

# Memo

**To:** King County Affordable Housing Committee Members

**From:** Janet Lee, Planner, King County Department of Community & Human Services

**cc:** Housing Interjurisdictional Team

**Date:** May 14, 2021

**Re:** Regional Affordable Housing Dashboard Release

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## Background

The Affordable Housing Committee (AHC or Committee) is chartered to track countywide and jurisdictional progress to implement the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force's (Task Force's) Five Year Action Plan, regional indicators to understand countywide housing need, and progress to meet the goal to build or preserve 44,000 units affordable to households earning 50 percent or less of AMI between 2019 and 2024. To aid in this effort, the charter directs staff to develop a data dashboard. At the May 19 AHC meeting, staff will release and demonstrate the King County Regional Affordable Housing dashboard. Committee members will have an opportunity to ask questions following the demonstration.

## Purpose

The main audience for the dashboard is the Committee. This first dashboard presents both regional and jurisdictional housing data, as well as progress on the action plan with the goal of providing an accountability tool that supports regional collaboration.

## Data Sources

The dashboard primarily uses existing datasets from various private and public sources. One new dataset, an inventory of income-restricted housing units in King County, was created for this release in partnership with the Puget Sound Regional Council. The King County Income-Restricted Housing Unit Database is a necessary tool for measuring progress towards the 44,000-unit goal. It will be updated by King County annually and future iterations will have increased functionality, such as the ability to track net gain of income-restricted units created through regulatory incentives.

## Overview

The dashboard is broken out into five sections:

1. **Key Housing Affordability Indicators** which track the impact of actions to implement housing affordability strategies in terms of reducing housing cost burden, reducing disparities, and increasing production and preservation of affordable housing to meet the 44,000-unit goal
2. **Regional Progress to Address the Crisis** which tracks and reports on progress to implement the Task Force's Five Year Action Plan;
3. **Measuring Impact** which tracks the effectiveness of the actions in achieving intended outcomes;

4. **Jurisdictional Snapshots** where policy makers and staff can find housing affordability and policy enactment information relevant to their jurisdictions; and
5. **Additional Resources** where staff can download the data and materials used in the dashboard.

Future versions of the dashboard will include new or improved datasets, with data gleaned through jurisdictional surveys, evictions data, construction pipeline data, and others. There will also be an increased accountability focus. Staff have convened a Technical Advisory Group of regional stakeholders to advise on these next steps.

### **Stakeholder Engagement**

To increase the impact and effectiveness of the dashboard, staff will conduct additional outreach to the media, policy staff, and members of the Affordable Housing Committee with each new dashboard release. If AHC members would like staff to demonstrate the dashboard to a specific audience in their community or organization, please contact Janet Lee ([janlee@kingcounty.gov](mailto:janlee@kingcounty.gov)) and McCaela Daffern ([mdaffern@kingcounty.gov](mailto:mdaffern@kingcounty.gov)) to arrange a time.

The anticipated schedule for the 2021 dashboard release is:

May 19, 2021	<i>Release dashboard during May AHC meeting</i>
June-July 2021	<i>Stakeholder Engagement "Roadshow"</i>