



Background for VISION 2050: Trends Shaping the Region

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Overview



Data trends will inform development of VISION 2050, including progress towards implementing the actions contained in VISION 2040. This document summarizes important recent and expected trends in housing, transportation, demographics, the economy, and the environment. More data will be collected and shared throughout the planning process to respond to issues identified during scoping for VISION 2050.

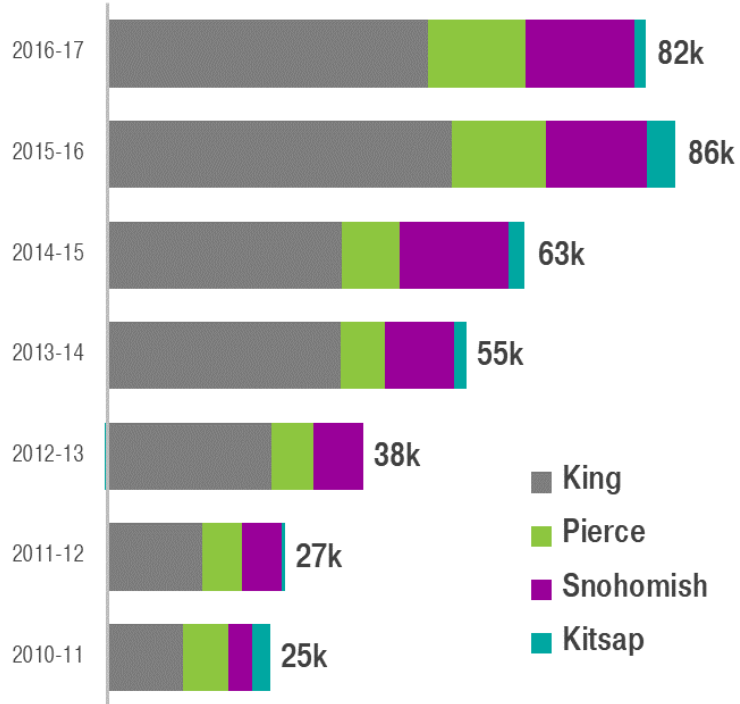
People





Continued population surge

Annual population change in the central Puget Sound,
2010-2017



Regional population of **4.07 million**

350,000 increase over 6 years

Only 2nd time **80,000+ people added** to region in a single year since 1990-1991

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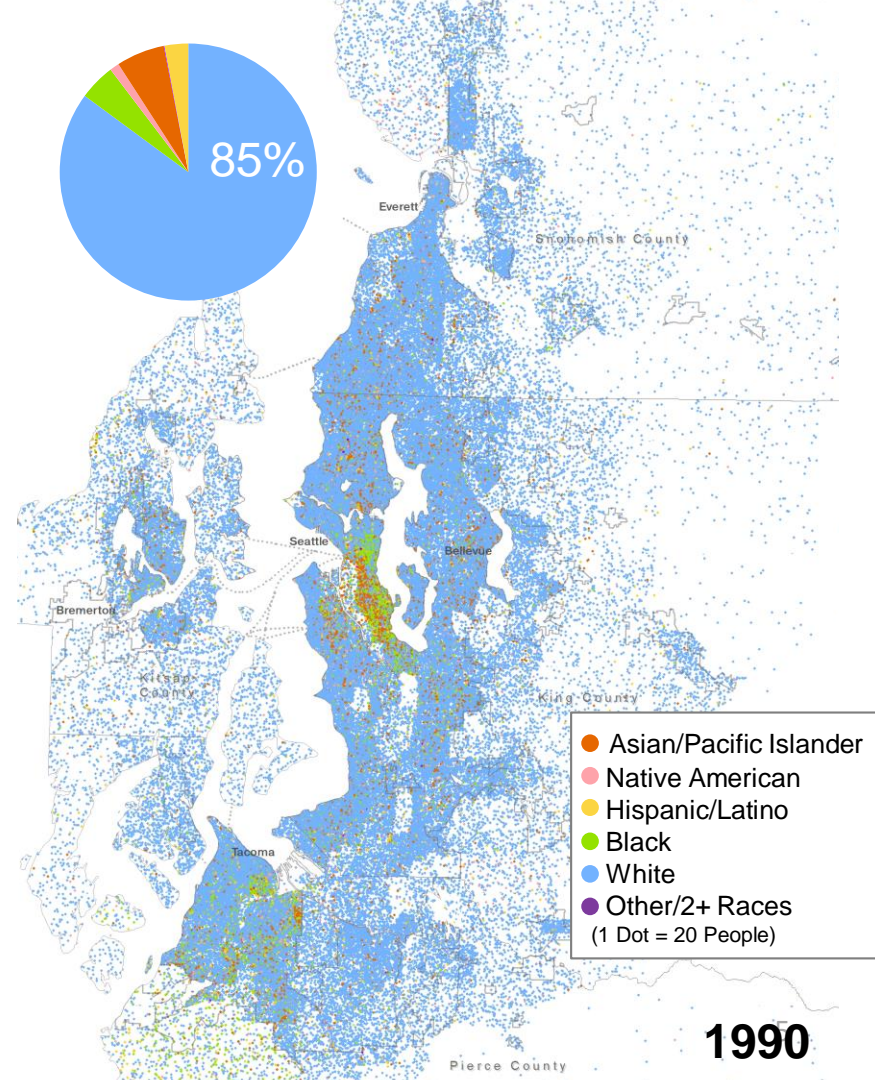
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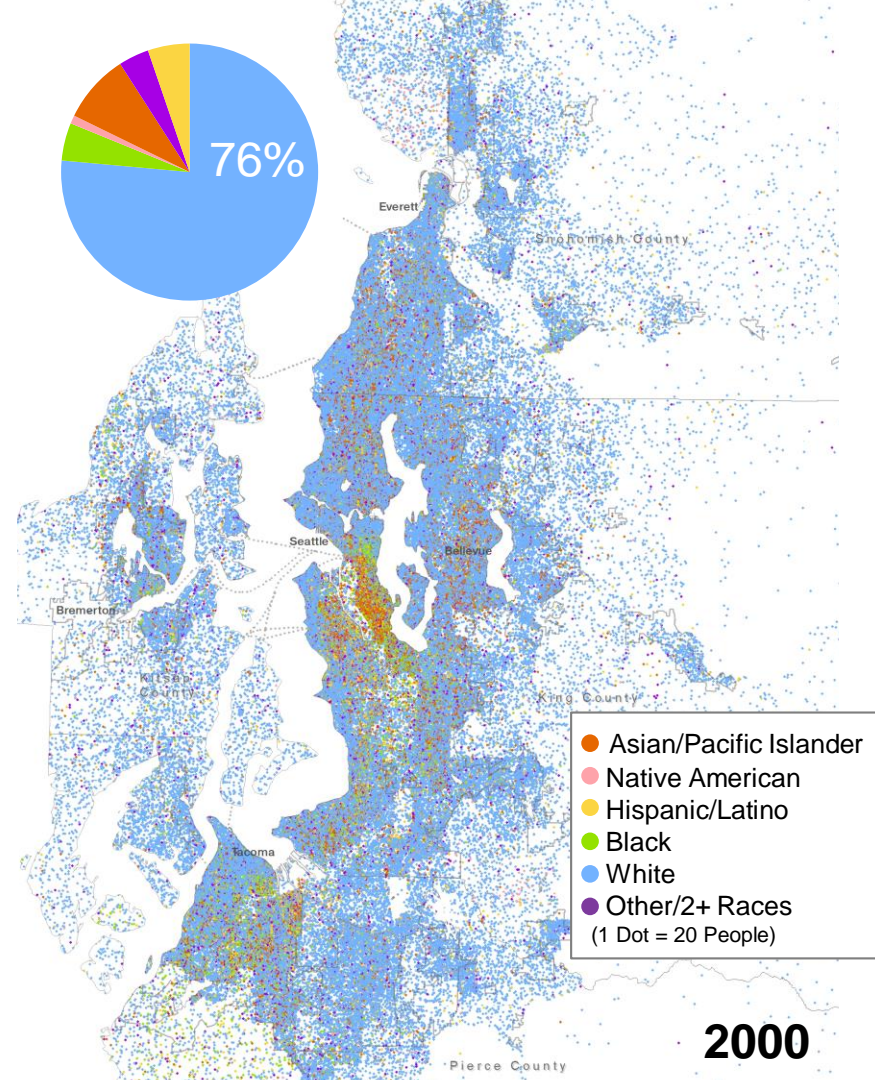
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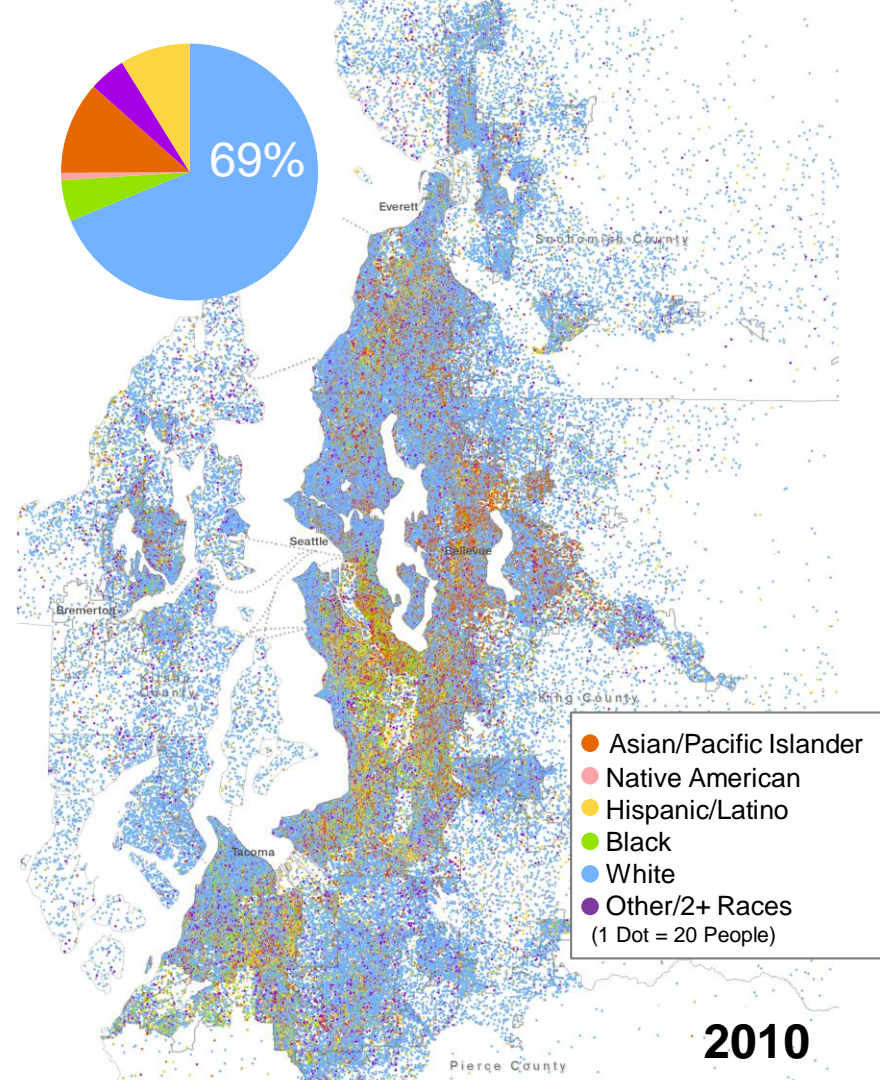
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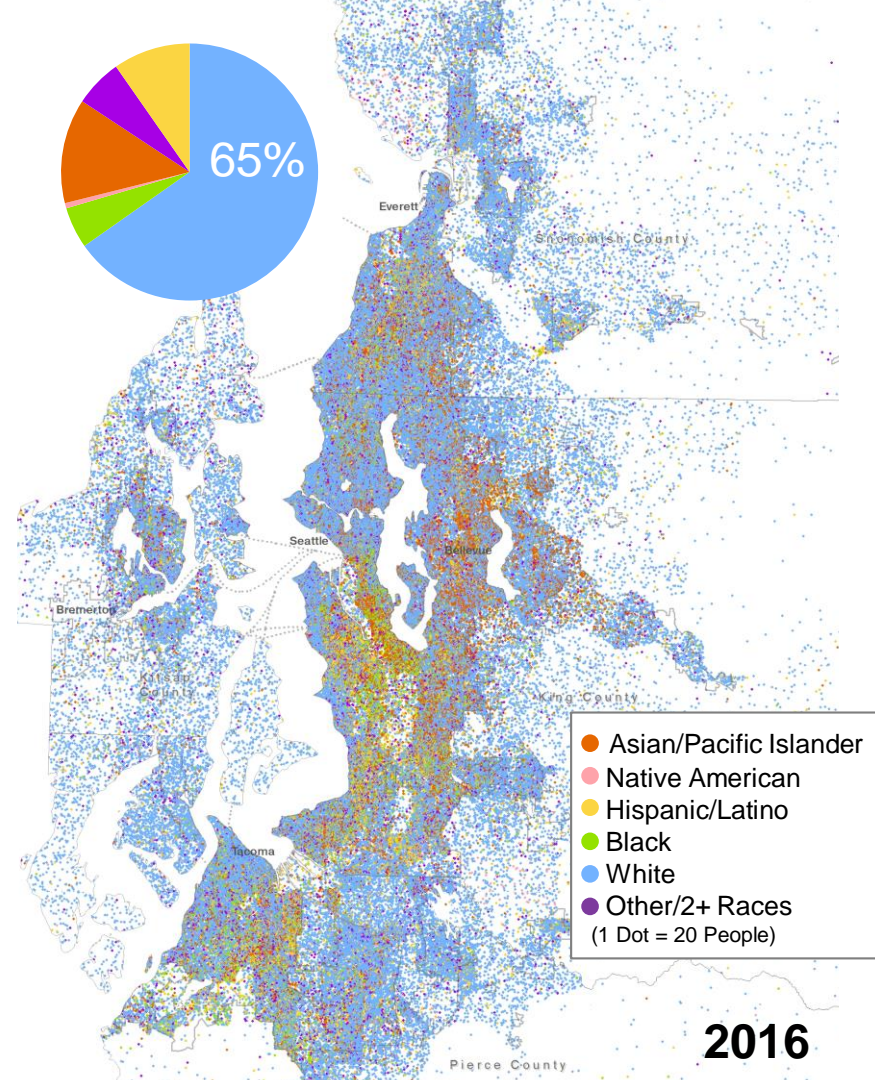
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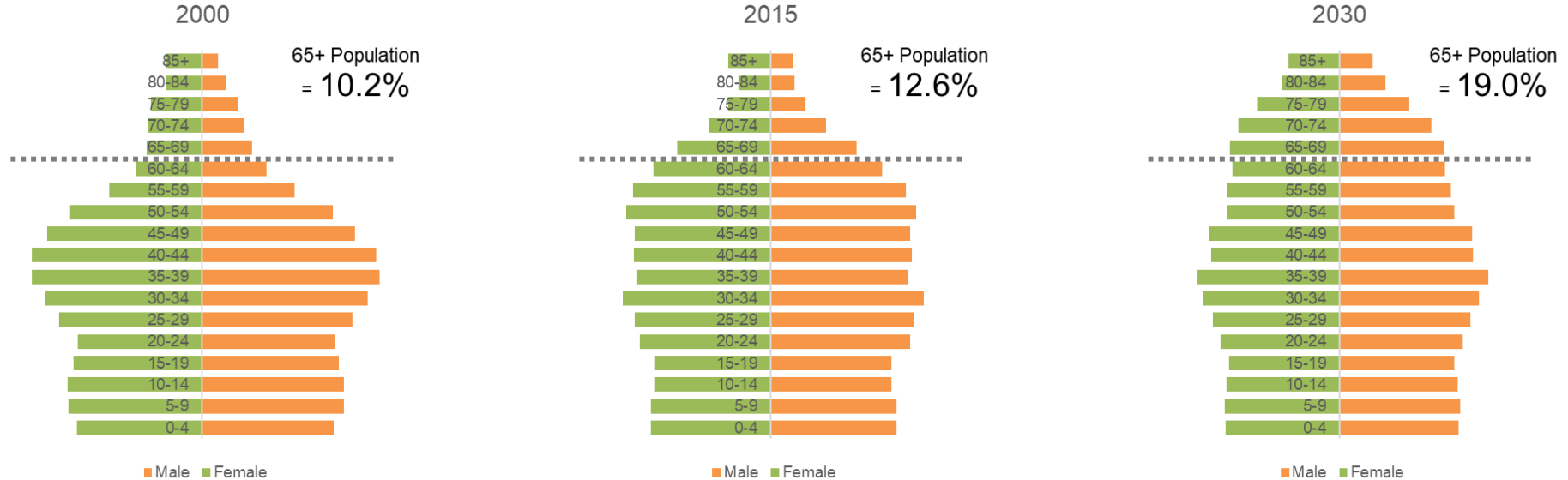
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The region is getting older



By 2030, nearly **1 in 5** of the region's residents will be seniors, nearly double the share in 2000

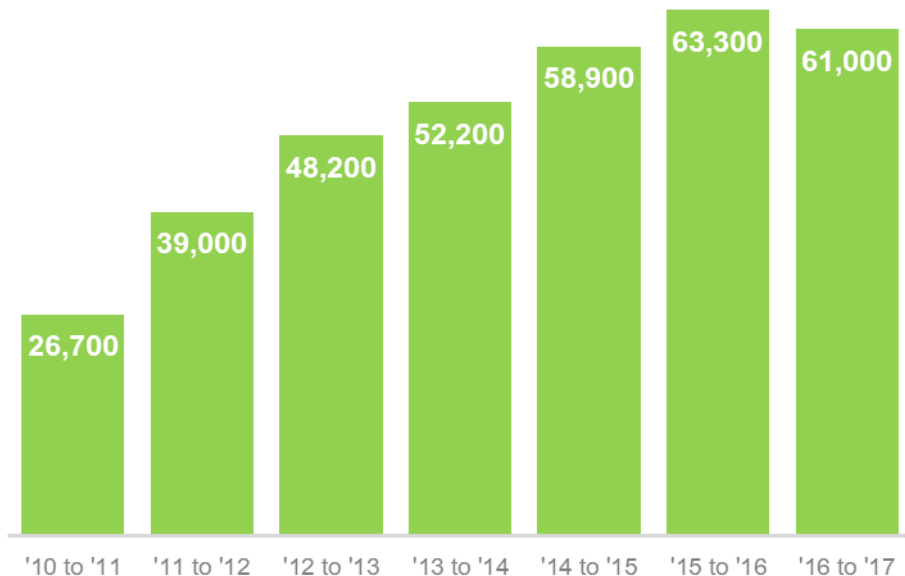


Economy



A robust regional economy

Annual job change, 2010-2017



61,000 wage & salary jobs added to region last year (3.0% increase)

349,000 jobs added to region since 2010 (20% increase)

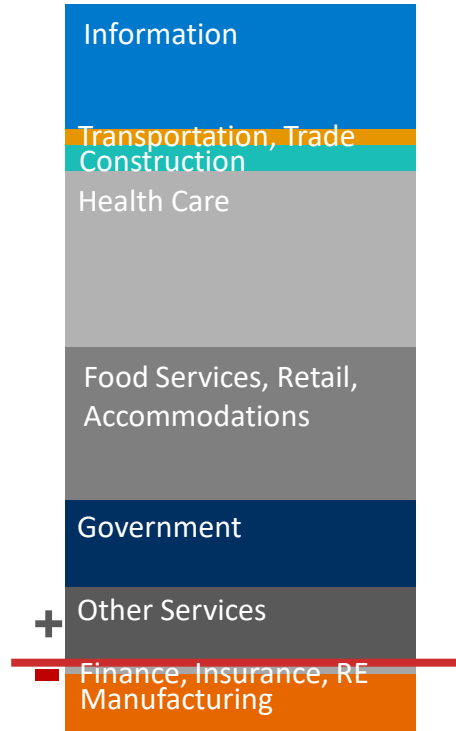
King and Snohomish counties have accounted for **86%** of job growth since 2010

Unemployment has dropped to **4%**

Job growth by sector



Regional change by sector
2000-2016



Kitsap

- Government +6,200
- Manufacturing +700

Snohomish

- Information +5,900
- Construction +4,800
- Transportation +4,400
- Manufacturing +10,000

King

- Information +52,000
- Transportation -5,600
- Manufacturing -34,500

Pierce

- Construction +4,000
- Transportation +8,300
- Manufacturing -5,300

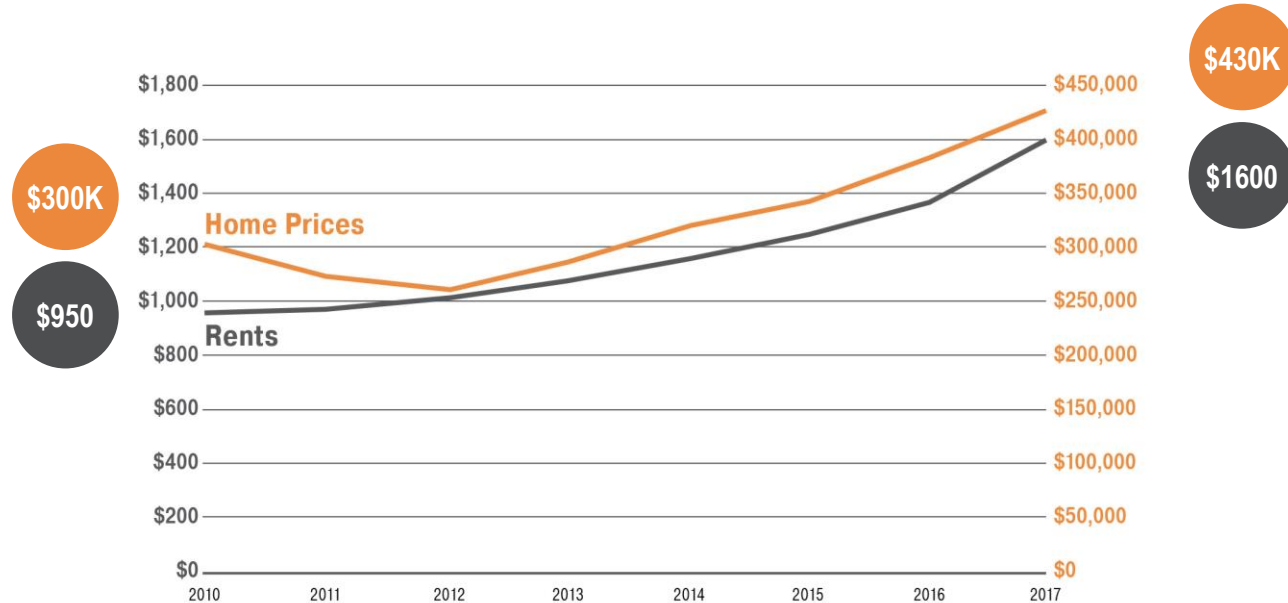
Housing



A crisis in affordability

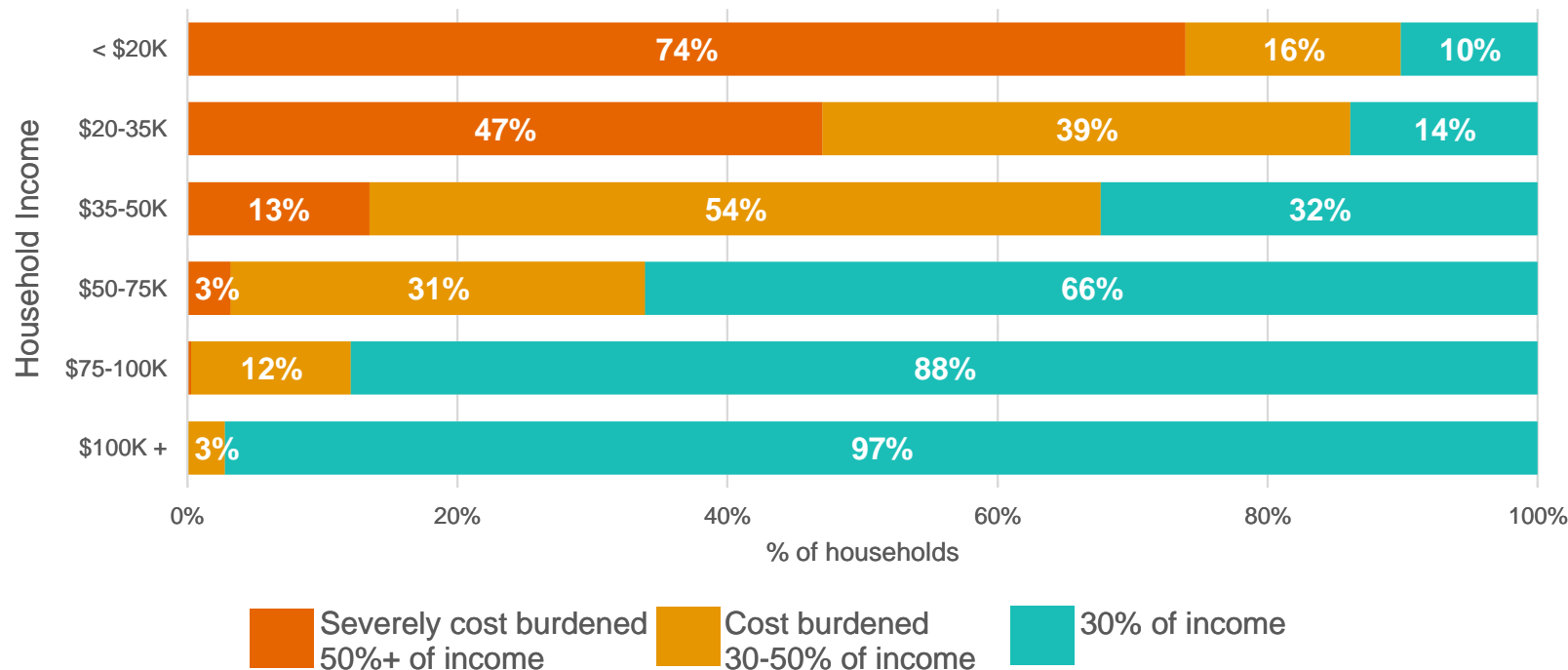


Roughly a **60% increase** in home prices and apartment rents in past 5 years.



Sources: Dupre+Scott, Zillow

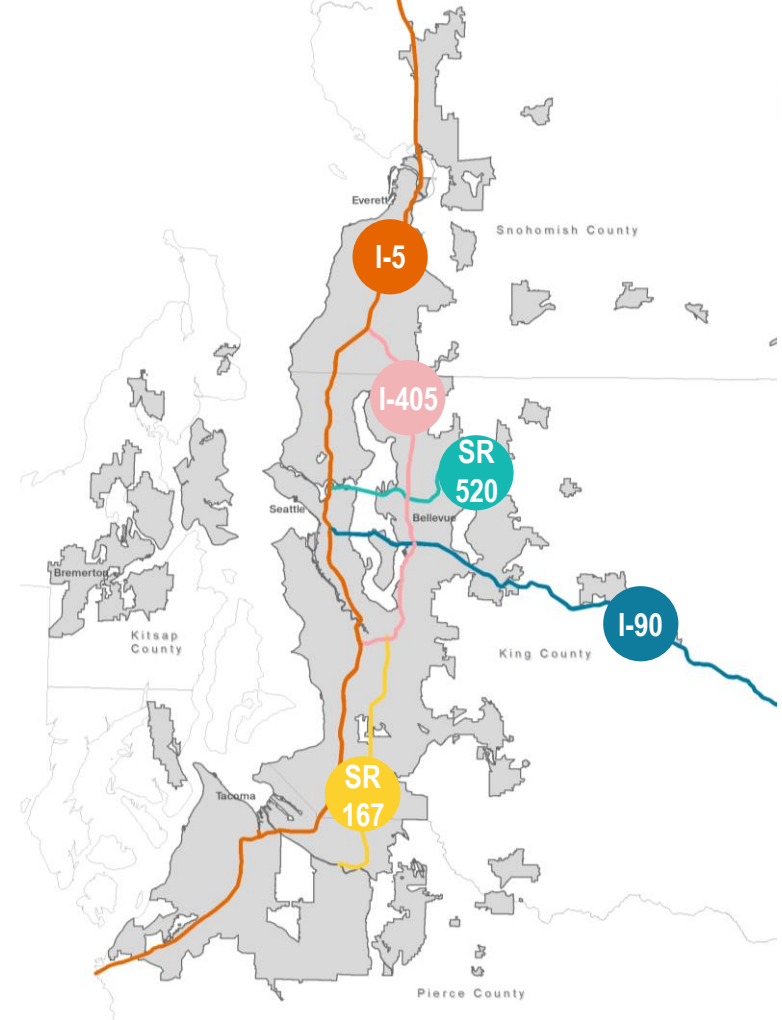
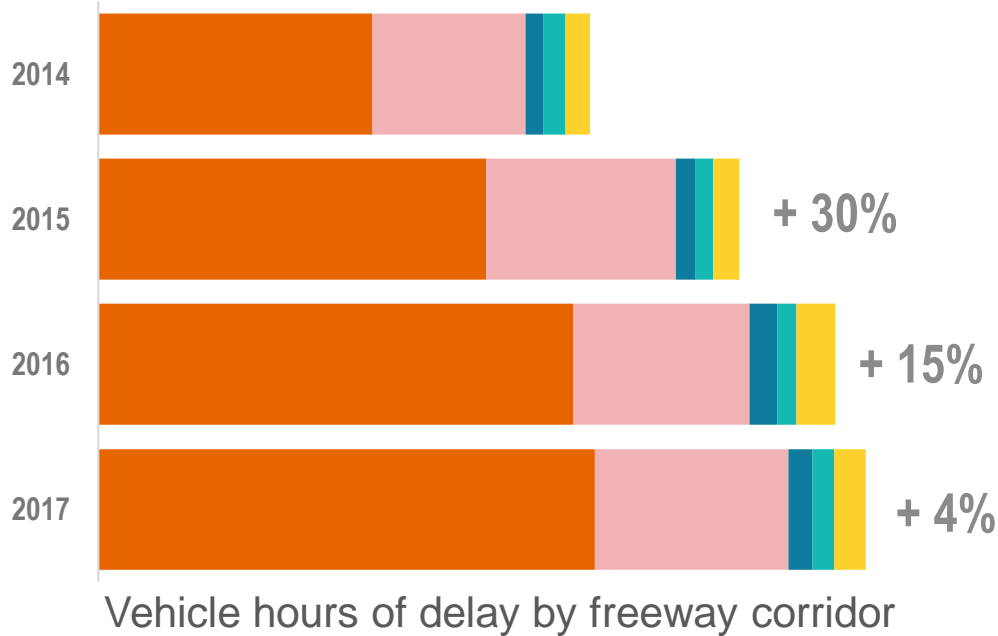
Lower income renter households are hit hardest



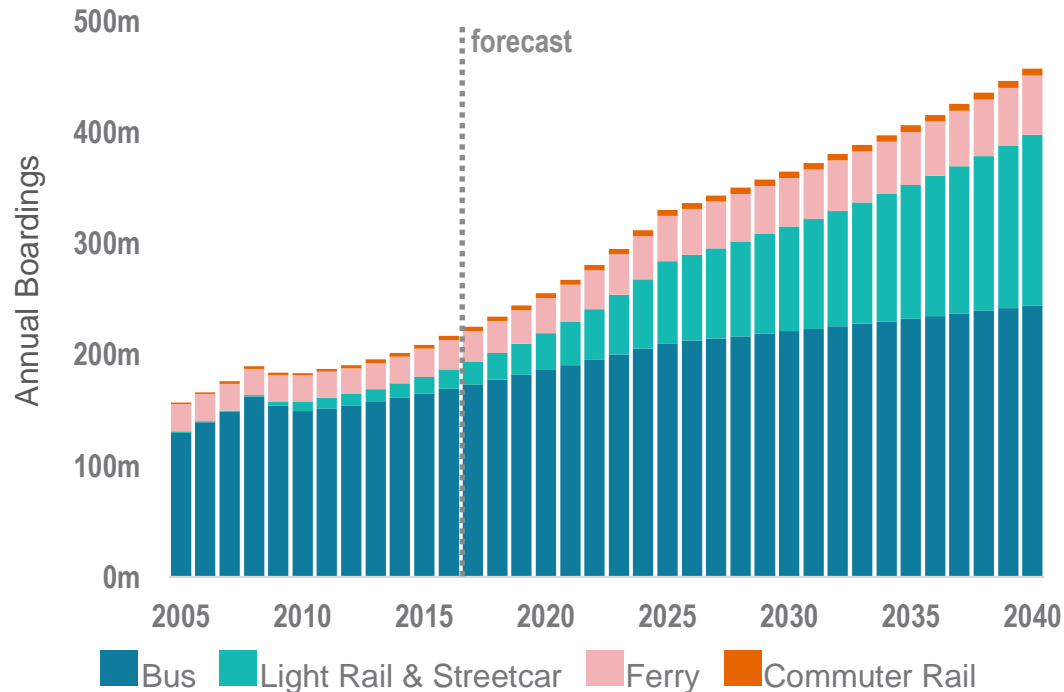
Transportation



Travel times are increasing



So is transit ridership



2017 marked the 7th straight year of increased transit ridership

Light rail boardings **increased 66%** in the first 3 months of 2017 - a result of 3 additional stations

80% of the region's population will be within a 10 minute walk of transit in 2040

Environment



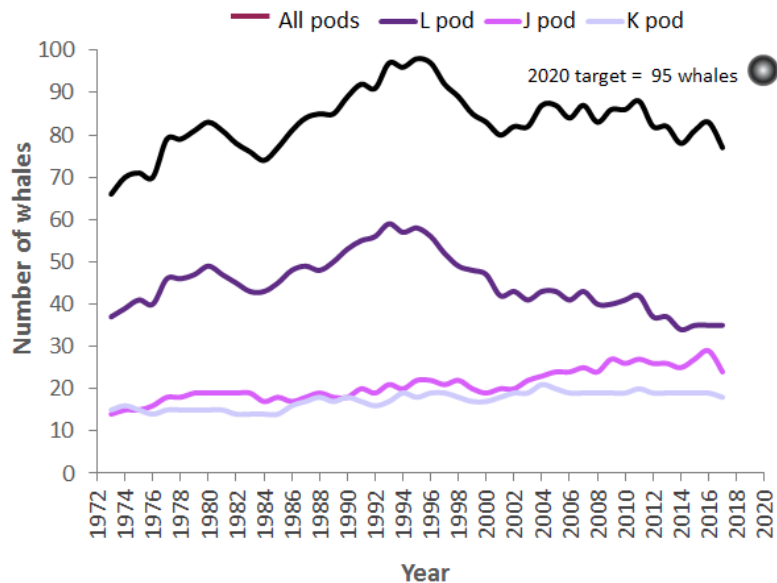
Species are struggling to recover



FIGURE 1. NUMBER OF SOUTHERN RESIDENT KILLER WHALES IN PUGET SOUND

1972-2017

- Peak population of 98 Orcas in 1995
- 76 Orcas as of Sept 2017
- Orca population continues to decline associated with fewer salmon



Source: Center for Whale Research.

Mixed bill of health for Puget Sound



Getting better



Examples:

- Restoration of floodplains
- Acres of harvestable shellfish beds
- Area of estuarine wetlands restored to tidal flooding

Mixed results



Examples:

- Marine bird population abundance
- Employment in natural resource agencies
- Contaminants in Pacific herring


Not improving or getting worse



Examples:

- The number of Southern Resident killer whales
- The condition of swimming beaches
- Chinook salmon population

Of the 29 measurable indicators of the health of Puget Sound, 10 have not improved or are getting worse since tracking began in 2007



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Thank you.

