# AGING OF COLORADO

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- State Agency
  - Responsible for population data needed by state agencies.
- Department of Local Affairs
  - Prepares data and information in ways that account for local perspectives, needs.
- Public Information
  - Makes data and information readily available to the public, including citizens, businesses and non-profit agencies.
- Outreach
  - Work with local governments and others to understand what the numbers are saying

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### COLORADO POPULATION GROWTH Average Annual Percent Change 2000-2010





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# **Census 2010 Population**

### 2010 Population Data

	Total Pop	60+ Pop	Share 60-	Pct Rank	Abs Rank
US			18%		
Colorado		818,905	16%		
Larimer	299,630	52,215	17%	44	6
Weld	252,825	36,165	14%	57	8
Boulder	294,567	45,142	15%	50	7
Denver	600,158	90,378	15%	52	3
Jefferson	534,543	100,535	19%	40	1





- Aging Boomers · Born 1946 1964 (between 47-65 years old)
  - Between 2000 and 2010, Colorado's population 55 – 64 increased by an annual average of 6.1% from 338,000 to 619,000 compared to the total population of **1.7%**
  - By 2030, Colorado's population 65+ will be 150% larger than it was 2010 growing from 540,000 to 1,350,000. (just from aging)
  - Colorado Population over 65 was 330K in 1990



### Annual Average Growth, 2010 - 2020

















### Age 65+ Population Percent Change 2000-2010









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# Regional differences

### **Percent of the Population 65+**



■ 2010 ■ 2020 ■ 2030 ■ 2040





# Aging Issues

- Numbers
  - Colorado has never had many older people
- Economic Driver wealthier .... depends
  - Spending of people 65+ supported approximately 118,000 jobs in 2009. (.25 jobs per person 65+)
  - Forecast to support 346,000 by 2030
  - Impact on occupational mix
    - Health Services both high and low end
- Public Finance spending.
- Civic Engagement (how to avoid <65 vs. 65+)
- Housing
  - Where will they go? amenities, health services, transportation, costs.
  - Type may vary with age.
  - Households at risk 38% 65+ living alone.

## Labor Force

- Boomers are 37% of the labor force (2010)
  - Staying longer in workforce want and need to
  - LFPR for ages 65+ increasing.
    - Flexible work schedules
  - Approx. 1,000,000 workers will be aging out of the labor force over the next 20 years.
- Increase demands
  - Replacement and demands created by retiree needs
    - Health Care, Home Health Aides
  - Largest increase in leavers between 2020-2025
  - Increase in demand for caregivers informal sector
- Demands will vary by industry
  - Education, Health, Utilities, Mining, Govt.

# Summary Aging Trends

- Fundamental change to our state.
- Labor Force Changes
- Household Formation
- Housing
  - Type and location,
  - Amenities
- Transportation
- Economic Driver
  - Occupational mix
- Health and Care Services
- Public Finance and public policy impacts.

# Questions????

# Thank you

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