



DRAFT Questionnaire Summary – Appendix 1

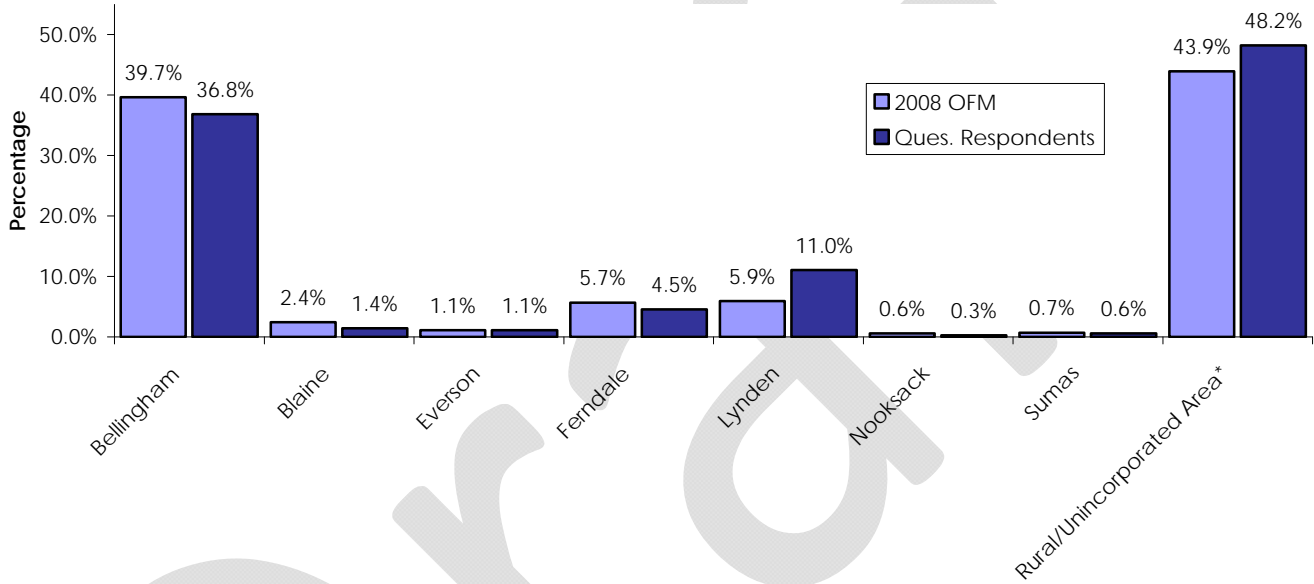
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Demographics

Which area do you live in or are you closest to
(please check one)?

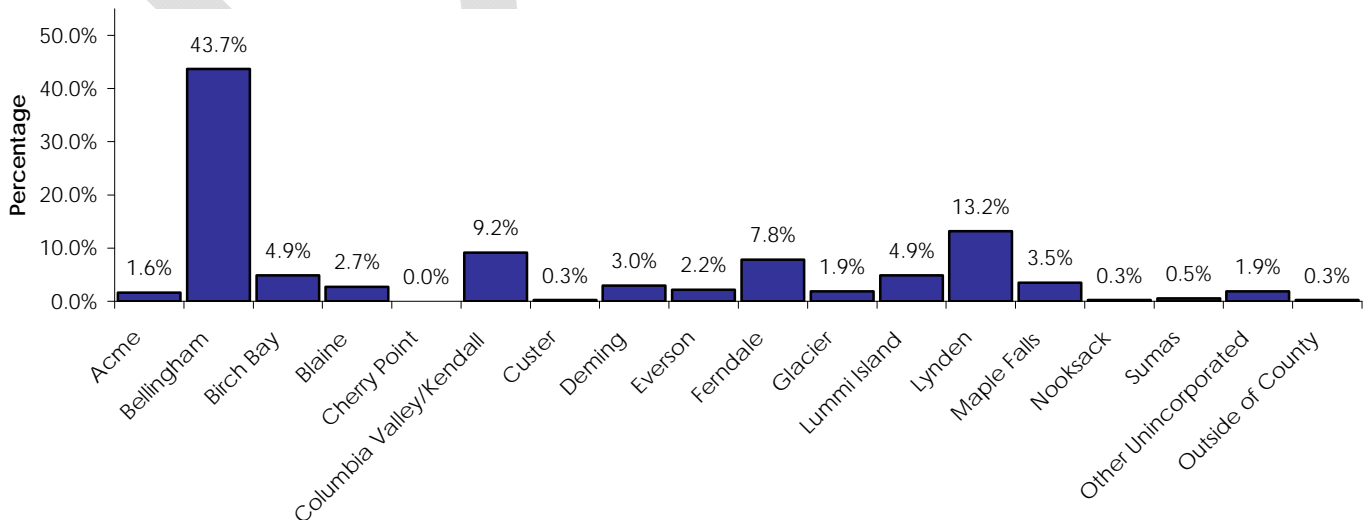
Percentage of Responses by Area

Responses vs. 2008 OFM estimates



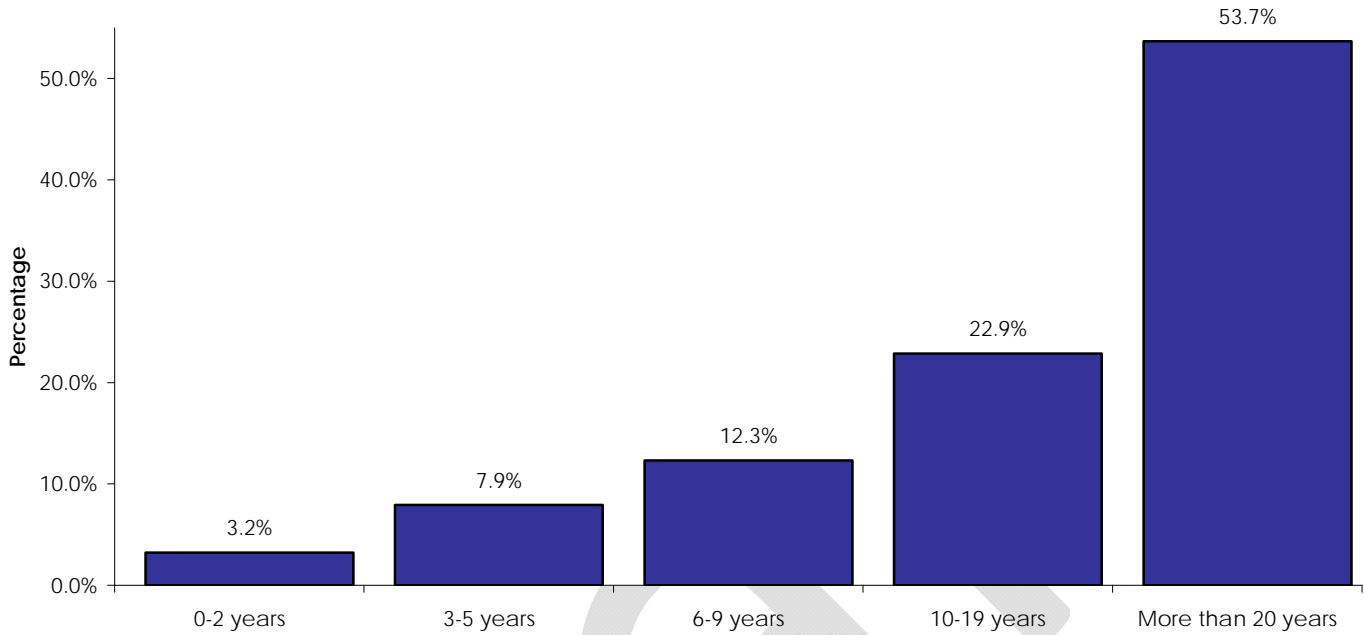
Percentage of Responses by Area

both "live in" and "live near" responses including expanded and categorized "other" and "rural" responses



**How long have you lived in Whatcom County
(please check one)?**

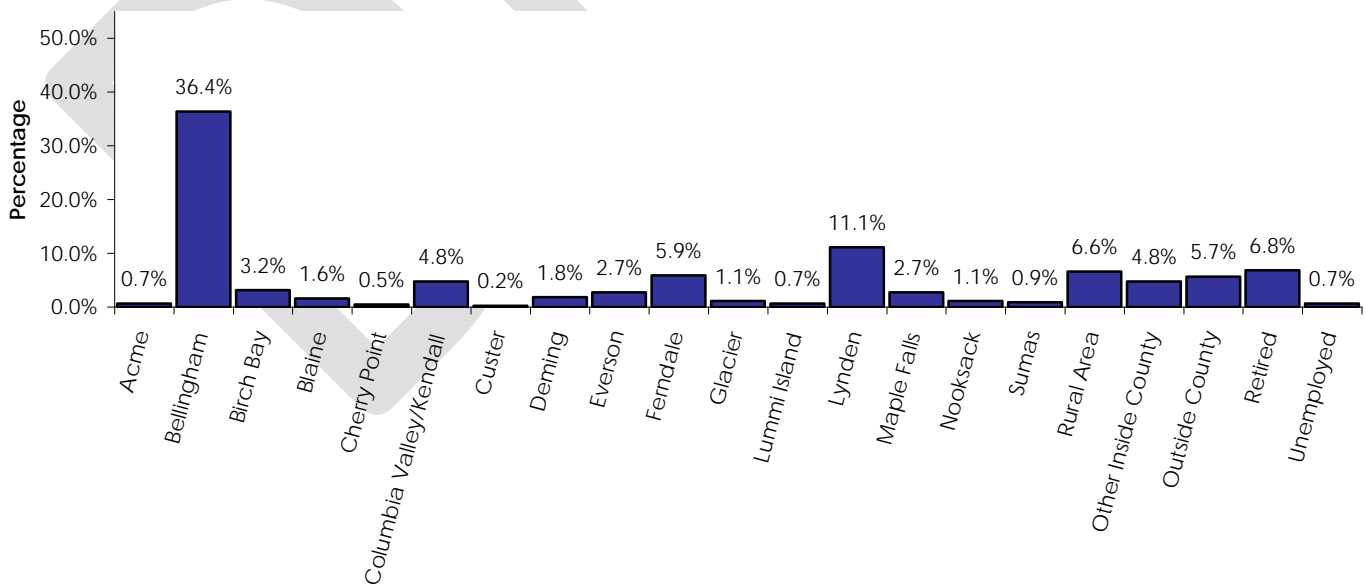
Percentage of Responses by Years in Whatcom County



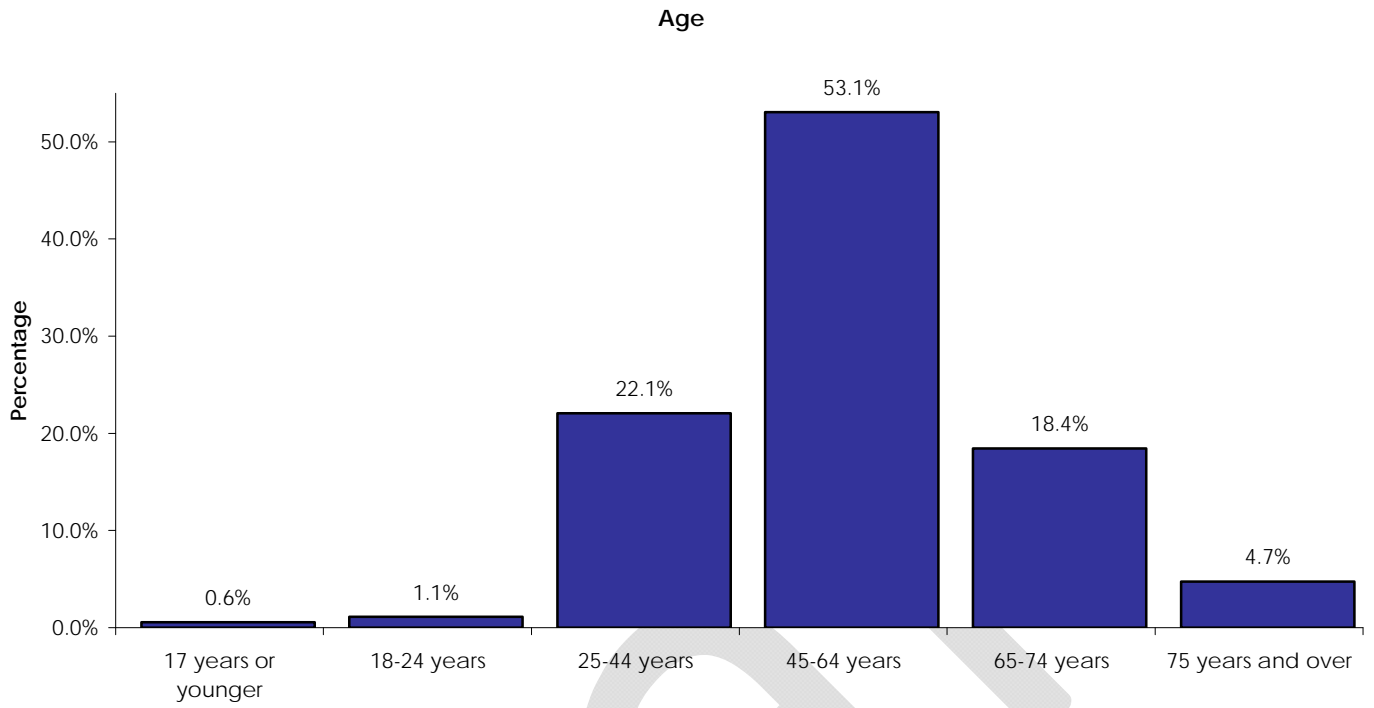
**Which area do you work in or are you closest to
(please check one)?**

Locations of Work by Percentage

"work in", "work near", and "other" responses



How old are you (please check one)?



Community Values

What do you value most about Whatcom County? Please check the five most important features to you.

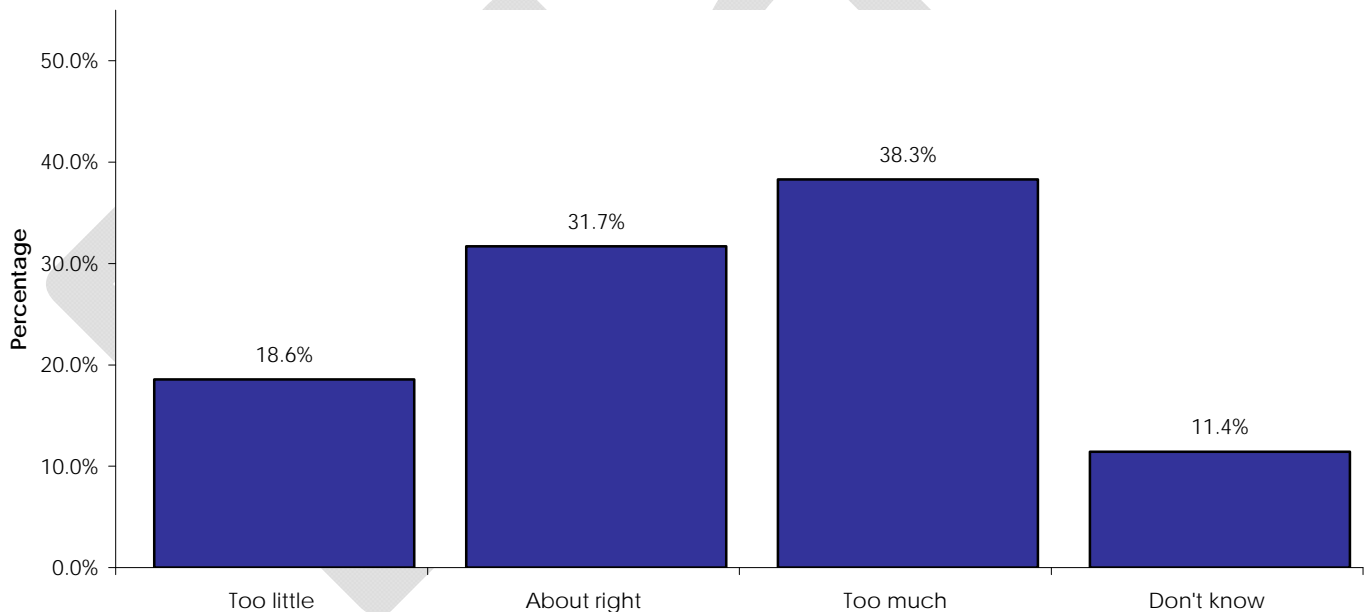
1. Natural environment features
2. Parks, trails, open spaces, and recreational opportunities
3. Clean water and air
4. Community character
5. Rural character
6. Forest lands
7. Agricultural activities
8. Educational opportunities
9. Availability of jobs
10. A variety of housing choices and prices
11. Transportation system
12. Healthcare services
13. Cultural activities
14. Commercial/shopping opportunities
15. Public safety services
16. Other*

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Population Growth

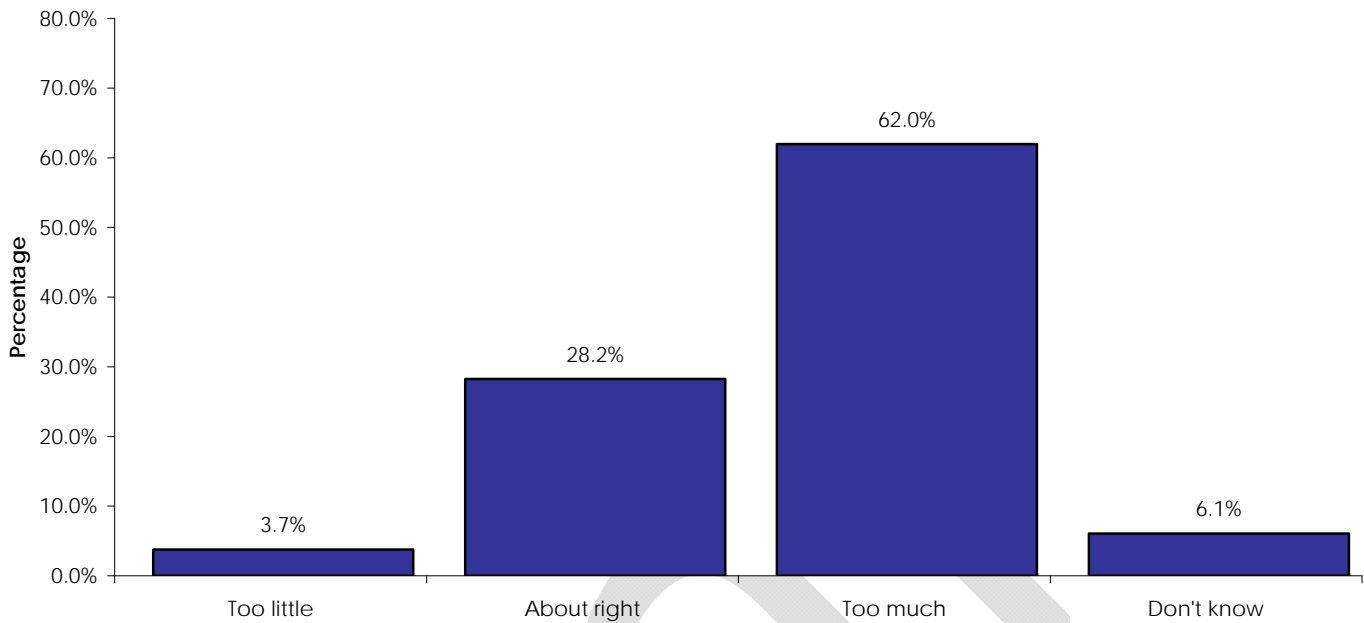
County and city representatives have preliminarily identified a Whatcom County forecast of 251,490 for the year 2031. This would be 60,490 more people than today, representing a growth rate of 1.2% per year. Do you think this level of growth is (please check one):

Perception of County-wide Projected Growth



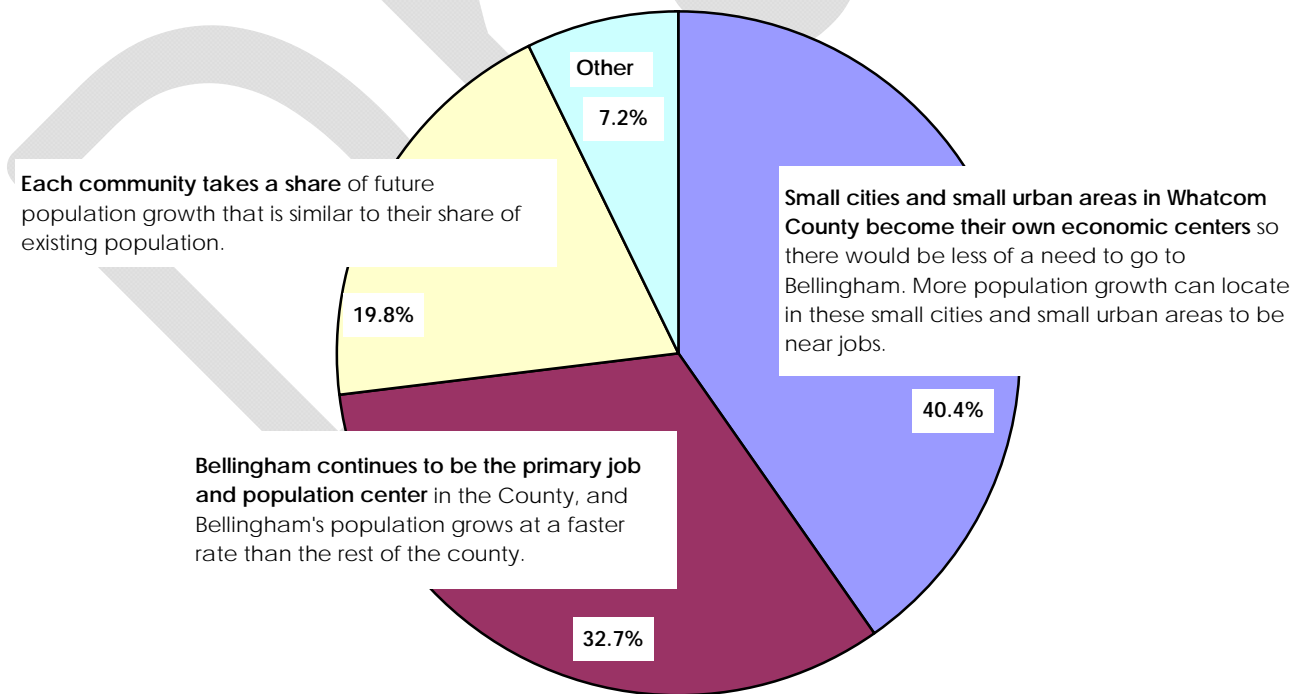
In rural areas would you say that population growth in the last 10 years has been (please check one):

Perception of Rural Growth Rate in Last 10 Years



Which urban growth scenario do you prefer (please check one)?

Preference for Future Growth Pattern



Where are the best places for population growth (please check all that apply)?

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|---------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Bellingham | 7. Sumas |
| 2. Ferndale | 8. Nooksack |
| 3. Blaine | 9. Columbia Valley/Kendall |
| 4. Lynden | 10. Other* |
| 5. Birch Bay | 11. Rural Areas |
| 6. Everson | |

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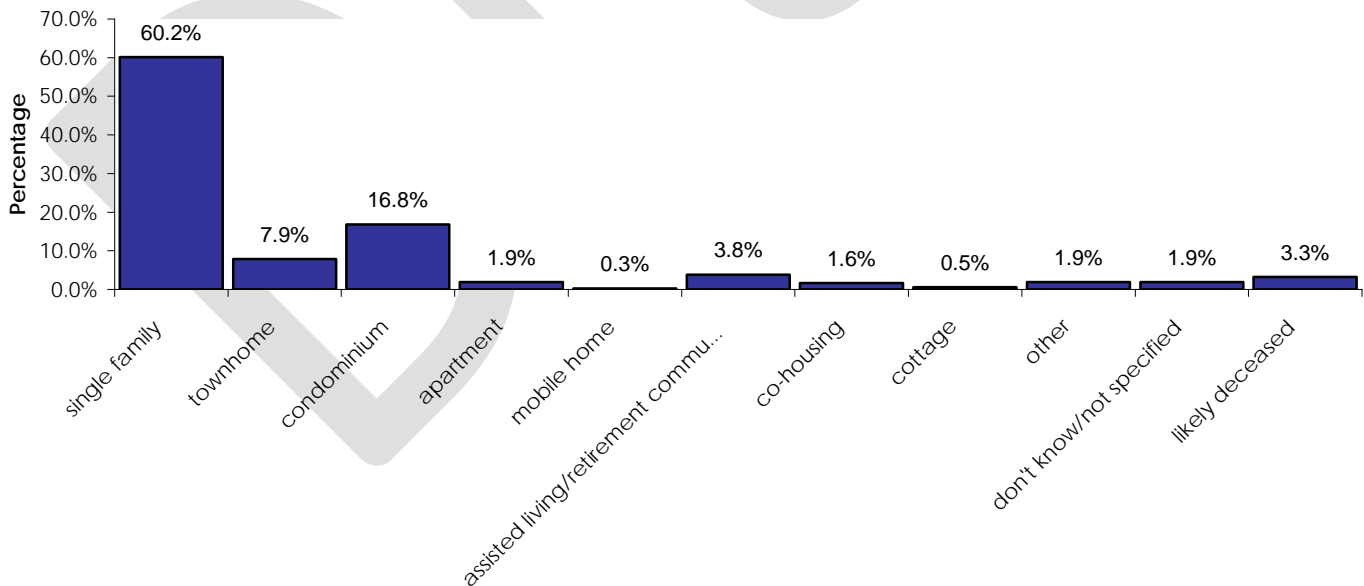
Where are the worst places for population growth (please check all that apply)?

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In 20 years, in what type of housing do you see yourself living (please check one)?

Housing Preference in the Future



Economy

The Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan Update will need to be consistent with GMA goals to promote economic opportunity for all citizens. Most employment growth is likely to occur in cities and urban areas where services are available, but some employment growth is also expected in rural areas consistent with rural character and setting.

What type of job growth is needed in Whatcom County? (please check three that are most important to you)

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|---|------------------------|
| 1. High Technology/Research and Development | 7. Heavy Manufacturing |
| 2. Light Manufacturing | 8. Office |
| 3. Farming | 9. Forestry |
| 4. Cottage/Home-Based Business | 10. Other * |
| 5. Tourism | 11. Mining |
| 6. Retail/Commercial | |

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Natural Environment

Whatcom County offers a beautiful and ecologically diverse natural environment that is to be protected in both urban and rural areas of the county.

What aspects of our County's natural environment are you most concerned about? Please pick the five most important features to you.

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Rivers, streams, lakes | 8. Rural landscapes |
| 2. Water quality | 9. Fish habitat |
| 3. Air quality | 10. Scenic vistas |
| 4. Wildlife habitat | 11. Wetlands |
| 5. Marine waters and bays | 12. Flood hazard areas |
| 6. Ground water/ aquifers | 13. Other * |
| 7. Forest lands | 14. Landslide hazard areas |

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Transportation

Please prioritize the following elements of the transportation system based on what you think needs the most improvement within your community and between communities.

	High Priority	High-Medium Priority	Medium Priority	Medium-Low Priority	Low Priority
Within Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bicycle paths or routes • Pedestrian paths, trails, or sidewalks • Public transit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roadway maintenance 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freight movement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roadway connections (new) • Increased roadway capacity • Commuter trains
Between Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public transit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roadway maintenance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freight movement • Commuter trains • Bicycle paths or routes 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedestrian paths, trails, or sidewalks • Roadway connections (new) • Increased roadway capacity

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