

Analysis of Round 6.4 Cooperative Forecasts

Preliminary Findings

What are the trends? By region? By jurisdiction?

Employment

- Several jurisdictions have lowered their employment 2000 base year. At the regional level 87,900 jobs were reduced (compared to the Round 6.3 forecast 2000 base year).
- Round 6.4 Employment forecasts are tracking slightly below the “High” Round 6 Econometric Model projections.
- Approximately 1.3 million new jobs would be added by 2030 or an increase by 48 percent.
- Nearly 47 percent of the job growth would occur in the Inner Suburbs: 22 percent of the growth would occur in the Central Jurisdictions, and 31 percent of the job growth would occur in the Outer Jurisdictions.
- Among all jurisdictions, Fairfax County still anticipates the greatest absolute increase (226,100 jobs) in new jobs between 2000 and 2030, followed by Prince George’s County (222,500) and Montgomery County (175,200).
- Loudoun County would continue to see the greatest percentage increase (198 percent) in new jobs between 2000 and 2030, followed by Stafford County (136 percent).

Population

- The region’s population would increase by 1.6 million people or 36 percent between 2000 and 2030.
- More than 49 percent of the growth would be seen in the Outer Suburbs, the Inner Suburbs would account for 38 percent of the growth, and the Central Jurisdictions would contribute 13 percent of the total.
- Round 6.4 Population and Household Forecasts are slightly below the “High” Econometric Model Scenario in the early years and continue to stay below in the outer years.
- Among all jurisdictions, Loudoun County anticipates the greatest absolute increase (292,500) in population, followed by Fairfax County (227,600) and Montgomery County (226,700).
- Loudoun County would experience the greatest percentage change (173 percent) in population between 2000 and 2030, followed by Stafford County (95 percent).

Households

- More than 668,400 households would be added to the regional total by 2030 or an increase of more than 39 percent.
- More than 45 percent of the growth is foreseen in the Outer Suburbs; the Inner Suburbs would contribute about 40 percent; and the Central Jurisdictions would account for approximately 15 percent of the region’s household growth.
- Among all jurisdictions, Loudoun County would experience the greatest absolute change (104,000) in households, followed by Montgomery County (95,400) and Fairfax County (87,700).
- The fastest rate of household growth is anticipated in Loudoun County (174 percent) followed by Stafford County (107 percent) and Charles County (83 percent).