

# Lake Tahoe: Units Are Capped — People Are Not

WHAT TRPA CAPS	WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENS	WHAT IS NOT CAPPED OR ANALYZED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development Units</li> <li>• Allocations</li> <li>• Development Rights</li> <li>• Permit Accounting</li> </ul> <p><b>Result:</b> “Within the Growth Cap”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full-time residents: ~55,000</li> <li>• July avg daily population: ~260,000</li> <li>• Peak July days: ~280,000</li> <li>• Visitors, STRs, second homes</li> </ul> <p><b>Result:</b> Five-fold population surge</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peak population</li> <li>• Visitation</li> <li>• Evacuation capacity</li> <li>• Environmental carrying capacity</li> <li>• Wildfire evacuation feasibility</li> </ul> <p><b>Result:</b> No basin-wide analysis</p>

A growth cap that counts units but ignores people, peak population, and environmental carrying capacity is not a real growth cap — and it does not protect public safety.

*Sources: TRPA Effective Daily Population Model (2017–2023); U.S. Census Bureau; Lake Tahoe Destination Stewardship Plan (2022).*