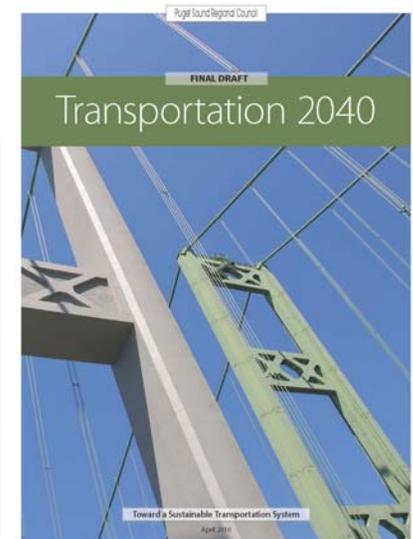
## Integrated Strategy

- **VISION 2040**  
region's integrated strategy for growth, transportation, economy & environment; multicounty planning policies



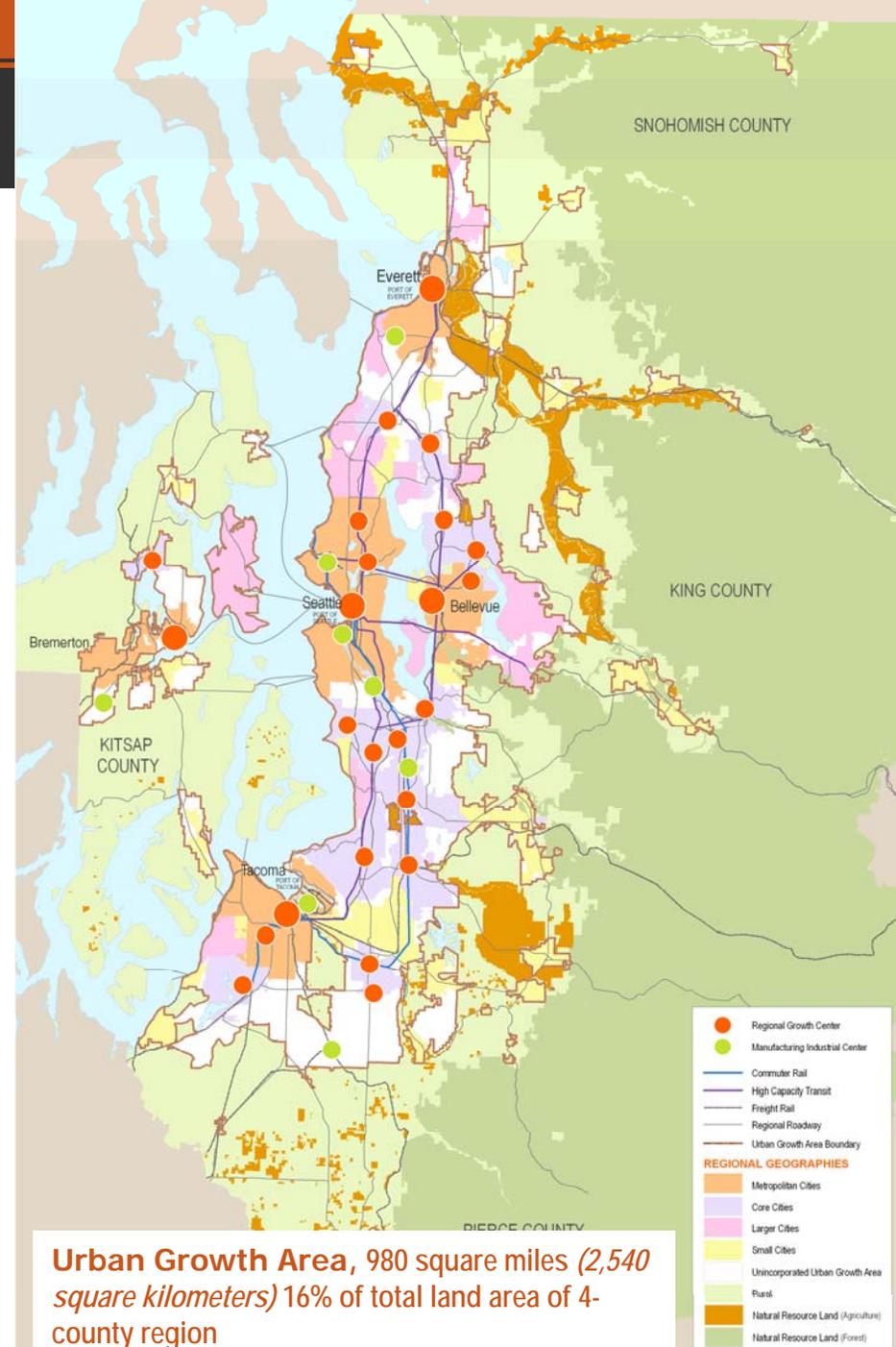
## Functional Plans

- **Transportation 2040**  
regional transportation plan: under state Growth Management Act, federal transportation law (SAFETEA-LU)
- **Regional Economic Strategy**



# VISION 2040

- Adopted April 2008
- Multicounty Planning Policies under State Growth Management Act
- Regional agreement on integrating growth management, transport, economic, & environmental goals
- Sustainable development & environmental responsibility
- Growth in urban area, centers focus
- Preserve rural & resource lands
- Support economic development; affordable housing
- Clean transportation; conserve resources

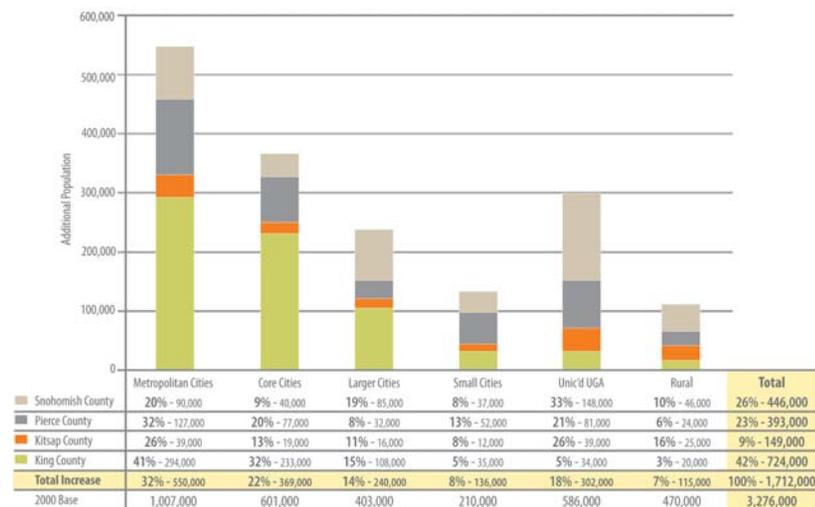


# Regional Growth Strategy

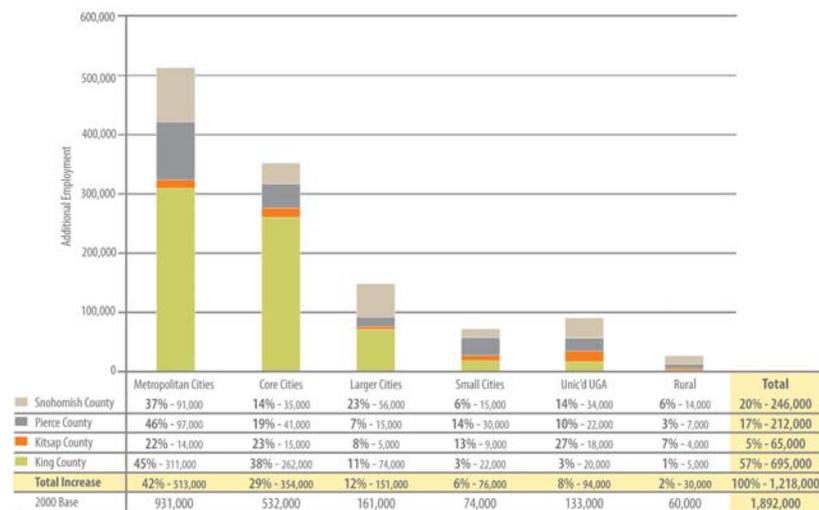
## Numeric Guidance for Local Planning & Targets

- Helps define roles different types of cities play in accommodating people & jobs
- Permanently protect resource lands
- Minimize incompatible rural development
- Commit to compact development
- Concentrate jobs, housing & activities in cities & centers
- Emphasis on cities with Regional Growth Centers: *Metropolitan & Core Cities*
- Improve regional jobs-housing balance

Population Growth by Regional Geography and County, 2000-2040  
(Final Draft Technical Amendment as of January 8, 2009)

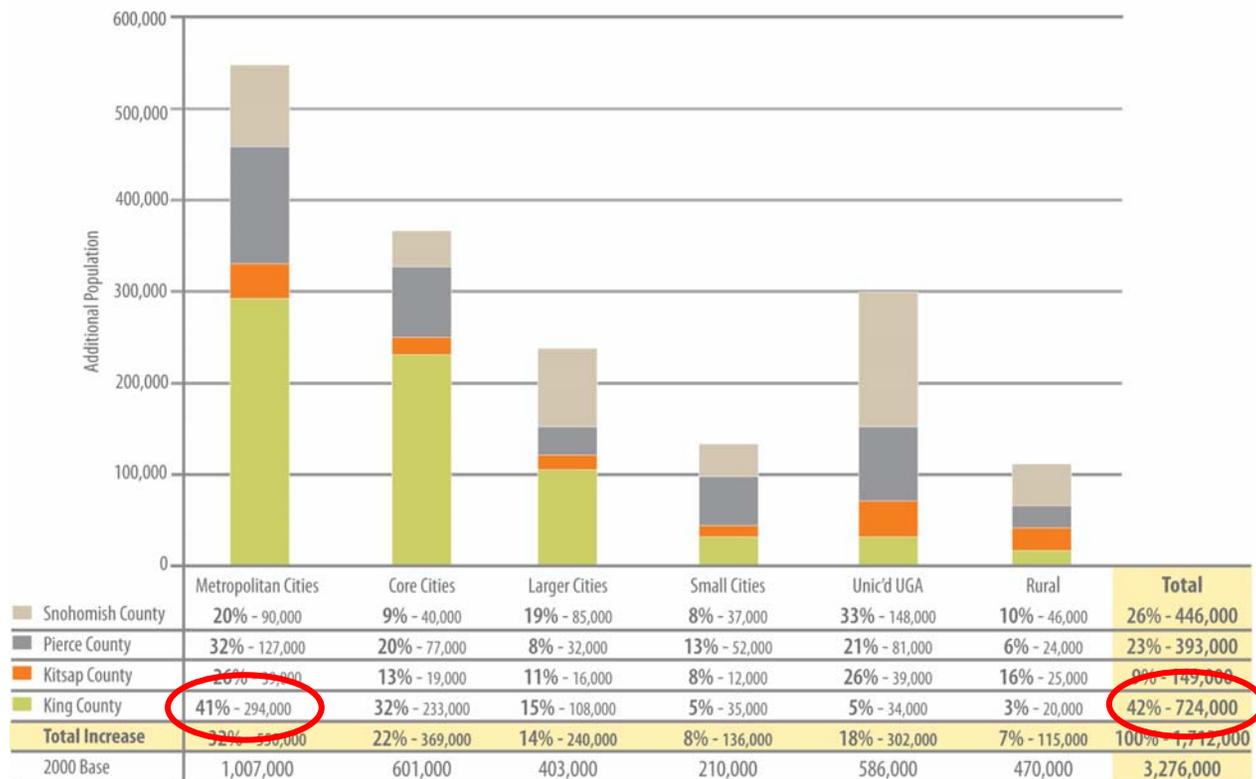


Employment Growth by Regional Geography and County, 2000-2040  
(Final Draft Technical Amendment as of January 8, 2009)



# Regional Growth Strategy

**Population Growth by Regional Geography and County, 2000-2040**  
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## King County:

- Between high & medium ranges of OFM projection
- 42% increase in population – approx. 724,000 people
- 57% increase in jobs by 2040 – approx. 695,000 jobs

## Seattle & Bellevue:

- 294,000 more people – 41% increase
- 311,000 more jobs – 45% increase
- 2000 – 2009 pop increase: 50,000





# Questions?

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