



# DATA & INFORMATION SERVICES



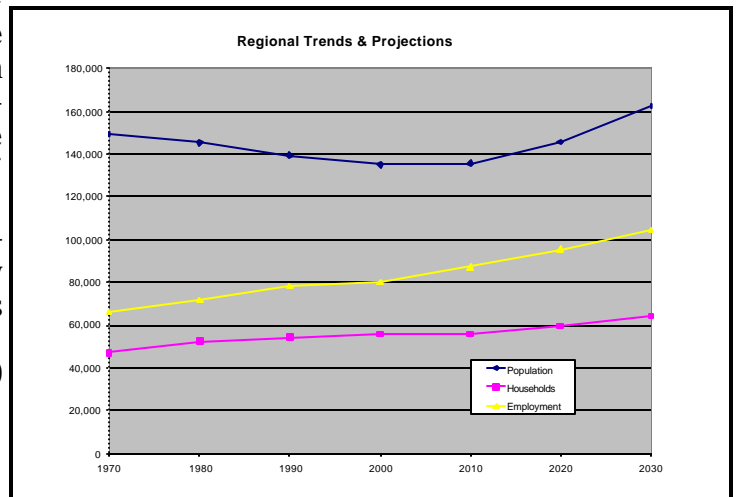
## REGIONAL FORECASTS

### INTRODUCTION

Periodically Berkshire Regional Planning Commission staff produce regional and community level forecasts of population, household, household size, and employment changes. The forecasts are based on the Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI) data which models expected changes in regional totals based on national and regional trends. BRPC has just completed a new set of community and regional forecasts for Berkshire County for the decades 2010 to 2030.

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

The new population projections show a reversal of Berkshire County's past thirty years of population loss with a small population gain (half of 1%) by 2010 adding up to a 21% increase by 2030. The turnaround for the region's two cities is estimated to occur by 2020 with population increases in the 6 to 7% range. Over the next 3 decades outlying communities are projected to continue to see the largest percentage gains in population. Regionally, household size is expected to increase slightly, while the number of households jumps up 15% with 8,000+ more households settling in the Berkshires. By 2030 about 25,000 new jobs are projected to be added in the region for a total of 105,000 jobs.



### STATUS/NEXT STEPS

Preliminary forecasts will be distributed to the Select Boards and Mayors, Planning Boards, and BRPC Delegates and Alternates for review and discussion. Local communities are encouraged to comment on these forecasts. For regional or community level data and information visit our website (listed below) or contact K. McNulty-Vaughan at 442-1521 or [kmcnulty-vaughan@berkshireplanning.org](mailto:kmcnulty-vaughan@berkshireplanning.org).

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