

# **FRANKLIN COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE 2026 - 2046 PROJECT INTRODUCTION**



April 2, 2025

Board of County Commissioners



# PRESENTATION AGENDA

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- Explain the intent of the Comprehensive Plan update
  - Give an overview of the purpose of the Comprehensive Plan
  - Review recent legislative changes
  - Discuss opportunities for public input
  - Set out the next steps in the update process
  - Answer questions
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# INTENT OF THE UPDATE

- Periodic update of the Comprehensive Plan is required by the State Growth Management Act (GMA)
  - Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2008
- Identify the Urban Growth Areas
- Conform to legal requirements
- Update population forecasts
- Study and address emerging issues



# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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- Establishes blueprint for the County's development and future – 20 year horizon (2026 - 2046)
- Guides the physical development of the community
- Basis of decisions on land use (zoning and subdivision), transportation, housing, capital facilities, economic development, and the natural environment

# WHO DECIDES WHAT THE PLAN SAYS?

## Coordination

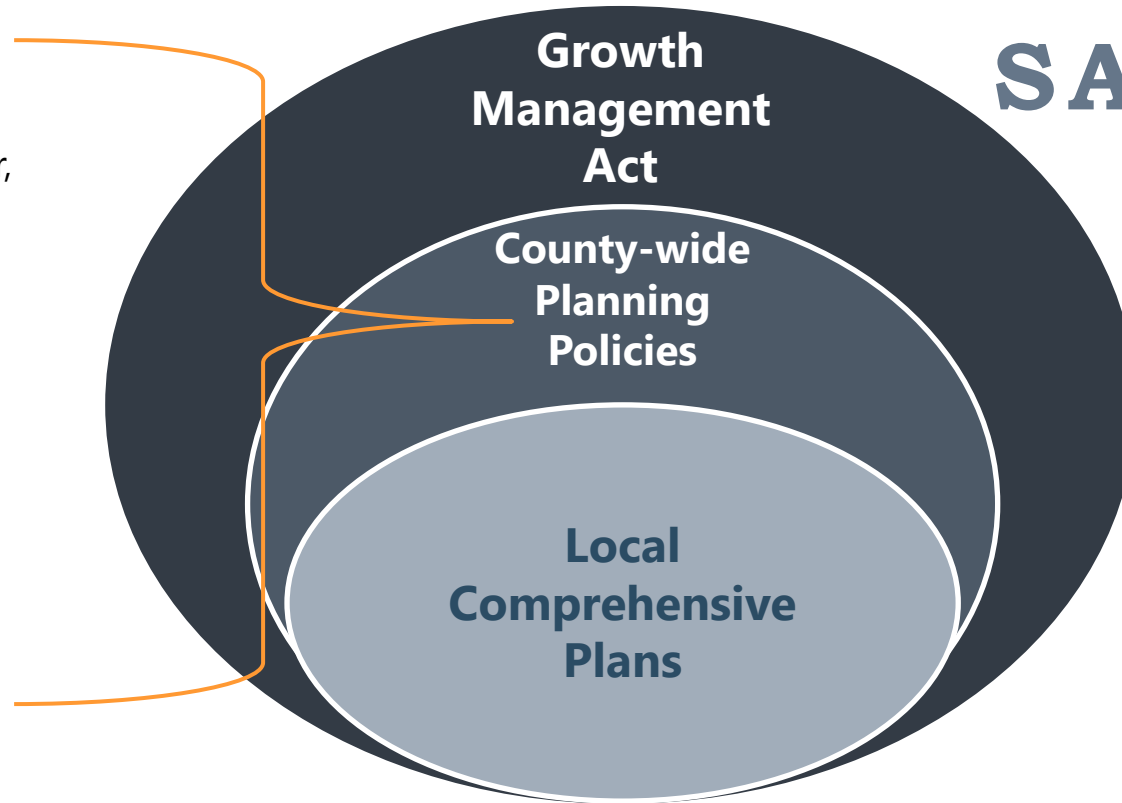
Street locations, sewer, water, drainage

## Consistency

Policies for siting major infrastructure, planning, and economic development

## Alignment

Urban Growth Boundaries, Population forecasts, and allocation



# ELEMENTS

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**Land Use**



**Natural**



**Transportation  
& Circulation**



**Utilities**



**Historic /  
Cultural**



**Community  
Facilities**



**Economic  
Development**



**Rural &  
Resource Lands**



**Housing**



**Capital  
Facilities**

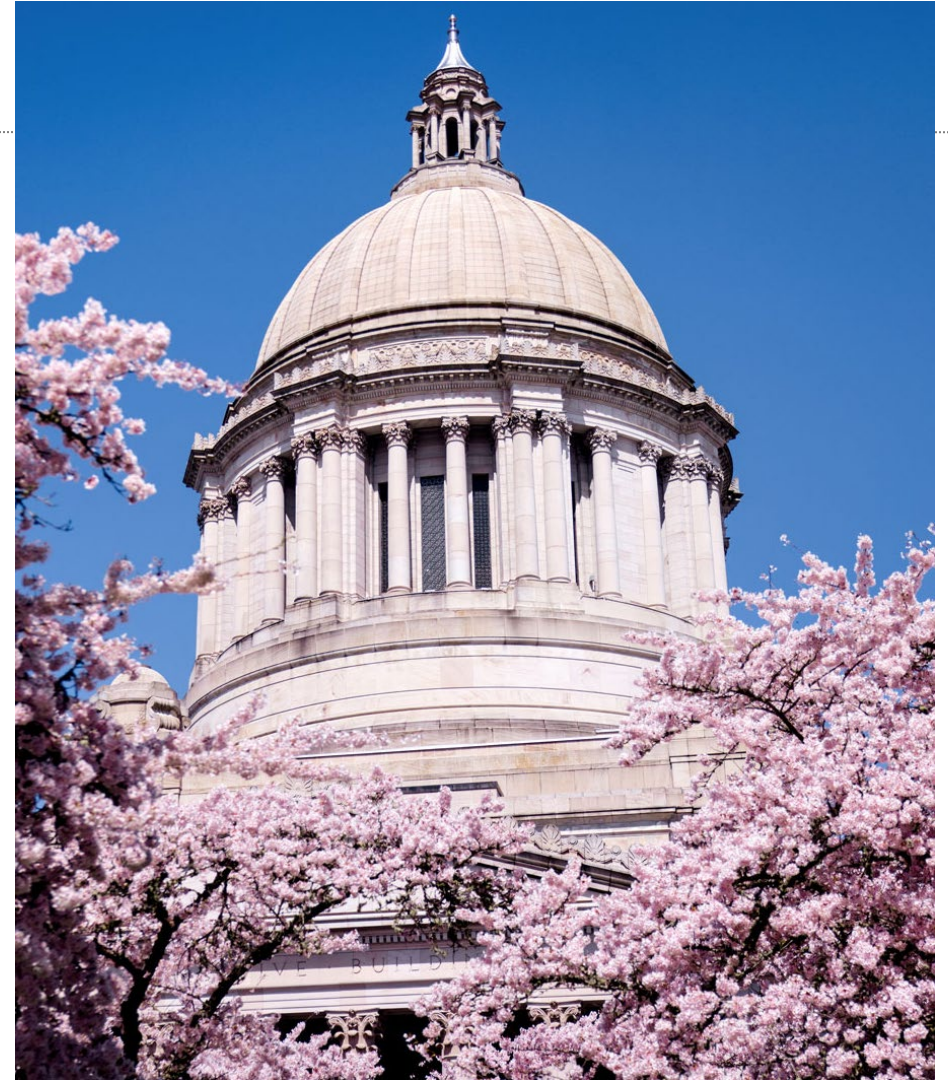
# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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- Sets level of service standards for County facilities and how to pay for them
- Intended to balance public interests and bridge the gap from where we are .... to where we want to go

# WHAT IS NEW?

- Climate Change Element
- Wildland Urban Interface
- Transportation: Multi-Modal Levels of Service
- Tribal Participation in Planning modifications to GMA



# WHAT IS NEW? (CONT.)

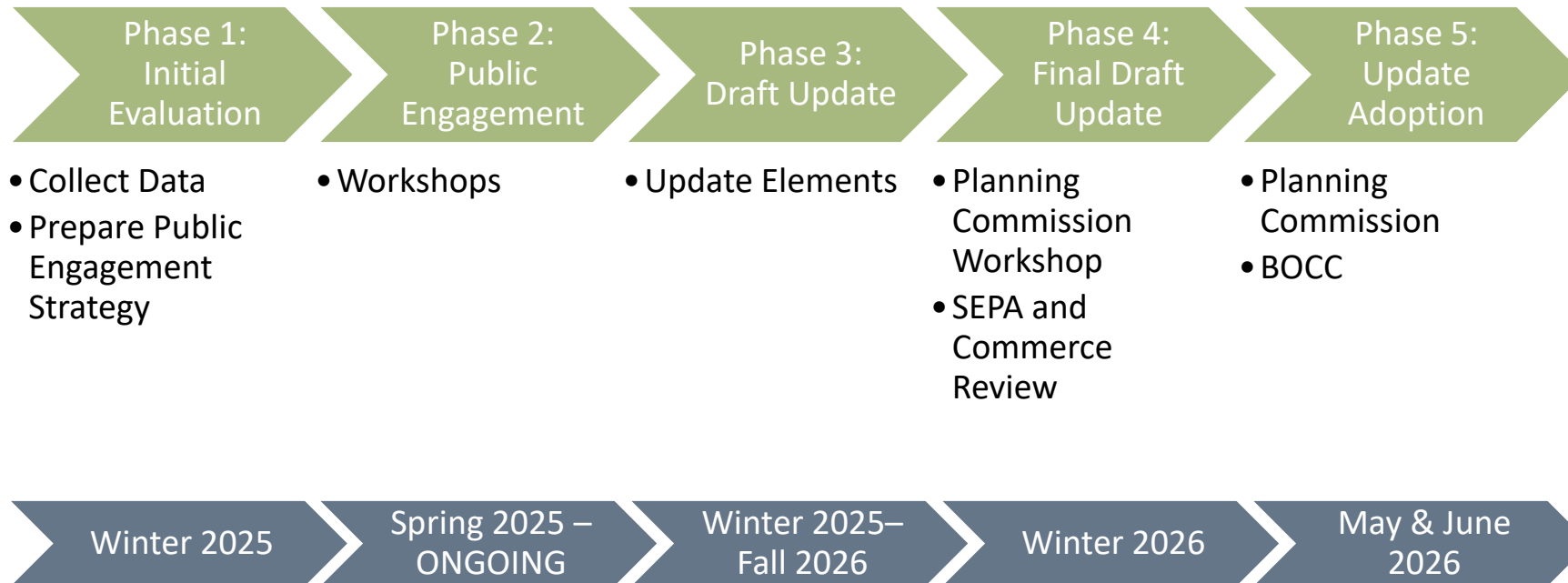
- Increase Housing Supply  
*(includes de-regulation requirements)*
- Detailed allocations for Housing Needs *(and supply analysis) according to Income Bands + Emergency Housing Needs*
- Equity Measures
- Consider Racially Disparate Impacts

RCW 36.70A.030 defines income levels relative to HUD Median Family Income, also known as Area Median Income (AMI).

Income level definitions are:

- Extremely Low-Income: 0-30% of AMI
- Very Low-Income: >30-50% of AMI
- Low-Income: >50-80% of AMI
- Moderate Income: >80-120% of AMI

# UPDATE TIMELINE (EST.)



# PUBLIC INPUT

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Guided by the County's Public Participation Plan:

- Update website and e-mail list
- Direct mailings and public notices
- Workshops
- Comment forms
- Contacting County staff and consultants
- Planning Commission and BOCC

# VISION STATEMENT

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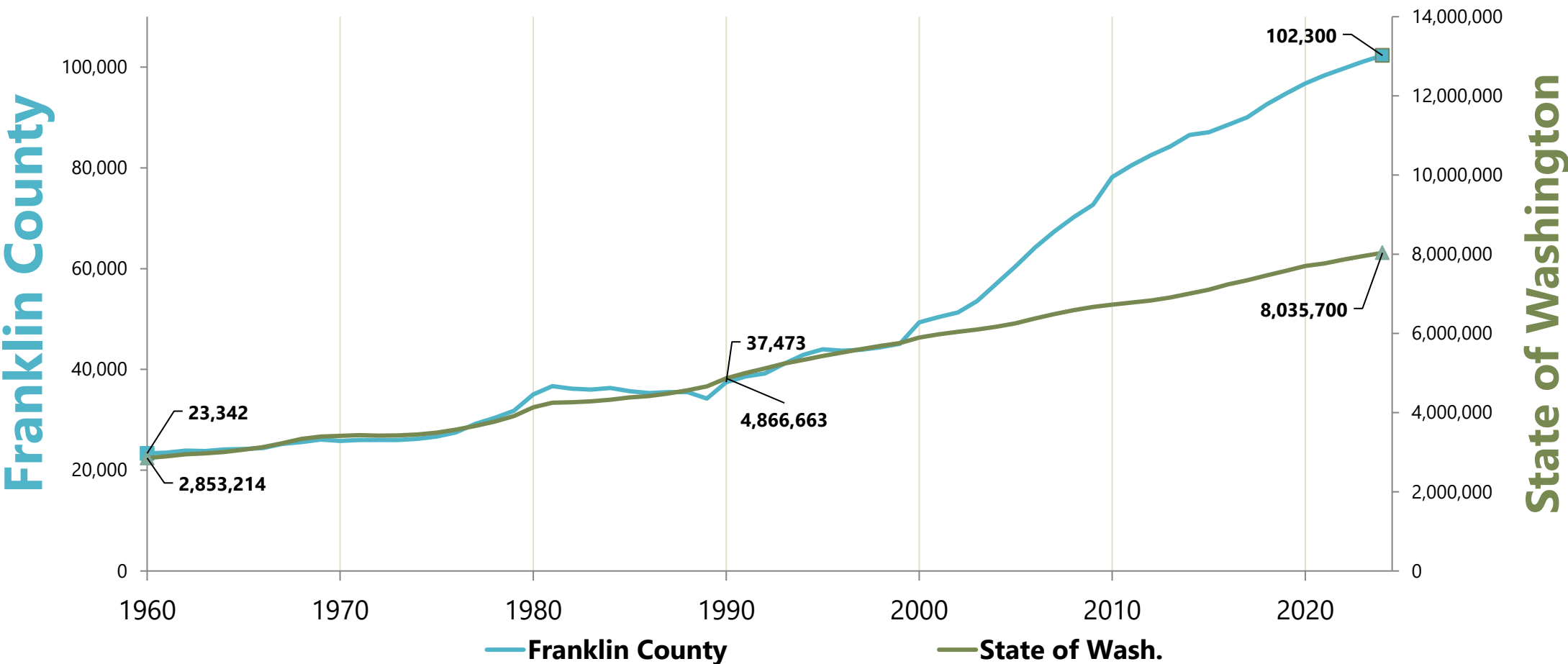
» The “Vision” is important because it:

- Guides our update work in the weeks ahead
- Focuses on a positive future for Franklin County

Franklin County is a rural county based on agriculture with highly productive farmland, both irrigated and non-irrigated. An effective government, which controls taxes and, at the same time, provides continual upgrades to the County's roads and infrastructure that is in place.

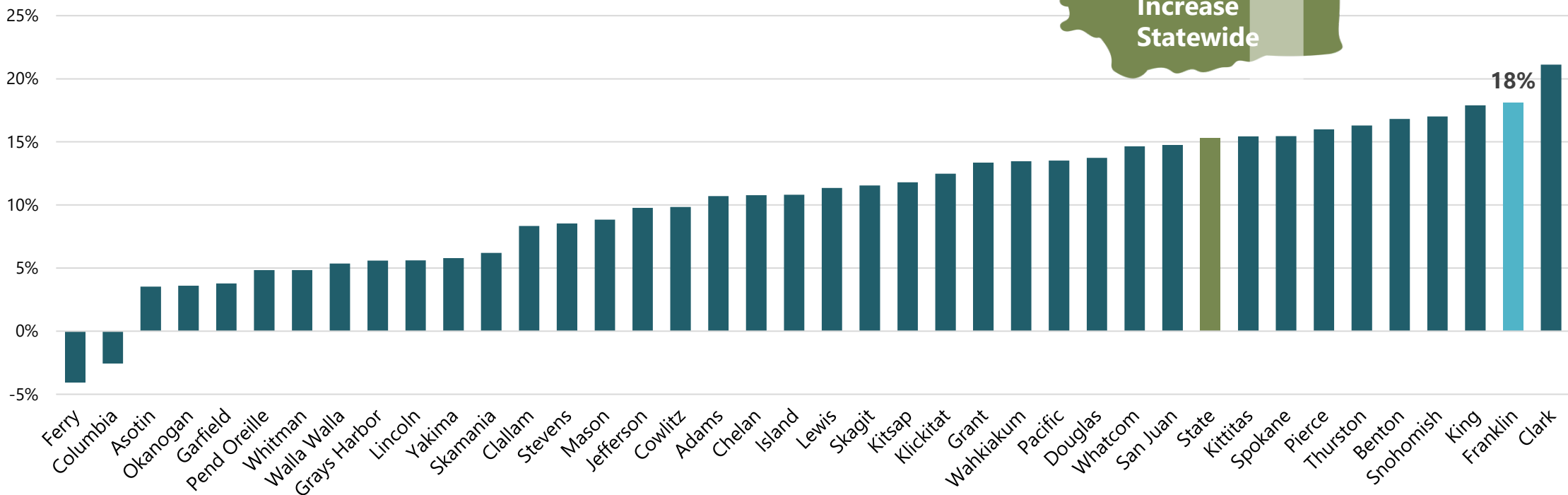
The County is characterized by its open spaces, quality development, and agriculturally related industries. Franklin County enjoys a diversity of population and is a good place to live with quality education in its schools, low crime rate, clean, fresh air, and friendly neighbors.

# POPULATION

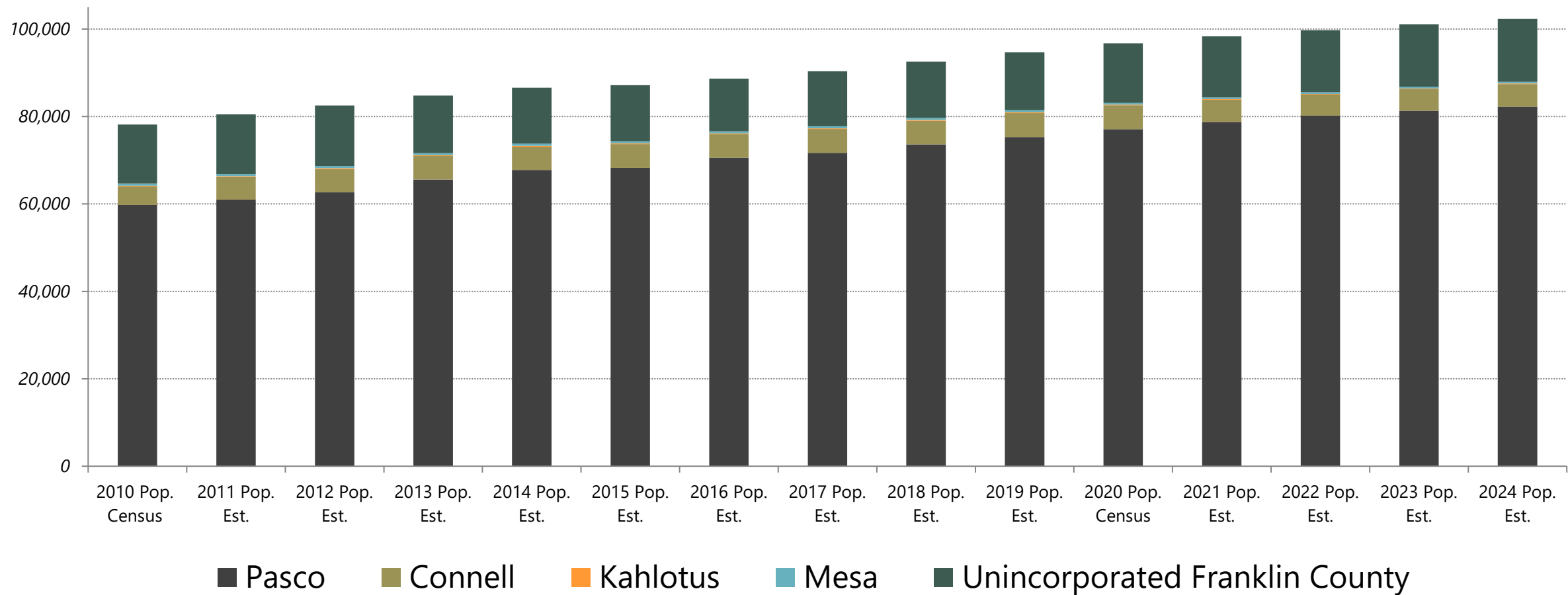


# POP. CHANGE- COUNTIES

2014–2024  
Percent Change in Population:

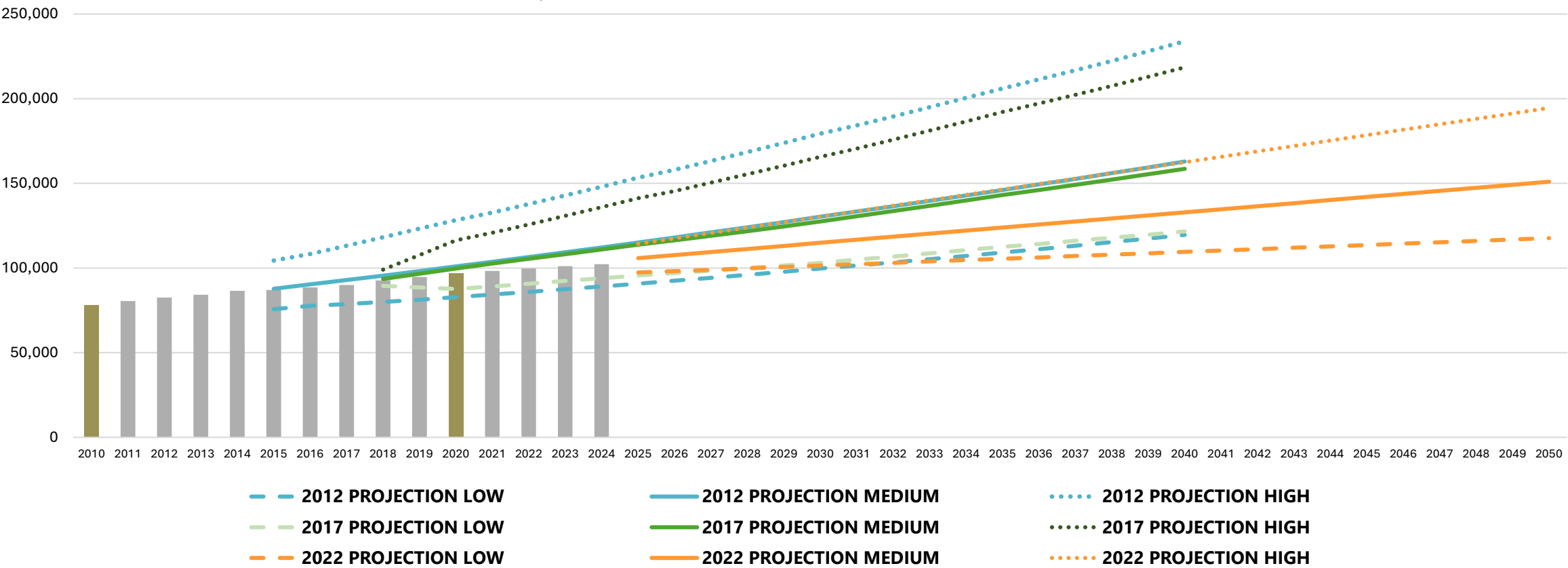


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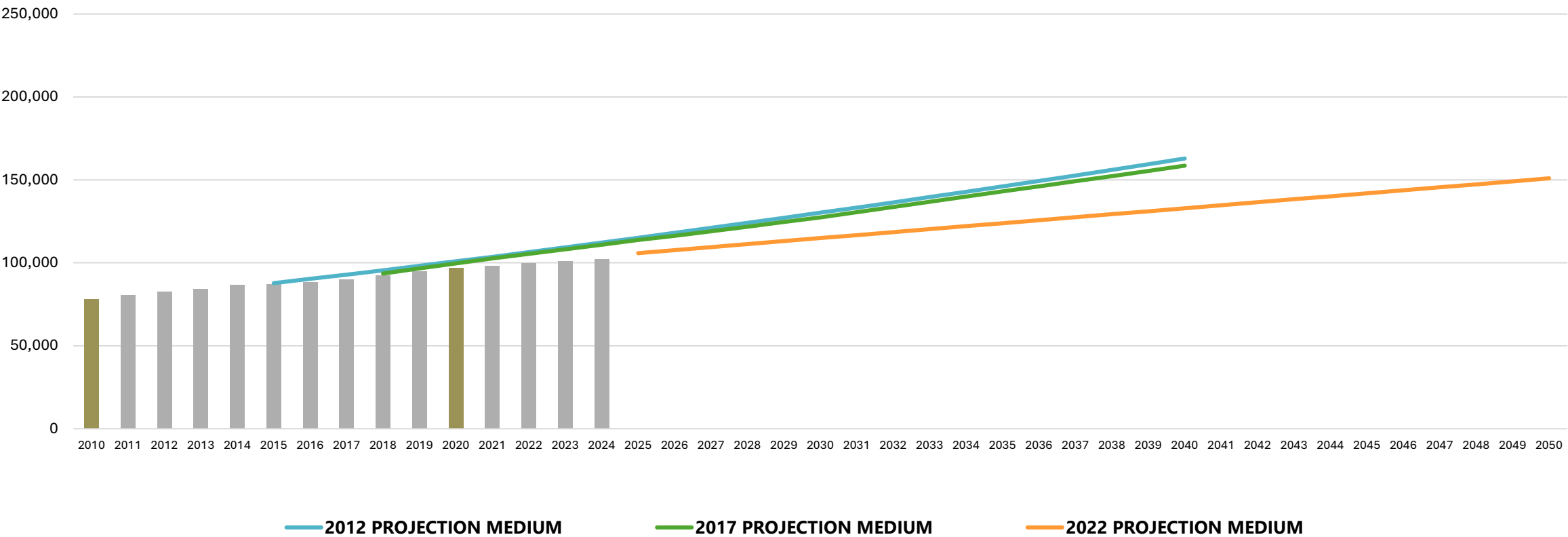


# POPULATION PROJECTIONS

Actual population compared with OFM projections



# POPULATION PROJECTIONS



# QUESTIONS?

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## » Website

– [www.engage.ahbl.com/Franklin2046](http://www.engage.ahbl.com/Franklin2046)



# CONVERSATION TOPICS

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- » What items should the County address for future growth?
- » What policy updates does the community feel are needed, given growth and changes since the last update?
- » What are the desired outcomes and results of this effort?