

LAND USE GROWTH TARGETS

The growth targets used for planning by the City are allocations of regional and subregional growth estimates. The growth targets are not growth quotas (commitments to produce population and jobs) but are estimates of potential future growth for which the City must plan to accommodate. This section describes the sources of SeaTac’s future growth targets, and analyzes the City’s ability to accommodate that growth.

The horizon year for SeaTac’s Comprehensive Plan is 2035, representing 20 years from the Plan’s 2015 amendment. Both the employment and household growth targets are consistent with the regional growth forecast used in the Puget Sound Regional Council’s (PSRC) Vision 2040 and Transportation 2040 plans; and are consistent with the King County Growth Management Planning Council’s (GMPC) adopted growth targets for 2031. (SeaTac’s 2031 Targets were extended to 2035 by the straight line method-used by many King County Cities, annualizing the 2006 to 2031 growth target, and adding 4 years of that growth to the 2031 target.)

Employment: Existing and Target

The City of SeaTac employment target was developed from data prepared by the PSRC at the subregional level, and allocated to cities through a collaborative process of City and County staff working as the GMPC’s Buildable Lands and Targets subcommittee. SeaTac’s employment growth target is 29,348 additional jobs in the City by 2035, more than doubling the 2012 (covered) jobs estimate of 27,010.

Households: Existing and Target

The City of SeaTac household target was developed from the Washington Office of Financial Management’s growth projection for King County as a whole, and allocated to cities through a collaborative process of City and County staff working as the GMPC’s Buildable Lands and Targets subcommittee. SeaTac’s household growth target is 6,153 additional households, which, when added to the 2012 household baseline of 9,680 would bring SeaTac’s total households to an estimated 15,833 by 2035.

Table BR2.3 below shows the employment and household growth targets for the year 2035 in the context of the 2012 employment and household estimates.

	2012*	2035+	GROWTH TARGET+
Employment	27,010	56,358	29,348
Households	9,680	15,833	6,153

* Sources: *Employment Baseline: PSRC figures derived from analysis of geocoded Washington Employment Security Department (ESD) 2012 data. Washington ESD only reports “covered” employment. Covered employment refers to the employees covered under the State’s unemployment insurance program, and excludes self-employed*