Background for VISION 2050: Trends Shaping the Region

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

Source: OFM, April 1, 2017 Population of Cities, Towns and Counties
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By 2030, nearly 1 in 5 of the region’s residents will be seniors, nearly double the share in 2000.

Source: OFM 2017 GMA Population Projections for Counties, population by age and sex, five-year age groups
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%

Source: ESD, WA Employment Estimates (seasonally adjusted annual averages), January 2018
Job growth by sector

Regional change by sector 2000-2016

Information
Transportation, Trade, Construction
Health Care
Food Services, Retail, Accommodations
Government
Other Services
Finance, Insurance, RE
Manufacturing

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

Source: PSRC Covered Employment Estimates
Roughly a **60% increase** in home prices and apartment rents in past 5 years.
Lower income renter households are hit hardest

Source: 2016 American Community Survey
Transportation
Travel times are increasing

Vehicle hours of delay by freeway corridor

Source: Freeway Count Detectors, TRAC Flow, – Washington State Department of Transportation
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

Source: National Transit Database (Current) / PSRC Regional Transportation Plan Update (Forecast)
Environment
Species are struggling to recover

- Peak population of 98 Orcas in 1995
- 76 Orcas as of Sept 2017
- Orca population continues to decline associated with fewer salmon
Mixed bill of health for Puget Sound

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

Source: Puget Sound Partnership 2017 State of the Sound