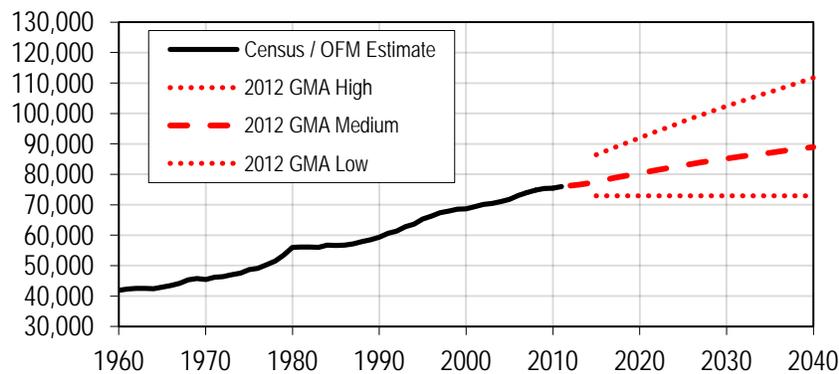


Monday, April 23, 2012

Dear Lewis County Elected Officials and Planning Director,

In accord with RCW43.62.035, OFM has developed the 2012 Growth Management Act (GMA) provisional population projections for county review. Note these county projections reflect Census 2010 information and include consideration of the current recession's effect on migration and fertility behavior, which impacts many counties' projections. The preliminary county projections (low, middle, and high series) are shown in the table below, along with a graph illustrating the projections and the historical population trend.

Year	Population (Low)	Population (Medium)	Population (High)
2010 (Census)		75,455	
2015	72,964	77,621	86,431
2020	72,964	80,385	92,016
2025	72,964	82,924	97,358
2030	72,964	85,165	102,378
2035	72,964	87,092	107,059
2040	72,964	88,967	111,684



In compliance with the Paper Reduction Act (RCW 70.95.725), the complete review packet will not be mailed; instead, the relevant documents -- methodology description, provisional projections, age pyramids, and other GMA projection related demographic data -- will be posted on the OFM website at <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/pop/gma/projections2012.asp>.

Please review this preliminary population projection. If you would like to comment or have any questions, please send them to pop.gma@ofm.wa.gov or contact me by phone 360-902-0592. The comment period for county GMA projections will end on **Friday, May 11, 2012**.

Yours Truly,

Yi Zhao, Washington State Chief Demographer