

Welcome!

What's Happening

Seattle 2035 is a citywide conversation about how Seattle grows over the next 20 years. The City is updating Seattle's Comprehensive Plan to shape growth in a way that builds on our strength and character as a city.

Upcoming Community Meetings & Events

- **January 30, Open House & Big Ideas Pecha Kucha**
Hear ideas about the future of the city from leaders in planning, design, transportation, community and economic development, the arts, science and technology.
- **February 20, Open House & Lecture "Designing for Democracy"**
Hear about innovative civic engagement techniques that demystify policy so more people can get involved.
- **March 11, Scoping Alternatives**
Learn more about the environmental assessment process and give feedback on the growth alternatives proposed for study.

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Updating Seattle's
Comprehensive Plan

Background Report: January 2014

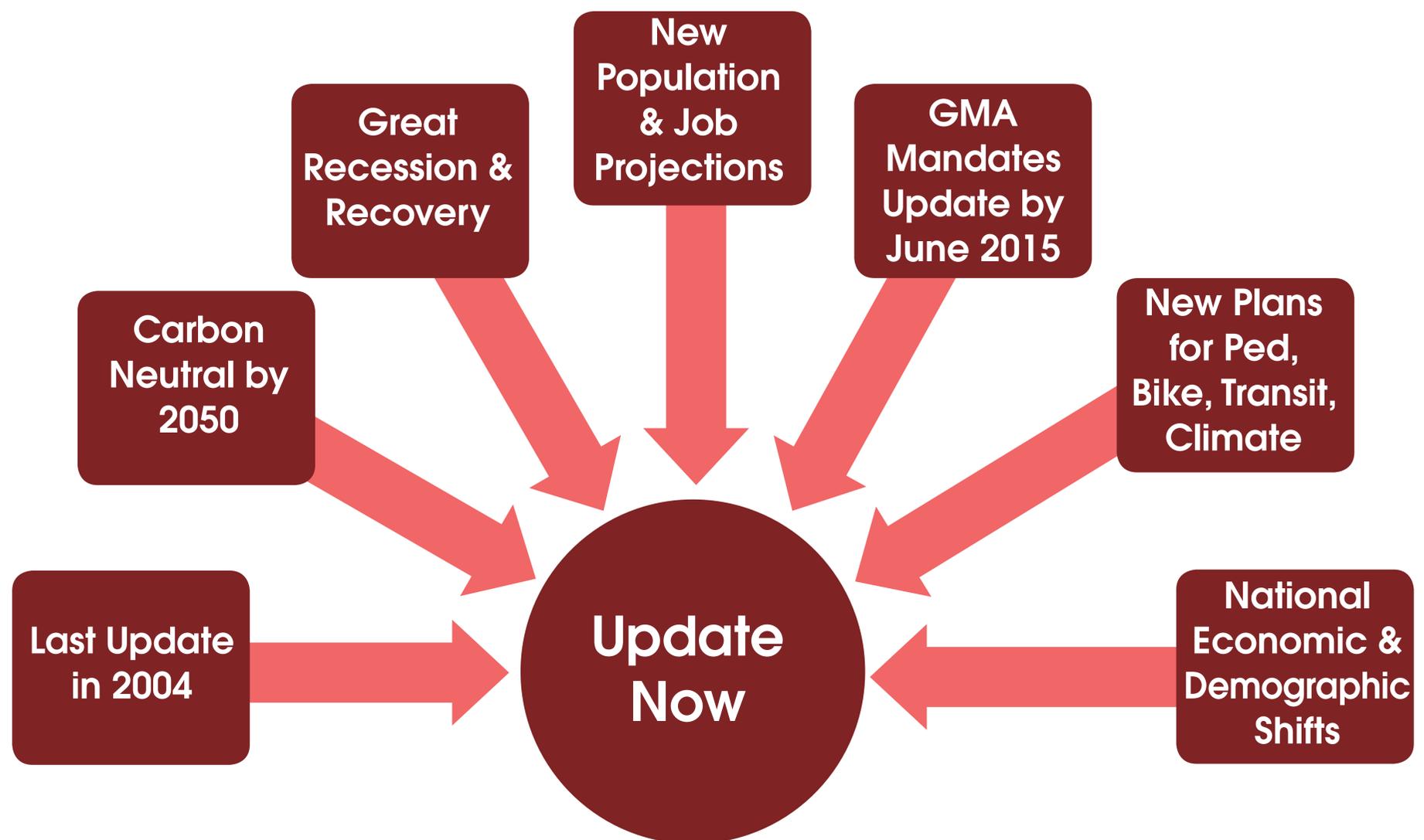


What is the Seattle Comp Plan?

Our Comprehensive Plan is a 20-year vision and handbook for Seattle's Future. It guides important city decisions to influence where growth occurs:

- Improvements to our transportation system—infrastructure to improve safety and make it easier for pedestrians, bicycles, transit, cars and trucks to move around the city.
- Investments in utilities, parks, libraries and other services and urban amenities.
- Where changes or more planning may be needed to improve our zoning and other development policies.

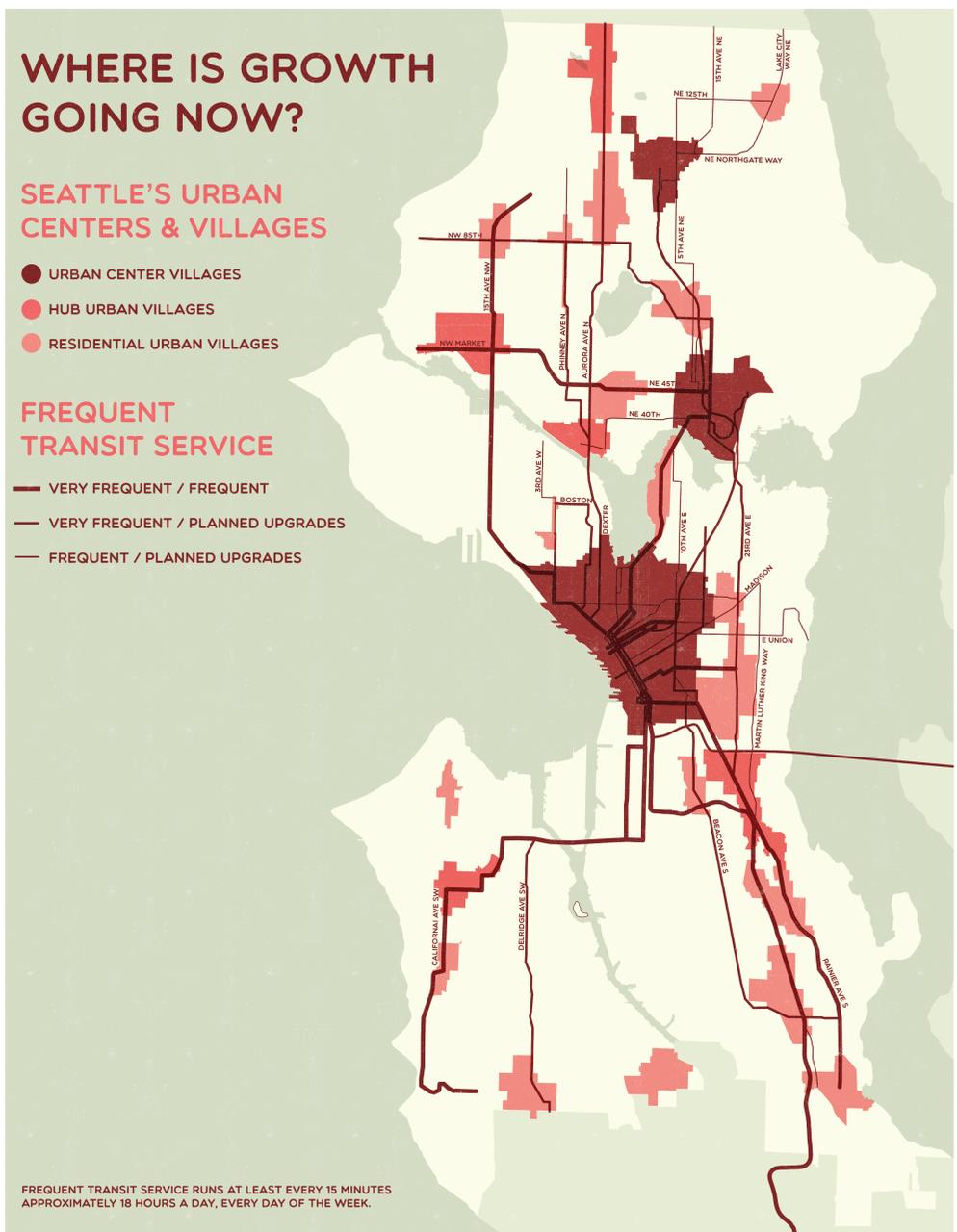
Why do we need an update to the Comprehensive Plan?



Seattle has an Urban Village Strategy to manage growth within our city. This strategy promotes a development patterns that:

- Anticipates and plans for growth in existing mixed-use areas.
- Contributes to the vibrancy of neighborhood business districts.
- Makes efficient use of past and future City investments in transit, parks, utilities, community centers and other infrastructure.
- Minimizes impacts on single family areas.
- Reduces our dependence on cars.

Characteristics of an Urban Village



Seattle 2035 schedule

Early Engagement

| 2011 | 2012 |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Project Planning | |
| | ★ Council Resolution May 2012 |
| Public Engagement | |
| ● Community Meeting Dec. 6, 2011 ○ Online Survey Sept. 2011 - Dec. 2011 | ● Community Meeting May 3, 2012 |

Current Engagement

| 2013 | | 2014 | | | | 2015 | | | |
|--|---|--|-------|-------|-------|--|-----------------------|-------|--|
| 3rd Q | 4th Q | 1st Q | 2nd Q | 3rd Q | 4th Q | 1st Q | 2nd Q | 3rd Q | |
| Project Planning & Research | | | | | | | | | |
| | ★ Determination of Significance (EIS) Oct. 2013 | | | | | | | | |
| | ★ Background Report Jan. 2014 | | | | | | | | |
| | ★ Updated Public Engagement Plan Jan. 2014 | | | | | | | | |
| | | Growth Alternatives & Assessment (SEPA/EIS Processes) | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | ★ Draft EIS Oct. 2014 | ★ Final EIS Dec. 2014 | | |
| | | Draft Plan | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | ★ Draft Plan Dec. 2014 | | | |
| | | | | | | ★ Mayor's Recommended Plan Jan / Feb 2015 | | | |
| | | | | | | City Council Review | | | |
| | | | | | | ★ Plan Adopted by Council June 2015 | | | |
| Public Engagement | | | | | | | | | |
| | ○ Town Hall Speaker Series Sept 18, 2013 | ○ Big Ideas Jan. 30, 2014 | | | | ● Community Meeting: Alternatives Analysis Oct. 2014 (45-day comment period) | | | |
| | ○ Nature of Design Nov. 6, 2013 | ○ Designing Democracy Feb 20, 2014 | | | | ● Community Meeting Draft Plan Dec. 2014 | | | |
| | | ● Community Meeting: Alternatives to Study Mar. 11, 2014 | | | | ● Public Hearing April 2015 | | | |

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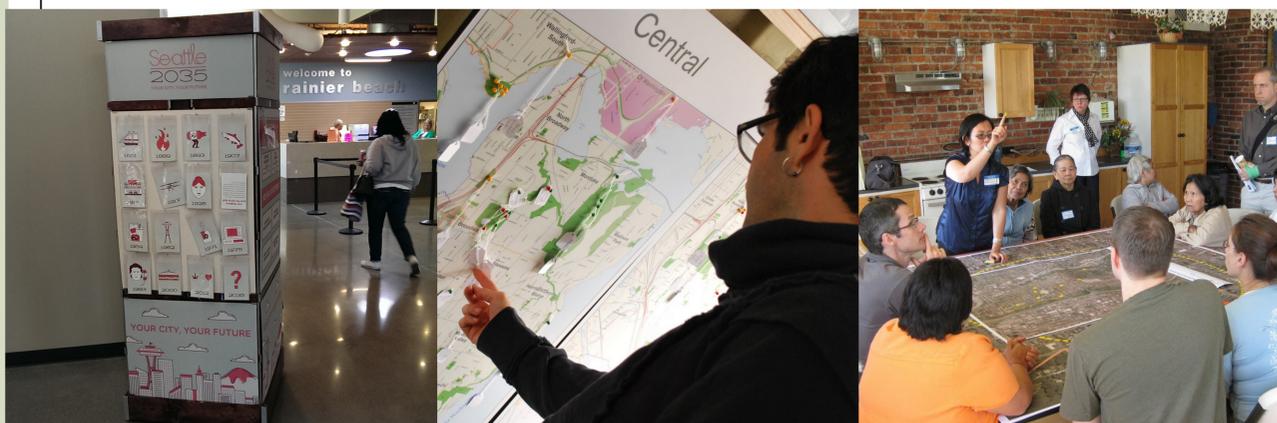
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Meetings:

Come to community meeting

Alerts:

Sign up for our listserv & meeting alerts

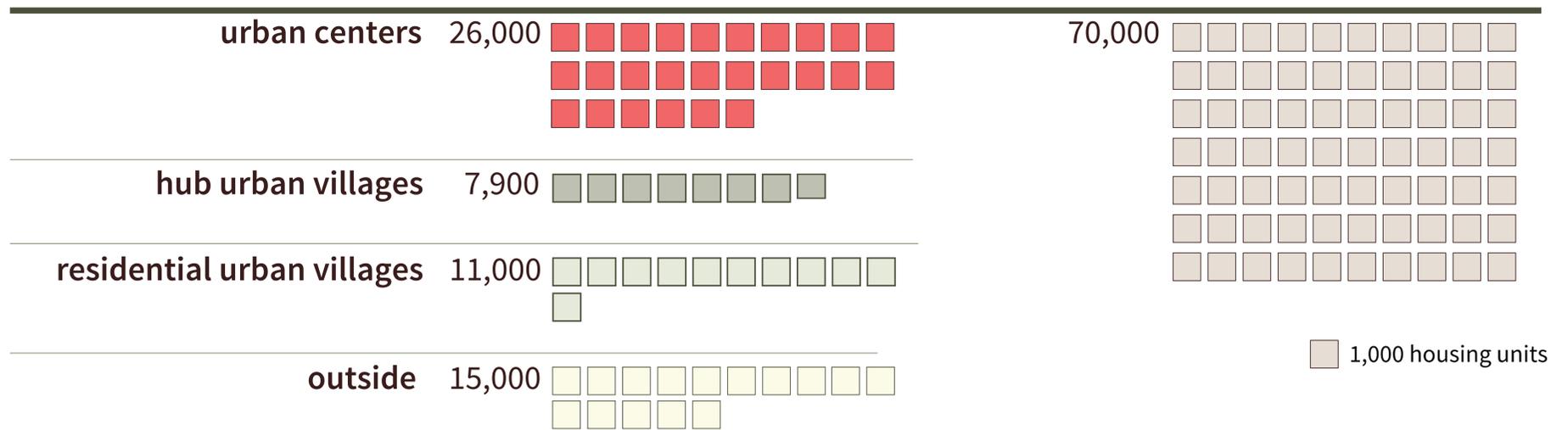


Housing is being added faster than jobs, and we are expecting a lot more of both in the next 20 years.

Housing units

built 1995-2013

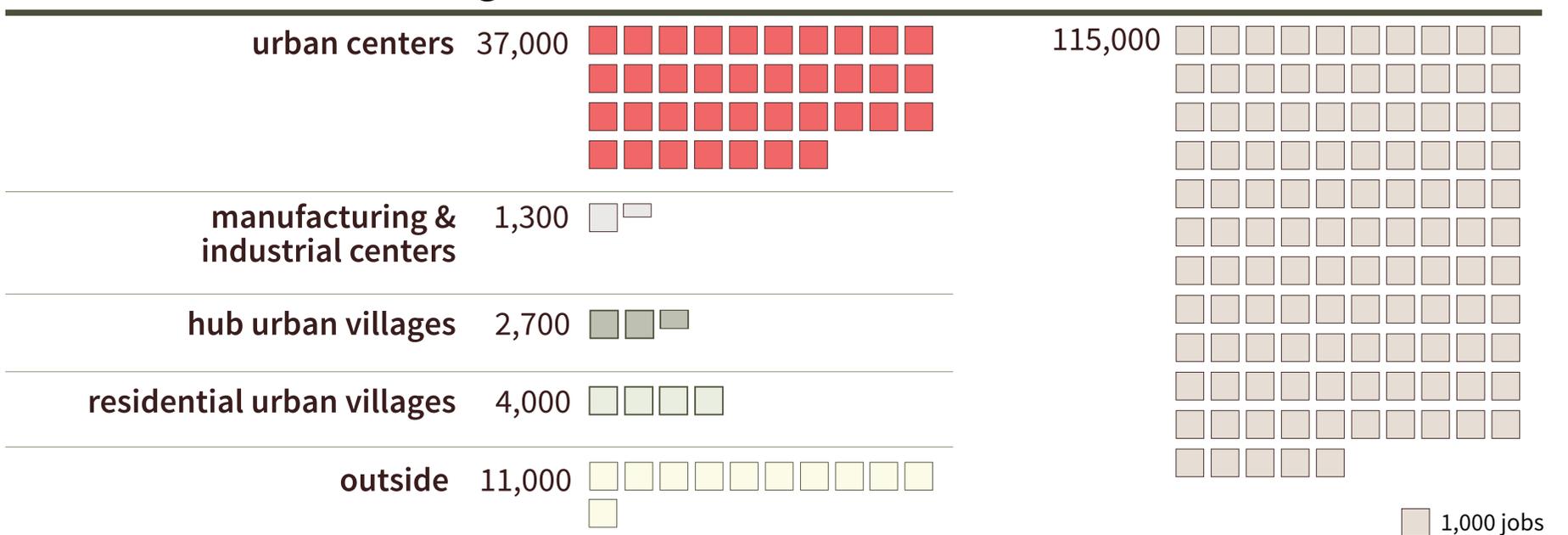
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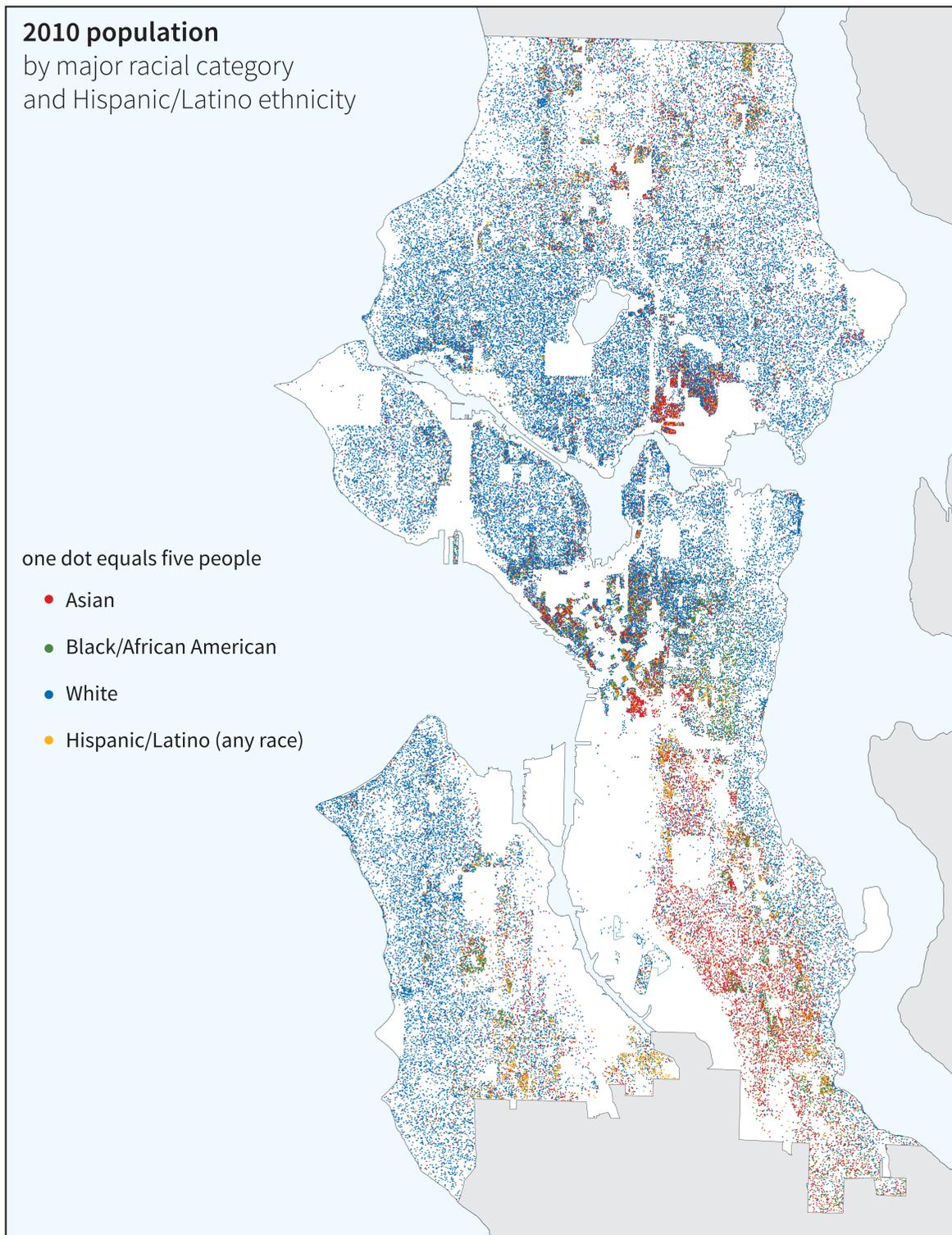
Jobs

growth 1995-2012

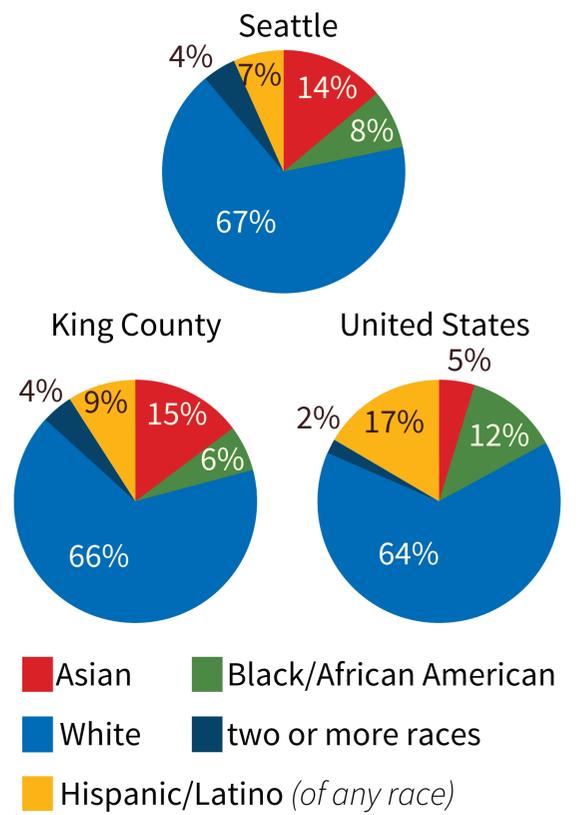
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Seattle's residents are becoming more diverse. The Rainier Valley is now one of the most diverse areas in the nation.

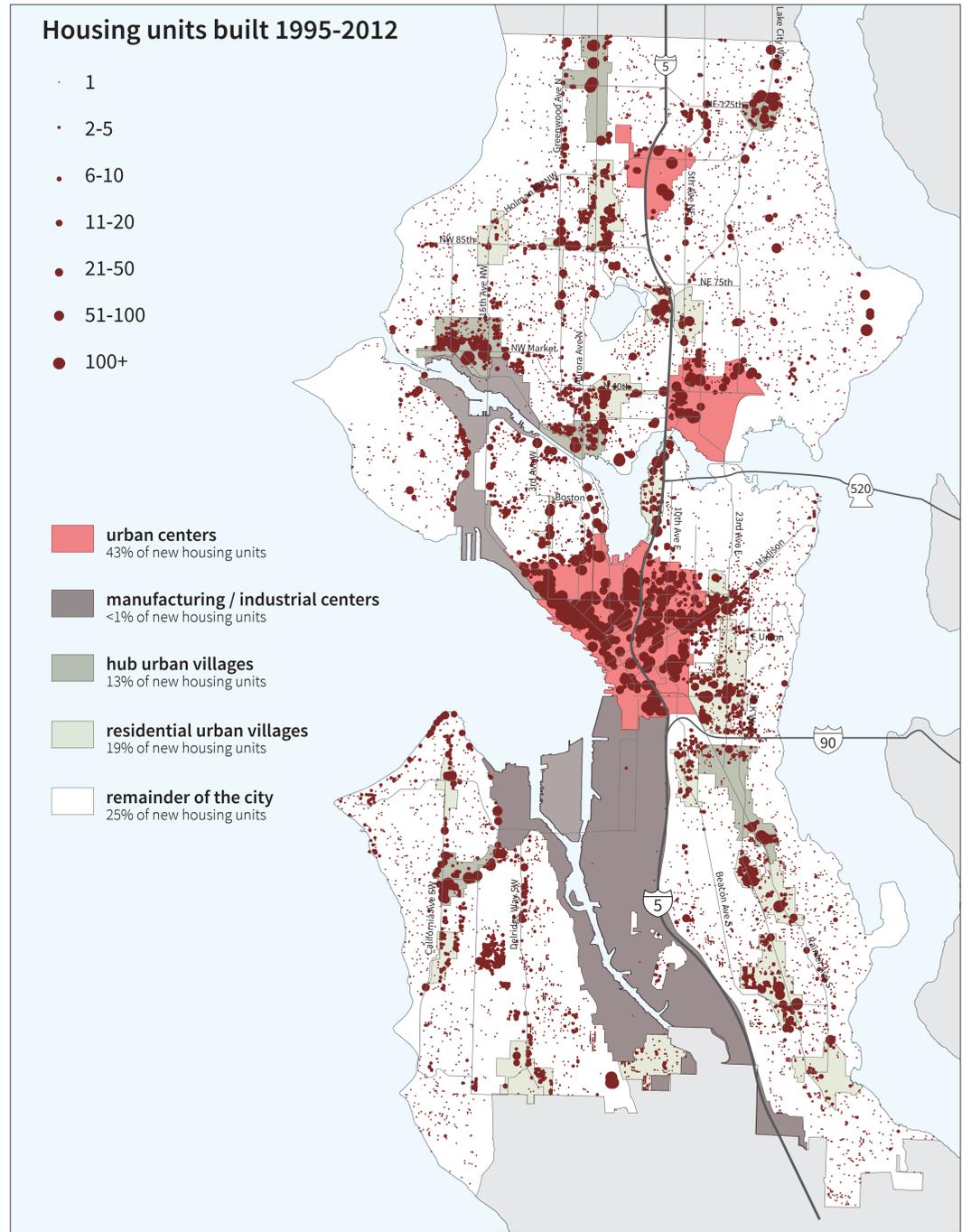
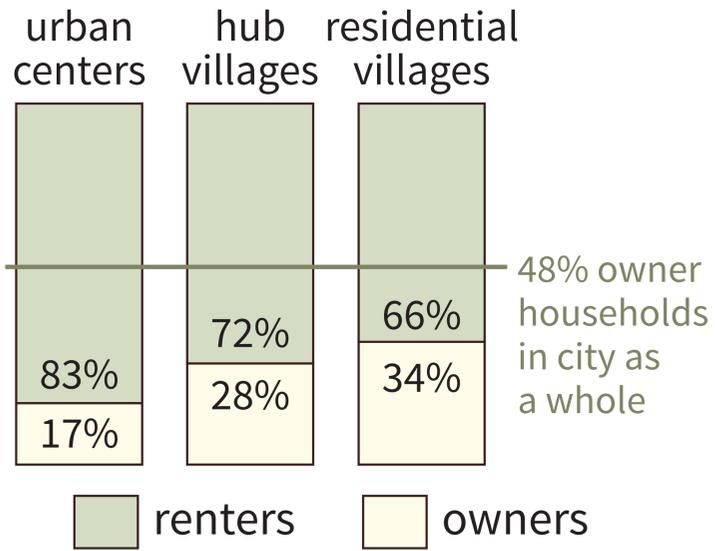


2010 population
by major racial category and
Hispanic/Latino ethnicity

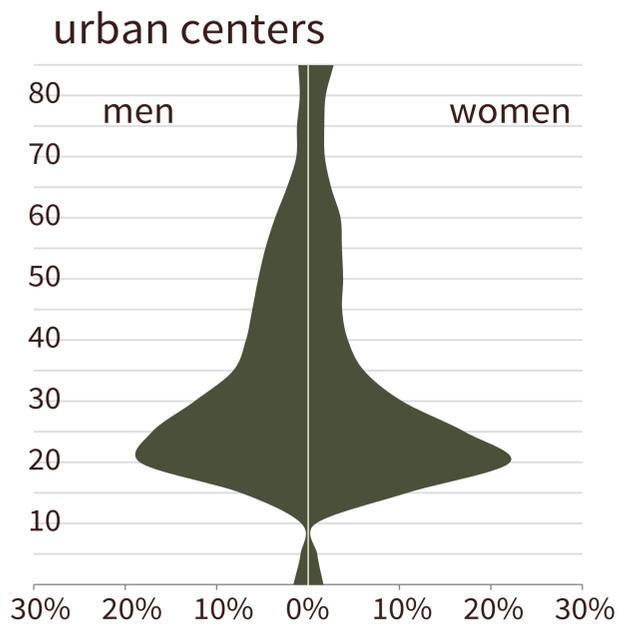


Young renter households favor urban living.

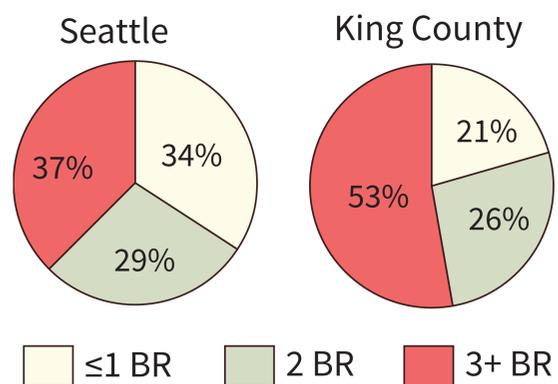
Renter & owner households



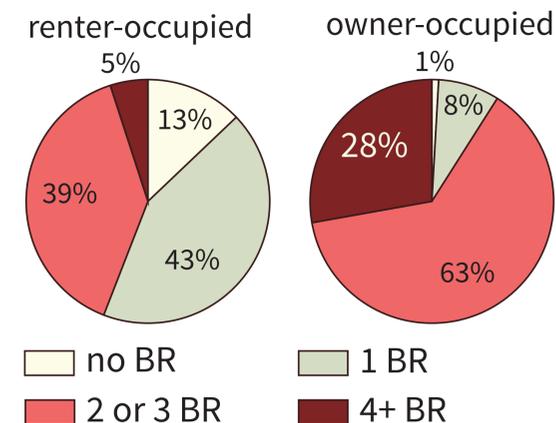
Age



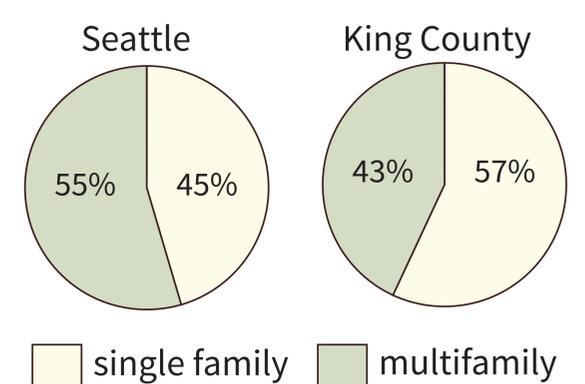
Number of bedrooms



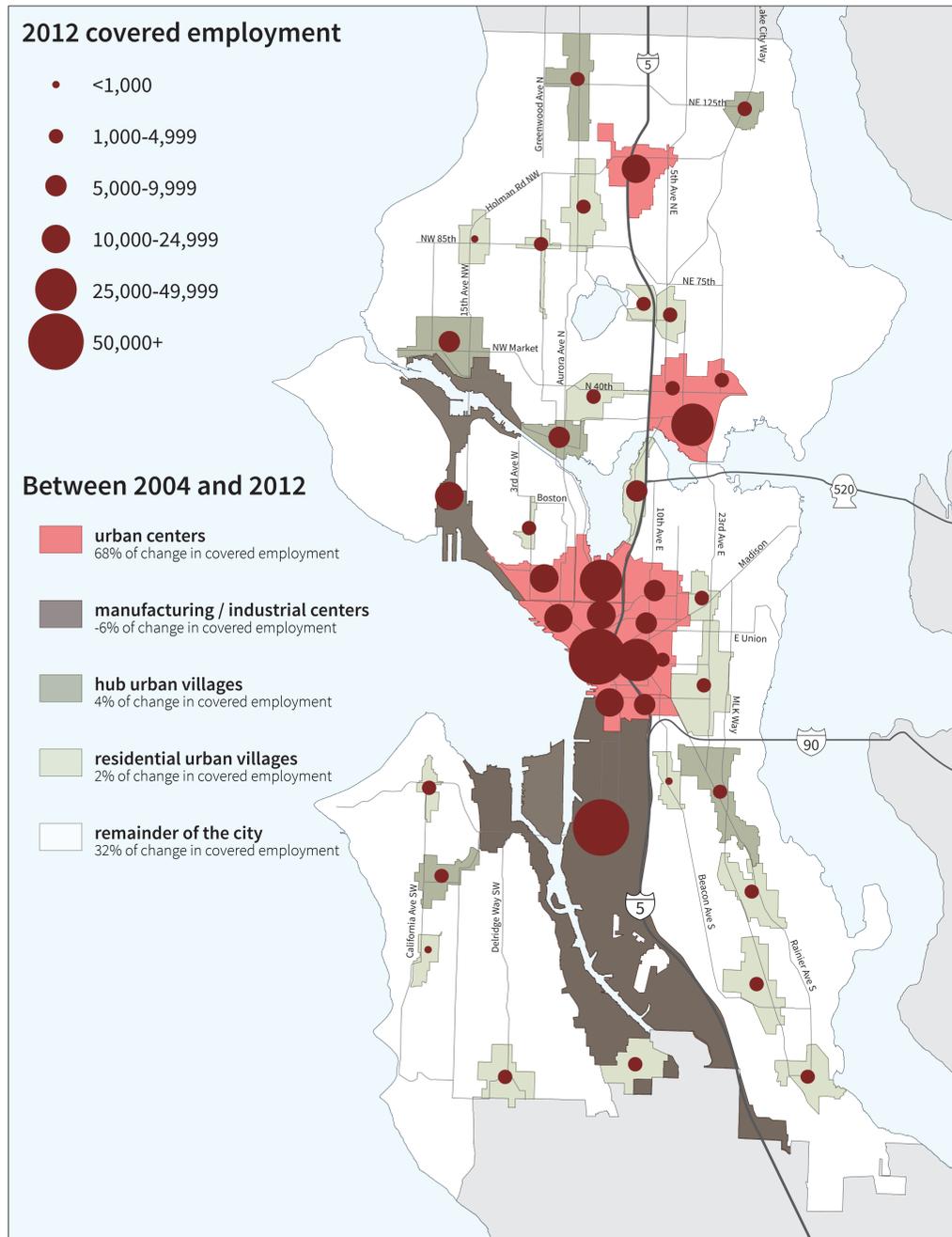
Number of bedrooms by housing type



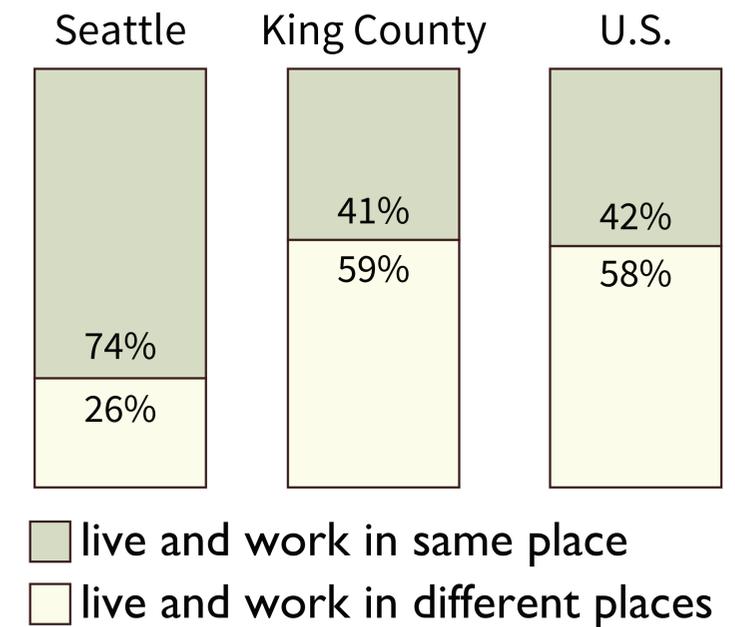
Type of building



As of 2012 Seattle had 480,000 jobs covered by unemployment insurance, about 8% below the 2000 peak of 520,000 jobs. Almost three-quarters of workers who live in Seattle also work here.



Workers by place of work

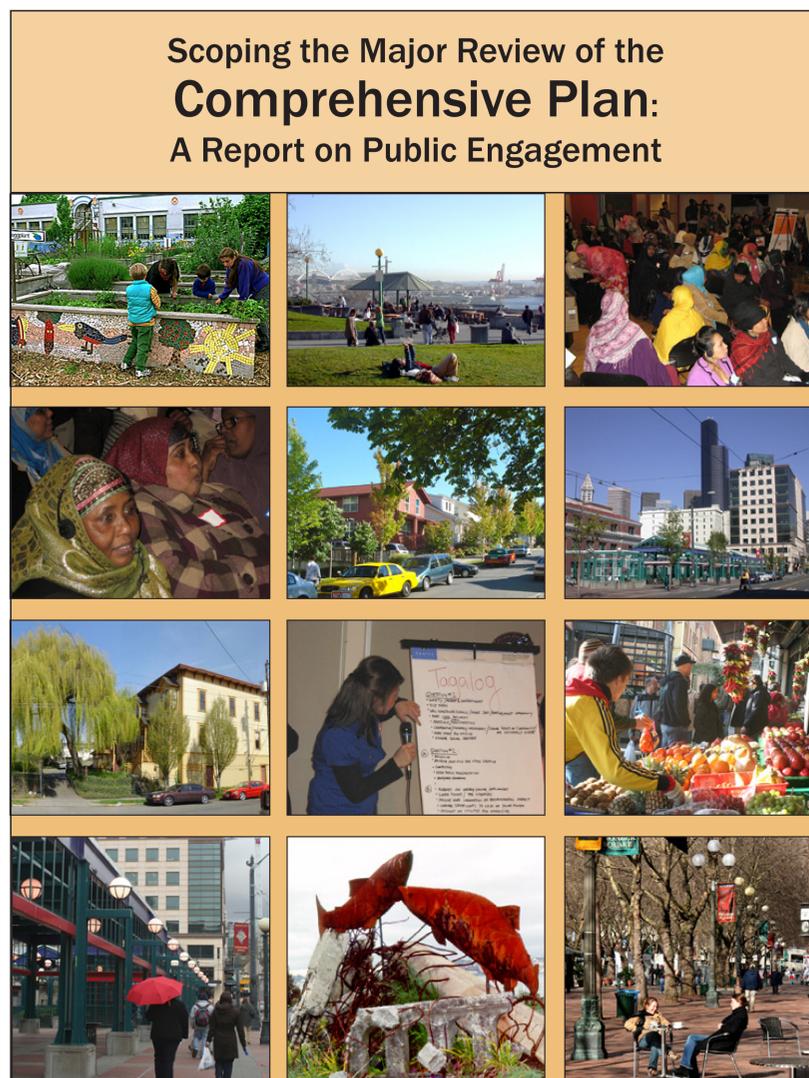


In the fall of 2011, the City hosted an online survey to help the public give input about issues and priorities for the update.

About 1,400 people responded. Themes with the highest “more important” rankings were:

- Build compact neighborhoods with shops, services, and amenities close to where people live and work. (63%)
- Create attractive, pedestrian-friendly urban places (e.g. sidewalks, street trees, plazas, lighting) that bring neighborhoods together. (70%)
- Ensure we have quality transit serving the places where housing and jobs are concentrated. (70%)
- Plan for neighborhood services within walking distance of where people live. (63%)

Read the full report at <http://2035.seattle.gov>.



City of Seattle, Department of Planning and Development

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