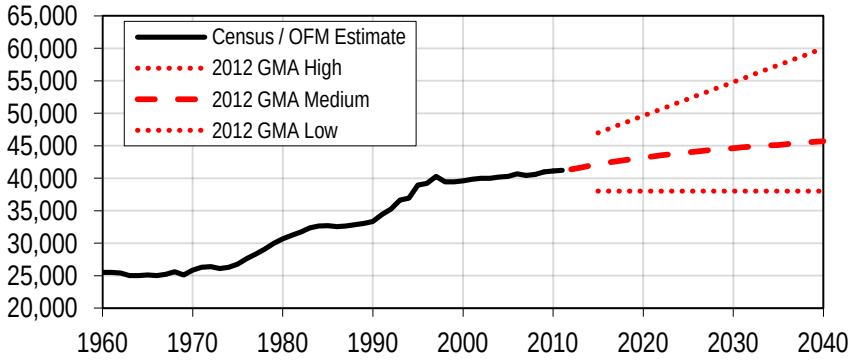
Monday, April 23, 2012

Dear Okanogan 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)		41,120	
2015	38,000	42,230	47,000
2020	38,000	43,163	49,600
2025	38,000	43,978	52,200
2030	38,000	44,619	54,800
2035	38,000	45,127	57,400
2040	38,000	45,707	60,000



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