

Report Highlights

Highlights of the growth and development trends described in this year's Snohomish County Tomorrow Growth Monitoring Report include the following:

- Snohomish County's population continues to grow, but at a slower pace than the previous two decades.
- Snohomish County's population growth this decade is tracking slightly lower than the County's adopted 2002-2025 countywide population projection.
- Job growth countywide grew an average of 6.5% per year between 2005 and 2007.
- Nearly 20,000 jobs were added countywide between 2006 and 2007, the largest one-year increase in the period from 1980 to the present.
- The County's unemployment rate dropped to an annual average of 4.0% in 2007.
- Employment growth in the County as of 2006 is tracking slightly above the adopted 2002-2025 countywide employment projection.
- Annexations have increased significantly in 2006 and 2007, with Lake Stevens and Marysville together accounting for over half the acres and population annexed in the County since January 2000.
- Total residential units permitted countywide peaked in 2005 at the highest level observed since 1998. Permit volumes dropped in 2006 and again in 2007.
- New recorded lot creation reached an all-time high in 2007, even as issued residential building permits dropped significantly.
- Lots in rural cluster subdivision applications subsided in 2007 (786) to a level less than that shown in 2005 (886) – less than half the record volume reached during 2006 (1805).

