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**Rural Population Trends for Clark County, Washington**

- 2000: 60,482, (2000 U.S. Census Urban & Rural)
- 2002: 64,536 (2004 Comp. Plan Pg. 1-4)
- 2010: 58,566 (2010 U.S. Census Urban & Rural)
- 2015: 62,205 (2015 C.C .Comp Plan, Pg. 82)
- 2015: 66,181 (2021 BLR Population Growth, Pg. 12)
- 2016: 66,207, (2021 BLR Population Growth, Pg. 12)
- 2017: 65,743 (2021 BLR Population Growth Pg. 12)
- 2018: 66,018 (2021 BLR Population Growth, Pg. 12)
- 2019: 66,560 (2021 BLR Population Growth, Pg. 12)
- 2020: 66,975 (2021 BLR Population Growth Pg. 12)
- 2020: 65,048 (2020 U.S. Census Urban & Rural Census Est.)

**Between 2000-2020, the rural population added 4,566 people.**

**Between 2015-2020, (per the 2021 Draft BLR), the rural population added 794.**

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**Countywide population growth trends**

- 2000: 345,238 (2000 U.S. Census Urban & Rural Population)
- 2010: 425,363 (2010 U.S. Census Urban & Rural Population)

**Figure 2, Clark County's population growth 2016-2020**

- 2015: 464,165 (2021 BLR Population Growth, Pg. 12)
- 2016: 471,912 (2021 BLR Population Growth, Pg. 12)
- 2017: 478,476 (2021 BLR Population Growth, Pg. 12)
- 2018: 486,339 (2021 BLR Population Growth Pg. 12)
- 2019: 497,990 (2021 BLR Population Growth, Pg. 12)
- 2020: 509, 614 (2021 BLR Population Growth, Pg. 12)

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**Projected countywide growth**

2035: 577,431 (2015 C.C. Comp Plan, Table. 2.9, Pg. 58)

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### **Rural countywide population share**

1995: 22%

2000: 17.5%

2010: 13.8%

2015: 14.3% (13.4% using 2015 C.C. Comp. Plan data)

2016: 14%

2017: 13.7%

2018: 13.6%

2019: 13.4%

2020: 13.1%

**Between 2000-2010, the rural share of the countywide population fell at the rate of -21.1%.**

**In the span of 25 years, Clark County's GMA planning history 1995-2020, the rural share of the countywide population fell at the rate -40.5%**

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### **Countywide growth increases**

2000-2010: 80,125 (U.S. Census)

2010-2020: 84,251 (U.S. Census & BLR data)

2000-2020 = 164,376

**Between 2000-2010, the rural population declined 1,916 people**

**While the countywide population added 80,125.**

**Between 2010-2020, the rural population added 4,770 people.**

