

INTRODUCTION

The comprehensive plan for the Town of Twisp is intended to be a guide for the growth and development within and surrounding the community that is both sensitive to the environment and to the needs of community residents. The plan is intended to guide the community in its development for the foreseeable future, or about the next 10 years. It is intended that this plan be reviewed on a regular basis to insure that it serves the best wishes of the community. This plan should be the guiding element for the decision making process of the Town Council.

This comprehensive plan describes general goals and objectives which Town Officials believe to be consistent with the attitudes of the citizens of Twisp and in the best interest of the community as a whole. The general purpose of the plan is to provide goals for the development of the town which will make it a more convenient, attractive, and orderly place in which to live, shop, work, and play. Goals of the plan are as follows:

1. Encourage the most appropriate use of land throughout the community.
2. Lessen traffic congestion and accidents. Encourage non-motorized transportation and pedestrian connection of neighborhoods.
3. Secure safety from fire.
4. Provide adequate light and air, lessen noise & light pollution.
5. Prevent overcrowding of land. Encourage a broad spectrum of housing through multiple residential zoning types.
6. Balance residential areas with sufficient business and industrial areas to support employment and business growth.
7. Promote the coordinated development of undeveloped areas.
8. Encourage the formation of neighborhood or community units.
9. Secure an appropriate allotment of land area in new developments for all the requirements of community life.
10. Conserve, protect and restore natural beauty and other natural resources.
11. Facilitate the adequate provision of transportation water, sewerage, and other public uses and requirements.

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The Town of Twisp Comprehensive Plan is composed of five main elements which must be closely interrelated to serve as a satisfactory guide for future development.

These elements are:

- I. The Land Use Element which is intended to show the general location, amount, and pattern of residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural and open space land needed in the Twisp area in the foreseeable future.
- II. The Public Facilities and Services Element which is intended to assist the community in determining the need and location for future schools, water, sewer, health care, municipal buildings, and other municipal facilities and services.
- III. The Transportation/Circulation Element which is intended to indicate standards and locations for arterials, collector and local access streets, and pedestrian and non-motorized access in and around Twisp.
- IV. The Park and Recreation Element which is intended to provide goals and objectives, for the development and expansion of a wide range of parks, trail system, and recreation facilities.
- V. Community Identity Element which is intended to provide goals and objectives to identify, preserve and maintain and beautify historical structures, heritage and trees.

As time passes, technological changes are made and the social, economic, and cultural needs of the community change. In light of such change, it is necessary to constantly revise and update the comprehensive plan. The following strategies and ideals must be included and considered in any review of the plan to ensure the plan serves its intended function.

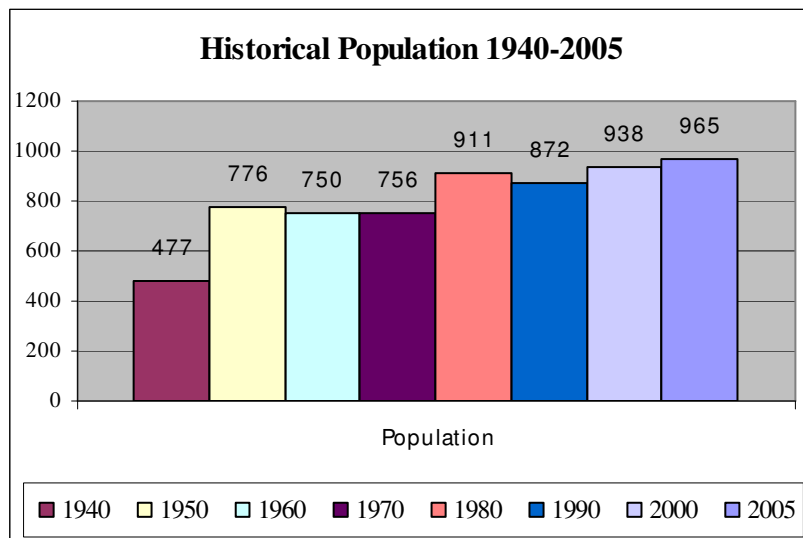
- If the plan is to be a vital document to the community and a guide for its growth, it must be constantly used as a guide in making local policy decisions relating to land use, public facilities and services, transportation/circulation, parks/recreation, and community identity.
- If planning within the Town of Twisp is to be effective, it must be coordinated with planning in Okanogan County. Problems related to future growth and development do not respect corporate limits. Even though there is ample room within the town for urban expansion there will also be urban development on the town's periphery. Therefore, it is of utmost importance that the town and county work together in the future planning of the Twisp area.
- If effective measures are not taken to implement the comprehensive plan, the document will have little value for the community.

- If the plan is to serve as a guide for community development, steps must be taken to make the plan become a reality.
- At least every five years this plan should be reviewed to ensure it is current and that proper direction is being applied.

POPULATION DATA

Information on the population of Twisp is an important part of the picture of land use within the community. Changes in the population affect the demand for housing, infrastructure, and services to the community, which in turn influences the pattern of development. For that reason, basic population information is included in this element.

The 2000 US Census revealed a population of 938 in the Town of Twisp. The following tables and figures show historical population data of the Town of Twisp. The first figure details changes in the Town's historical population by decade from 1940 to 2005. The following table shows the percentage of change in population over the same period.

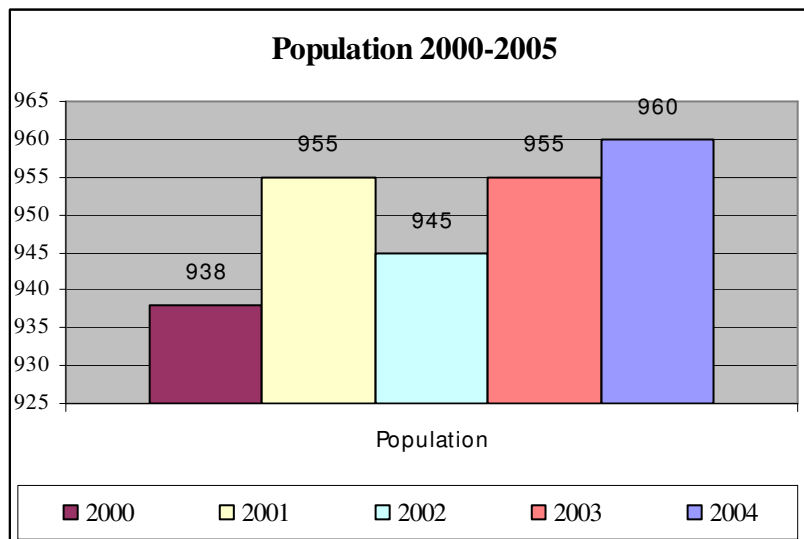


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Historical Population Data 1940 – 2005

Year	Population	Change
	335	
1940	477	
1950	776	38.53%
1960	750	-3.47%
1970	756	0.79%
1980	911	17.01%
1990	872	-4.47%
2000	938	7.04%
2005	965	2.80%
OFM Forecasting 2005		

This second figure and table illustrates the Town’s growth in residents from 2000 to 2005.



Town of Twisp Population Change 2000-2005

Year	Population	Change
2000	938	
2001	955	1.78%
2002	945	-1.06%
2003	955	1.05%
2004	960	0.52%
2005	965	0.52%
OFM Forecasting 2005		

There is an assumption that residential growth in Twisp will roughly double over the next 20 years from 1000 to 2000 based upon 100% buildout of all current

single and multifamily homes including condominiums and townhouses. OFM population forecast is shown on the next page.

Town of Twisp Population Forecast 2006-2010

Year	LOW .57% Annual Increase	HIGH 2% Annual Increase
2006	920	933
2007	925	952
2008	931	971
2009	936	990
2010	941	1010
Total 5 yr. projection	26.0	95.2

OFM Forecasting 2005

General Population Characteristics

Town of Twisp -- Characteristic	Number	Percent
One Race	923	98.4%
White Alone	902	96.2%
Black or African American	0	0.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native	9	1.0%
Asian	5	0.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0%
Other Race	7	0.7%
Two or More Races	15	1.6%
Total Population	923	100%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	26	2.8%

Census 2000 Demographic Profile