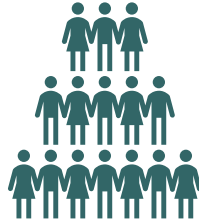




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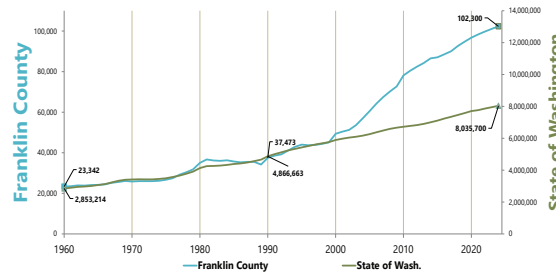
POPULATION GROWTH

Franklin County was one of the fastest growing counties in Washington State in 2023 and 2024, after Grant and Clark counties



2024 Population Estimate: 102,300
2046 Population Projection: 143,732
Increase of 39,645 (approximately 40.5%)

The population growth from 1960 to 2000 was generally on pace with the State as a whole. Since 2000, the growth in the county has outpaced that of Washington.

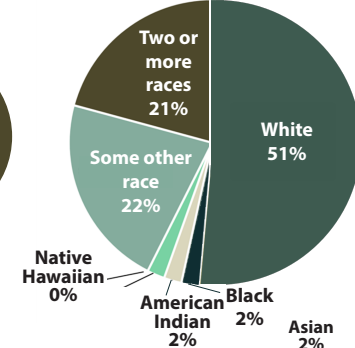


DEMOGRAPHICS

In 2023, approximately 48% of residents (ages 5+) speak a language other than English at home - with Spanish being the most common. Additionally, approximately 18% of the County population was foreign-born.

Hispanic or Latino Population: 55%

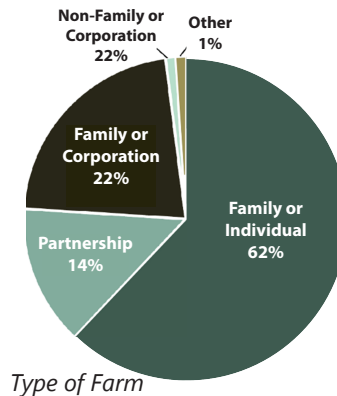
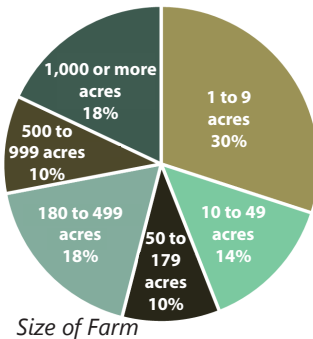
Race Distribution



AGRICULTURE

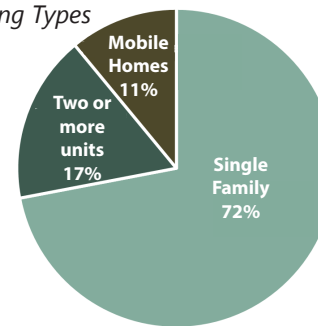


Approximately 73% (586,594 acres) of the County's land mass is agricultural uses, with a total of 751 farms.



HOUSING

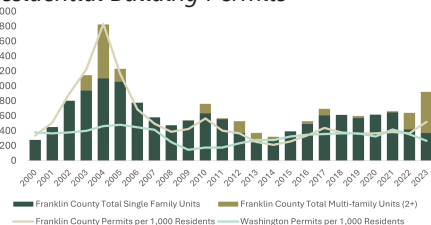
Housing Types



Half of all homes in the County are three bedrooms or larger (51%).

61% of the housing units were built after 1990

Residential Building Permits



Compared with the State, residential permit activity in the County was higher per capita for most years since 2001.

Average Household Size: 3.12 persons

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What is the Comprehensive Plan?

The **Comprehensive Plan** is the 20-year framework for local policy, planning, and capital facility investment through the year 2046.



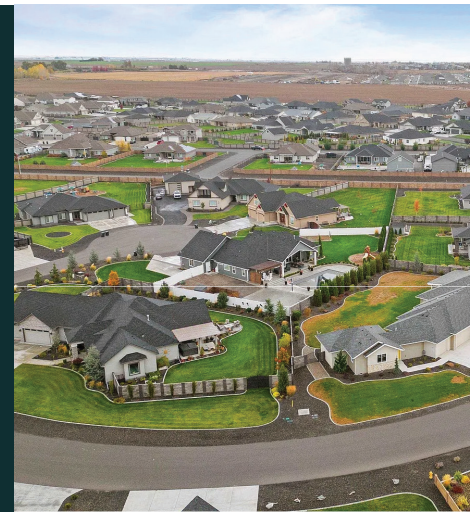
How does the Plan guide the County?

The County's various departments coordinate different plans on topics such as transportation improvements, capital facility projects and updates, utilities, and the visions for the future of the county. The Comprehensive Plan is used to demonstrate how these plans are coordinated. The Plan contains long-term **goals and policies** that guide local decisions such as how County ordinances and codes are created and amended.



Why is the County updating this Plan?

Periodic updates are required every ten years per the statewide **Growth Management Act** to ensure the Comprehensive Plan complies with current laws, and local conditions. When updating the Plan, the County is required to coordinate these efforts with partners, districts, Tribes, neighboring jurisdictions, and regional agencies. The County must consider indicators of a changing community since the last update. Additionally, the Plan Update allows the County to evaluate if the vision expressed in the Plan still applies to the people who live here and to current community needs and preferences.



Why is my input important?

Franklin County's Comprehensive Plan supports the people who live, work, and spend time in the county. **Your experiences, needs, and aspirations are important factors to consider while planning for future growth and development.** This periodic update is an opportunity for your voice to be heard as we embark on initiatives to shape how Franklin County continues to develop over the next 20 years.



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!
Scan the QR code to provide your comments,
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WHAT WAS HAPPENING 20 YEARS AGO?



Population Then (2006) and Now (2024)

Franklin County/Washington State

Franklin County Then: **66,371**

Franklin County Now: **102,300**

Washington State Then: **6,420,219**

Washington State Now: **8,035,700**

Franklin County Population Growth from 2000 to 2010: **From 49,347 to 78,163 - a 58% increase**

Franklin County became the first majority Hispanic county in the Pacific Northwest (per The Associated Press)

The U.S. and the World

The World then: **6.5 billion**

The U.S. then: **300 million**

The World now: **8.1 billion**

The U.S. now: **341.8 million**

What was new in 2006?

- The launch of Facebook and Twitter
- "Planet Earth" premieres on BBC
- The invention of the Wii
- Cars movie was released
- Top song of 2006 (per Billboard Hot 100): Bad Day by Daniel Powter
- The Office premieres on NBC
- Blu-Ray discs were made commercially available, containing up to 5 times more information than a DVD



Washington State's Closest Governor's Race

Christine Gregoire - 2005 to 2013

November 2, 2004



Nominee	Christine Gregoire	Dino Rossi
Party	Democratic	Republican
Popular vote	1,373,361	1,373,228
Percentage	48.873%	48.868%

Gas price in Washington State:

\$3.20



The US Median Home Prices were high as the "housing bubble" influenced by sub-prime mortgage rates peaked (prior to 2008-2009 housing crash)

Weather and Natural Disasters - 2006

Wildfires

At the time, this was the worst wildfire year since 1994 (in terms of acreage impacted). More than 382,000 acres burned, compared to 58,000 acres the year before. A disaster was declared for Chelan, Stevens, Walla Walla, and Columbia Counties

Wind Storm

A state of emergency was declared for 17 Washington counties in December 2006 for a severe wind storm which left millions without power

OTHER NEWS

The "Crocodile Hunter" Steve Irwin dies after a stingray pierces his chest while filming in the Great Barrier Reef



Tower Records closed the last remaining store in the U.S.

Dos Equis' 2006 campaign introduced "The Most Interesting Man in the World," a suave, adventurous character who captivated audiences with his charisma and wit. The tagline "Stay Thirsty. My Friends" became a cultural catchphrase



LOCAL NEWS

Restoration and Modernization of the Franklin County Courthouse was completed in 2006



- The new Connell High School is built
- Walmart opens in Pasco
- Pasco voters approve a \$90+ million bond to construct a new high school to ease overcrowding at Pasco High (Chiawana HS opened three years later)



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NEWS IN SCIENCE



- NASA New Horizons spacecraft reached Mars orbit in 78 days - setting a new Earth to Mars distance flight record
- Stardust mission returned the first-ever dust samples from a comet
- Pluto is downgraded from a planet to a dwarf planet
- The Human Genome Project publishes the final chromosome sequence



NEWS IN SPORTS

- The Seattle Seahawks play their fifth season at Qwest Field but do not return to the Super Bowl
- The 2006 Winter Olympics were held in Torino, Italy, with nine U.S. Olympians winning gold medals





What best describes Franklin County's character?

CLOSE TO NATURE

NOT RUSHED-NOT BUSY

CLOSE-KNIT

SELF RELIANT

RUSTIC OR TRADITIONAL

COUNTRYSIDE OR AGRICULTURAL

NOT INTENSELY DEVELOPED

OTHER