

# **Builders Bulletin**

Homing in on Our Region's Housing Statistics

DECEMBER 2024

#### MONTH'S SUPPLY OF HOUSING INVENTORY

AS OF NOVEMBER 2024



King County had **1.9 months' supply** of inventory (no change from 1.9 in November 2023)



Snohomish County had **1.4 months' supply** of inventory (down from 1.5 in November 2023)

Many industry analysts consider a four- to six-month level an indicator of a healthy market.

Source: Northwest Multiple Listing Service

#### MEDIAN HOME PRICE

NOVEMBER 2024



The median price of single-family homes and condos was **\$837,350** in King County and **\$760,000** in Snohomish County.



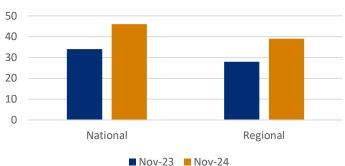
For single-family homes only, the median price in King County increased 4%, from \$885,500 a year ago to **\$925,000**. The median price in Snohomish County increased 8%, from \$725,000 to **\$784,975**.

Source: Northwest Multiple Listing Service

### **BUILDER CONFIDENCE**

NOVEMBER 2024





The Housing Market Index (HMI) was 46 nationally, up 35% year over year.

In the West, the HMI was 39.

The HMI is based on a monthly survey of NAHB members designed to take the pulse of the single-family housing market.

Source: National Association of Home Builders (NAHB/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index (HMI))

#### **BUILDING PERMITS**

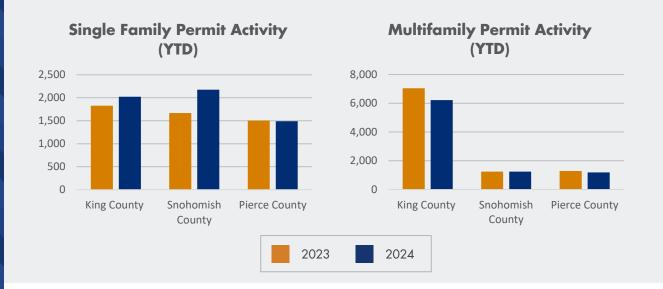
The following building permit data is for the Seattle Metro Area (including King, Snohomish, and Pierce counties).

**5,689 Single-Family Permits** (YTD as of October 31, 2024)

YTD % Change Compared to 2023: 14%

**8,654 Multifamily Permits** (YTD as of October 31, 2024)

YTD % Change Compared to 2023: -10%



Source: State of the Cities Data Systems (SOCDS) Building Permits Database via HUD. Data on permits collected in the Census Bureau's Building Permits Survey.

Note: The above permit numbers are YTD through October 31, 2024, compared to same period last year.

## **JOBS**



The Washington unemployment rate for November 2024 is **4.6%**; for Seattle/Bellevue/Everett it is **4.3%**.

Construction employment in Washington **increased by 6,100** between November 2023 and November 2024. Total employment in construction is **235,300 statewide**.

Source: Puget Sound Regional Council, Employment Security Department: WA Employment Estimates (Seasonally Adjusted), November 2024 and Bureau of Labor Statistics.

