

Hitting the Road to Washington's Future

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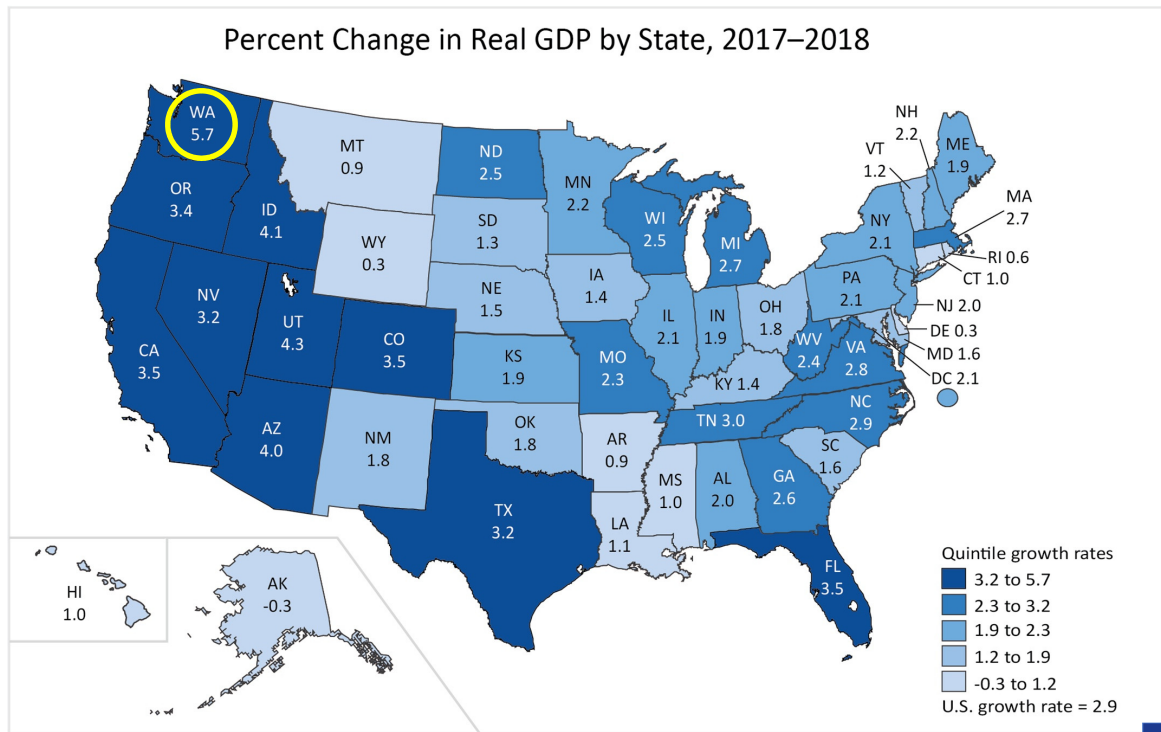


Before we hit the Road

- What has changed since 1990?
- What is happening now and what are the trends?
- Now that we have a *Road Map*, what paths to the future will we choose?

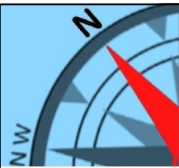


Washington's economy has emerged as one of the strongest in the U.S.

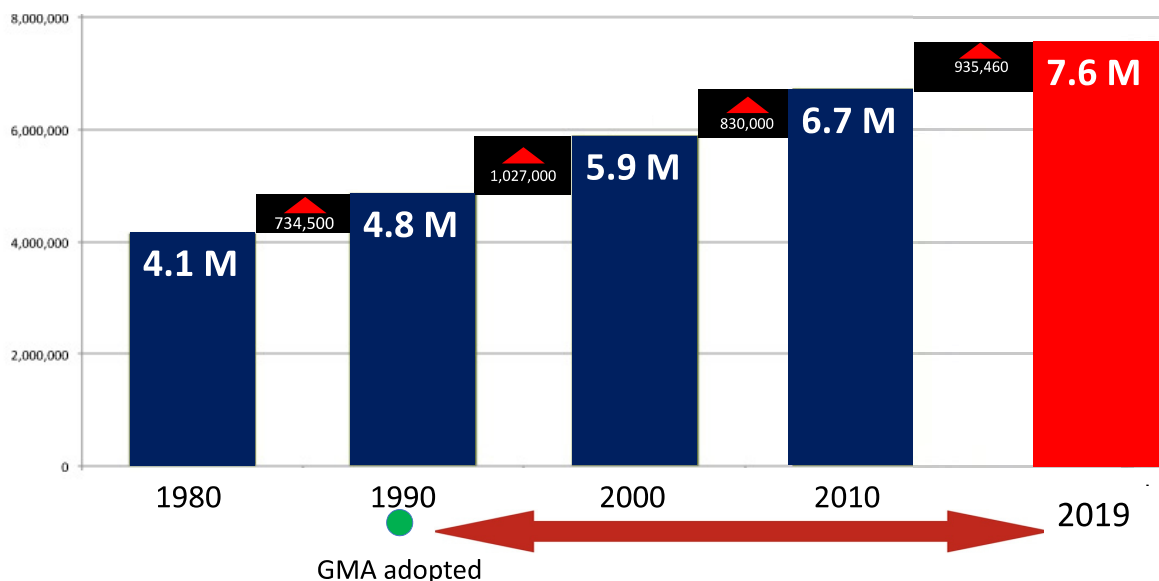


U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

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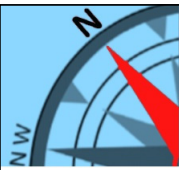


Population Trends 1980 to 2020: UP



The 2.7 million increase from 1990 to today is over *twice* the combined populations of Seattle (747,300) + Spokane (222,000) + Tacoma (211,400)

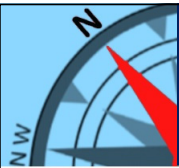
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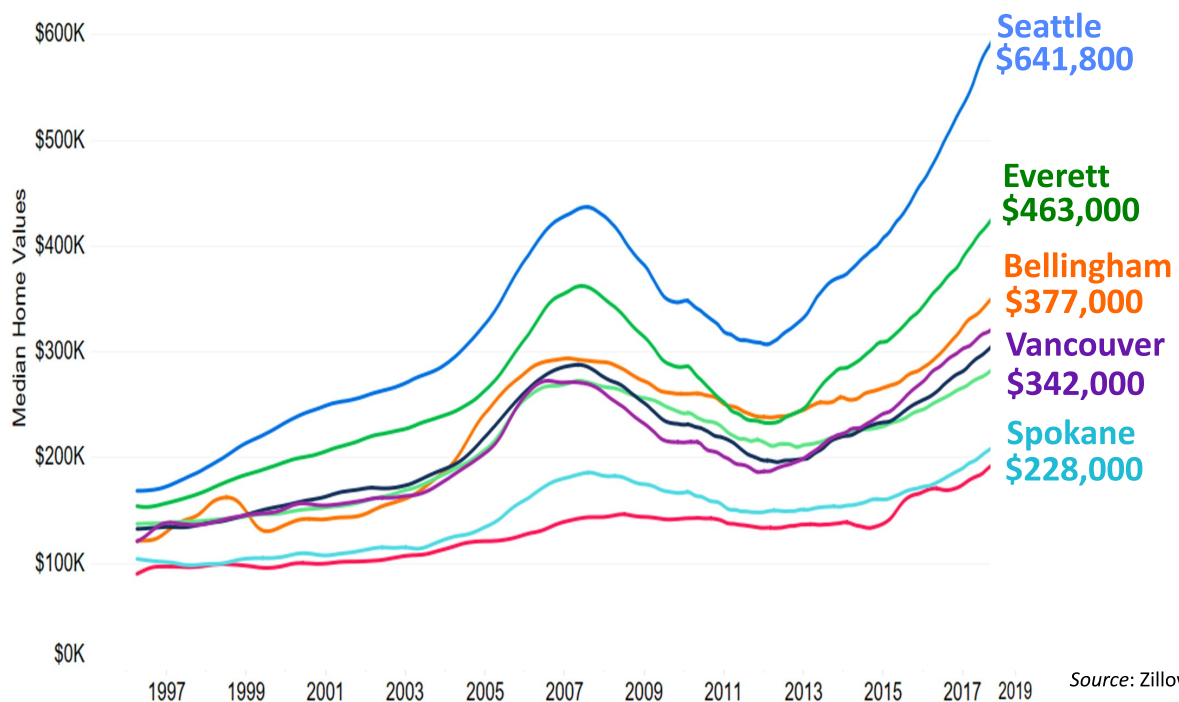
Uneven growth of population and economic activity across the state's very diverse regions



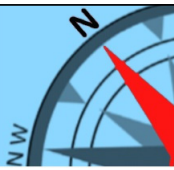
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Housing Cost Trends 1997 to 2019: UP



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Environmental trends – a changing climate

AGRICULTURE

Warm temperatures & reduced water availability stressed WA agriculture



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major crops with reduced yields

\$633-733 million

economic losses

WILDFIRE

The most severe wildfire season in Washington's recorded history



>1,000,000

acres burned

>\$253 million

fire suppression

FISHERIES

Low summer streamflow & warm waters resulted in fishery closures



>250,000

Columbia River sockeye salmon died

2015

Temperature: ~2.7°C (4.8°F) warmer than pre-industrial
Snowpack: ~70% below normal (1970-1999 average)

Source: UW Climate Impacts Group

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Environmental trends – declining ecosystems

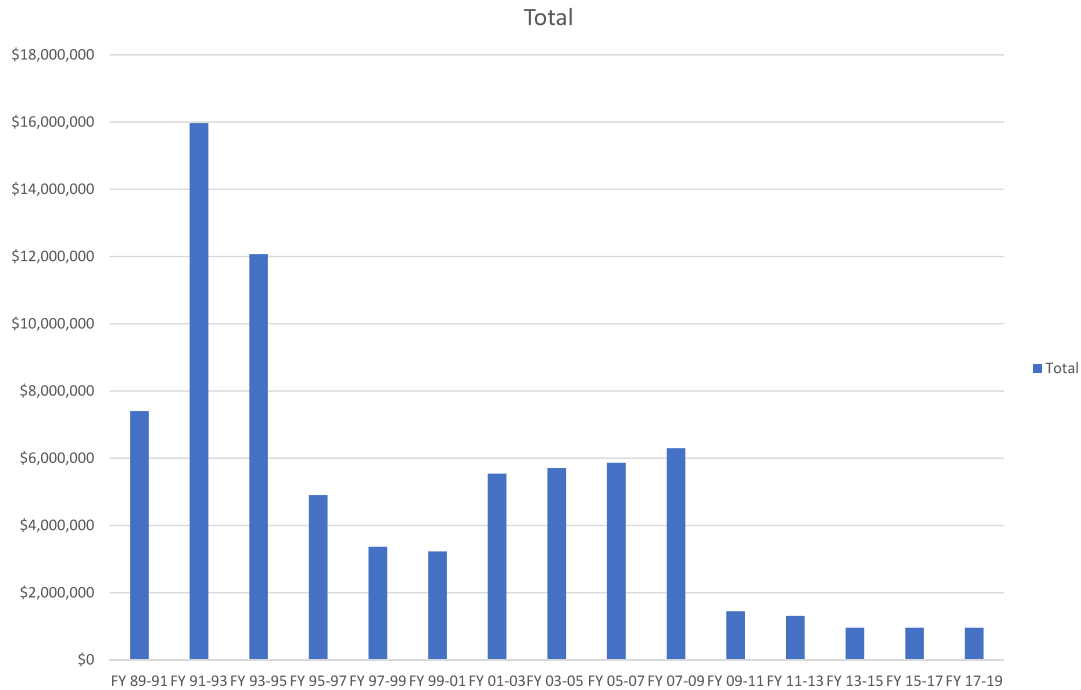


Source: WA Department of Ecology

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Declining state grants to cities and counties to do the planning required by cities and counties



Declining public revenues to pay for state and local investments in infrastructure and services

Lawmakers restore 1% property tax cap Special session called to revive I-747 limit

By CHRIS MCGANN, P-I CAPITOL
CORRESPONDENT
November 29, 2007



\$30 car tab measure passing in early returns

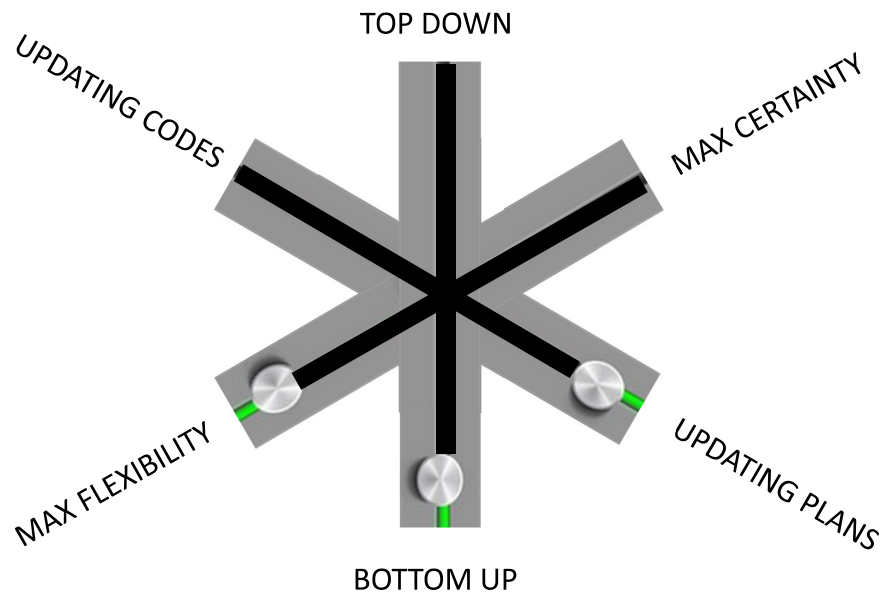
By LISA BAUMAN, Associated Press

November 5, 2019

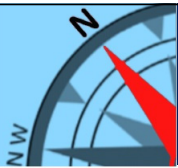




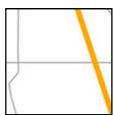
GMA AFTER 30 YEARS – HOW MIGHT WE ADAPT PLANNING LAW AND PLANNING PRACTICE TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF TODAY AND THE NEXT 30 YEARS?



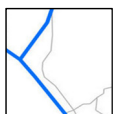
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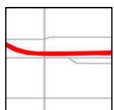
Potential paths to implementation of the *Road Map to Washington's Future*



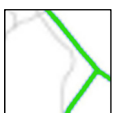
Convene summits and work groups in 2020 to review findings, changes, and reforms (Final Report Vol. 1) to identify and refine areas of agreement



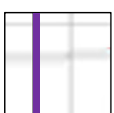
Collaboratively draft legislation on points of agreement for consideration in 2021 and beyond



Share success stories (Final Report Vol. 3) and potential best practices via conferences, workshops, and periodicals



Target research by universities (e.g., Final Report Vol. 3)



Counties, cities, and RTPOs review information from the regional workshops (Vol. 2) as plans are updated

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Thank you!

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