



# JEFFERSON COUNTY

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**To:** Jefferson County 2004 Update Team  
- DCD, Public Works, Central Services, County Administrator

**From:** Long-Range Planning

**CC:** GMA file  
City of Port Townsend Building and Community Development Department

**Date:** June 18, 2004

**Re:** Adoption of internal population estimates for the years 2006 – 2009 for the purposes of capital facilities planning

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### **ANNUAL POPULATION PROJECTIONS 2005 – 2024**

Annual population estimates are necessary tools for planning purposes, particularly with regard to capital facilities planning under the Growth Management Act (GMA). The State Official of Financial Management (OFM) offers periodically updated population projections by county for local jurisdiction GMA planning. Via Resolution 55-03 (*attached*), the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) adopted a set of population numbers for the years 2005 – 2024 based on the OFM Intermediate Population Projection for Jefferson County.

In formulating population estimates, OFM concentrates on five-year increments (e.g., 2005, 2010, 2015, etc.). Although OFM has reported estimated population figures for single years from 2010 through 2024, the Office has not developed and released numbers for the years 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009.

The County's 2004 Update Team discussed alternatives for establishing population estimates for 2006 – 2009 for planning purposes. After consulting with the Forecasting Division of OFM, the Update Team settled on a scenario under which the projected annual population increase increases annually by a constant number, based on the "bookend" OFM projections for the years 2005 and 2010. The "best fit" constant number is an additional five (5) persons per year added to the previous year's population increase, except for between the years 2009 and 2010, where an increase of four (4) persons to the projected population increase between 2008 and 2009 would result in reaching the OFM 2010 projected population of 30,892.

Based on the above, the County adopts the following annual population projections for the years 2006 – 2009.

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>POPULATION</b>
2006	28,815
2007	29,327
2008	29,844
2009	30,366

Refer to the *attached* spreadsheet dated June 1, 2004 for the full population projection for the years 2005 – 2024, including the associated annual population increases.

When OFM produces updated population forecasts and when GMA requires Jefferson County to revisit its adopted population numbers, a new Resolution on population will be put before the BOCC for adoption.

Until that time, these figures are to be used for GMA planning purposes, including capital facilities planning.

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