

KITSAP COUNTY 2024 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Draft Population and Employment Targets – Unincorporated



The Puget Sound Regional Council as part of VISION 2050 included a Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) for King, Snohomish, Pierce and Kitsap Counties. The RGS established targets for population and employment for each County and its cities. These are targets **not** projections and **do not** reflect past growth rates or patterns. They are intended to “bend the trend” focusing growth first in metropolitan cities (Bremerton and its UGA), next Core Cities (Silverdale) and then High-Capacity Transit Communities (Kingston, Poulsbo, Port Orchard and Bainbridge Island and their respective UGAs). Unincorporated UGAs (Central Kitsap) and Rural areas are drastically reduced in their planned growth through 2050.

The Kitsap Regional Community Council (KRCC) Board has directed that the Countywide Planning Policies be updated based upon these regional numbers. This tasked the Land Use Technical Advisory Committee (LUTAC) with developing targets specific to each jurisdiction and UGA for use in each jurisdiction’s 2024 Comprehensive Plan updates. LUTAC members have met and have established draft targets for consideration by KRCC’s PlanPOL committee (shown below).

Population Targets – Draft 4/6/2022			
Urban Growth Area	Draft Target	2021 BLR Capacity	Difference
Kingston	3,400	2,791	609
Poulsbo UGA	1,065	965	100
Bremerton UGA	2,762	2,422	340
Port Orchard UGA	3,552	3,552	0
Silverdale*	9,896	6,679	3,217
Central Kitsap UGA*	5,000	4,956	44
Employment Targets - Draft 4/6/2022			
Urban Growth Area	Draft Target	2021 BLR Capacity	Difference
Kingston	1,400	818	582
Poulsbo UGA	97	97	0
Bremerton UGA	2,434	2,454	-20
Port Orchard UGA	1,500	1,172	328
Silverdale**	11,416	5,026	6,390
Central Kitsap UGA**	1,470	1,452	18

* Population moved from Silverdale to the Central Kitsap UGA to avoid UGA contraction.

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These targets, if adopted in the CPPs, would be the “demand side” of planning for Kitsap’s unincorporated urban growth areas (UGAs) and rural areas during the 2024 Update. The Land Capacity Analysis (LCA) will act as the “supply side” of the equation and Kitsap’s planning will need to ensure the two are primarily consistent.

While the Board may choose to adjust assumptions in the LCA changing the results shown in the 2021 Buildable Land Report, the demand numbers are a good barometer for potential actions regarding UGA sizing and composition in the 2024 Update.