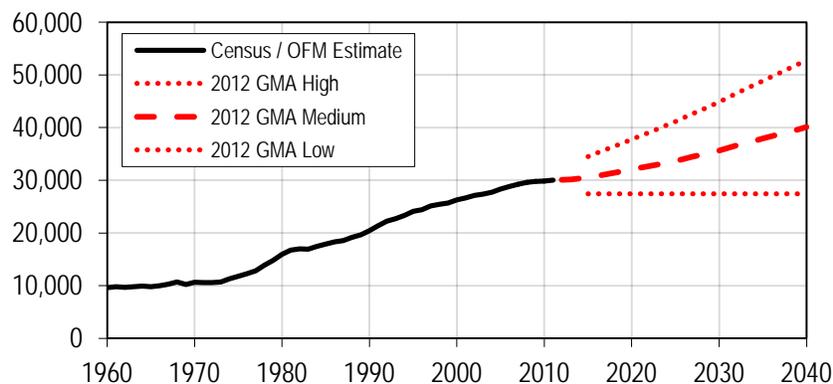


Monday, April 23, 2012

Dear Jefferson 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)		29,872	
2015	27,426	30,469	34,492
2020	27,426	32,017	37,748
2025	27,426	33,678	41,127
2030	27,426	35,657	44,850
2035	27,426	37,914	48,872
2040	27,426	40,093	52,810



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](mailto: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