

# POPULATION

Thurston County's changing population will impact where, and how, we move in the future.



**100,000**  
more people

9,500 school-aged children (age 5 to 19)  
36,000 senior citizens (65+) - 16,500 will be 85+

**55,000**  
more local jobs

**52,000**  
more housing units  
(apartments, single-family homes, etc.)

In 2024, Thurston County's population will be about 307,000. By 2050, this is expected to grow to 407,400.

**BY 2050**  
we are expecting  
**MORE**

## We Need to Prepare for:

- More people using public transportation
- More bike lanes, trail, and sidewalks that connect people to where they want to go
- More vehicles on the road
  - More tech-savvy travelers that use autonomous vehicles and micromobility devices such as hoverboards and electric bikes (e-bikes)
  - More innovative ways of moving freight and large trucks

