

FY 2022-23 Budget Public Hearing Questions

Question #	Question	Answer
1	During the URMD presentation, it was mentioned that there are 215,000 people in the district. What year is that population count from?	2022, based on population estimates projected from the 2020 Census.
2	Is the ESPD/URMD population synonymous with the County's unincorporated population?	No, both districts are urban unincorporated areas of the county. There are approximately 26,700 people in the rural portion of the County.
3	What was the population in 2010?	County population in 2010 was 529,710, Cities were 310,375 and Countywide unincorporated was 219,335. The estimate for Unincorporated Urban was 193,278, which covers both URMD and ESPD.
4	Has the number of people increased or decreased over time?	The current County population estimate for 2022 is 606,976, an increase of 77,266 since 2010. Population in the urban unincorporated area has increased by approximately 26,000 since 2010.
5	During the presentations for ESPD and URMD there have been differences in the estimated population counts for the districts. This is concerning to the budget committee and I would like to know what the correct population counts are and how that impacts URMD and ESPD?	ESPD does use the population statistics prepared by the Portland State University (PSU) Population Research Center. We update the population estimates annually (November) from the PSU website and use their percentages of growth to predict future population. The federal census is undertaken every ten years and the population report is updated with the actual census numbers. The most recent 10 year period of estimates were higher than the census determined in 2020. We have taken steps to eliminate positions that exceeded the officer per 1,000 population, as a result of the new census numbers. The current census reported that there were 600,372 people in the County with approximately 211,734 in the urban unincorporated area of the County, which is representative of the URMD and ESPD districts. The rural unincorporated count was 26,714 and is outside both districts.
6	Is the ESPD population synonymous with the County's unincorporated populations? Are these census numbers figured into the ratio of officers to population along with other services?	No, both districts are urban unincorporated areas of the county. There are approximately 26,700 people in the rural portion of the county. Yes, the census numbers are used in the calculation for the ratio of officers per 1,000 of population.
7	I would like to know how the Assessed Value of the district has changed since 2010. Is this generating more revenue for each of the districts?	Fiscal year 2021-22 Assessed Value of ESPD was \$23,869,625,800, and in fiscal year 2009-10 the value was \$14,710,215,018. Yes, the assessed value increases over time and increases revenue to the district.