City of Seattle

Development and Growth Information

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PERMITS as of: 3/29/2024

Source: SDCI Permit Data Warehouse

RESIDENTIAL	Built Units by Year Finaled																								Units Permitted, Not Yet Built *	
Housing Type	1996-2005		2006-2015		2016-2023		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		2022		2023		2024			
	New	Demo	New	Demo	New	Demo	New	Demo	New	Demo	New	Demo	New	Demo	New	Demo	New	Demo	New	Demo	New	Demo	New	Demo	New	Demo
Single Family	4,174	1,236	5,082	2,640	4,594	2,740	782	449	795	761	594	300	524	451	426	183	445	174	455	198	573	224	168	52	828	278
Accessory Dwelling	697	43	769	16	1,446	24	108	2	123	2	118	3	115	3	138	8	194	1	262	5	388	2	122	0	706	1
Detached-Accessory	Not permitted		265	1	1,583	19	89	2	93	4	106	1	119	2	144	1	199	2	341	5	492	2	134	1	682	4
Multi-Family	16,863	2,449	13,070	1,951	12,980	1,564	1,504	124	1,710	448	1,707	208	1,670	281	1,344	184	2,032	167	1,544	78	1,469	74	513	61	2,052	212
Mixed Use	8,633	597	34,358	1,117	50,609	261	4,809	29	7,505	27	6,671	185	8,513	13	4,100	0	4,204	3	7,555	0	7,252	4	4,194	0	16,093	0
Institution/Industrial/ Other			0	5	8	105	0	2	0	11	1	10	1	28	4	32	2	11	0	11	0	1	1	0	2	5
Congregate Residence Sleeping Rooms	Sleeping rooms in congregate residences were not reported				3,148		270		237		1,295		520		296		109		138		283		56		66	
Total	30,367	4,325	53,544	5,730	74,368	4,713	7,562	608	10,463	1,253	10,492	707	11,462	778	6,452	408	7,185	358	10,295	297	10,457	307	5,188	114	20,429	500

COMMERCIAL	1996-2005	2012-2019
Built Non-Residential Square Feet	25,666,936	Coming 2Q 24

Permit data for non-residential square feet is not available from the permit tracking system without significant staff review. The city collects and reports this data for certain time periods as part of the buildable lands program.

* Permit issued: final inspection not completed; may be under construction or complete awaiting final inspection.

JOB CHANGE

Source: Puget Sound Regional Council

	2016-2020	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
All Jobs	82,143	22,731	25,364	16,239	15,996	11,216	-71,970	62,567

Job estimates represent all jobs, not individual workers. Jobs in construction and resources are excluded from planning estimates, therefore are excluded here for comparison purposes.

DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY and PLANNING ESTIMATES

Source: City of Seattle Long-Range Planning

	20-Year Planning Estimates	Development Capacity
	2016-2035	Model Run 2016
Housing Units	70,000	205,959
Non-Residential Sqft	No estimate made	68,220,763
Jobs	115,000	213,711

Planning estimates are made for a 20-year time period for the purposes of the Comprehensive Plan. Esitmates are made for housing units and jobs and are based on Seattle's expected share of a King County growth forecast.

Development capacity is determined by modeling potential new building floor area under existing zoning regulations and converting this floor area to housing units and jobs. The model is run periodically and represents the amount of additional growth that could be accommodated from the time the model is run, unconstrained by time. The model does not predict trends in the market or suggest when potentioal redevelopment might occur.

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