

Affordable Housing Committee Updates

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What is the AHC

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- A countywide advisory body of the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) that supports coordinated and accountable implementation of the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) Housing Chapter
- Provides regular progress updates to the GMPC

Today's Update

- Covers AHC activities since the GMPC last met on November 19, 2025



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Revised AHC 2026 Work Plan and Meeting Schedule

AHC 2026 Work Plan and Meeting Schedule Overview

- Adopted November 6, 2025
- Focus areas:
 - Leverage emerging housing trends to inform affordable housing policy solutions
 - Build and sustain accountability to the CPP Housing Chapter

May 7, 2026 AHC Revisions

- Adjusted membership appointment schedule
- Reduced state legislative priorities touch points
- Added time to debrief GMPC discussion about annual CPP housing reporting
- Adjusted approach to developing the mid-cycle assessment of shortfalls and adjustment process to align with the state's five-year implementation progress reporting program

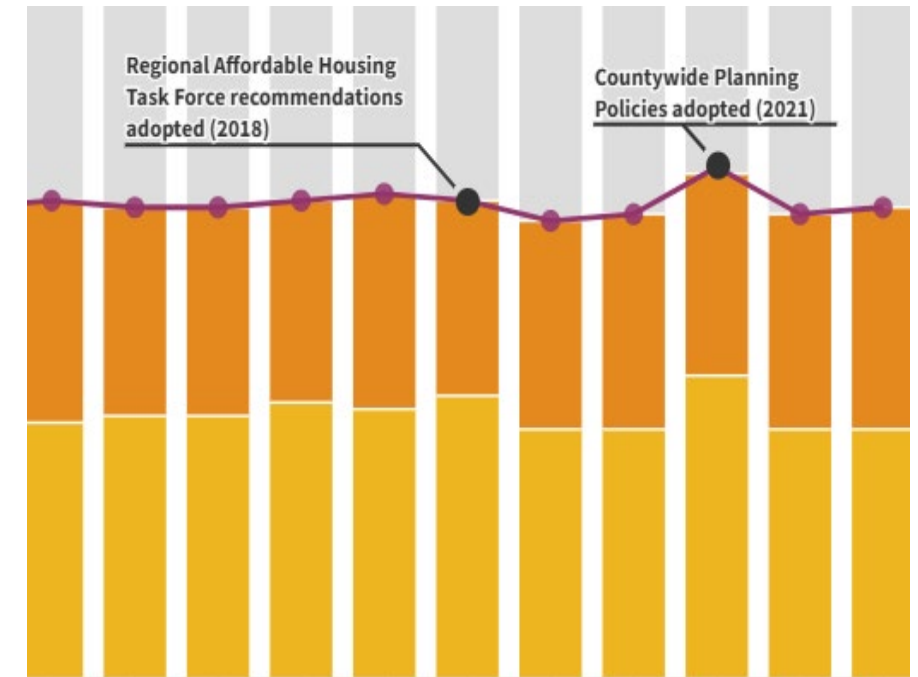
2025 Regional Affordable Housing Dashboard Update

Dashboard Overview

- Provides a window into housing affordability across King County by combining multiple data sources to spotlight needs, track progress, and support coordinated action
- AHC staff maintain it and report annual insights to the AHC

2025 Update Highlights

- Includes enhanced data on net new income-restricted housing unit production reported by jurisdictions, public funders, and housing authorities as of December 31, 2024
- Redesigned to serve as a bridge to a new dashboard that will report on implementation of CPP housing requirements and an updated Five Year Action Plan



AHC 2025-2026 Membership

How AHC Member Appointments Work

- 18 members representing King County, Seattle, Sound Cities Association, and housing-related or community-serving organizations
- Appointed by the GMPC every odd-numbered year and when vacancies occur
- Jurisdictions recommend governmental seats; AHC recommends organizational representatives
- New members will serve provisionally until appointed

May 7 AHC Meeting

- Reviewed returning member appointments, newly recommended members, and priority areas of expertise for two vacancies
- Members affirmed and expanded on staff-recommended areas of expertise

Upcoming Actions

- July 9: AHC considers and may approve a recommended slate of organizational representatives
- September 16: GMPC considers and possibly appoints all new members

Action Plan and Dashboard Update | Requirements



Requirements Driving this Work

- A 2026–2027 King County budget proviso directs the King County Executive to:
 - Update the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force Five Year Action Plan with consideration of the 2025 Countywide Housing Needs Assessment
 - Update the Regional Affordable Housing Dashboard to monitor progress on the updated plan
 - Prepare in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, including the AHC
- King County Councilmember, GMPC member, and AHC Chair Claudia Balducci sponsored the proviso

Action Plan and Dashboard Update | AHC Input

May 7 Briefing and Discussion

- Reviewed lessons learned from past implementation, analytic findings guiding updates and draft principles for updated Action Plan and Dashboard
- Members affirmed the draft principles and suggested refinements to strengthen overall focus
- Members identified additional considerations and potential emphasis areas for the plan update

Guidance from AHC Chair and Proviso Sponsor

- Shared intent to accelerate timeline
- Emphasized need for a high-impact, targeted plan
- Clarified AHC role in the project is consultative

Future AHC Activities

On July 9, AHC scheduled to:

- Consider and possibly recommend organizational representatives for GMPC appointment
- Discuss outcomes of today's GMPC agenda item on annual housing reporting
- Learn about evidence-based housing affordability solutions from other regions
- Receive an update on the AHC's Housing-focused Draft Comprehensive Plan Review Program