Preliminary local forecasts to 2050 update

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# Updated regional forecast to 2050

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<th>2010</th>
<th>2020</th>
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<th>2030</th>
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<td>Employment</td>
<td>1,541,000</td>
<td>1,581,000</td>
<td>1,754,000</td>
<td>1,802,000</td>
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<td>Households</td>
<td>1,118,000</td>
<td>1,240,000</td>
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<td>1,350,000</td>
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<td>Average HH size</td>
<td>2.50</td>
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<td>2.47</td>
<td>2.44</td>
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<td>Population</td>
<td>2,850,000</td>
<td>3,163,000</td>
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<td>Population Growth</td>
<td>207,000</td>
<td>313,000</td>
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<td>201,000</td>
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Population grows, but less growth than past forecasts

Population gains +705,000 (2010-40), down from +802,000 previously forecasted

Source: 1990-2010 from U.S. Census Bureau; 2015, 2019, 2023 forecasts from Metropolitan Council.
Regional forecast summary

Less growth than past forecasts

Metro will reach 3.8 million population and over 1.5 million households – but will take longer to get there

Demographic sources of growth are weakened

- Births and birth rates are at record-lows
- Immigration still a major contributor and growing – but not as much as past expectations

2050 will look very different

- Growing racial and ethnic diversity
- Growing numbers and share of older adults (65+)
- Implications: different patterns of activity, time use, different housing demands
Input from local partners and the public
About the product set

• City- and township-level results
  • Sub city, zonal results come later
• Excel workbook format
• Also an interactive web map

Visit https://metrocouncil.org/forecasts
Why versions 1, 2, 3…?

We want to get this right

Preliminary Local Forecasts (version 1) does not yet reflect known/ proposed developments; transportation model results; water supply analysis; nor any new regional policies.

- Published January 2024. Local governments can comment, Jan.–Feb. 29

Proposed Local Forecasts (version 2) will introduce new regional system characteristics, including a refresh of planned transportation and transit networks. It will further introduce new regional policies and implications for spatial planning. Council staff are asking direction on new policies from Council Members.

- Expected Summer 2024. Public hearing, Aug. 15 – Oct. 7, 2024
Forecast timeline parallels the Imagine 2050 timeline

Preliminary local forecasts:
- Internal review and public review (Winter 2023-2024)

Proposed / Public hearing local forecasts (Summer 2024)

System statements forecast (Summer 2025)

Regional forecast update (April 2023)

Refresh and re-run of local forecasts (Spring 2024)

Approved local forecasts (Winter 2024-2025)
Multiple opportunities for stakeholders to review and comment

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| Jan. – Feb. 29, 2024 | Review and comment on **Preliminary Local Forecasts v. 1**  
• Includes population, households, employment for counties, cities, townships |
| Aug. 15 – Oct. 7, 2024 | Review and comment on **Proposed Local Forecasts v. 2**  
• Includes population, households, employment for counties, cities, townships, sub city sewer-serviced and policy areas, and Transportation Analysis Zones  
• Part of public comment period for *Imagine 2050* |
| Sept. – Dec. 2025 | Review and comment on **System Statement Local Forecasts**  
• Includes population, households, employment for counties, cities, townships, sub city sewer-serviced and policy areas  
• Part of appeals period for System Statements |
| 2026 – 2028       | Preparation and review of Comprehensive Plan Updates  
• Met Council and local governments can agree to local forecast revisions as expectations and plans evolve |
| 2026 – 2034       | Preparation and review of Plan Amendments  
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