

POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT ELEMENT

The Population and Employment Element provides the goals, objectives and policies which guide the allocation of future growth to different areas of the County.

The growth allocation policies:

Provide for a distribution of population, housing, and employment growth targets primarily to urban areas of the County;

Indicate the amount of growth in different locations the County is expected to plan for over the 20-year planning period;

Follow the requirements established by the GMA, the VISION 2050 regional plan, and the Countywide Planning Policies for distributing growth to different areas of the County; and

Outline a process for reconciling and adjusting the growth targets over time.

Key Population and Employment Policy Amendments for the 2024 Update

- Amendments establish areas of the county where growth is encouraged (and discouraged) over the next 20 years.
- Follow the policy direction in VISION 2050 prioritizing the allocation of growth to areas with or near centers and high-capacity transit that are affiliated with cities for annexation, and in ways that supports jobs/housing balance and infill development in the UGA.
- Policy direction is included to reduce population growth in rural areas, consistent with VISION 2050.

To make a comment on the DEIS:

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Review all proposed Population and Employment Element policies online here:
snohomishcountywa.gov/6304

Review the storymap on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) here:

bit.ly/SnoCoDEIS

