

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF KITTITAS
STATE OF WASHINGTON**

RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 078

**A Resolution to Formally Adopt the Population and Employment Projections
Recommended by the Conference of Governments of Kittitas County**

WHEREAS, Kittitas County opted into the GMA (GMA), RCW 36.70A, voluntarily on December 27, 1990, through Resolution 90-138; and

WHEREAS, Kittitas County is required to update its Comprehensive Plan under the requirements of RCW 36.70A by June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Employment and population projections are a key element in projecting land use demands and establishing policies for such development in the creation and adoption of the Comprehensive Plan update; and

WHEREAS, Kittitas County contracted with Kimley & Horn and Associates, Inc. in 2024 to provide an estimate of population projections and land use capacity analysis for the year 2046; and

WHEREAS, On January 27th, 2025, Kittitas County Community Development Services presented the Office of Financial Management (OFM) 2046 medium population projection for the 2046 planning period to the Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners, to discuss such projections; and

WHEREAS, On February 18th, 2025, Kimley & Horn and Associates, Inc. & Kittitas County Community Development Services presented such projections to the Kittitas County Conference Of Governments (KCCOG), to discuss such projections; and

WHEREAS, On March 11th, 2025, Kittitas County Community Development Services presented the Office of Financial Management (OFM) 2046 medium population projection for the 2046 planning period and land capacity method to be used for Cities within Kittitas County's jurisdiction for discussion at a joint Board of County Commissioners and Planning Commission meeting; and

WHEREAS, On March 19th, 2025, Kittitas County Community Development Services presented the Office of Financial Management (OFM) 2046 medium population projection for the 2046 planning period and employment projections to KCCOG

for their formal review, discussion and recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners.

WHEREAS, On March 19th, 2025, the Office of Financial Management (OFM) 2046 medium population projection for the 2046 planning period and employment projections were approved by KCCOG for recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, On April 15th, 2025, the Office of Financial Management (OFM) 2046 medium population projection for the 2046 planning period and employment projections were presented to the Board of County Commissioners for their formal approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the attached Office of Financial Management (OFM) 2046 medium population projection for the 2046 planning period and employment projections by jurisdiction shall be adopted as the official projections for the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update, as provided in Exhibit 1.

ADOPTED this 15th day of April 2025

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITITITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Laura Osiadacz, Chairman

ABSENT

Cory Wright, Vice-Chairman


Brett Wachsmith, Commissioner





Julie A. Kjorsvik

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Stephanie Hartung,
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney



Population Projection

The Table below presents the OFM 2046 Medium countywide population projection of 60,621. State guidance recommends counties use the OFM Medium projection and adjust as needed using local knowledge and research. The County proposes to adopt the OFM Medium projection for the 2046 planning period. Growth associated with the medium projection is allocated to each community in the last column of the table. These population allocations were determined based off the HAPT spreadsheet results using allocation method C.

Jurisdiction	2020 Census Population Estimate	2046 Population Projection (OFM Medium Projection)	Projected Population Increase 2020-2046
Kittitas County	46,468	60,621	14,153
Unincorporated Kittitas County*	20,567	27,847	7,280
Cle Elum	2,157	3,005	848
Ellensburg	20,797	25,631	4,834
Kittitas	1,438	1,974	536
Roslyn	950	1,395	445
South Cle Elum	559	768	209

*Includes unincorporated UGAs of each City. Housing allocation table further breaks this down.

Housing Target and Allocations

State law requires counties to use the Housing for All Planning Tool (HAPT) to calculate housing needs. The HAPT offers three methodologies for allocating countywide housing needs to the county and each city. Method C, which allocates housing types affordable to households earning 0-50% of AMI to urban growth areas, is proposed by the County. Allocation methods A and B, developed by Commerce prior to Method C, allocate 0-50% growth to rural and resource land areas. Given 0-50% growth would be associated with multi-family housing and housing near public services, it is not appropriate for rural and resource lands. This emphasizes the need to utilize Method C. The allocation between cities, unincorporated UGAs, and unincorporated rural lands is based on existing housing supply share and adjusted through Method C. The screenshot below and the HAPT spreadsheet shows the countywide housing target of 25,601.

