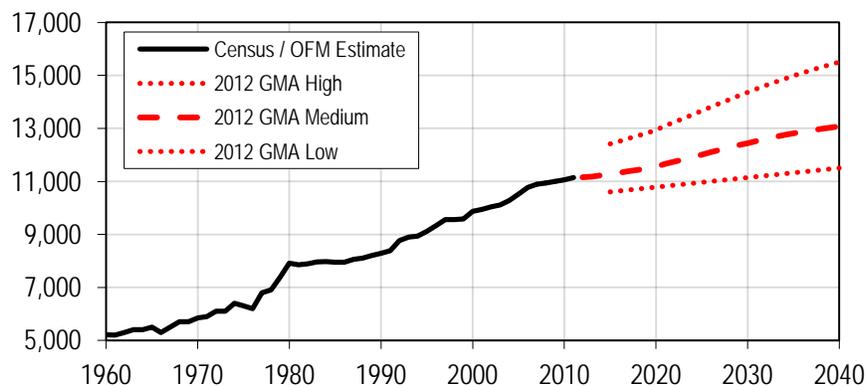


Monday, April 23, 2012

Dear Skamania 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)		11,066	
2015	10,605	11,282	12,415
2020	10,785	11,548	12,932
2025	10,965	12,014	13,665
2030	11,145	12,447	14,363
2035	11,325	12,816	14,991
2040	11,505	13,082	15,509



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