



Urban Density

Goal: Ensure that urban development occurs within a defined urban growth boundary/ area to promote an orderly, compact and efficient pattern of future development.

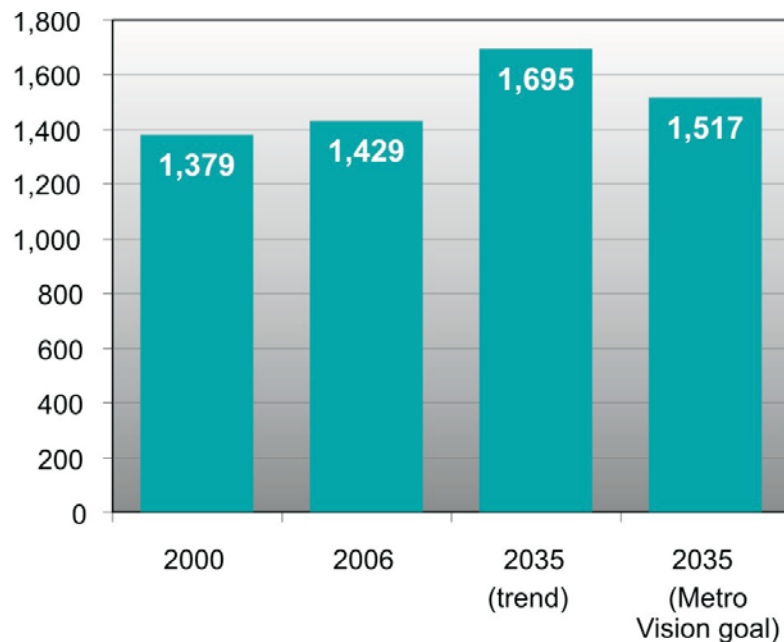
Policy: Promote smaller lot sizes, infill development, and multifamily housing to achieve at least a 10 percent increase in density between 2000 and 2035.

Measure: Gross urban housing unit density (housing units per square mile of urban land).

Conclusions: In 2006, our region's urban density was 1,429 housing units per square mile. To achieve a 10 percent increase between 2000 and 2035, density must increase an average of 0.3 percent per year. Between 2000 and 2006, density increased 3.6 percent, an average of 0.6 percent per year.

This trend, reflecting both infill and new development on the urban fringe, puts our region well on track to meet the 10 percent goal. To stay within the 921-square-mile UGB/A, however, density must increase at an even faster rate of 0.8 percent per year.

Urban Density
(Households per Square Mile)



Action Steps: To help meet the density goal, our region can take the following actions:

- Establish higher densities for new development.
- Support continued infill activities.
- Implement urban centers.
- Encourage transit-oriented development.