

Population Growth Trends

Snohomish County has grown by nearly 118,000 residents (or 25%) since 1990.

The total population of Snohomish County is estimated to have reached 583,300 in 1999, according to estimates by the State Office of Financial Management (OFM). As can be seen in Table 1, this represents a population increase of 117,672 (or 25.3%) since 1990. When compared with all other counties in Washington State, this numeric gain since 1990 is the second largest in the state, following King County.

TABLE 1. POPULATION AND NET MIGRATION CHANGE BY COUNTY, 1990-1999

	1990 Census	1999 Estimate	1990-99 Change					
			No.	% Change	Avg Annual % Change	Natural Increase	Net Migration	
							No.	% of 1990-1999 Change
King	1,507,305	1,677,000	169,695	11.3%	1.2%	98,350	71,345	42.0%
Pierce	586,203	700,000	113,797	19.4%	2.0%	47,651	66,146	58.1%
Snohomish	465,628	583,300	117,672	25.3%	2.5%	43,172	74,500	63.3%
Kitsap	189,731	229,700	39,969	21.1%	2.1%	16,734	23,235	58.1%
Skagit	79,545	100,600	21,055	26.5%	2.6%	4,388	16,667	79.2%
Island	60,195	73,300	13,105	21.8%	2.2%	4,841	8,264	63.1%
Regional Total	2,888,607	3,363,900	475,293	16.5%	1.7%	215,136	260,157	54.7%

During the 1980's, Snohomish County experienced the largest single-decade population increase in its history, with an absolute gain of 127,908 residents. With population growth averaging just over 13,000 per year over the course of the 1990's, it is likely that Snohomish County will show a 10-year population gain by next year that exceeds the increase experienced during the 1980's.

Volume of net migration to Snohomish County since 1990 now exceeds all other central Puget Sound counties.

Table 1 also reveals that OFM estimates that net migration to Snohomish County (the number of people who moved into the County minus those estimated to have moved out) since 1990 is now higher than net migration to King County. Historically, King County has experienced population gains attributable to net migration that are the highest in the state. For example, net migration to King County between 1980 and 1990 was 140,703, while net migration to Snohomish County during that same time period was 86,965 -- 62% of the amount experienced by King County. However, with 74,500 net in-migrants since 1990, Snohomish County is estimated to have exceeded King County's volume of in-migrants by 4.4% during this decade. This makes Snohomish County's estimated amount of net migration the second highest in the state, following Clark County's estimated net migration of 76,495 (note: Clark County's volume of net migration during the 1980's, at 27,148, was only a third of the amount experienced so far during the 1990's).

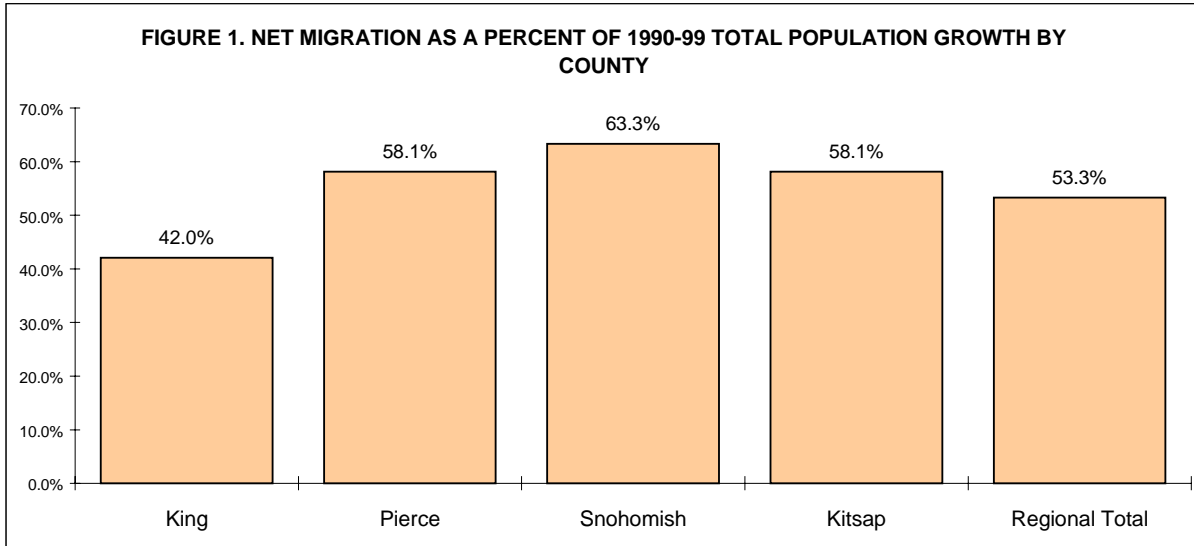


Figure 1 shows that net migration has fueled most of Snohomish County’s population growth from 1990 to 1999, accounting for 63.3% of the total increase during this period, compared to 53.3% for the central Puget Sound region as a whole. Among the four counties of the central Puget Sound region, Snohomish County is estimated to have had the highest proportion of its population growth this decade attributable to net migration.

Births to Snohomish County residents continue to climb, reaching an all-time high in 1998.

As can be seen in Table 1, natural increase within Snohomish County (the surplus of births minus deaths) since 1990 has amounted to 43,172, or roughly 4,800 net new persons annually. Figure 2 and Table 2 show trends in the separate components of natural increase (births and deaths) on an annual basis since 1960.

In 1998, Snohomish County recorded the largest single-year number of births in its history (8,352). This is the third year in a row that births have increased over the previous year’s total, after steadily declining during the first half of the 1990’s and “bottoming-out” in 1995. Similarly, the first half of the 1990’s witnessed a steady decline in Snohomish County’s birth rate, followed by a marked stabilization in the birth rate at 14.7 per 1,000 population every year since 1996.

Snohomish County’s record number of births in 1998 is solely the result of the county’s growing total population base, since birth rates below 15.0 (as has been the case every year since 1995) are more typical of the county’s 1972-76 “baby-bust” period when a pronounced decline in the annual number of births occurred. This suggests that any gains in births to Snohomish County residents in the coming years may be modest as the county’s “baby boomer” population (those born between 1946 and 1964) begin to move well beyond prime childbearing years.

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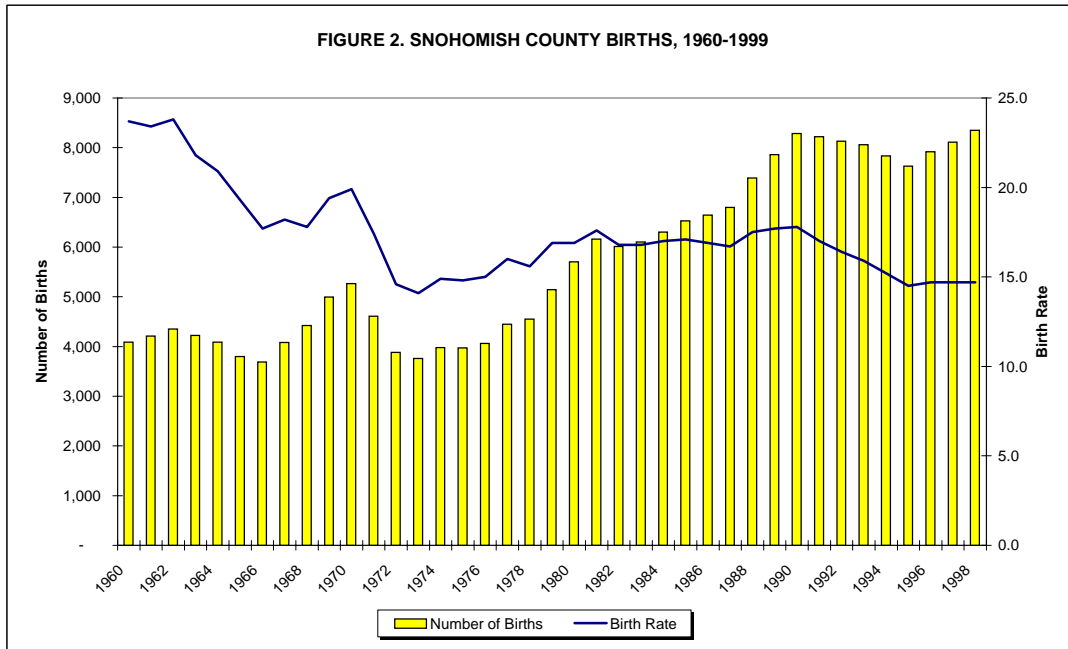


TABLE 2. Vital Statistics for Snohomish County, 1960 to 1998
Annual Number and Rate of Live Births and Deaths

	Births	Rate ¹	Deaths	Rate ²	Natural Increase ³
1960	4,085	23.7	1,566	9.1	2,519
1961	4,208	23.4	1,513	8.4	2,695
1962	4,355	23.8	1,689	9.2	2,666
1963	4,225	21.8	1,672	8.6	2,553
1964	4,090	20.9	1,697	8.7	2,393
1965	3,801	19.3	1,638	8.3	2,163
1966	3,690	17.7	1,792	8.6	1,898
1967	4,083	18.2	1,865	8.3	2,218
1968	4,420	17.8	1,965	7.9	2,455
1969	4,997	19.4	1,970	7.6	3,027
1970	5,268	19.9	1,880	7.1	3,388
1971	4,610	17.4	1,925	7.2	2,685
1972	3,880	14.6	1,875	7.1	2,005
1973	3,758	14.1	2,019	7.6	1,739
1974	3,976	14.9	1,924	7.2	2,052
1975	3,974	14.8	1,990	7.4	1,984
1976	4,064	15.0	1,995	7.4	2,069
1977	4,448	16.0	2,038	7.3	2,410
1978	4,551	15.6	2,120	7.3	2,431
1979	5,146	16.9	2,110	6.9	3,036
1980	5,705	16.9	2,190	6.5	3,515
1981	6,161	17.6	2,237	6.4	3,924
1982	6,014	16.8	2,366	6.6	3,648
1983	6,104	16.8	2,304	6.3	3,800
1984	6,303	17.0	2,491	6.7	3,812
1985	6,527	17.1	2,598	6.8	3,929
1986	6,646	16.9	2,493	6.3	4,153
1987	6,801	16.7	2,700	6.6	4,101
1988	7,390	17.5	2,812	6.7	4,578
1989	7,862	17.7	2,806	6.3	5,056
1990	8,286	17.8	2,859	6.1	5,427
1991	8,224	17.0	2,879	5.9	5,345
1992	8,128	16.4	2,968	6.0	5,160
1993	8,062	15.9	3,282	6.5	4,780
1994	7,833	15.2	3,210	6.2	4,623
1995	7,629	14.5	3,248	6.2	4,381
1996	7,921	14.7	3,413	6.3	4,508
1997	8,110	14.7	3,440	6.2	4,670
1998	8,352	14.7	3,590	6.3	4,762

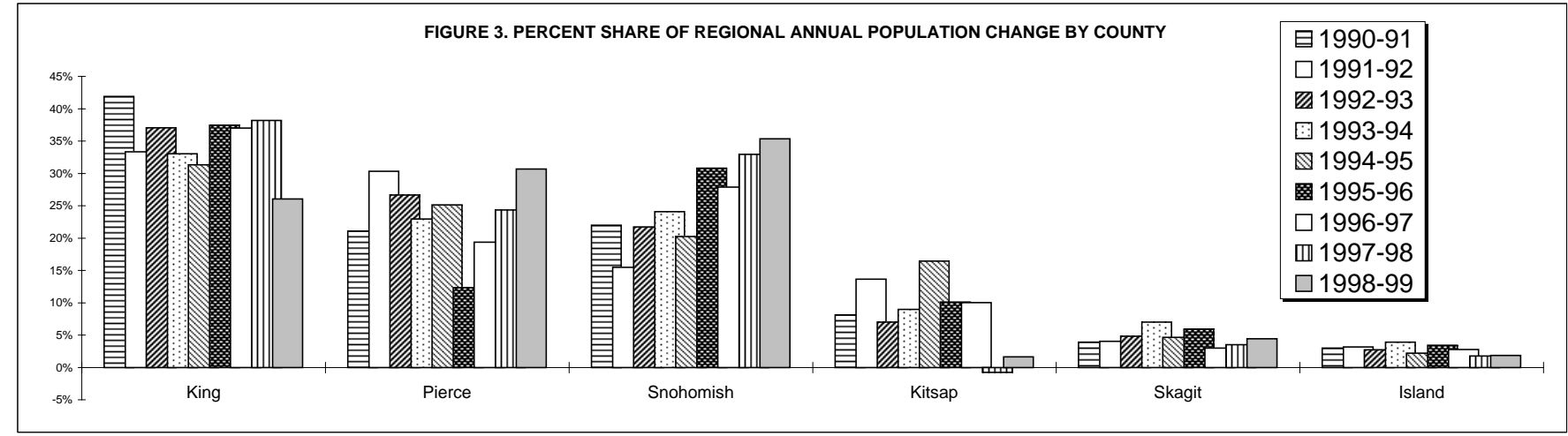
1: Birth rate = number of births to Snohomish County residents per 1,000 population.
 2: Death rate = number of Snohomish County resident deaths per 1,000 population.
 3: Natural increase = surplus of births minus deaths.

NOTE: Vital Statistics denote calendar year totals.

SOURCE: Center for Health Statistics, Washington State Department of Health

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FIGURE 3. PERCENT SHARE OF REGIONAL ANNUAL POPULATION CHANGE BY COUNTY



Annual Population Change	King		Pierce		Snohomish		Kitsap		Skagit		Island		6-County Total	
	% Total Region	Pop Change	% Total Region	Pop Change	% Total Region	Pop Change	% Total Region	Pop Change	% Total Region	Pop Change	% Total Region	Pop Change	% Total Region	Pop. Change
1990-91	41.9%	34,981	21.1%	17,597	22.0%	18,358	8.1%	6,769	3.9%	3,245	3.0%	2,505	100%	83,455
1991-92	33.3%	22,200	30.3%	20,200	15.5%	10,300	13.7%	9,100	4.1%	2,700	3.2%	2,100	100%	66,600
1992-93	37.1%	23,214	26.7%	16,700	21.7%	13,614	7.0%	4,400	4.8%	3,010	2.7%	1,700	100%	62,638
1993-94	33.1%	11,800	23.0%	8,200	24.1%	8,600	9.0%	3,200	7.0%	2,500	3.9%	1,400	100%	35,700
1994-95	31.3%	14,100	25.1%	11,300	20.2%	9,100	16.4%	7,400	4.7%	2,100	2.2%	1,000	100%	45,000
1995-96	37.4%	15,200	12.3%	5,000	30.8%	12,500	10.1%	4,100	5.9%	2,400	3.4%	1,400	100%	40,600
1996-97	37.0%	17,400	19.4%	9,100	27.9%	13,100	10.0%	4,700	3.0%	1,400	2.8%	1,300	100%	47,000
1997-98	38.2%	19,600	24.4%	12,500	32.9%	16,900	-0.8%	(400)	3.5%	1,800	1.8%	900	100%	51,300
1998-99	26.0%	11,200	30.7%	13,200	35.3%	15,200	1.6%	700	4.4%	1,900	1.9%	800	100%	43,000
1990-99 Annual Average	35.7%	18,855	23.9%	12,644	24.8%	13,075	8.4%	4,441	4.4%	2,339	2.8%	1,456	100%	52,810

Snohomish County captures an increasingly larger share of the region's population growth this decade.

Total population growth in Snohomish County (the combination of natural increase and net migration) since 1990 is shown on an annualized basis in Figure 3. It is evident from the graph that Snohomish County's share of the region's annual total population growth has steadily increased over the course of the decade. During the 1998-99 period, Snohomish County accommodated 35.3% of the 6-county region's annual population growth – the highest percentage experienced by Snohomish County this decade. And in absolute terms, the 1998-99 total population gain in Snohomish County exceeds King County's total annual population gain for the first time – 15,200 for Snohomish County, exceeding King County's total population gain estimated for the same time period by 4,000 or 35.7%.

Note that Figure 3 also shows that, contrary to some predictions originally voiced when the Growth Management Act (GMA) was passed in 1990, the "spill-over" of population from the central Puget Sound counties to less urban counties, such as Skagit and Island counties, has not occurred thus far under GMA.

Snohomish County is 25th in the nation in terms of population gains since 1990.

Table 3 shows the top 50 counties (out of a total 3,142 nationwide) with the largest numeric population gains between 1990 and 1998 as estimated by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. With an estimated population gain since 1990 of 122,155 as of July 1, 1998, Snohomish County ranks 25th among all counties nationwide. (Note that the Census Bureau's population estimate and State OFM's estimates are not directly comparable. The estimates not only differ in terms of amount, but also in terms of the date of the estimates – July 1 of each year for the Census Bureau vs. April 1 for OFM.)

A slight majority of Snohomish County's population now resides within cities.

Since 1998, a slight majority of Snohomish County's population has resided within cities, reversing a pattern where unincorporated area residents have exceeded incorporated area residents for every year since 1978. Table 4 shows that in 1999, 293,060 persons resided in Snohomish County cities (50.2% of the total county population), compared with 290,240 in unincorporated areas.

In 1990, cities accounted for only 44.2% of the county's total population that year. However, since 1990, cities overall have experienced a 42.2% increase in population, greatly exceeding that experienced within unincorporated areas (11.7%), and resulting in the majority of the county's population now residing in incorporated areas as noted above.

City population gains since 1990 include gains through annexation. In fact, substantial annexation and new incorporation activity in King and Pierce counties in recent years has led to an estimated absolute decline since 1990 in unincorporated area population for the central Puget Sound region as a whole (see Table 4). Later, this report looks at population growth over time within cities of Snohomish County without the population gains attributable to annexations.

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TABLE 3. (CO-98-2) County Population Estimates for July 1, 1998 and Population Change for April 1, 1990 to July 1, 1998 (includes revised April 1, 1990 Census Population Counts)

Rank	County	Revised 04/01/1990 Census	07/01/1998 Estimate	Numeric Population Change 1990-98	Percent Population Change 1990-98	Size Rank in U.S. 1998
1	Maricopa County, AZ.....	2,122,101	2,784,075	661,974	31.2	4
2	Clark County, NV.....	741,368	1,162,129	420,761	56.8	29
3	Harris County, TX.....	2,818,101	3,206,063	387,962	13.8	3
4	Los Angeles County, CA.....	8,863,052	9,213,533	350,481	4	1
5	Orange County, CA.....	2,410,668	2,721,701	311,033	12.9	6
6	Riverside County, CA.....	1,170,413	1,478,838	308,425	26.4	17
7	San Diego County, CA.....	2,498,016	2,780,592	282,576	11.3	5
8	Broward County, FL.....	1,255,531	1,503,407	247,876	19.7	16
9	San Bernardino County, CA.....	1,418,380	1,635,234	216,854	15.3	14
10	Dade County, FL.....	1,937,194	2,152,437	215,243	11.1	8
11	Dallas County, TX.....	1,852,810	2,050,865	198,055	10.7	10
12	Tarrant County, TX.....	1,170,103	1,355,273	185,170	15.8	23
13	Gwinnett County, GA.....	352,910	522,095	169,185	47.9	102
14	Palm Beach County, FL.....	863,503	1,032,625	169,122	19.6	32
15	Bexar County, TX.....	1,185,394	1,353,052	167,658	14.1	24
16	Collin County, TX.....	264,036	428,803	164,767	62.4	133
17	King County, WA.....	1,507,305	1,654,876	147,571	9.8	12
18	Wake County, NC.....	426,300	570,615	144,315	33.9	89
19	Santa Clara County, CA.....	1,497,577	1,641,215	143,638	9.6	13
20	Hidalgo County, TX.....	383,545	522,204	138,659	36.2	101
21	Travis County, TX.....	576,407	710,626	134,219	23.3	68
22	Orange County, FL.....	677,491	805,837	128,346	18.9	52
23	Salt Lake County, UT.....	725,956	850,667	124,711	17.2	46
24	Pima County, AZ.....	666,957	790,755	123,798	18.6	54
25	Snohomish County, WA.....	465,628	587,783	122,155	26.2	87
26	Mecklenburg County, NC.....	511,481	630,848	119,367	23.3	82
27	Cobb County, GA.....	447,745	566,203	118,458	26.5	90
28	Contra Costa County, CA.....	803,732	918,200	114,468	14.2	38
29	Fort Bend County, TX.....	225,421	337,798	112,377	49.9	165
30	El Paso County, TX.....	591,610	703,127	111,517	18.8	69
31	Fairfax County, VA.....	818,358	929,239	110,881	13.5	36
32	Denton County, TX.....	273,525	384,020	110,495	40.4	148
33	Sacramento County, CA.....	1,041,219	1,144,202	102,983	9.9	30
34	Will County, IL.....	357,313	459,189	101,876	28.5	120
35	DuPage County, IL.....	781,689	880,491	98,802	12.6	41
36	Alameda County, CA.....	1,304,346	1,400,322	95,976	7.4	20
37	El Paso County, CO.....	397,014	490,378	93,364	23.5	108
38	Oakland County, MI.....	1,083,592	1,176,488	92,896	8.6	28
39	Hillsborough County, FL.....	834,054	925,277	91,223	10.9	37
40	Fulton County, GA.....	648,779	739,367	90,588	14	60
41	Pierce County, WA.....	586,203	676,505	90,302	15.4	72
42	Montgomery County, TX.....	182,201	271,788	89,587	49.2	199
43	Clark County, WA.....	238,053	326,943	88,890	37.3	171
44	Lake County, IL.....	516,418	605,116	88,698	17.2	83
45	Fresno County, CA.....	667,490	755,730	88,240	13.2	57
46	Washington County, OR.....	311,554	399,697	88,143	28.3	141
47	Kern County, CA.....	544,981	631,459	86,478	15.9	80
48	Cook County, IL.....	5,105,044	5,189,689	84,645	1.7	2
49	Williamson County, TX.....	139,551	223,910	84,359	60.5	245
50	Arapahoe County, CO.....	391,511	473,168	81,657	20.9	115

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TABLE 4. April 1, 1990-99 Population

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	1990-99 Change:		
											Number	Percent	Avg Annual Pct Change
WASHINGTON STATE	4,866,663	5,000,371	5,116,671	5,240,900	5,334,400	5,429,900	5,516,800	5,606,800	5,685,300	5,757,400	890,737	18.3%	1.9%
Unincorporated	2,341,360	2,412,194	2,481,246	2,504,560	2,545,912	2,572,898	2,440,929	2,417,386	2,415,539	2,427,049	85,689	3.7%	0.4%
Incorporated	2,525,303	2,588,177	2,635,425	2,736,340	2,788,488	2,857,002	3,075,871	3,189,414	3,269,761	3,330,351	805,048	31.9%	3.1%
PUGET SOUND REGION	2,748,867	2,826,572	2,888,372	2,946,300	2,978,100	3,020,000	3,056,800	3,101,100	3,149,700	3,190,000	441,133	16.0%	1.7%
Unincorporated	1,251,408	1,285,077	1,319,214	1,305,499	1,310,451	1,314,379	1,153,332	1,167,830	1,154,341	1,153,844	(97,564)	-7.8%	-0.9%
Incorporated	1,494,378	1,525,105	1,552,308	1,623,601	1,650,139	1,687,711	1,884,938	1,933,270	1,995,359	2,036,156	541,778	36.3%	3.5%
SNOHOMISH COUNTY	465,628	483,986	494,286	507,900	516,500	525,600	538,100	551,200	568,100	583,300	117,672	25.3%	2.5%
Unincorporated	259,796	266,162	268,677	265,254	266,249	269,544	270,769	275,810	282,041	290,240	30,444	11.7%	1.2%
Incorporated	205,832	217,824	225,609	242,646	250,251	256,056	267,331	275,390	286,059	293,060	87,228	42.4%	4.0%
Arlington	4,037	4,250	4,450	4,690	4,910	5,350	5,670	6,010	6,635	7,350	3,313	82.1%	6.9% *
Bothell (part)	359	360	360	11,480	12,230	12,340	12,410	12,500	12,850	13,310	12,951	3607.5%	49.4% *
Brier	5,633	5,680	5,740	5,855	5,990	6,030	6,105	6,180	6,295	6,350	717	12.7%	1.3% *
Darrington	1,042	1,055	1,075	1,085	1,100	1,125	1,170	1,185	1,235	1,245	203	19.5%	2.0%
Edmonds	30,743	30,849	30,749	30,970	31,100	31,310	35,480	35,470	38,610	38,610	7,867	25.6%	2.6% *
Everett	69,974	72,493	75,853	76,980	78,240	79,180	81,810	84,130	84,330	86,730	16,756	23.9%	2.4% *
Gold Bar	1,078	1,120	1,140	1,195	1,195	1,285	1,400	1,520	1,672	1,810	732	67.9%	5.9% *
Granite Falls	1,060	1,140	1,260	1,395	1,445	1,465	1,650	1,830	1,985	2,010	950	89.6%	7.4% *
Index	139	140	140	141	141	141	141	141	140	140	1	0.7%	0.1%
Lake Stevens	3,435	3,765	4,295	4,540	4,840	4,955	5,145	5,290	5,740	6,100	2,665	77.6%	6.6% *
Lynnwood	28,637	28,952	29,052	29,580	31,680	31,950	32,420	33,070	33,110	33,140	4,503	15.7%	1.6% *
Marysville	10,328	10,970	13,030	14,570	15,530	16,890	18,240	18,770	19,740	20,680	10,352	100.2%	8.0% *
Mill Creek	7,180	7,788	8,270	8,610	8,735	9,230	9,420	9,798	10,692	11,110	3,930	54.7%	5.0% *
Monroe	4,275	4,777	4,967	5,120	5,475	6,095	6,480	8,670	10,690	11,450	7,175	167.8%	11.6% *
Mountlake Terrace	19,320	19,690	19,820	19,880	19,920	20,050	20,160	20,360	20,360	20,270	950	4.9%	0.5% *
Mukilteo	6,982	12,965	13,395	14,035	14,500	14,760	15,430	15,890	16,810	17,180	10,198	146.1%	10.5% *
Snohomish	6,499	6,550	6,650	6,940	7,250	7,495	7,780	7,856	8,160	8,250	1,751	26.9%	2.7% *
Stanwood	1,961	2,065	2,155	2,250	2,470	2,910	2,935	3,050	3,130	3,380	1,419	72.4%	6.2% *
Sultan	2,236	2,300	2,293	2,395	2,550	2,535	2,510	2,685	2,885	2,955	719	32.2%	3.1% *
Woodway	914	915	915	935	950	960	975	985	990	990	76	8.3%	0.9%

Sources: 1. U.S. Census of Population and Housing, 1990.

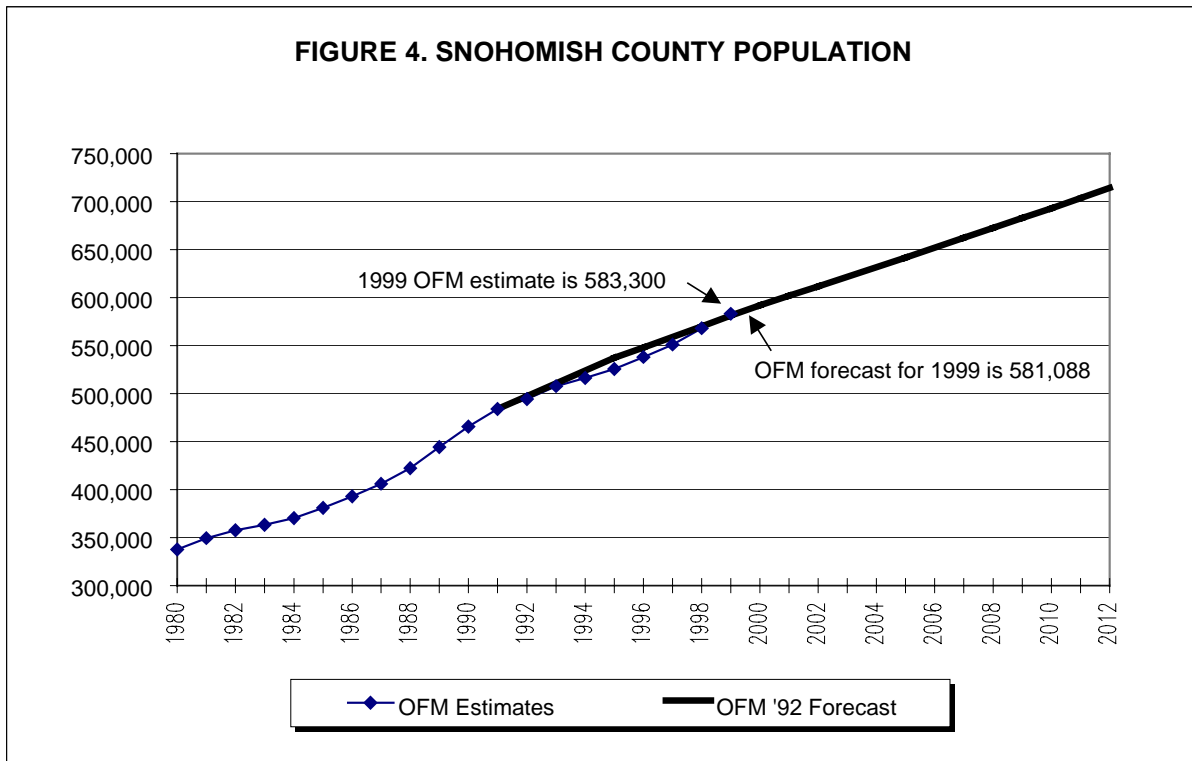
2. Washington State Office of Financial Management, 1991-99.

*Note: * indicates that population gains through annexation are included in the city's population estimates since 1990.*

Puget Sound Region includes King, Pierce, Kitsap, and Snohomish Counties.

Snohomish County’s 20-year GMA population forecast, released by OFM in 1992, has thus far proven to be remarkably accurate.

In 1992, OFM released a 20-year population forecast for counties in Washington State that was to be used for GMA planning purposes. This 1992-2012 population forecast is still in use by Snohomish County and its cities for growth management planning purposes. Figure 4 shows that estimated countywide population growth since 1992 has followed the OFM 1992 population forecast for Snohomish County quite closely. Estimated 1999 countywide population is only 0.38% higher than the 1999 population predicted by OFM in 1992. As such, Snohomish County’s GMA population forecast assumption is thus far on track and in no need of reexamination.



The accuracy of the GMA subcounty population forecasts has been more variable.

The allocation of the GMA 20-year population forecast provided by OFM to cities, urban growth areas (UGAs) and the rural/resource area was officially accomplished in 1995 with the adoption into the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) of the population growth targets. This action followed 3 years of work using the cooperative planning process of Snohomish County Tomorrow. Table 5 shows the 1999 population estimates by UGA, cities and the rural/resource area, and compares population growth since 1992 to the 1992-2012 population growth targets and to the population holding capacity estimates for these areas.

Unlike Table 4, which includes population gains for cities as a result of annexation, Table 5 controls for population annexed since February 28, 1993 (the date at which city boundaries were “frozen” for the development of the 20-year population growth targets), and population

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TABLE 5. Comparison of 1999 Population Estimates and 2012 Population Targets

Area	1990	Revised	1999	Revised	1999	1999	Estimated	Projected	Percent of	POPULATION CAPACITY			
	Census Population (using Feb. 28/93 city bds)	1992 Estimated Population (using Feb. 28/93 city bds)	Estimated Population (using Feb. 28/93 city bds)	2012 Population Target	Interpolated Population (based on 1992-2012 projected growth)	Estimated Population Growth	Compared to Interpolated Pop (Percent Difference)	1992-2012 Population Growth	1992-2012 Population Growth	1992-2012 projected growth attained by 1999 (35% expected if linear growth assumed)	Total Population Capacity	Additional Population Capacity @ 1992	Percent of addnl Capacity as of 1992 used as of 1999
Non-S.W. County UGA	78,120	82,855	113,340	141,059	103,226		9.8%	30,485	58,204	52.4%	168,489	85,634	35.6%
Arlington UGA	6,540	7,068	10,474	13,608	9,357		11.9%	3,406	6,541	52.1%	14,679	7,611	44.8%
Arlington City	4,108	4,555	7,275	7,900	5,726		27.1%	2,720	3,345	81.3%	7,900	3,345	81.3%
Unincorporated	2,432	2,513	3,199	5,708	3,631		-11.9%	686	3,196	21.5%	6,779	4,266	16.1%
Darrington UGA	1,089	1,123	1,293	1,232	1,161		11.3%	170	109	155.7%	2,218	1,095	15.5%
Darrington Town	1,042	1,075	1,245	1,175	1,110		12.2%	170	100	170.0%	1,175	100	170.0%
Unincorporated	47	48	48	57	51		-6.8%	(0)	9	-3.7%	1,043	995	0.0%
Gold Bar UGA	1,408	1,604	2,441	2,724	1,996		22.3%	837	1,120	74.7%	2,724	1,120	74.7%
Gold Bar Town	1,078	1,140	1,733	1,575	1,292		34.1%	593	435	136.3%	1,575	435	136.3%
Unincorporated	330	464	708	1,149	704		0.6%	244	685	35.6%	1,149	685	35.6%
Granite Falls UGA	1,109	1,339	1,961	3,923	2,243		-12.6%	622	2,584	24.1%	5,345	4,006	15.5%
Granite Falls Town	1,061	1,284	1,737	2,835	1,827		-4.9%	453	1,551	29.2%	2,835	1,551	29.2%
Unincorporated	48	55	225	1,088	417		-46.1%	170	1,033	16.4%	2,510	2,455	6.9%
Index UGA (incorporated)	139	140	140	190	158		-11.1%	-	50	0.0%	190	50	0.0%
Lake Stevens UGA	13,911	15,583	23,240	27,389	19,715		17.9%	7,657	11,806	64.9%	40,099	24,516	31.2%
Lake Stevens City	3,472	4,240	6,062	8,771	5,826		4.1%	1,822	4,531	40.2%	8,771	4,531	40.2%
Unincorporated	10,439	11,343	17,178	18,618	13,889		23.7%	5,835	7,275	80.2%	31,328	19,985	29.2%
Marysville UGA	32,860	33,654	43,279	55,318	41,237		5.0%	9,625	21,664	44.4%	60,473	26,819	35.9%
Marysville City	13,793	14,122	18,823	22,600	17,089		10.1%	4,701	8,478	55.5%	22,432	8,310	56.6%
Unincorporated	19,067	19,532	24,455	32,718	24,147		1.3%	4,923	13,186	37.3%	38,041	18,509	26.6%
Monroe UGA	7,786	8,675	13,497	13,712	10,438		29.3%	4,822	5,037	95.7%	15,354	6,679	72.2%
Monroe City	4,794	5,095	9,612	8,000	6,112		57.3%	4,517	2,905	155.5%	8,000	2,905	155.5%
Unincorporated	2,992	3,580	3,884	5,712	4,326		-10.2%	304	2,132	14.3%	7,354	3,774	8.1%
Snohomish UGA	8,257	8,409	9,915	11,953	9,649		2.8%	1,506	3,544	42.5%	13,023	4,614	32.6%
Snohomish City	6,781	6,870	8,237	7,800	7,196		14.5%	1,367	930	147.0%	7,800	930	147.0%
Unincorporated	1,476	1,539	1,678	4,153	2,454		-31.6%	139	2,614	5.3%	5,223	3,684	3.8%
Stanwood UGA	2,432	2,577	3,782	5,861	3,726		1.5%	1,205	3,284	36.7%	7,805	5,228	23.1%
Stanwood City	2,016	2,155	3,347	3,378	2,583		29.6%	1,192	1,223	97.5%	3,448	1,293	92.2%
Unincorporated	416	422	435	2,483	1,143		-61.9%	13	2,061	0.6%	4,357	3,935	0.3%
Sultan UGA	2,589	2,683	3,318	5,148	3,546		-6.4%	635	2,465	25.8%	6,579	3,896	16.3%
Sultan Town	2,256	2,315	2,933	3,670	2,789		5.2%	618	1,355	45.6%	4,122	1,807	34.2%
Unincorporated	333	368	385	1,478	757		-49.1%	17	1,110	1.5%	2,457	2,089	0.8%
S.W. County UGA	300,052	315,659	358,980	443,740	360,487		-0.4%	43,321	128,081	33.8%	445,502	129,843	33.4%
Incorporated S.W.	185,522	195,403	217,660	248,706	214,059		1.7%	22,257	53,303	41.8%	250,469	55,066	40.4%
Bothell City (part)	10,024	11,312	13,058	19,730	14,258		-8.4%	1,746	8,418	20.7%	22,000	10,688	16.3%
Brier City	5,661	5,760	6,338	7,200	6,264		1.2%	578	1,440	40.1%	7,200	1,440	40.1%
Edmonds City	30,913	30,895	31,002	36,930	33,007		-6.1%	107	6,035	1.8%	36,930	6,035	1.8%
Everett City	70,910	75,846	86,643	96,000	82,900		4.5%	10,797	20,154	53.6%	96,000	20,154	53.6%
Lynnwood City	28,695	29,113	32,078	33,090	30,505		5.2%	2,965	3,977	74.5%	33,090	3,977	74.5%
Mill Creek City	7,039	8,309	10,133	12,730	9,856		2.8%	1,824	4,421	41.3%	12,730	4,421	41.3%
Mtlake Terrace City	19,297	19,833	20,239	22,105	20,628		-1.9%	406	2,272	17.9%	22,100	2,267	17.9%
Mukilteo City	12,069	13,420	17,180	19,911	15,692		9.5%	3,760	6,491	57.9%	19,911	5,851	64.3%
Woodway Town	914	915	990	1,010	948		4.4%	75	95	78.9%	1,148	233	32.2%
Unincorporated S.W.	114,530	120,256	141,320	195,034	146,428		-3.5%	21,064	74,778	28.2%	195,033	74,777	28.2%
UGA Total	378,172	398,514	472,320	584,799	463,713		1.9%	73,806	186,285	39.6%	613,991	215,477	34.3%
City Total	226,062	238,394	278,805	316,600	265,766		4.9%	40,411	78,206	51.7%	318,717	80,323	50.3%
Unincorporated UGA Total	152,110	160,120	193,515	268,199	197,947		-2.2%	33,396	108,079	30.9%	295,274	135,154	24.7%
Non-UGA Total (Rural Unincorporated)	87,470	95,786	110,980	129,445	107,567		3.2%	15,194	33,659	45.1%	193,188	97,402	15.6%
County Total	465,642	494,300	583,300	714,244				89,000	219,944		807,179	312,879	28.4%

growth within those annexed areas. Table 5 allows for proper comparisons to be made between 1999 population estimates and the 2012 population targets.

Figure 5 summarizes information contained in Table 4, showing estimated 1992-1999 population growth by UGA and rural/resource areas as a percent of 1992-2012 projected population. If linear population growth is assumed over the course of the 1992-2012 planning period, then roughly 35% of the 20-year population growth would be expected to have been attained by 1999 (7 out of 20 years = 35%). As can be seen from Figure 5, some major county subareas have experienced more population growth since 1992 than may have been originally anticipated given the 20-year population forecast, including the combined cities total, the non-S.W. UGA total, and, to a lesser extent, the rural/resource area. On the other hand, the total unincorporated UGA appears to have experienced less population growth since 1992 than may have been originally predicted. However, it is likely that over time, as cities annex into their surrounding UGAs, and/or as urban services are provided within these currently unincorporated UGAs, the population growth in these areas will begin to match 20-year expectations.

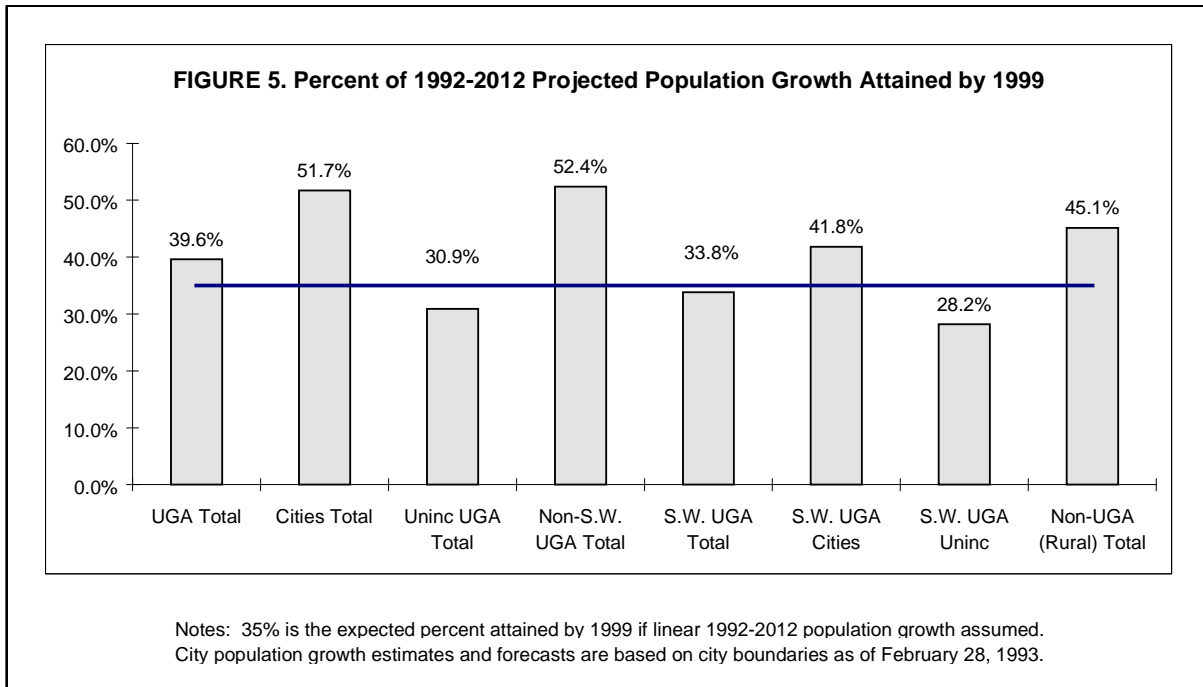
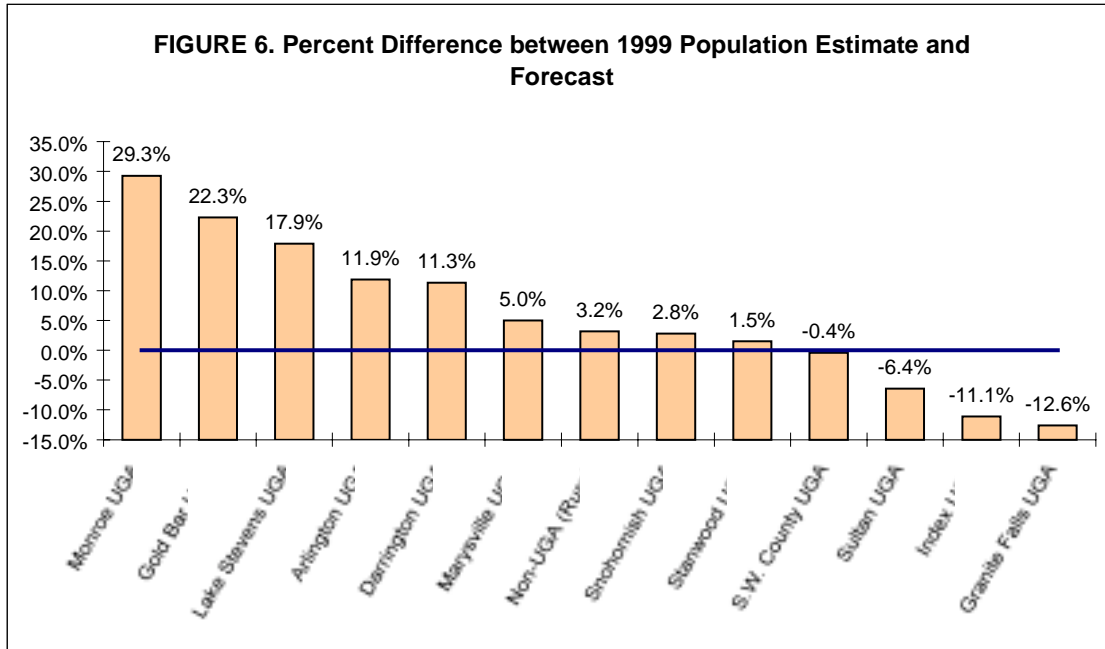


Figure 6 shows a different way of portraying forecast accuracy by UGA and rural/resource areas – by displaying the degree to which the current population estimate differs from the original population forecast for the current year. As can be seen, the Monroe, Gold Bar and Lake Stevens UGAs have 1999 population estimates which substantially exceed the population forecast for the same year. Other UGAs (Granite Falls, Index and Sultan) have 1999 population estimates which are below the population forecasted for 1999.



Rural population growth is slightly higher (3.2%) than targeted, but considerably less than pre-GMA trend forecasts once showed.

Table 6 provides a comparison of city, UGA and rural/resource area 1992-1999 population growth in terms of absolute change (both amount and as a percent of total county population increase) and relative change (both seven percent change and average annual percent change). Overall, the combined UGA has accommodated roughly 83% of the county's population growth since 1992. Nearly half of the county's population growth has occurred in the S.W. County UGA alone. Rural/resource areas outside the UGA accounted for 17% of the county's population growth since 1992, slightly above what was targeted for 1999 by 3.2%, but considerably lower than what was forecasted under pre-GMA comprehensive plans when nearly 28% of the county's 20-year population growth was anticipated to occur in rural/resource areas.

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TABLE 6. 1992-99 Estimated Population Change

Area	Revised 1992 Estimated Population (using Feb. 28/93 city bdys)	1999 Estimated Population (using Feb. 28/93 city bdys)	1992-99 Absolute Change	1992-99 Absolute Change as a % of Total	1992-99 Percent Change	1992-99 Average Annual Percent Change
Non-S.W. County UGA	82,855	113,340	30,485	34.3%	36.8%	4.6%
Arlington UGA	7,068	10,474	3,406	3.8%	48.2%	5.8%
Arlington City	4,555	7,275	2,720	3.1%	59.7%	6.9%
Unincorporated	2,513	3,199	686	0.8%	27.3%	3.5%
Darrington UGA	1,123	1,293	170	0.2%	15.1%	2.0%
Darrington Town	1,075	1,245	170	0.2%	15.8%	2.1%
Unincorporated	48	48	(0)	0.0%	-0.7%	-0.1%
Gold Bar UGA	1,604	2,441	837	0.9%	52.2%	6.2%
Gold Bar Town	1,140	1,733	593	0.7%	52.0%	6.2%
Unincorporated	464	708	244	0.3%	52.5%	6.2%
Granite Falls UGA	1,339	1,961	622	0.7%	46.5%	5.6%
Granite Falls Town	1,284	1,737	453	0.5%	35.2%	4.4%
Unincorporated	55	225	170	0.2%	308.5%	22.3%
Index UGA (incorporated)	140	140	-	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Lake Stevens UGA	15,583	23,240	7,657	8.6%	49.1%	5.9%
Lake Stevens City	4,240	6,062	1,822	2.0%	43.0%	5.2%
Unincorporated	11,343	17,178	5,835	6.6%	51.4%	6.1%
Marysville UGA	33,654	43,279	9,625	10.8%	28.6%	3.7%
Marysville City	14,122	18,823	4,701	5.3%	33.3%	4.2%
Unincorporated	19,532	24,455	4,923	5.5%	25.2%	3.3%
Monroe UGA	8,675	13,497	4,822	5.4%	55.6%	6.5%
Monroe City	5,095	9,612	4,517	5.1%	88.7%	9.5%
Unincorporated	3,580	3,884	304	0.3%	8.5%	1.2%
Snohomish UGA	8,409	9,915	1,506	1.7%	17.9%	2.4%
Snohomish City	6,870	8,237	1,367	1.5%	19.9%	2.6%
Unincorporated	1,539	1,678	139	0.2%	9.0%	1.2%
Stanwood UGA	2,577	3,782	1,205	1.4%	46.8%	5.6%
Stanwood City	2,155	3,347	1,192	1.3%	55.3%	6.5%
Unincorporated	422	435	13	0.0%	3.1%	0.4%
Sultan UGA	2,683	3,318	635	0.7%	23.7%	3.1%
Sultan Town	2,315	2,933	618	0.7%	26.7%	3.4%
Unincorporated	368	385	17	0.0%	4.6%	0.6%
S.W. County UGA	315,659	358,980	43,321	48.7%	13.7%	1.9%
Incorporated S.W.	195,403	217,660	22,257	25.0%	11.4%	1.6%
Bothell City (part)	11,312	13,058	1,746	2.0%	15.4%	2.1%
Brier City	5,760	6,338	578	0.6%	10.0%	1.4%
Edmonds City	30,895	31,002	107	0.1%	0.3%	0.0%
Everett City	75,846	86,643	10,797	12.1%	14.2%	1.9%
Lynnwood City	29,113	32,078	2,965	3.3%	10.2%	1.4%
Mill Creek City	8,309	10,133	1,824	2.0%	22.0%	2.9%
Mtlake Terrace City	19,833	20,239	406	0.5%	2.0%	0.3%
Mukilteo City	13,420	17,180	3,760	4.2%	28.0%	3.6%
Woodway Town	915	990	75	0.1%	8.2%	1.1%
Unincorporated S.W.	120,256	141,320	21,064	23.7%	17.5%	2.3%
UGA Total	398,514	472,320	73,806	82.9%	18.5%	2.5%
City Total	238,394	278,805	40,411	45.4%	17.0%	2.3%
Unincorporated UGA Total	160,120	193,515	33,396	37.5%	20.9%	2.7%
Non-UGA Total (Rural Unincorporated)	95,786	110,980	15,194	17.1%	15.9%	2.1%
County Total	494,300	583,300	89,000	100.0%	18.0%	2.4%