

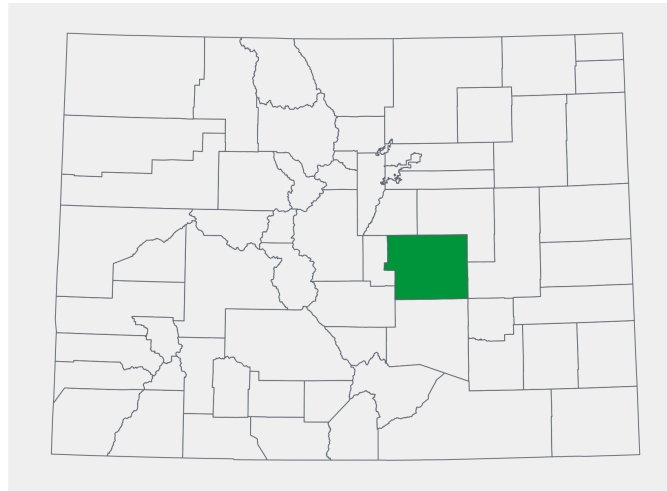


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Community Profile for El Paso County

Demographic information is critical for making informed decisions at the local, state and national level. This demographic profile is a summary of trends in a community. The dashboard provides charts, text, data and additional links to assist in the exploration and understanding of demographic trends for counties and municipalities in Colorado. The following collection of tables and charts establishes the context for assessing potential impacts and for decision-making.



Basic Statistics

The population base and trends of an area determine the needs for housing, schools, roads and other services. The age, income, race and ethnicity, and migration of the population of a community are all vital in planning for service

provision. The most significant demographic transitions for Colorado and its communities are related to disparate growth, aging, downward pressure on income, and growing racial and ethnic diversity.

Table 1: Community Quick Facts

	El Paso County	Colorado
Population (2019)+	722,493	5,763,976
Population Change (2010 to 2019)+	95,261	713,644
Total Employment (2019)+	389,083	3,470,272
Median Household Income [^]	\$68,779	\$72,331
Median House Value [^]	\$275,000	\$343,300
Percentage of Population with Incomes lower than the Poverty Line [^]	10.1%	10.3%
Percentage of Population Born in Colorado [^]	31.8%	42.4%
+Source: State Demography Office		
[^] Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019		
American Community Survey, Print Date: 08/26/2021		

Population Trends

The tables and plots in this section highlight trends and forecasts for the total population in El Paso County. The table shows the overall population growth rate for El Paso County and the State of Colorado. Additional plots show the overall population trends, forecasts for along with the overall components of change for El Paso County.

Table 2: Population Growth Rate

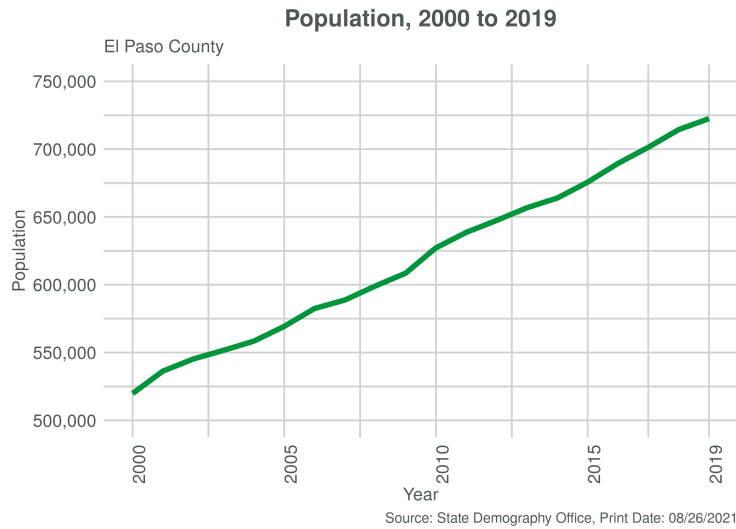
Year	El Paso County		Colorado	
	Population	Growth Rate	Population	Growth Rate
1990	397,014		3,294,473	
1995	469,693	3.4%	3,811,074	3.0%
2000	519,802	2.0%	4,338,801	2.6%
2005	569,322	1.8%	4,662,534	1.4%
2010	627,232	2.0%	5,050,332	1.6%
2015	675,645	1.5%	5,453,996	1.5%
2019	722,493	1.7%	5,763,976	1.4%

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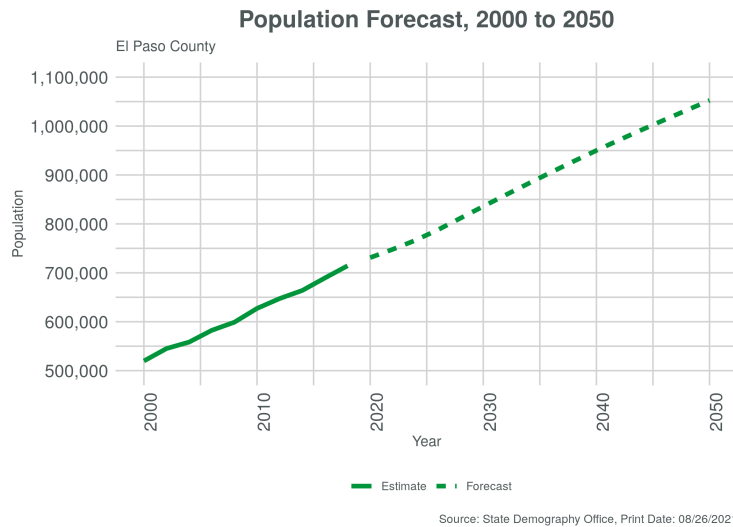
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At the end of 2019 the estimated population of El Paso County was 722,493,

an increase of 46,848 over the population in 2015. The growth rate for El Paso County between 2015 and 2019 was 1.7 percent compared to 1.4 percent for the State of Colorado.

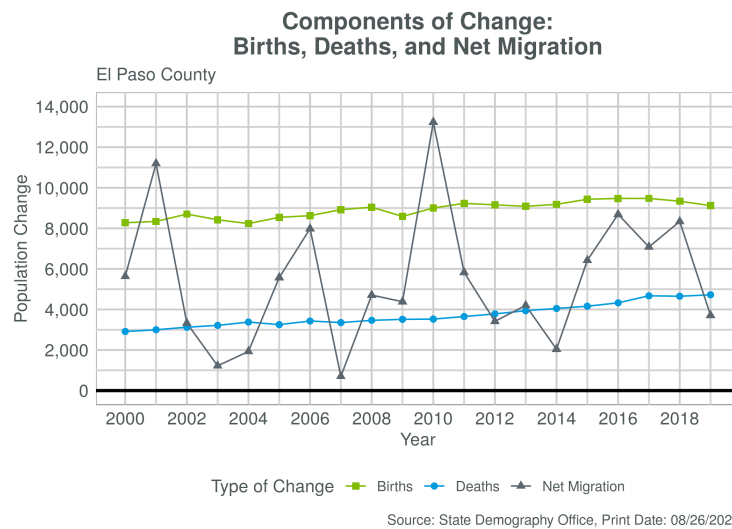


The population of El Paso County is forecast to reach 731,034 by 2020 and 950,078 by 2040. Overall, the growth rate for El Paso County is expected to decrease between 2020 and 2040. Between 2010 and 2020 the forecast growth rate was 1.5 percent, between 2020 and 2030 the forecast growth rate is 1.3 percent, while the forecast growth rate between 2030 and 2040 is 1.3 percent. The change is due in part to population aging and changes in the proportion of the population in childbearing ages. Note: Population forecasts are only provided for Colorado counties.



Components of Population Change

Births, deaths and net migration are the main components of population change. Net migration is the difference between the number of people moving into an area and the number of people moving out. Change in net migration typically causes most of the changes in population trends because migration is more likely to experience short-term fluctuations than births and deaths. Migration also tends to be highly correlated to job growth or decline in communities where most of the residents work where they live. For many counties with negative natural increase (more deaths than births), this makes migration especially important for population stability and growth.



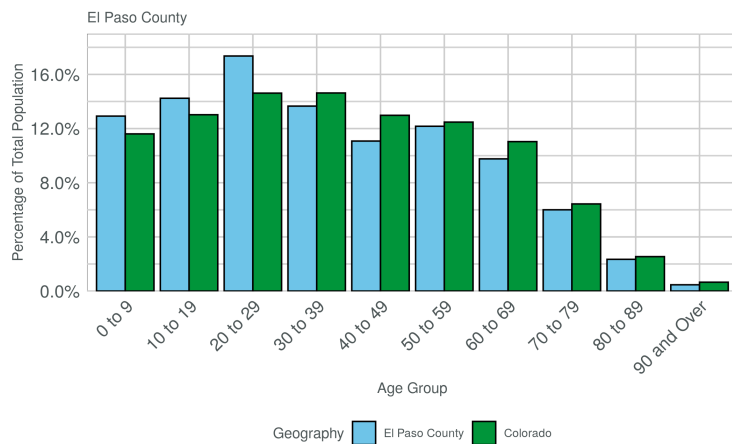
Over the past five years, between 2015 and 2019, the population of El Paso County has increased by 58,545 people. The total natural increase (births - deaths) over this period was 29,432 and the total net migration (new residents who moved in minus those who moved out) was 36,287. Note: Components of Change data are only available for Colorado counties.

Age Characteristics

Every community has a different age profile and is aging differently. People in different age groups work, live, shop, and use resources differently and these differences will impact the economy, labor force, housing, school districts, day care facilities, health services, disability services, transportation, household income, and public finance. An aging population may put downward pressure on local government tax revenue due to changes in spending on taxable goods.

The age distribution of the population of El Paso County and Colorado are shown here.

Population Distribution by Age for 2019



Age by Sex

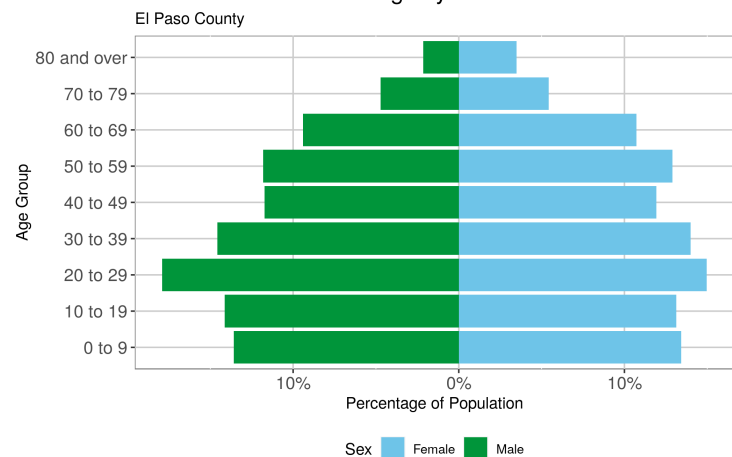


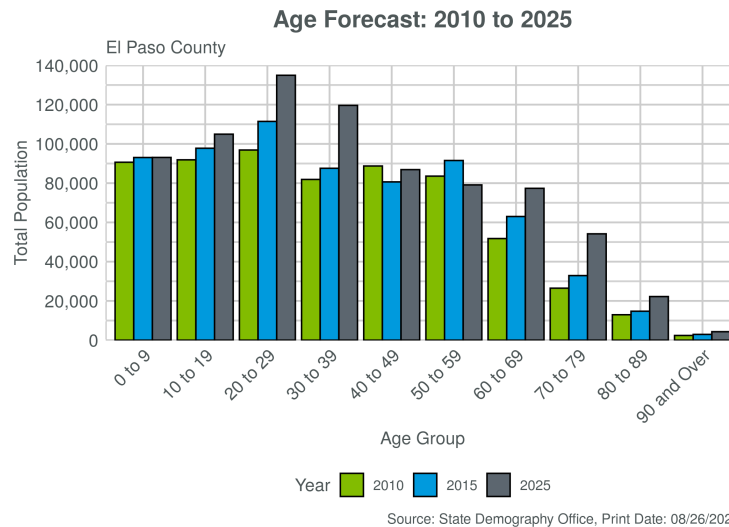
Table 3: Median Age by Sex Comparison

Sex	El Paso County		Colorado		Significant	Direction
	Median Age	MOE	Median Age	MOE		
Total	34.2	0.2	36.7	0.2	Yes	Younger
Male	32.8	0.1	35.8	0.1	Yes	Younger
Female	35.7	0.2	37.8	0.2	Yes	Younger

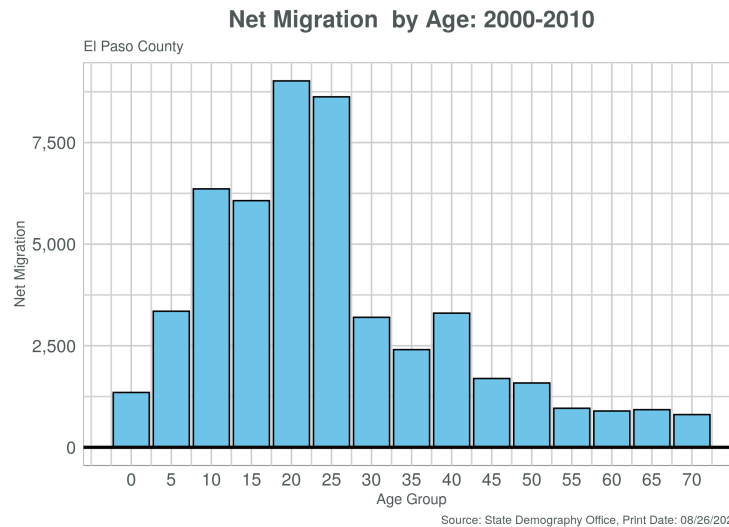
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The median age of El Paso County is 2.1 years younger than the state. Women in El Paso County are significantly younger than women in the state and men in El Paso County are significantly younger than men in the state.



The changing age distribution of the population of El Paso County for the period from 2010 through 2025 is shown here. The changes in proportion of different groups can highlight the need for future planning and service provision. Many areas have a larger share of older adults, indicating the need to evaluate housing, transportation and other needs of the senior population.



This plot shows the net migration by age in El Paso County. Colorado typically draws many young adults as migrants. Areas with colleges and resorts draw a

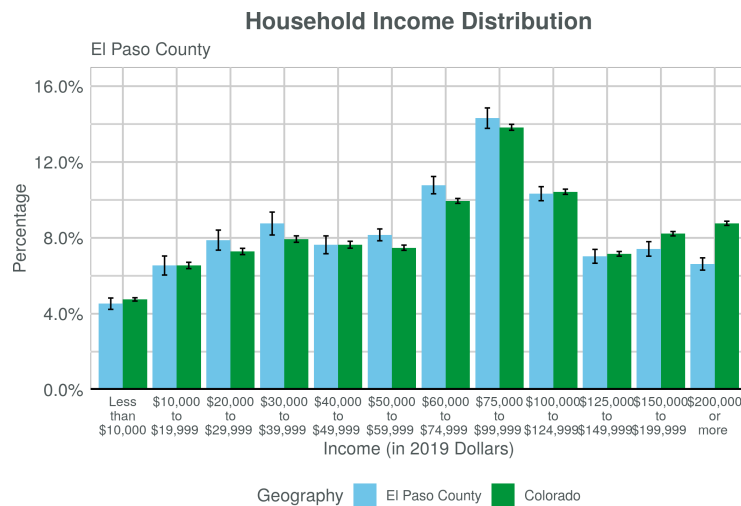
number of 18 to 24 year olds. Areas with a growing economy tend to account mostly 25 to 35 year olds and areas attractive to retirees tend to draw both workers and older adults.

Population Characteristics: Income, Education and Race

The plots and tables in this section describe the general population characteristics of El Paso County. The bars on the plots show the width of the 90 percent confidence interval. Categories where the bars do not overlap are significantly different.

Household Income

The household income distribution plot compares El Paso County to the statewide household incomes. Household income comes primarily from earnings at work, but government transfer payments such as Social Security and TANF and unearned income from dividends, interest and rent are also included. Income and education levels are highly correlated; areas that have lower educational attainment than the state will typically have lower household incomes.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey, Print Date: 08/26/2021

The Household Income Source(s) Table shows household income sources and amounts for households in El Paso County. Households will have multiple sources of income, so this table is not mutually exclusive. Mean income values reflect values from the cited source.

Table 4: Household Income Source(s)

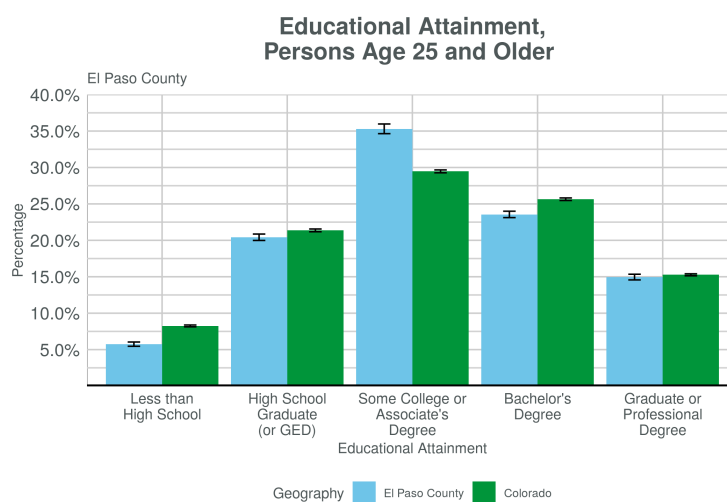
El Paso County				
Income Source	Total Households		Mean Income	
	Estimate	MOE	Estimate	MOE
All Households	257,507	1,025	\$71,640	\$ 921
With earnings	81.8%	0.5%	\$84,239	\$1,187
With interest, dividends or net rental income	24.1%	0.6%	\$16,087	\$1,523
With Social Security income	25.5%	0.4%	\$19,014	\$ 332
With Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	4.0%	0.2%	\$10,414	\$ 710
With cash public assistance income	2.3%	0.2%	\$ 3,223	\$ 458
With retirement income	23.4%	0.5%	\$32,815	\$1,373

Note:

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey, Print Date: 08/26/2021

Educational Attainment

The education attainment plot is provided for persons older than Age 25, i.e., those who have likely completed their education.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey, Print Date: 08/26/2021

Race and Ethnicity

The Race Trend table shows the changing racial and ethnic composition of El Paso County beginning in 2000 and continuing to the present.

Table 5: Race Trend

Race	El Paso County			Colorado		
	2000	2010	2019	2000	2010	2019
Hispanic	11.3%	15.1%	17.1%	17.1%	20.7%	21.5%
Non-Hispanic	88.7%	84.9%	82.9%	82.9%	79.3%	78.5%
Non-Hispanic White	76.2%	72.0%	69.1%	74.5%	70.0%	68.1%
Non-Hispanic Black	6.3%	5.8%	6.0%	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%
Non-Hispanic Native American/Alaska Native	0.6%	0.6%	0.3%	0.7%	0.6%	0.5%
Non-Hispanic Asian	2.5%	2.7%	2.7%	2.2%	2.7%	3.1%
Non-Hispanic Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Non-Hispanic Other	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
Non-Hispanic, Two Races	2.7%	3.5%	4.1%	1.7%	2.0%	2.5%
Total Population	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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Sources

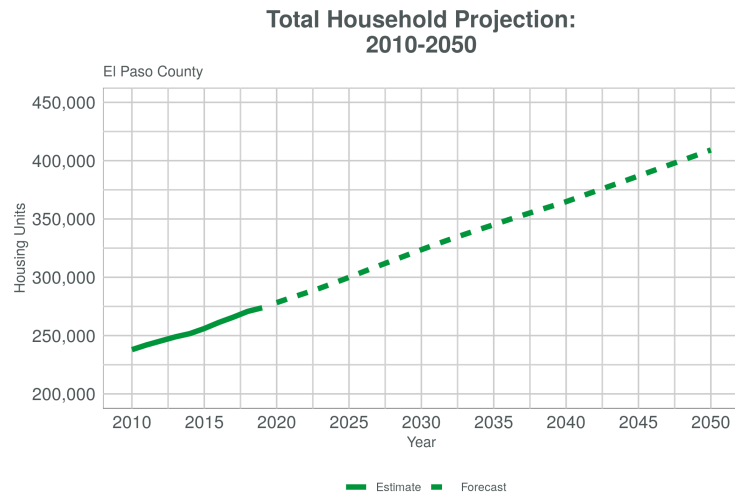
¹ 2000: 2000 Census

² 2010: 2010 Census

³ 2019: Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey, Print Date: 08/26/2021

Housing and Households

Understanding the current housing stock is critical for understanding how the community can best address current and future demands. This section begins with a projection of households. The projection of households is derived by county specific headship rates for the population by age. Beyond the numbers and characteristics, understanding the value and affordability of housing units is vital. Are the housing prices prohibitive to new families? Are the housing prices at such a high price that once the current work force ages and sells, those housing units will most likely go into the vacation seasonal market? Or are housing prices reasonable and suddenly the community is experiencing growth in families with children? How many total housing units are there? What types of new units are being built - multi-family vs single family?



The Household Estimates plot shows the current and projected number of households in El Paso County between 2010 and 2050.

The next several tables provide an overview of the housing stock in an area. The availability of land and the cost of land can dictate whether housing is less dense, with a greater number of single family units or more dense with a number of multifamily apartments and condos. Median home values and median gross rents are often considerably lower than current market prices as the values are computed from a 5-year average that runs through 2016. The number of people per household can offer insights as to the composition of the households . Areas with a larger number of people per household often have more families with children under 18 or a number of roommates living together to share housing costs. Those with a smaller number of persons per household, likely have a larger share of single-person households.

Table 6: Housing Units: El Paso County, 2019

El Paso County	
Housing Type	Value
Total Housing Units	279,029
Occupied Housing Units	273,847
Vacant Housing Units	5,182
Vacancy Rate	1.9%
Total Population	722,493
Household Population	701,469
Group Quarters Population	21,024
Persons per Household	2.56

Note:

Source: State Demography Office, Print Date: 08/26/2021

Table 7: Characteristics of Housing Units

Housing Unit Type	El Paso County				
	Owner-Occupied Units		Rental Units		All Units
	Units	Percent	Units	Percent	Units
All Housing Units	164,677	64.0%	92,830	36.0%	257,507
Single Unit Buildings	155,546	79.7%	39,540	20.3%	195,086
Buildings with 2 to 4 Units	1,555	11.3%	12,172	88.7%	13,727
Buildings with 5 or More Units	2,045	5.0%	38,784	95.0%	40,829
Mobile Homes	5,476	71.0%	2,234	29.0%	7,710
RVs, Boats, Vans, Etc.	55	35.5%	100	64.5%	155
Median Year of Construction	1988		1984		1986
Average Number of Persons Per Household	2.74		2.49		2.65

Note:

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey, Print Date: 08/26/2021

Table 8: Comparative Housing Values

Variable	El Paso County	Colorado
	Value	Value
Median Value of Owner-Occupied Households (Current Dollars)	\$275,000	\$343,300
Percentage of Owner-Occupied Households paying 30% or more of income on housing	22.8%	22.6%
Percentage of Owner-Occupied Households paying 30-49% of income on housing	14.4%	13.9%
Percentage of Owner-Occupied Households paying 50% or more of income on housing	8.4%	8.7%
Median Gross Rent of Rental Households (Current Dollars)	\$1,174	\$1,271
Percentage of Rental Households paying 30% or more of income on housing	49.9%	48.4%
Percentage of Rental Households paying 30-49% of income on housing	27.1%	25.4%
Percentage of Rental Households paying 50% or more of income on housing	22.8%	23.0%

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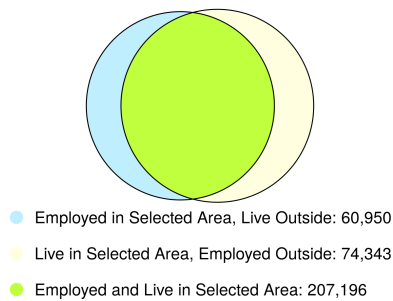
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Commuting

Commuting plays an important role in the economy of an area because not all workers live where they work. Commuting impacts local job growth, access to employees, and transportation infrastructure. The Commuting diagram identifies three groups of people:

- People who work in El Paso County, but live elsewhere.
- People who live in El Paso County, but work elsewhere.
- People who live and work in El Paso County.

El Paso County: All Jobs, 2018



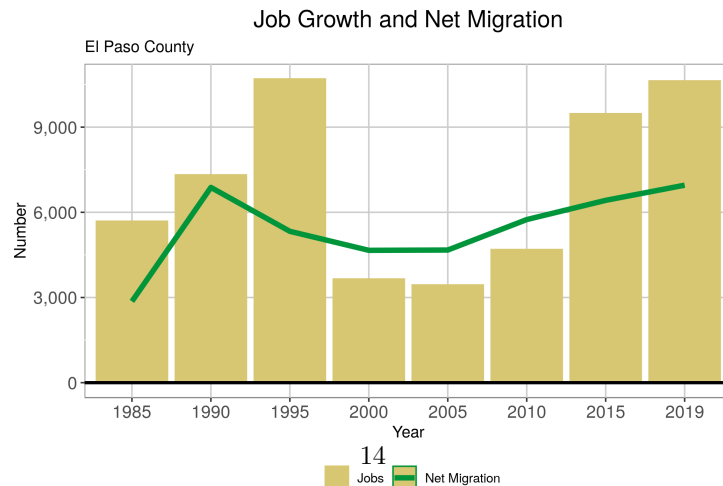
Source: U.S. Census Bureau On the Map, Print Date: 08/26/2021

Table 9: Commuting Patterns for El Paso County

Location	Count	Percent
Residents of El Paso County working elsewhere		
Denver County, CO	14,973	20.1%
Arapahoe County, CO	12,626	17.0%
Jefferson County, CO	7,522	10.1%
Adams County, CO	7,210	9.7%
Douglas County, CO	6,521	8.8%
Pueblo County, CO	4,877	6.6%
Larimer County, CO	2,927	3.9%
Boulder County, CO	2,850	3.8%
Weld County, CO	1,530	2.1%
Teller County, CO	1,527	2.1%
Other Counties	11,780	15.8%
Total	74,343	100.0%
Employees in El Paso County living elsewhere		
Pueblo County, CO	7,138	11.7%
Arapahoe County, CO	6,823	11.2%
Jefferson County, CO	6,026	9.9%
Denver County, CO	5,315	8.7%
Douglas County, CO	5,200	8.5%
Adams County, CO	4,156	6.8%
Teller County, CO	3,657	6.0%
Larimer County, CO	3,103	5.1%
Fremont County, CO	2,548	4.2%
Boulder County, CO	2,391	3.9%
Other Counties	14,593	23.9%
Total	60,950	100.0%

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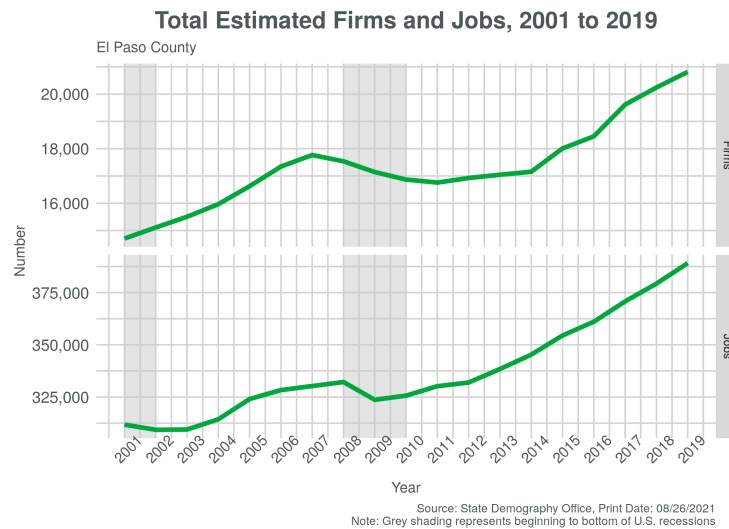


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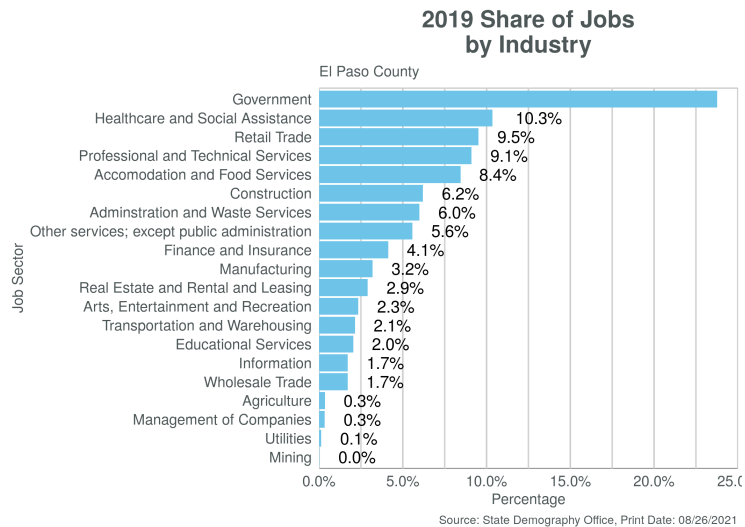
The Job Growth and Net Migration plot shows the relationship between job growth and migration in El Paso County. Generally, migration patterns follow changes in job growth demand.

Employment by Industry

Identifying the industries which may be driving the growth and change within a community is a vital part of understanding community dynamics. Growth in jobs often results in growth in residents from migration within a community. Identifying the trends of growth or decline of jobs and the types of jobs available within the community is important.



The Estimated Firms and Jobs series created by the SDO gives a comprehensive look at the number of firms and jobs located within El Paso County. It is broad in scope, capturing both wage and salary workers as well as most proprietors and agricultural workers. A more diverse economy is typically more resilient too; when looking at the employment trends recently and after a recession (shaded in gray) it is also important to look at the current share of employment by industry. Areas dependent on a single industry such as agriculture, mining or tourism can suffer from prolonged downturns due to drought, shifting demand for commodities, and the health of the national economy.



The total estimated jobs are subdivided into 3 categories:

- *Direct Basic:* jobs that bring outside dollars into the community by selling goods or services outside the county, such as manufacturing or engineering services,
- *Indirect Basic:* jobs that are created as the result of goods and services purchased by direct basic such as accounting services or raw material inputs, and
- *Local (Resident) Services:* jobs that are supported when income earned from the base industries is spent locally at retailers or are supported by local tax dollars to provide services like education and public safety.

This plot shows the jobs by industry profile for El Paso County. The relative rank of high-paying sectors, such as mining, information and financial and insurance services versus mid-range jobs (e.g., construction, health care and government) and lower-paying industries such as retail trade and accommodation and food services, will have an impact on a county's overall economic health.

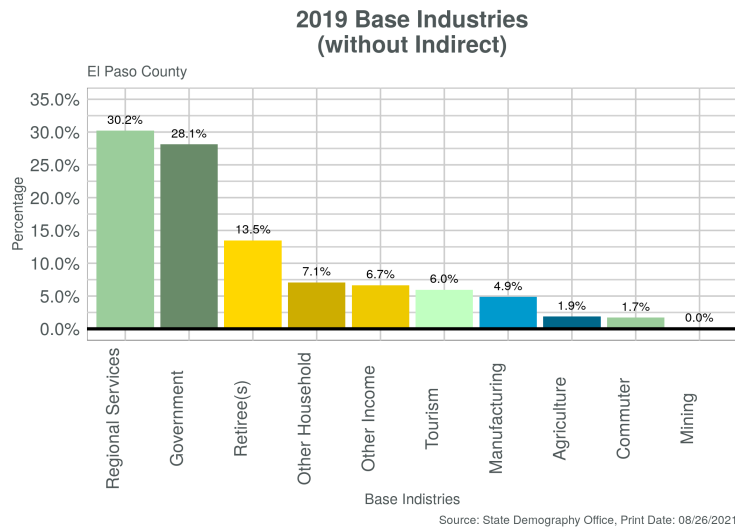


Table 10: Jobs by Sector: El Paso County, 2019

Employment Type	Number of Jobs	Percentage
Direct Basic Employment	201,910	54.9%
Indirect Basic Employment	62,341	17.0%
Local Services Employment	103,359	28.1%
Total Employment	367,610	100.0%
Total Population, 16+	506,316	

Note:

Source: State Demography Office, Print Date: 08/26/2021

Similar to the industry employment, areas with large amounts of diversity in their base industries tend to suffer less during downturns and recover more quickly. *Regional Services* is a diverse base industry that encompasses all services and goods that a region sells to those in surrounding areas; examples include specialized health care, construction, air or rail transportation, and large item retail purchases like autos or appliances. *Retirees* are considered basic since they spend money from social security or other pensions, Medicare and savings. *Government* typically only includes employment in Federal Government and State Government. *Tourism* not only includes traditional tourist services like accommodation and food, but also includes 2nd homes, property management and transportation of tourists by airlines, car rental, car sharing and shuttles.

Employment Forecast and Wage Information

Understanding the types of jobs forecast to grow in a community, if jobs are forecast to increase, will aid in further understanding potential changes in

population, labor force, housing demand, and household income. Important questions to ask include; What is the current forecast for job growth based on the current industry mix? What types of jobs are forecast to grow? What are the wages for those jobs? What are the labor force trends for the community? Is the labor force expected to grow or slow down?

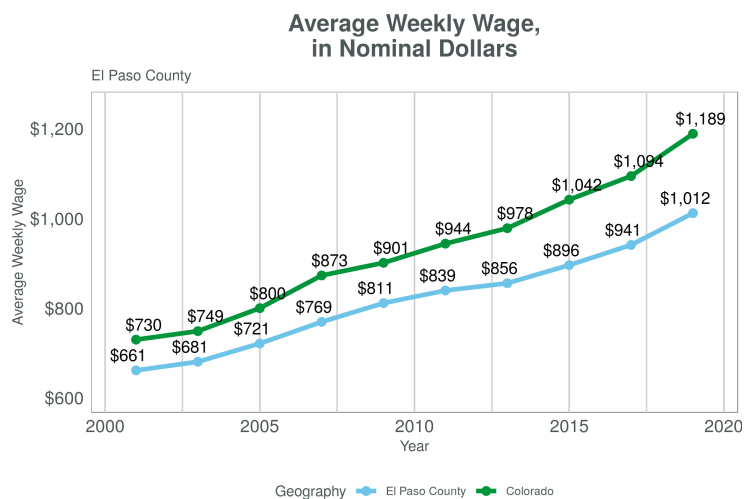
Table 11: Jobs and Population Forecast

El Paso County					
Year	Type	Jobs	Annual Growth Rate: Jobs	Population	Annual Growth Rate: Popula- tion
2010	Estimate	325,776		627,232	
2015	Estimate	354,697	2.7%	675,647	1.8%
2020	Forecast	381,154	-1.5%	731,034	1.2%
2025	Forecast	417,941	1.3%	776,678	1.3%
2030	Forecast	446,805	1.2%	835,832	1.4%
2035	Forecast	468,114	0.8%	894,168	1.3%
2040	Forecast	483,162	0.5%	950,078	1.2%

Note:

Source: State Demography Office, Print Date: 08/26/2021

The total jobs forecast and population forecast are for El Paso County shown here. The two lines diverge over time due to the aging of our population and continued growth in our under 18 population – two segments of the population that are less likely to be employed. Growth in the 65 plus population in the labor force through 2040 compared to the universe population of those over the age of 16 since labor force participation declines with age, especially among those eligible for pensions or social security.



The unadjusted (nominal) average weekly wages for El Paso County and Colorado are shown here. The gain or loss of a major employer such as a mine or a hospital can have a significant impact on a county's average weekly wage. These wages are shown only for jobs located within that county and do not include most proprietors. Household income can be influenced by the average weekly wage, but in areas that have considerable amounts commuting or unearned income this relationship is not particularly strong.

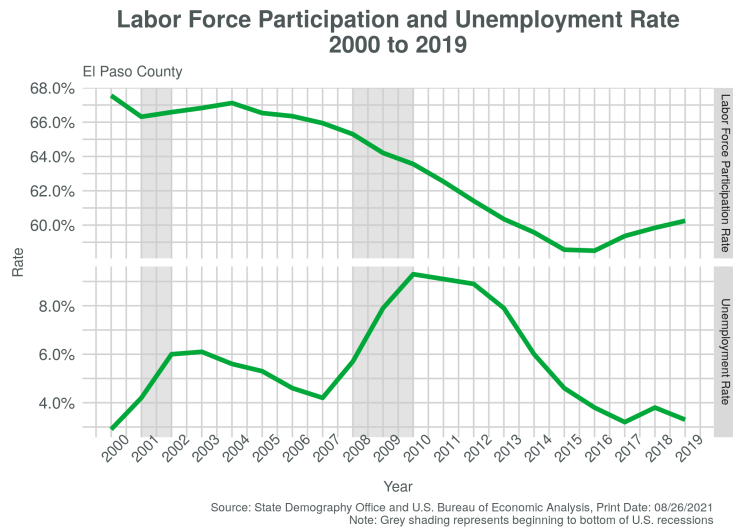
This table compares the forecast residential labor force to the forecast population of person age 16 and older for El Paso County.

Table 12: Forecast Resident Labor Force and Population, Age 16 +

El Paso County					
Year	Type	Labor Force	Annual Growth Rate: Labor Force	Persons Age 16+	Annual Growth Rate: Persons Age 16+
2010	Estimate	307,828		431,445	
2015	Estimate	310,480	0.4%	468,130	1.9%
2025	Forecast	365,476	1.2%	561,088	1.7%

Note:

Source: State Demography Office, Print Date: 08/26/2021



The labor force participation and employment plot compares the percentage of persons age 16 and older in the labor force to the unemployment rate. The pattern of labor force participation and unemployment in El Paso County are closely related. The downward trend in labor force participation is related to the aging patterns in the county, along with the availability and character of employment. Additionally, as unemployment falls, the incentive for people to enter the labor force increases.