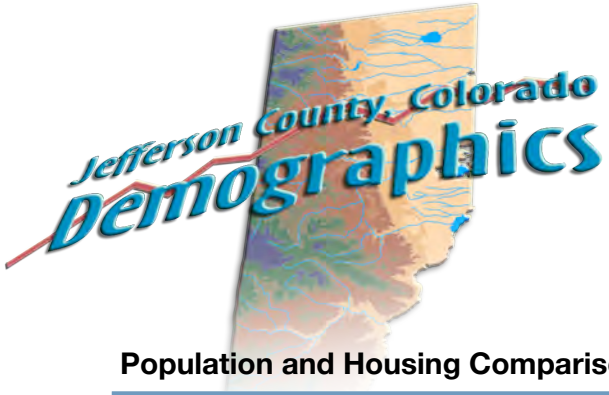

At a Glance

Demographic Profile 2000 to 2012 Comparison

The following tables reflect the most recent population estimates for Jefferson County and unincorporated Jefferson County. As of July 1, 2010, the County's total population was estimated at 535,734 persons with 188,368 people living in unincorporated Jefferson County. The Colorado State Demography Office is in the process of updating their population and household estimates. These revised numbers should be released in the Spring/Summer of 2012.

Population and Housing Comparison for Jefferson County

	2000 Jefferson County	2012 Jefferson County	2000 Unincorporated Jeffco	2012 Unincorporated Jeffco
Total Population	527,056	535,734	181,132	188,368
Group Quarters Population	7,730	7,427	721	1,577
Household Population	517,777	528,307	180,945	186,791
Person Per Household	2.52	2.42	2.71	2.55
Total Housing Units	211,987	230,185	69,460	77,465
Occupied Housing Units	205,504	218,648	66,734	73,293
Vacant Housing Units	6,412	11,537	2,726	4,172
Vacancy Rate	3.03%	5.01%	3.92	5.39

- As of July 1, 2010, Jefferson County's total population increased as 8,678 people from the reported 2000 US Census population estimate or about 1.65% from 2000 to 2011.
- Unincorporated Jefferson County continued to grow in total population by 7,236 people or about 4.0% from 2000 to 2011.
- The total population was evenly split with about 49.6% male and 50.4% female. 22.3% of the County's total population was under 18 years of age and 12.6% were 65 years and older.
- Jefferson County is forecasted to continue to grow in population in a moderate pace over the next 20 years. However, the senior Jefferson County population will continue to grow at a much faster pace.

Other County Variables

	2000 Jefferson County	2012 Jefferson County
School Enrollment	86,864	For 2010-2011, 84,602
Births	6,681	5,723
Deaths	3,159	3,757
Natural Population Migration	3,142	1,966
Net Migration	4,057	961
Wage and Salary Jobs*	210,527 Jobs, Average wage $871 per week	208,500 Jobs, Average wage $1,031 per week

Source: 2000 US Census and the Colorado State Demography Office for 2012
*US bureau of Labor Statistics - Third Quarter 2011

- 35% of the County's population lives in the unincorporated areas of the County.
- The incorporated cities and towns contain 65% of the County's total population.
- As of 2012, the unincorporated portion of Jeffco had the largest total population (188,368) followed by the City of Lakewood (144,382), City of Arvada (104,818), Jefferson County's portion of the City of Westminster (46,547), the City of Wheat Ridge (31,626), and the City of Golden (17,835).
- According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, Jefferson County was one of four Colorado counties to have employment levels exceeding 200,000 employed workers. The 208,500 jobs showed a 1.5% growth over the previous year and ranked 82nd nationally
- As of the third quarter, 2011, the average weekly wage in Jefferson County rose 4.2% from the previous year and ranked 52nd nationally for large counties.