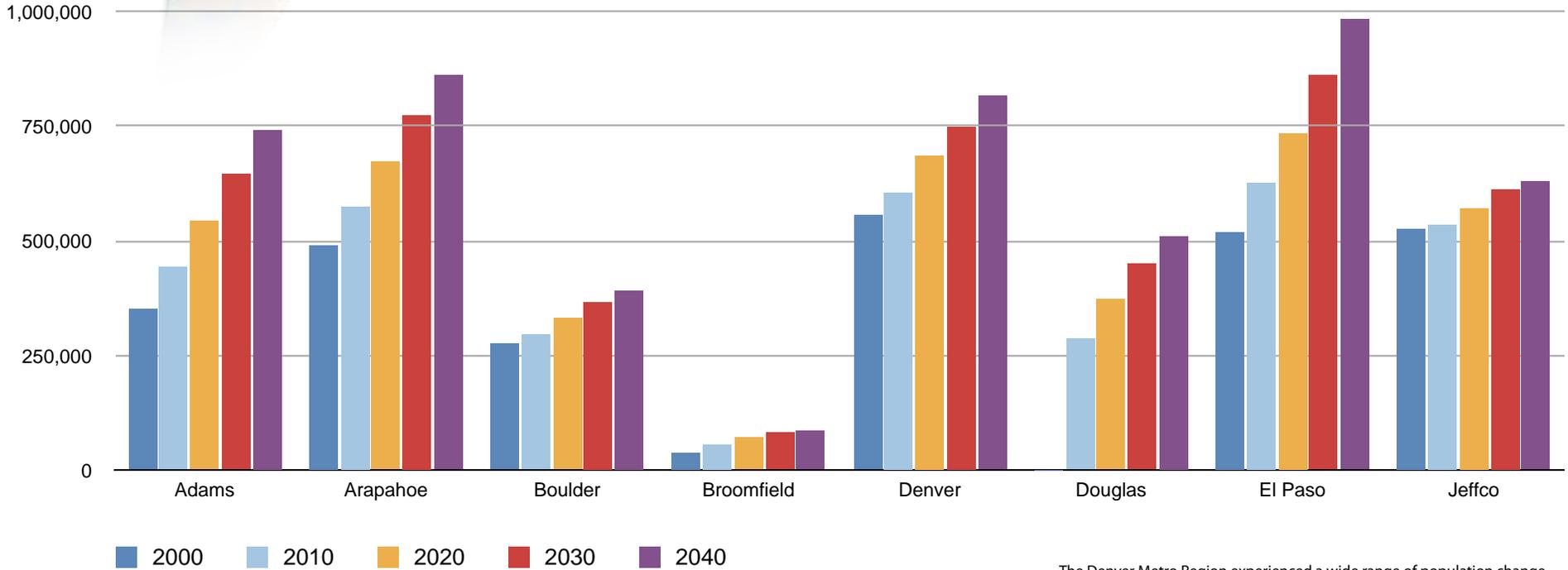


Jefferson County is predicted to continue to grow in population over the next 30 years. However, Jeffco's rate of growth may not be quite as fast as some of our neighboring counties such as: Adams, Arapahoe and Douglas County. This may be because the majority of the land area left to develop in Jefferson County is in the mountains, which is very constrained in terms of water and sanitation and geography.

### Population Comparison with Other Metro Counties



|      | Adams   | Arapahoe | Boulder | Broomfield | Denver  | Douglas | El Paso | Jeffco  |
|------|---------|----------|---------|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 2000 | 351,735 | 490,722  | 276,255 | 38,544     | 556,738 | 181     | 519,802 | 526,718 |
| 2010 | 443,715 | 575,022  | 295,487 | 56,135     | 605,722 | 287,152 | 627,096 | 535,734 |
| 2020 | 544,258 | 673,230  | 332,107 | 71,211     | 686,613 | 373,308 | 734,862 | 571,753 |
| 2030 | 645,884 | 774,353  | 366,960 | 82,049     | 749,555 | 450,846 | 861,141 | 612,885 |
| 2040 | 742,459 | 861,329  | 391,834 | 85,929     | 817,093 | 510,548 | 984,019 | 630,029 |

Source: Colorado Department of Local Affairs, State Demography Office, Population Forecast by Region, 2000 - 2040

- The Denver Metro Region experienced a wide range of population change between 2000 and 2012. Douglas County grew the most with a 62.41% increase. Adams and Arapahoe Counties also experienced double digit percent increases, while Boulder, Denver and Jefferson each saw single digit percent increases.
- The Denver Metro Region is still experiencing the effects of the economic downturn, which has affected multiple aspects of the economy including employment, access to credit, migration into our region, and patterns of home ownership.
- For 2012, Jefferson County is considered the fourth most populated county in Colorado. By 2040, Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, and El Paso Counties are all forecasted to contain more people than Jeffco.