

Metropolitan King County Countywide Planning Policies Benchmark Program

Notes and Data Sources

The indicators reported in this bulletin are based on data available at time of publication. Outyear revisions to any data points are made in future editions of Benchmark Report bulletins as known and appropriate.

Indicator 30: New Housing Units in Urban and Rural Areas and in Urban Centers

Data provided by King County jurisdictions, *2007 Annual Growth Report* and Suburban Cities Association of King County. Existing housing in Urban Centers not reported for 2005 and 2006. At the time of this publication, housing unit counts in Redmond Overlake and South Lake Union were not available.

Indicator 31: Employment in Urban and Rural Areas, in Urban Centers and in Manufacturing/ Industrial Centers

Employment estimates provided by the Puget Sound Regional Council, based on the Washington State Employment Security Department employment series, available at <http://www.psrc.org/index.htm> and <http://www.workforceexplorer.com/>. Covered employment consists of employees who are covered by the Washington Unemployment Insurance Act, excluding self-employed workers, proprietors, CEOs and other non-insured workers. Data may reflect revisions to prior reporting due to adjustments made by PSRC including corrections to geocoded employer locations. Employment estimates prior to 2002 are based on SIC and differ slightly from those totals reported in Indicator 38, which are based on NAICS. SIC data is reported here as Urban Center employment allocations are not available using NAICS classifications.

Indicator 32: New Housing Units Built Through Redevelopment

Data provided by King County jurisdictions, *2007 Annual Growth Report* and Suburban Cities Association of King County. Unincorporated King County statistics include both rural and urban unincorporated areas of King County.

Indicator 33: Ratio of Land Consumption to Population Growth

Land consumption data taken from the *King County Buildable Lands Report (2002 and 2007)*, available at <http://www.metrokc.gov/budget/buildland/bldlnd07.htm>. Urban population growth estimates taken by the *King County Annual Growth Report*, available at <http://www.metrokc.gov/budget/agr/>, based on Washington State Office of Financial Management estimates, available at <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/pop/estimates.asp>. For Figure 33.1, the sum of urban population growth in the periods 1996-2000 and 2001-2005 do not sum to the total growth from 1996 to 2005. To be consistent with the five-year evaluation periods, population growth from 2000 to 2001 is not included in these evaluation periods, but is for the full ten-year period.

Indicator 34: Ratio of Achieved Density to Planned Density of Residential Density

Data provided by the *2007 King County Buildable Lands Report*, available at <http://www.metrokc.gov/budget/buildland/bldlnd07.htm>. Figure 34.1 does not include the small number of short plats recorded in the city of Seattle.

Indicator 35: Ratio of Land Capacity to 2022 Job and Household Targets

Data provided by the *2007 King County Buildable Lands Report*, available at <http://www.metrokc.gov/budget/buildland/bldlnd07.htm>.

Indicator 36: Amount of Land with Six Years of Infrastructure Capacity

No consistent data is available to report on this indicator.

Indicator 37: Acres of Urban Parks and Open Space

Data provided by King County jurisdictions and King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks. This indicator does not track the changes in parks and recreation areas in the Rural Area.

Indicator 38: Ratio of Jobs to Housing in Central Puget Sound and King County Sub-Regions

Data provided by Puget Sound Regional Council, based on Washington State Employment Security Department and Office of Financial Management estimates. 1995 housing estimate allocations by King County subarea provided by King County Office of Financial Management and vary slightly from the countywide estimates due to differences in data source assumptions. Please note that the 1995 and 2000 jobs reported in this indicator are based on NAICS. They differ slightly from those totals reported in Indicator 31, which are based on SIC analysis prior to 2002. These differences are due to changes in the classification systems, whereby a small number of SIC-reported jobs do not convert to NAICS classifications. This indicator is based on NAICS data to allow for comparability across years. Indicator 31 is based on SIC data for reported employment data prior to 2002 as NAICS employment estimates are not available by Urban Center.

Indicator 39: Acres in Forest and Farm Land

Data provided by the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks. For more information about the King County Forestry Program, see <http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/wlr/forestryprogram.aspx>. Forest Protection Districts (FPDs) are lands designated in the King County Comprehensive Plan as lands that are of long-term commercial significance for forestry and public forest assets such as national forest wilderness areas. Rural Forest Focus Areas (RFFAs) are identified geographic areas where special efforts are necessary and feasible to maintain forest cover and the practice of sustainable forestry. A county goal is to maintain RFFAs in parcels of 20 acres or more in order to retain large, contiguous blocks of rural forest.

Indicator 40: Number and Average Size of Farms

Data provided by the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks. For more information about agriculture programs, see <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/topics/agri/agtopic.htm>. Figure 40.1 data taken from the *U.S. Department of Agriculture Census of Agriculture, (1992, 1997 and 2002)*, available at <http://www.agcensus.usda.gov/>. 1997 farm data reported in this bulletin should replace those in previous bulletins, resulting from changes in methodology by the USDA to account for coverage gaps.