

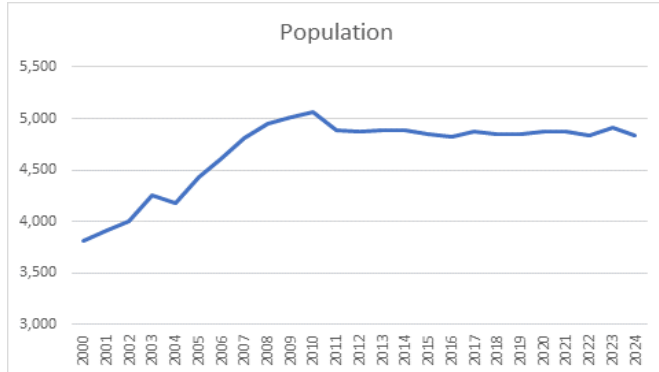
CONVERSATIONS ABOUT COMMUNITY

Updating Medical Lake's Comprehensive Plan

December 2024

Historic Population Growth

Medical Lake had a population of 3,815 in the year 2000. With several new residential subdivisions, the population increased by nearly a third by 2010, to 5,060 residents. Starting in 2011 and continuing until the present, residents at the state institutions have been declining. In addition, new residential development has slowed down. In April of 2024, the State estimated that Medical Lake had 4,835 residents.



Planning Commission

The Planning Commission invites you to attend their monthly meetings. The Commission usually meets on the fourth Thursday of the month, but due to the holiday, December has been changed to the third Thursday.

December 19th January 23rd

Meetings start at 5:30 and can be attended in person at City Hall or via Zoom. The agenda is available on the City website a week in advance.

Population Forecast

Historic population growth numbers are used to create a population forecast. Due to Medical Lake's smaller growth over the last 15 years, the State and Spokane County are asking us to accommodate only 244 more residents over the next 20 years.

Land Capacity Analysis

A land capacity analysis is a method of determining how many housing units are likely to be built based on available land and zoning regulations, such as density and lot size. Spokane County provides the methodology. Medical Lake has completed a preliminary analysis and a draft report. The initial analysis shows that 293 units are likely to be built by the year 2046. With the average household size of 2.49 people, this will exceed the population we are asked to accommodate by the State and County. The draft report was presented to the Planning Commission on November 21st. You can find the draft report on the Comprehensive Plan page of the City website.

Existing Housing

In June, a City survey determined that we have a total of 1,828 housing units. Within that, 1,291 (71%) are houses, 331 (18%) are middle housing types (buildings with up to 6 units), and 204 (11%) are apartments.