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on  
Lane County  
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# Lane County Coordinated Population Forecast 2025 – 2030

## Introduction

This report summarizes the methodology and results of the 2025 and 2030 coordinated population forecasts for urban growth boundary areas in Lane County. It also describes the coordination effort with the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) and the State Economist.

By state statute, ORS 195.036, urban growth boundary (UGB) population projections are required to be coordinated within counties.

*“ 195.036 Area population forecast; coordination. The coordinating body under ORS 195.025 (1) shall establish and maintain a population forecast for the entire area within its boundary for use in maintaining and updating comprehensive plans, and shall coordinate the forecast with the local governments within its boundary. [1995 c.547 §7 (enacted in lieu of 195.035)]”*

In Lane County, the role of coordinating body was transferred from Lane County to the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) in 1974. The 2025-2030 Coordinated Population Forecast will be presented to the Lane Council of Governments Board for review and adoption.

## Methodology

The task of LCOG as the coordinating body was to divide (i.e., allocate) the county population among all the UGBs and the rural county for 2025 and 2030. This section describes the methodology used to produce the results shown in the attached table.

To accomplish the population allocation, existing sources of population projections and historic trends were used. LCOG staff reviewed 1990 and 2000 population figures and historic trends of the UGB population as a proportion of the total Lane County population. Projections from comprehensive plans and transportation system plans were also reviewed. For the population outside of UGBs, Lane County staff provided information. Based on this analysis, a preliminary allocation was prepared.

LCOG staff next convened a meeting of staff from all jurisdictions in Lane County to review and comment on the preliminary allocation. Comments were obtained and the allocation for 2025 and 2030 was modified.

At this point in the process, it was obvious that the 2003 county population estimate used as the base year for the OEA Lane County forecasts was too low. Both the Population Research Center and the State Economist were contacted regarding the underestimate for Lane County. Based on conversations with the State Economist it was decided to use the 2004 Lane County population

estimate as the base year and then apply the OEA projected annual average growth rates. Thus, the Lane County projections were updated and adjusted to the 2004 population estimate produced by the Population Research Center at Portland State University. In addition, LCOG staff discussed with the State Economist the margin of error around the 2025 and 2030 Lane County forecast. The margin of error around the Lane County projection was also discussed with DLCD staff. It was decided that a plus or minus 5 percent margin was reasonable. So to better reflect the precision of the county projection, a population range was created around the 2025 and 2030 Lane County projection of plus or minus five percent.

A second meeting of Lane County jurisdictional staff was then conducted to review and comment on the revised allocation. At this meeting, the jurisdictional committee decided to finalize the county population allocation. Some cities decided to present the population allocation to their governing bodies.

## **Results**

The attached table presents the 2025 and 2030 allocated population for each jurisdiction and the share that jurisdiction population is of the total county population. There are also population estimates for 1990, 2000 and 2004. It is clear from the table that the total population of the jurisdictions plus the population outside the UGBs in 2025 and 2030 is within the plus or minus 5 percent of the forecasted population.