

BREMERTON/KITSAP EMPLOYMENT 37

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Non-Agricultural Employment Is Projected to Increase:

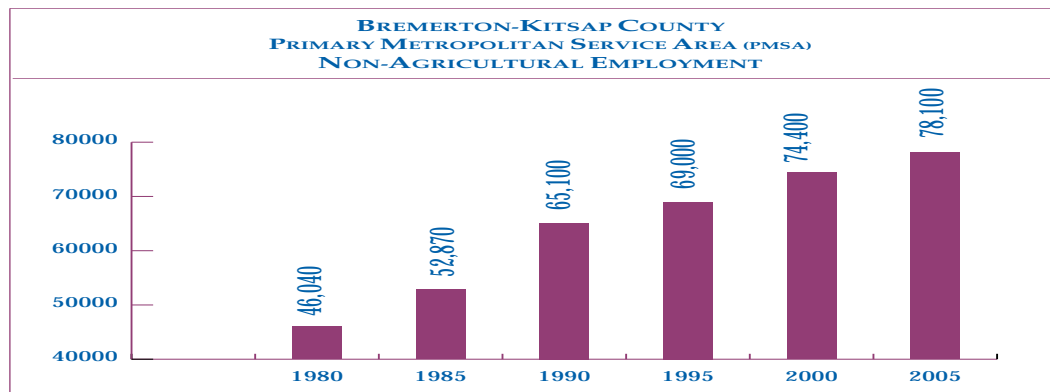
The Non-agricultural employment is projected to increase by 4,200 over the five-year period of 2002-2005. This would be an increase of 840 jobs/year (+1.1%/year). All employment categories are projected to experience increases except Manufacturing, which is expected to experience a decrease.

BREMERTON-KITSAP COUNTY PRIMARY METROPOLITAN SERVICE AREA (PMSA) NON-AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT LEVELS				
Industry	2000	2005 Projection	% Change	Industry Share
Manufacturing	2,300	2,200	-0.9%	3.1%
Mining/ Construction	4,200	4,400	+0.9%	5.6%
Trans & Public Utilities	2,000	2,300	+2.8%	2.9%
Wholesale/ Retail Trade	17,000	17,800	+0.9%	22.8%
Finance, Ins/ Real Estate	2,600	2,800	+1.5%	3.4%
Services	20,100	22,200	+2.0%	28.4%
Government	25,700	26,400	+0.5%	33.8%
TOTAL	73,900	78,100	+1.1%	100.00%

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Slow but Steady Employment Growth:

The graph above illustrates annual Kitsap County non-agricultural employment levels from 1980 to 2000. Annual growth in non-agricultural employment has been gradual but steadily uphill. The last column represents projected growth for 2005.



Unemployment Rate Continues to Improve:

Economic recovery continues in Washington State. From February 2003 to February 2004, the state's unemployment rate has dropped from 7.4% to 6.1% (Bureau of Labor Statistics and Washington State Labor Market & Economic Analysis).