

ADAMS COUNTY COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE REPORT



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BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

In August 2003, Adams County engaged the services of Corona Research, Inc. to conduct a Community Needs Assessment. The purpose of the Community Needs Assessment was to gather information from Adams County residents about their needs and priorities in order to target resources more responsively to meet those needs. The Needs Assessment consisted of several research tools and other components that provide current information on community conditions, gaps in services, and priority needs.

This section of the Needs Assessment report presents an overall demographic profile of Adams County and its municipalities and rural areas based on the 2000 Census. Since the City and County of Broomfield was not created until 2002, the statistics for the County include the portion of the Broomfield population that lived in Adams County at the time of the Census. This is similar to other Census reports on the county. The reader should note that minor differences may appear between the data in this report and other reports that use Census data, as Corona uses Census Summary Tape File 3 (STF3) to tabulate county-level and city-level statistics, as this creates more consistent figures than mixing the limited STF1 data (100% counts) with the additional data provided in the STF3.

METHODOLOGY

To help us better understand Adams County residents and their possible needs, the 2000 Census data was analyzed by 14 demographic characteristics of interest including: number of households, age distribution, language other than English spoken at home, income and poverty, persons with disability, educational attainment, employment, means of transportation to work, and migration patterns. The analysis focused on the cities and unincorporated areas within the county, urban and rural areas, and designated poverty areas. For those municipalities that are partially included in Adams County, such as Aurora, the data reflects only the portion that is in Adams County.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

In general the 2000 Census reveals tremendous diversity within Adams County and its various communities. While some cities had larger proportions of children (Bennett and Commerce City), others were more likely to have senior residents (Northglenn and Federal Heights). Some cities were more racially and ethnically diverse (Aurora) than others. Communities also varied in terms of the proportion of residents that moved into the city over the past five years (Thornton), the proportion of residents that were most likely to have moved into the city from another country (Aurora and Commerce City) and those less likely to have moved at all (Commerce City and Arvada). Westminster had the largest share of college or trade school grads and Brighton residents tended to have shorter commutes to work. Residents of rural Adams County had more variation in educational

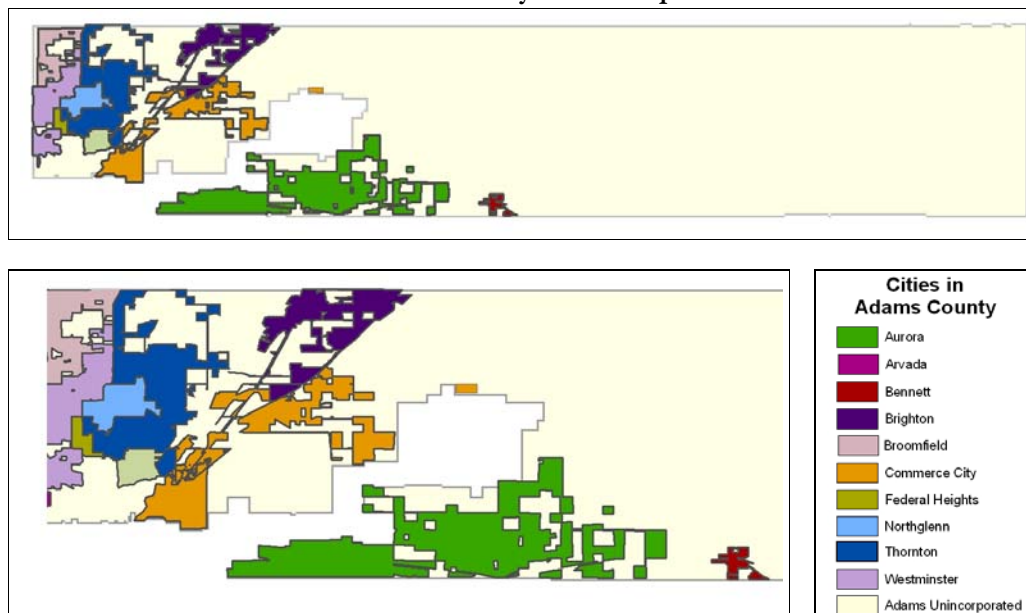
attainment (more college degrees, fewer high school diplomas), and were more likely to have a long commute to work. We also learned that poor households tended to live in urban settings, have more members, speak a language other than English at home, have less formal education, and be less likely to own their home. How do these demographic characteristics inform the needs assessment? One can review the data and draw insights about likely community needs. Possible needs by key demographic groups are presented below.

- Rural Adams County residents may have needs for healthcare, transportation and social services, as the area is significantly less populated and less likely to have services that are more common in urbanized areas, such as hospitals and recreation centers.
- Older residents in urban and rural areas of the county may have needs related to “aging in place,” such as transportation to and from local services or a need for in-home care.
- Low-income residents of the County may have needs for English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, job training, access to GED or other educational services, affordable housing and accessible healthcare.
- Family households may have similar needs in the areas of childcare or after-school programs for their children, and may also have needs in the areas of housing and healthcare, especially younger families.
- While the County overall is quite diverse, residents are likely to have similar needs in the areas of career or job advancement, access to business development opportunities, home ownership and access to community services such as recreation centers.

COUNTY AND CITY CHARACTERISTICS

A map of the cities within Adams County boundaries and unincorporated areas of the county is shown in Exhibit 1. Ten cities were partially or completely included in Adams County. Broomfield is listed since it was part of the county as of the 2000 Census.

Exhibit 1
Adams County Cities Map



Adams County and its cities are described below along 14 demographic characteristics.

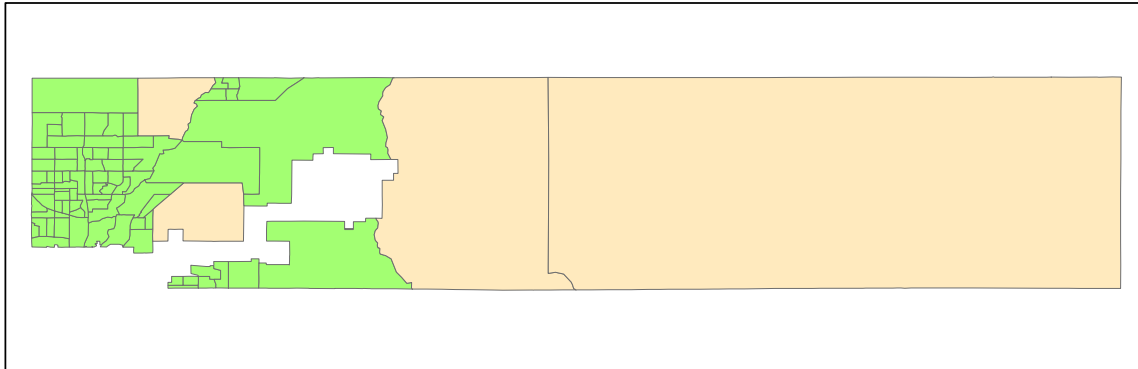
- **Population Comparison.** Adams County had 363,857 residents dispersed among urban and rural areas. Thornton (82,433) was considerably larger than the other cities in Adams County, with Westminster (57,731) and Aurora (40,153) ranking as the second and third largest cities in the County.
- **Household Size.** Household sizes ranged from 2.4 persons per household in Federal Heights to 3.1 persons per household in Aurora, Brighton and Commerce City.
- **Children and Seniors.** Bennett (27.5%) and Commerce City (23.7%) had the largest percentages of children ages 5 to 18 in 2000, whereas Federal Heights (12.3%) and Northglenn (10.4%) had the largest percentages of persons 65 years of age and older.
- **Race and Ethnicity.** Bennett had the largest percentage of White Non-Hispanics at 90.6%, followed by Northglenn (72.6%) and Thornton (72.3%). The smallest populations were in Aurora (36.4%) and Commerce City (42.7%). Commerce City had the largest percentage of Hispanics or Latinos (53.3%), followed by Aurora (42.2%) and Brighton (38.7%). Aurora also had the largest percentage of African Americans at 15.5%, while Arvada had the largest percentage of Asians at 9.4%.
- **Primary Language.** Aurora and Commerce City had the largest percentages of persons that speak a language other than English at home, at 39.9% and 37.8% respectively. Bennett had the smallest population at 4.9%.
- **Median Household Income.** There was a relatively large difference in median household income when comparing the wealthiest city and the least wealthy. The highest median household income is found in Arvada (\$60,458) and the lowest is found in Commerce City (\$33,680). Commerce City also has one of the largest proportions of persons below poverty (19.4%), exceeded only by Aurora (19.9%).
- **Persons with Disabilities.** The highest proportion of persons with disabilities was found in Commerce City (24.1%), closely followed by Federal Heights and Aurora at 24.1% and 23.9%, respectively. The lowest was found in Arvada (15.4%).
- **Educational Attainment.** Of adults in Adams County, about 79% graduated from high school and 17% were college graduates. Arvada had the highest percentage of respondents holding a high school diploma, at 90.4%, while Westminster had the highest percentage of residents 25 years and over with a bachelor's degree or higher educational attainment (28.6%). The cities with the lowest rankings in those categories were Commerce City and Aurora, at 57.8% and 63.3%, having attained a high school degree or higher.
- **Unemployment.** Five cities fell below the County's unemployment rate of 4.6%, with Arvada having the lowest unemployment rate (3.0%). The highest unemployment rate is in Aurora (8.0%), almost double the County average.
- **Commuting Patterns.** Brighton had the largest percentage of residents that commute less than five minutes to work (4.8%), compared to most other cities wherein the percentage was close to 1.5%. The residents of Bennett had the longest commute, with 30% commuting 45 minutes or longer.

- **Primary Means of Transportation.** The vast majority of city residents in Adams County drove to work, with the lowest percentage being in Aurora at 88.4%. Commerce City had the largest proportion of carpoolers at 22.0%, while Aurora had slightly more mass transit users than Federal Heights at 7.8% and 7.3% respectively.
- **Home Ownership.** Most Adams County residents are homeowners, with a range of 55.8% in Aurora to 87.8% in Arvada.
- **Family Households.** Family households dominated households across Adams County. The highest percentage of family households was found in Bennett and Brighton (about 76%), and the lowest was found in Federal Heights (about 60%). The proportion of married couple families varied little from city to city, ranging from 42.4% in Federal Heights to 61.0% in Brighton. The proportion of single parents with their own children ranged from 6.6% in Arvada to more than twice as much (14.6%) in Aurora
- **Housing Types.** Bennett had the highest percentage of single-family detached homes in the county (74.3%), while only 14.5% of the total housing units in Federal Heights were single-family detached homes. Aurora had the highest percentage of apartments with 50 or more units (8.2%), followed by Westminster (5.2%). Over half of the total housing units in Federal Heights were mobile homes.
- **Migration.** Arvada and Commerce City were found to have the highest proportion of residents who did not migrate within the previous five years, at 53.5% and 51.5% respectively. It is also revealed that Thornton had the highest proportion of in-migration from within Adams County (27.8%), while Aurora had the highest proportion of in-migration from another county (37.9%). The highest proportion of immigrants coming from a different state was found in Westminster (15.3%). Furthermore, Aurora and Commerce City had a considerably higher proportion of foreign immigrants (11.4% and 7.4%, respectively). If we relate this finding with the significantly higher proportion of Hispanics or Latinos in these two cities as noted earlier, we might conclude that most of the foreign immigrants coming to Aurora and Commerce City in the 1990s were from Mexico or Latin America.

URBAN AND RURAL ADAMS COUNTY

Demographic comparisons between urban and rural areas of the county are presented below, along 14 demographic characteristics. The characteristics of urban/rural areas were obtained by tabulating the data for Census Tracts that were designated as urban or rural in the 2000 Census.¹

Exhibit 2
Adams County Urban and Rural Map



Urban & Rural Tracts

-  Rural
-  Urban

- **Population Comparison.** Most Adams County residents lived in urban areas. Only 4% lived in rural area.
- **Household Size.** Rural households were slightly larger than urban households, with 2.9 and 2.8 persons per household respectively.
- **Children and Seniors.** Both areas had a similar proportion of children less than 5 years of age, school-age children, and seniors.
- **Race and Ethnicity.** According to 2000 Census, the rural area had a significantly higher proportion of Whites (85.5%), more than 20 percentage points higher than the urban area. On the other hand, a considerably higher proportion of residents identifying themselves as Black/African-American or Asian lived in the urban area. The proportion of Hispanics or Latinos in the urban area was almost three times what was found in the rural area.

¹ The characteristics of urban/rural area were obtained by summing up the data for Census Tracts that were categorized as urban/rural. The median household income could not be calculated using the available data. In order to compare the economic characteristics between two areas, the average median household income was used.

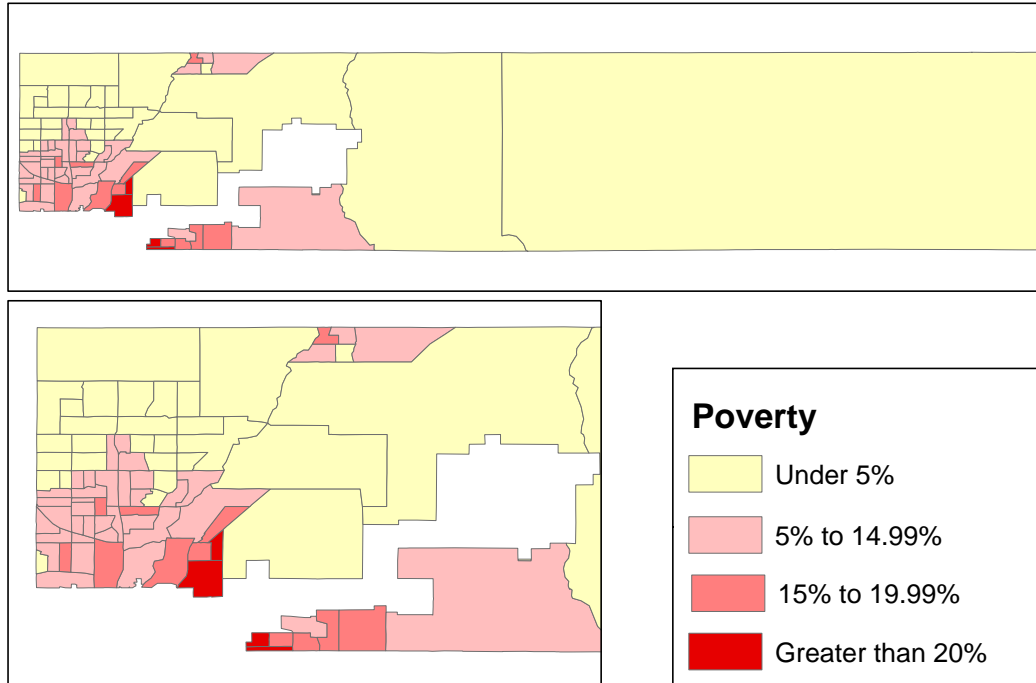
- **Primary Language.** A larger percentage of the population over 5 years of age spoke a language other than English at home in the urban area (22.2%) compared to the rural area (7.8%).
- **Average Median Household Income.**² The average median household income in the urban area was slightly higher than that of the rural area (\$37,784 versus \$36,442). The proportion of persons below poverty in the urban area (9.1%) was twice that of the rural area (4.3%).
- **Persons with Disabilities.** A slightly higher proportion of persons with disabilities were in the urban part of the county (18.7%) than in the rural part (16.2%).
- **Educational Attainment.** The proportion of population aged 25 years and over that had graduated from at least high school was significantly higher in the urban area than in the rural area (78.4% versus 57.3%). However, interestingly, the proportion of adults with a bachelor's degree or higher was slightly higher in the rural area (18.5%) than in the urban area (17.3%).
- **Unemployment.** There was a higher proportion of the population in the labor force who were unemployed in the urban area (4.7%) than in the rural area (2.7%). The proportion of workers in blue-collar occupations, such as farming, fishing, or construction, in the urban section of the county was similar to what we observed in the rural section (44.1% vs. 45.0%).
- **Commuting Patterns.** A higher percentage of workers in the rural area traveled less than 5 minutes to work (4.7 versus 1.4 percent), while, on the other hand, workers in the urban area were significantly more likely to travel less than 30 minutes to work (55.7% vs. 41.8%). However, urban workers were less likely than were rural workers to travel more than 30 minutes to work (41.3% versus 52.2%).
- **Primary Means of Transportation.** Urban workers were more likely to carpool (14.6% vs. 10.6%) and to use public transportation than were rural workers (4.4% vs. 0.6%).
- **Home Ownership.** The home ownership rate in the rural area was higher (82.2% vs. 70.1%).
- **Family Households.** A moderately higher proportion of family households lived in rural Adams County (79.9%) than in urban Adams County (71.9%). The proportion of married couple families was also higher in the rural area (69.9% vs. 54.7%). The proportion of single parents was higher in urban Adams County than in rural Adams County (10.3% vs. 6.7%).
- **Housing Types.** The percentage of single-family detached homes was significantly higher in the rural area (87.4% versus 59.7%), which implies that the urban area had a higher percentage of apartment or multi-family buildings. The percentage of mobile homes was slightly higher in urban Adams County than in rural Adams County (9.8% vs. 8.8%).
- **Migration.** The rural portion of the county was found to have a moderately higher proportion of residents who did not migrate (into or within the county) over the previous five years (46.1% vs. 43.7%). We also found that the urban area had a considerably higher proportion of foreign immigrants coming to the area (4.3% vs. 0.7%).

² The median household income could not be calculated using the available data. In order to compare the economic characteristics between two areas, the average median household income was used

POVERTY AREAS IN ADAMS COUNTY

The County's high poverty areas (defined as areas in which 15 percent or more of the population lives at or below the government-defined poverty level) were found to be concentrated in Aurora, Brighton, Commerce City, Thornton, Westminster and Unincorporated Adams County³.

Exhibit 3
Adams County Poverty Area Map



The following observations were drawn from an analysis and comparison of those poverty areas with other urban and rural areas of the county along 14 demographic characteristics.

- **Population Comparison.** The overall population in the Aurora poverty area was the highest (30,252), while there were only 916 total residents in the Westminister poverty area. The Aurora poverty area also had the largest number of households (9,842) compared to 353 households in the Westminister poverty area. The Brighton poverty area had the highest number of persons per household (3.3), while the lowest was found in the Westminister poverty area (2.6).

³ Poverty areas were defined as the census tracts in which 15% or more of the population are at or below the poverty level. The poverty area in Aurora included census tracts 78, 79, 80, 81, 83.08, and 83.09 (part); in Brighton: census tract 86.03 (part); in Commerce City: census tracts 87.03, 87.05 (part), 87.06, 88.01 (part), and 89.01 (part); in Thornton: census tracts 90.01 (part) and 93.18 (part); in Westminister: census tract 96.06 (part); and in unincorporated area: census tracts 96.06 (part), 87.05 (part), 88.01 (part), 89.01 (part), 95.53 (part), and 90.01 (part).

- **Household Size.** The average number of persons per household was greater than the county average of 2.8 in four out of the six areas studied. The largest households were found in Brighton (3.3), followed by Aurora (3.1), Commerce City (3.1) and Unincorporated Adams County (3.0). Households in Thornton and Westminster are both smaller than the county average, at 2.6 and 2.7 persons per household respectively.
- **Children and Seniors.** The highest proportion of children under 5 years of age was found in the Thornton poverty area (12.1), while the lowest was in the Brighton poverty area (6.3 percent). The Commerce City poverty area had the highest proportion of school-age children (24%), while only 13.9% of the population in Westminster area was comprised of children in this age group. The proportion of senior residents was the highest in unincorporated sections of the county (10.6%), while the lowest was found in the Thornton and Brighton poverty areas (5.1% and 5.3%, respectively).
- **Race and Ethnicity.** The White population in the Brighton poverty area only accounted for 28.8%, compared to a high of 51.4% in the Thornton poverty area. Additionally, the Aurora poverty area had the highest proportion of persons identifying themselves as Black or African American (16%), while the proportion of this racial group was only about 1.7% to 4.1% in the other poverty areas. (This group was not observed in the Brighton poverty area). The proportion of the Asian population in all poverty areas was significantly low, and ranged from 0% in Brighton to 2.3% in Aurora. The data revealed a relatively large proportion of Hispanics or Latinos in all poverty areas, compared to the county overall (28.2%). The Brighton and Westminster poverty areas had the highest proportion of residents having Hispanic or Latino background (71.2% and 67.9%, respectively), while the lowest was found in the Thornton poverty area (39%).
- **Primary Language.** The percent of the population that spoke a language other than English at home was higher than the county (21.6%) in all areas studied except one, Thornton, where the percentage was 19.4%. The highest rate was found in Westminster (55.7%), and Brighton (55.6%), followed by Aurora (45.3%), and Commerce City (38.4%).
- **Median Household Income.** The median household income was the highest in the Brighton poverty area (\$35,108) and the lowest in the Thornton poverty area (\$25,703). The highest proportion of persons living below poverty was found in the Westminster poverty area (25.5%), while the lowest was found in unincorporated Adams County (14%).
- **Persons with Disabilities.** The Westminster poverty area had a very large proportion of persons with disabilities; almost half of the residents living in this poverty area (46.7%) reported themselves as disabled. The proportions of persons with disabilities in other poverty areas was higher than the rate for overall Adams County, with the lowest found in the Brighton poverty area (19.5 person).
- **Educational Attainment.** The proportion of the population aged 25 years and over with at least a high school degree was found to be the highest in the Thornton poverty area (71.3%), only moderately lower than the proportion for the overall county (78.8%), while the lowest was found in the Brighton poverty area (45.4%). However, the proportion of residents that were college graduates or higher was significantly lower in all poverty areas than the proportion for the overall county (17.4%), and ranged from 2.5% in the Brighton poverty area, to 9.1% in the Westminster poverty area.

- **Unemployment.** The unemployment rate exceeded the county average of 4.6% in all six poverty areas studied. It ranged from a high of 21.1% in Brighton to 5.4% in Unincorporated Adams County.
- **Commuting Patterns.** The Commerce City poverty area had the highest percentage of workers spending less than 15 minutes to get to work (30.5%), while the Westminster poverty area had the lowest percentage (17.8%). On the other hand, Westminster had the highest percentage of workers traveling one hour or more to work (17.6%), while the lowest percentage was found in unincorporated parts of the county (5.2%).
- **Primary Means of Transportation.** The vast majority of workers in all poverty areas used automobiles to travel to work, except for workers in the Westminster poverty area. Data shows that only 54.8% of workers in Westminster used an automobile to get to work. Carpooling was most common in the Aurora poverty area (used by 25.4% of workers), while only 6.3% of workers in the Westminster poverty area reported using this means of transportation. On the other hand, the Westminster poverty area was found to have a considerably high proportion of workers that used public transportation (23.9%) compared to the proportion found in any other poverty area.
- **Home Ownership.** While the rate of home ownership ranged from 45.8% to 72.1% in other areas, it is significantly lower in the Westminster poverty area (6%).
- **Family Households.** The majority of households in poverty areas were family households, ranging from 60.3% in the Westminster poverty area to 75.9% in unincorporated parts of Adams County. The highest percentage of married-couple families was found in unincorporated Adams County (56.7%), while the lowest was found in Thornton (31.1%). We observed the highest proportion of single parents in the Thornton poverty area (28.3%), while the Westminster poverty area had the lowest percentage (9.1%).
- **Housing Types.** The percentage of single-family detached homes varied very greatly, ranging from 4.6 percent in the Thornton poverty area, to 75.9% in the unincorporated poverty area. The data also indicates that the Thornton poverty area had a significantly higher percentage of mobile homes (24.3%), followed by the Aurora poverty area (17.1%), while we found no mobile home units in the Westminster poverty area.
- **Migration.** The highest proportion of residents who did not migrate within the previous five years was found in the Commerce City poverty area (52%), while the lowest was found in the Westminster poverty area. The Brighton and Aurora areas were found to have the highest proportion of immigrants coming from a different county (40.3% and 39.9%, respectively), closely followed by Westminster (36.8%). Furthermore, it is also indicated that the Westminster poverty area had a significant proportion of foreign immigrants (39.2%), while this proportion in other poverty areas ranged from 0.5% to only 13.8%.

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF ADAMS COUNTY

This section includes graphs and charts to illustrate the 14 demographic characteristics of Adams County.

POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLDS

Exhibit 4 shows that, according to the Census 2000 data, the population in Adams County was 363,857 with the largest proportion living in Thornton, followed by the unincorporated parts of the county and Westminster. Correspondingly, the largest number of households was found in Thornton, unincorporated Adams County and Westminster, as indicated in Exhibit 5.

Exhibit 4
Population Distribution by City and in Unincorporated Adams County

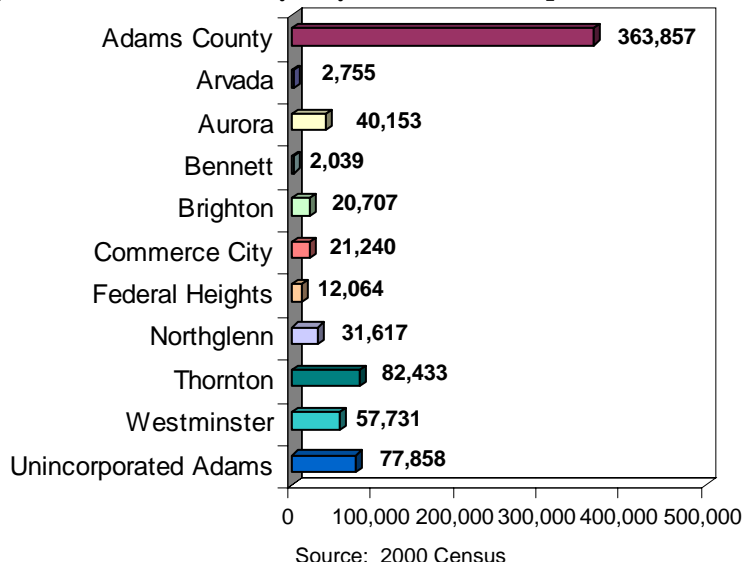


Exhibit 5
Number of Households by City and in Unincorporated Adams County

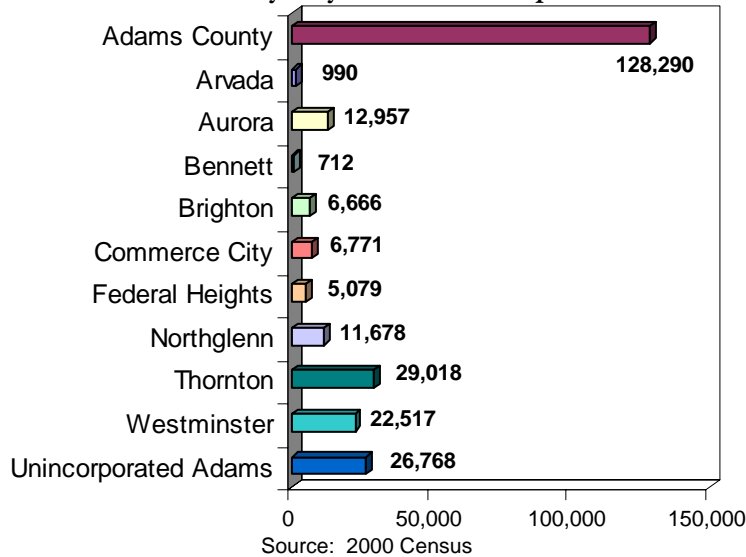
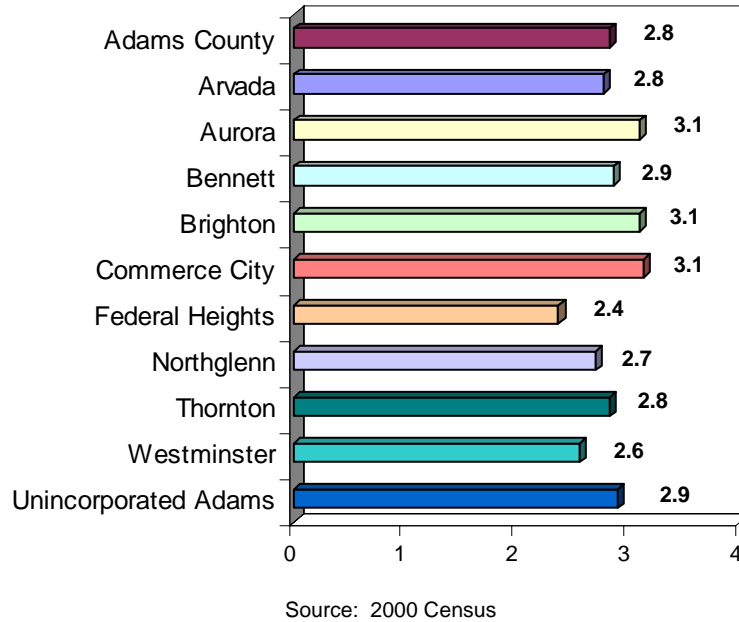


Exhibit 6
Persons per Household by City and in Unincorporated Adams County

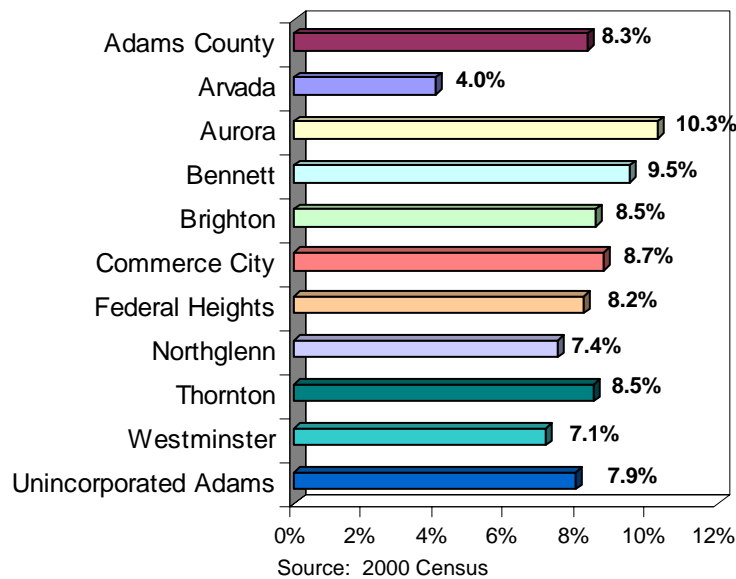


As shown in Exhibit 6, the average number of persons per household varied slightly from city to city, ranging from 2.4 persons per household in Federal Heights to 3.1 persons in Aurora, Brighton, and Commerce City.

AGE DISTRIBUTION

Exhibits 7, 8 and 9 illustrate age distributions within cities and unincorporated area of Adams County.

Exhibit 7
Proportion of Children Under 5 by City and in Unincorporated Adams County



As indicated in Exhibit 7, about eight percent of the county's population was comprised of children less than 5 years of age. Aurora had the highest proportion of population in this age group (10.3 percent), while the lowest percentage was found in Arvada (4 percent).

Exhibit 8
Proportion of Children 5 - 18 Years Old by City and in Unincorporated Adams County

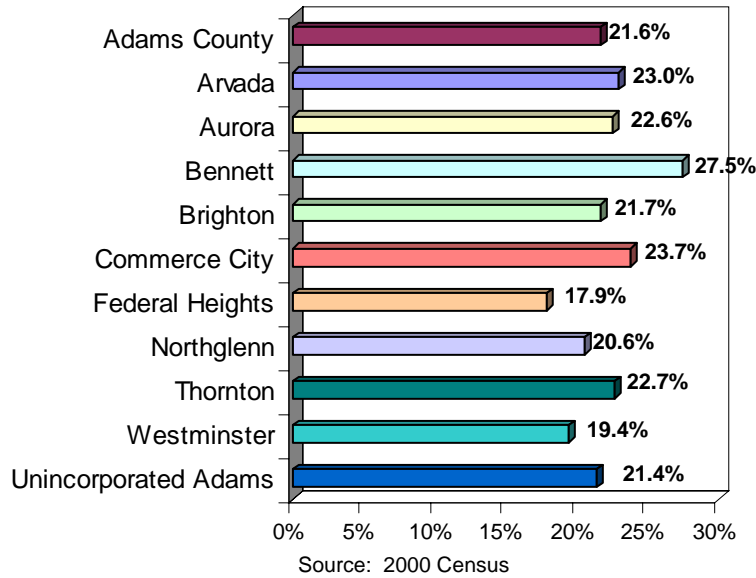
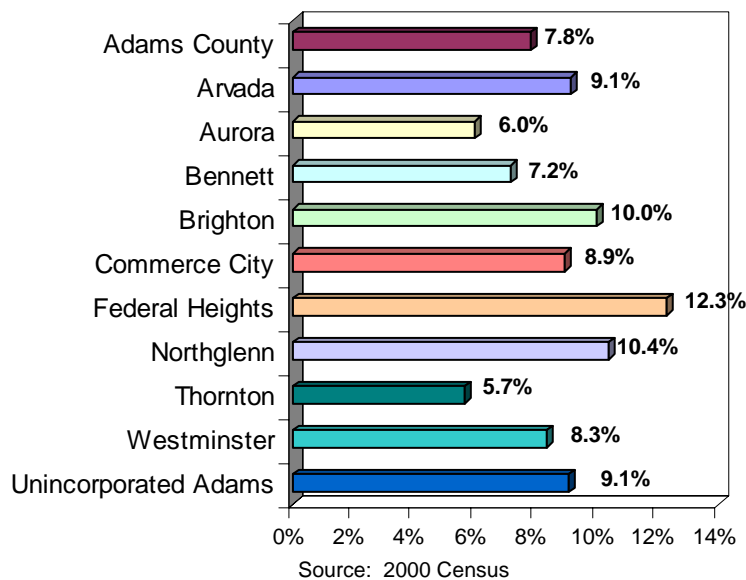


Exhibit 8 shows that, Bennett had the highest proportion of school-age children (27.5 percent). Meanwhile, only 17.9 percent and 19.4 percent of the population in Federal Heights and Westminster, respectively, was reported to be children in the age group of 5 to 18 years. Except for those three cities, the percentage of school-age children in Adams County cities and its unincorporated area ranged only from approximately 20 to 24 percent.

Exhibit 9
Proportion of Persons 65 and Over by City and in Unincorporated Adams County

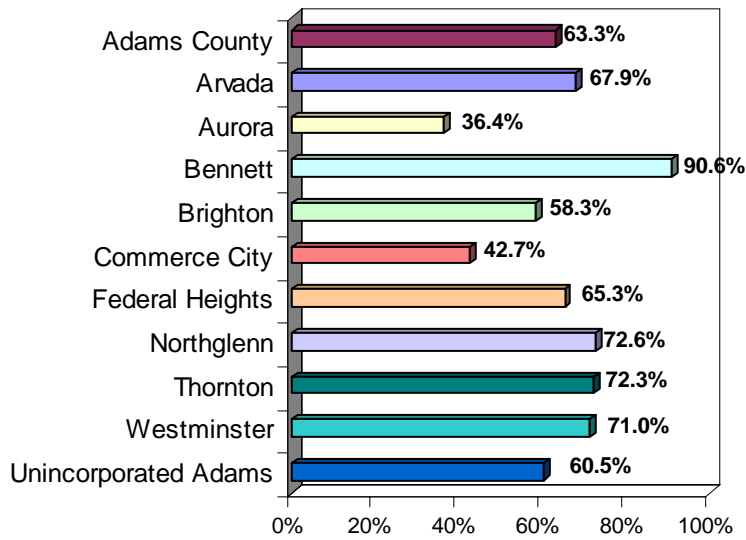


The proportion of senior residents, as shown in Exhibit 9 differed greatly from city to city, ranging from about six percent in Thornton and Aurora to twice as many - 12.3 percent in Federal Heights. Brighton and Northglenn were also reported to have a significant proportion of seniors. Overall, about eight percent of Adams County residents were senior citizens.

RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN

Exhibits 10 through 13 provide racial and Hispanic origin statistics for Adams County cities and unincorporated portions of the county.

Exhibit 10
Proportion of White Non-Hispanics by City and in Unincorporated Adams County



Source: 2000 Census

Exhibit 10 indicates that, based on Census 2000 data, more than 60 percent of Adams County population were Whites. The highest percentage of the White population was found in Bennett (90.6%), while, in Aurora, only slightly more than one-third of its population identified themselves as White.

In general, as shown in Exhibit 11 on the next page, the proportion of the Black or African American population in Adams County accounted for only about 3% of the total population. Exhibit 11 also reveals an interesting finding. While the proportion of African American in most cities and unincorporated parts of Adams County were significantly low (ranging from 0.4% to 1.8%), the proportion of residents identifying themselves as Black or African American in Aurora was significantly higher (15.5%), more than five times of the proportion in the county.

Exhibit 11
Proportion of Blacks or African Americans by City and in Unincorporated Adams County

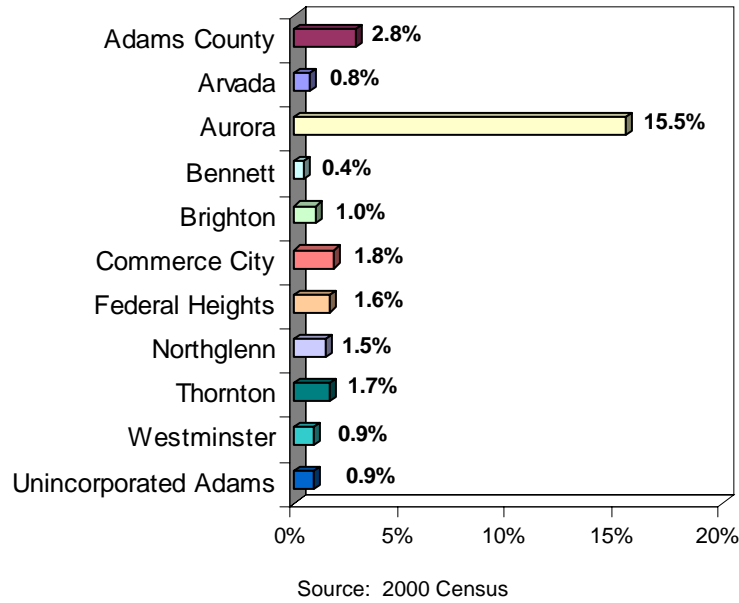
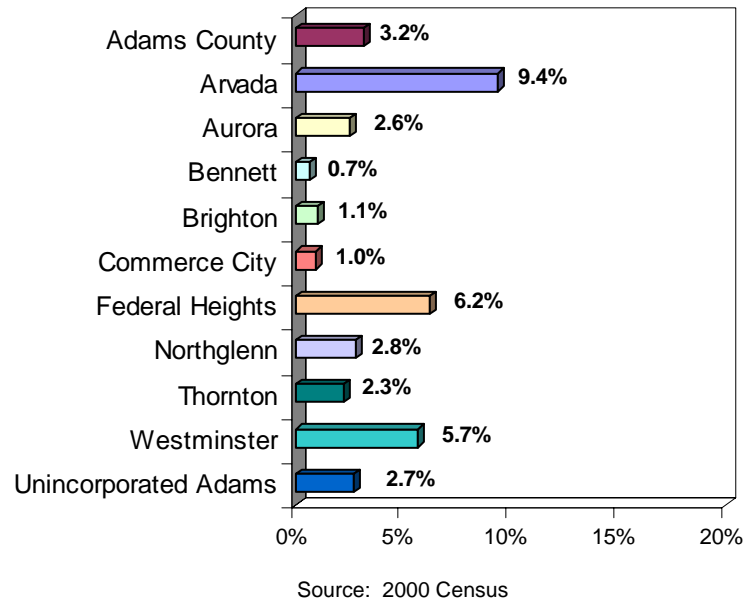
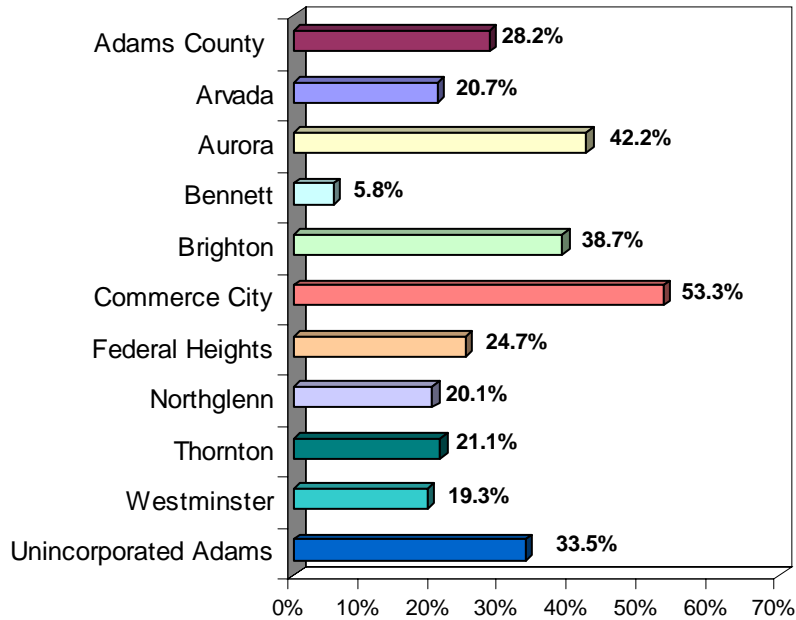


Exhibit 12
Proportion of Asians by City and in Unincorporated Adams



The percentage of respondents that identified themselves as Asian varied greatly from city to city. Less than one percent (0.7%) of Bennett residents reported themselves as Asian, while, in Arvada, almost ten percent (9.4%) of its population reported themselves as Asian.

Exhibit 13
Proportion of Hispanics or Latinos by City and in Unincorporated Adams County



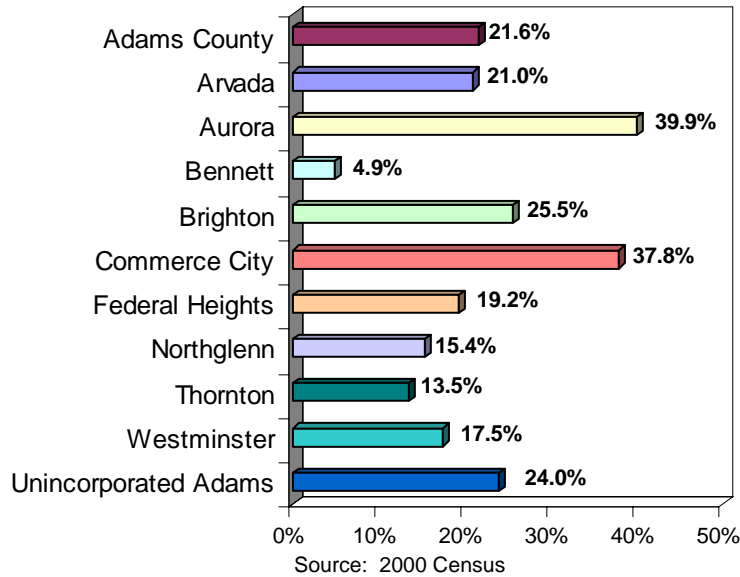
Source: 2000 Census

Exhibit 13 provides the proportion of the Hispanic or Latino population in Adams County, by cities and in unincorporated area of the county. Census 2000 data indicates that Adams County had a considerably high proportion of Hispanics or Latinos, with almost 30% of its residents identifying themselves as having Hispanic or Latino ethnicity. The highest percentage of this ethnic group was found in Commerce City, with more than half of the population reported being Hispanic or Latino. While other cities in the county had at least 19% of their population identified as Hispanics or Latinos, this percentage was only about five percent in Bennett. This chart also shows that about one-third of residents in the unincorporated parts of the county were Hispanics or Latinos; this figure was moderately higher than that for overall Adams County, yet was still lower than that for Aurora, Brighton, and Commerce City.

LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH SPOKEN AT HOME

Exhibit 14 indicates that almost 40% of the population aged 5 years and over in Aurora and Commerce City spoke a language other than English at home. This corresponds with the significantly higher proportion of Hispanics or Latinos, and the significantly lower proportion of Whites in both cities, as described earlier. Exhibit 14 also confirms that about 80% of the population aged 5 years and older in Adams County spoke only English.

Exhibit 14
Language other than English Spoken at Home by City and in Unincorporated Adams County



INCOME AND POVERTY

Exhibit 15 describes the median household income of Adams County cities and the unincorporated area. According to 2000 Census data, the wealthiest city in the county was Arvada, with a median household income in 1999 of \$60,458, followed by Thornton and Westminster, with household median incomes in 1999 of \$54,445 and \$51,826, respectively. Commerce City, and Federal Heights appeared to be the cities with the lowest median household income, and were even below the median income in unincorporated parts of the county. The median household income in unincorporated Adams County itself was lower than the county average across the board (\$44,872 versus \$47,323).

Exhibit 15
Median Household Income by City and in Unincorporated Adams County

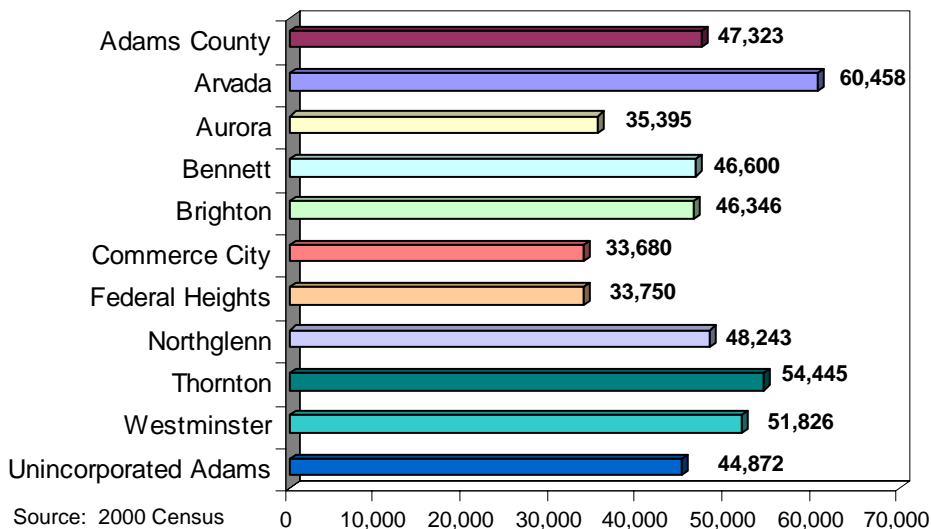
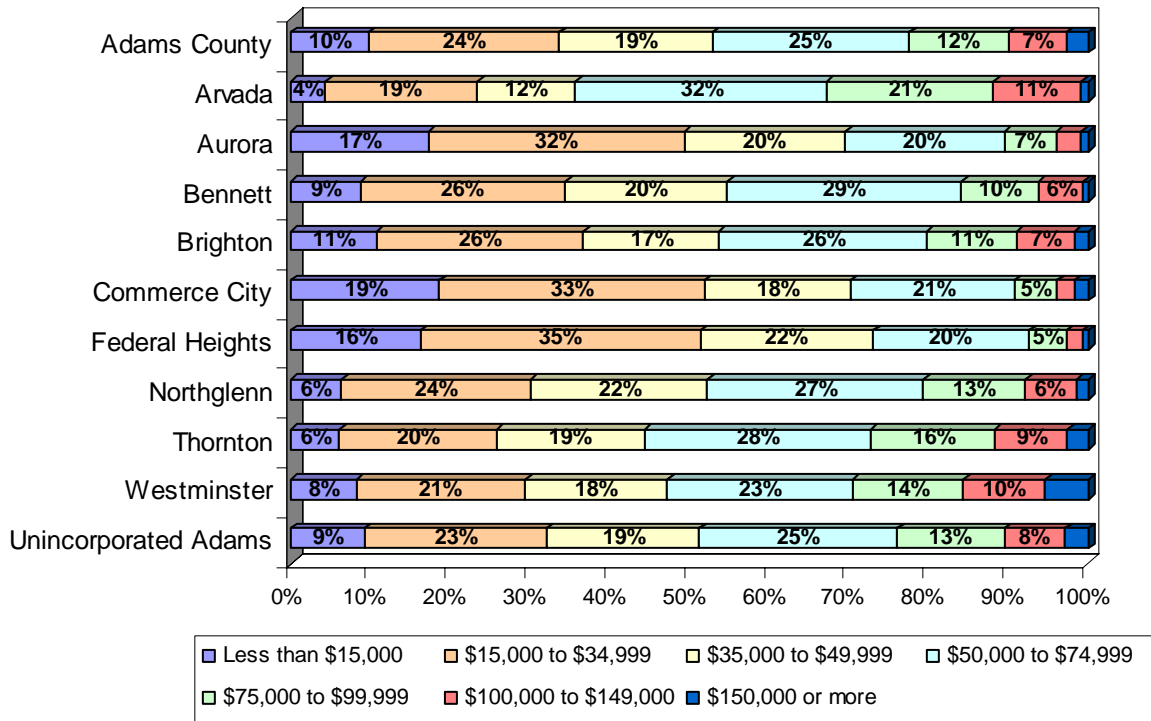


Exhibit 16
Household Income by City and in Unincorporated Adams County

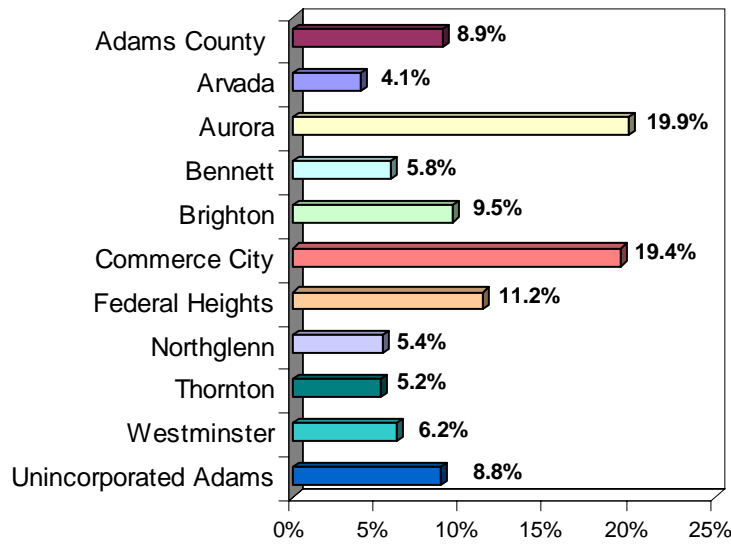


Source: 2000 Census

Exhibit 16 shows that, 19%, 17%, and 16% of households in Commerce City, Aurora, and Federal Heights, respectively, earned less than \$15,000 in 1999, while only 4% of Arvada households reported earning less than \$15,000 in 1999. Aurora, Commerce City and Federal Heights also had the highest proportion of households whose 1999 annual income was less than \$35,000, and the lowest proportion of households with annual income above \$75,000 in 1999. Interestingly, even though, in terms of median household income, Arvada was the healthiest city in the county, the proportion of households with annual income of \$100,000 or more was lower than that of Westminster (12% versus 16%).

Overall, according to 2000 Census data, nearly 9% of Adams County residents lived in poverty (see Exhibit 17). Poverty levels were the highest in Aurora and Commerce City (19.9% and 19.4%, respectively), and lowest in Arvada (4.1%). Even though Federal Heights ranked closely to Aurora and Commerce City in terms of median household income, its poverty level was significantly lower than the poverty levels for Aurora and Commerce City. As poverty threshold is determined also by family size (which in most cases closes to household size), this is potentially due to the lower average number of persons per household in Federal Heights (2.4) as described earlier, compared to that in Aurora and Commerce City (3.1). Except for Aurora and Commerce City, the general poverty level in the unincorporated area of Adams County was lower than that of the cities; however, it was close to the poverty level of the county in general.

Exhibit 17
Proportion of Persons below Poverty by City and in Unincorporated Adams County

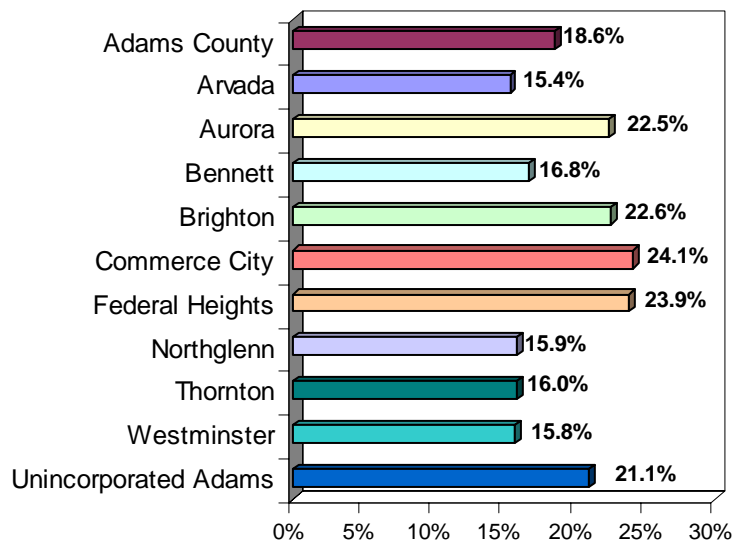


Source: 2000 Census

PERSONS WITH DISABILITY

Exhibit 18 shows that, based on 2000 Census data, 19% of the civilian non-institutionalized population aged 5 years and over were disabled. The highest proportion of persons with disabilities was found in Commerce City, closely followed by Federal Heights at 24.1% and 23.9%, respectively. The lowest was found in Arvada (15.4%). Meanwhile, among residents in the unincorporated parts of the county, 21.1% were found to be disabled persons.

Exhibit 18
Proportion of Persons with Disability by City and in Unincorporated Adams County



Source: 2000 Census

EDUCATION

A comparison of educational attainment of Adams County residents aged 25 and over is provided in Exhibits 19 and 20. Of adults in Adams County, in general, about 79% graduated from high school and 17% were college graduates. Further, as indicated by those Exhibits, Arvada has the highest percentage of respondents holding a high school diploma while Westminster had the highest percentage of residents 25 years and over with a bachelor's degree or higher educational attainment. The cities with the lowest rankings in those categories were Commerce City and Aurora. The percentage of residents holding a high school diploma or college degree in those cities was lower than the unincorporated areas.

Exhibit 19
Proportion of High School Graduates or Higher by City and in Unincorporated Adams County

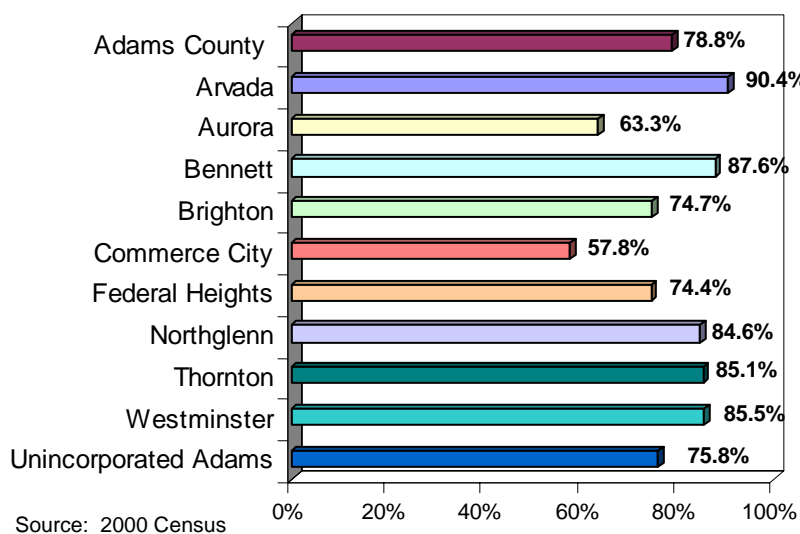
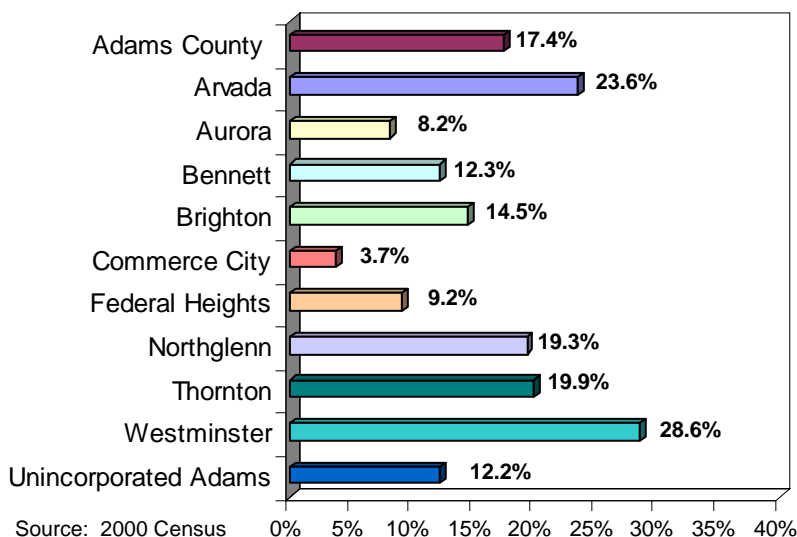


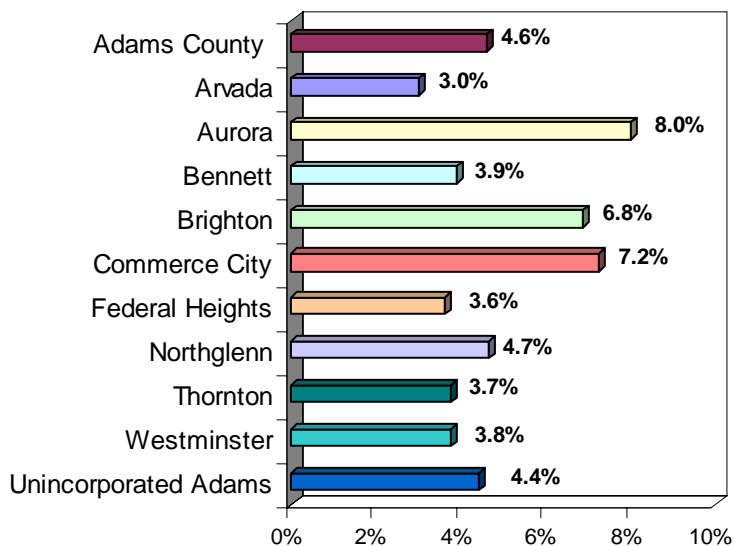
Exhibit 20
Proportion of College Graduates or Higher by City and in Unincorporated Adams County



EMPLOYMENT

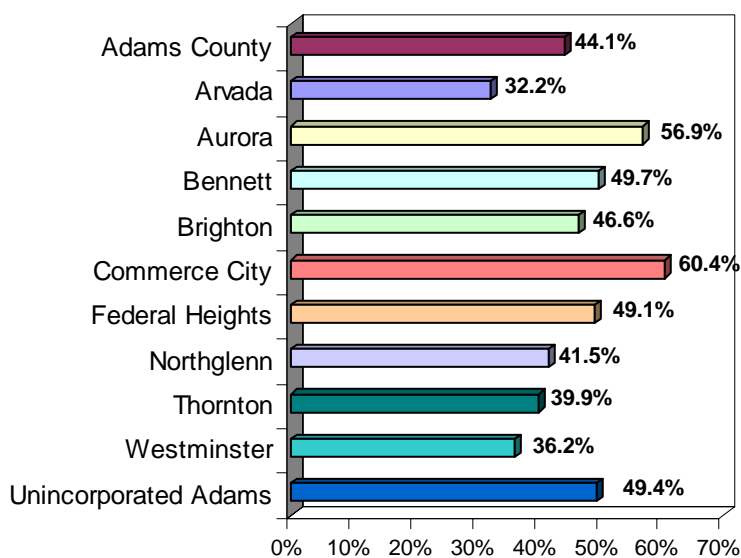
Exhibit 21 indicates that about 5% of the labor force in Adams County was unemployed as of the Census. The highest unemployment rate was found in Aurora (8%), and the lowest was in Arvada (3%). Other cities with a high unemployment rate were Brighton (6.8%) and Commerce City (7.2%). The unemployment rate in unincorporated parts of Adams County was found to be moderately low (4.4%) and lower than the rate for the overall county.

Exhibit 21
Unemployment Rate by City and in Unincorporated Adams County



Source: 2000 Census

Exhibit 22
Proportion of Blue Collar Workers by City and in Unincorporated Adams County



Source: 2000 Census

As indicated in Exhibit 22 on the previous page, about 44% of workers in Adams County held blue-collar jobs (including service occupations; farming, fishing, forestry occupations; construction, extraction, maintenance occupations; production, transportation, material moving transportation, and other occupations other than management and professional occupations). Commerce City and Aurora had the highest proportion of blue-collar workers (60.4% and 56.9%, respectively), while Arvada only had 32.2% of blue collars. In the unincorporated areas of the county, the percentage of blue-workers was relatively high (49.4%).

TRAVEL TIME AND MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK

In general, as shown in Exhibit 23 on the following page, about 17% of workers in Adams County spent 5 to 14 minutes to get to work, more than one-third spent 15 to 29 minutes, about 26% spent half an hour to 44 minutes, close to 9% spent 45 to 59 minutes, and almost 7% spent one hour or more to reach their work place. The data shows that Bennett had the highest percentage of workers spending half an hour or more to get to work (59.6%), while Arvada had the lowest percentage (31.3%). Bennett also had the highest percentage of workers who traveled one hour or more to work (11%); however, the highest percentage of workers spending 90 minutes or more to get to work was found in Arvada.

Exhibit 24 provides information about how workers in Adams County got to work in 2000. The data shows that the automobile was the most common transportation method used across the county. After driving alone, carpooling seemed to be the second choice get to work, with the highest percentage of carpoolers residing in Commerce City (22%) and the lowest percentage living in Arvada (6%). The proportion of workers who chose public transportation to get to work varied greatly from city to city, ranging from only 0.4% in Bennett to 7.8% in Aurora.

Exhibit 23
Travel Time to Work by City and in Unincorporated Adams County

	Adams County	Arvada	Aurora	Bennett	Brighton	Commerce City	Federal Heights	Northglenn	Thornton	Westminster	Unincorporated Adams
Total:	178,572	1,423	16,034	979	9,306	8,263	5,959	16,364	43,499	31,523	37,061
Did not work at home:	96.9%	98.4%	98.6%	96.4%	97.3%	97.6%	96.4%	97.2%	97.1%	95.8%	96.6%
Less than 5 minutes	1.6%	1.4%	1.3%	4.1%	4.8%	3.5%	0.7%	1.4%	1.0%	1.3%	1.8%
5 to 14 minutes	17.3%	16.3%	17.4%	12.2%	23.5%	26.2%	16.6%	16.9%	14.8%	17.5%	17.3%
15 to 29 minutes	36.3%	49.4%	36.7%	20.6%	25.0%	37.4%	37.1%	33.9%	36.9%	37.0%	38.7%
30 to 44 minutes	26.4%	16.4%	26.0%	29.5%	29.0%	16.3%	27.0%	28.8%	27.1%	26.8%	25.3%
45 to 59 minutes	8.8%	8.4%	9.0%	19.0%	9.2%	7.6%	7.3%	8.9%	10.3%	7.7%	7.5%
60 to 89 minutes	4.5%	3.2%	5.3%	9.1%	4.1%	4.3%	5.3%	4.9%	4.9%	3.8%	3.9%
90 or more minutes	2.1%	3.4%	3.0%	1.9%	1.6%	2.3%	2.5%	2.3%	2.1%	1.6%	2.1%
Worked at home	3.1%	1.6%	1.4%	3.6%	2.7%	2.4%	3.6%	2.8%	2.9%	4.2%	3.4%

Source: 2000 Census

Exhibit 24
Means of Transportation to Work by City and in Unincorporated Adams County

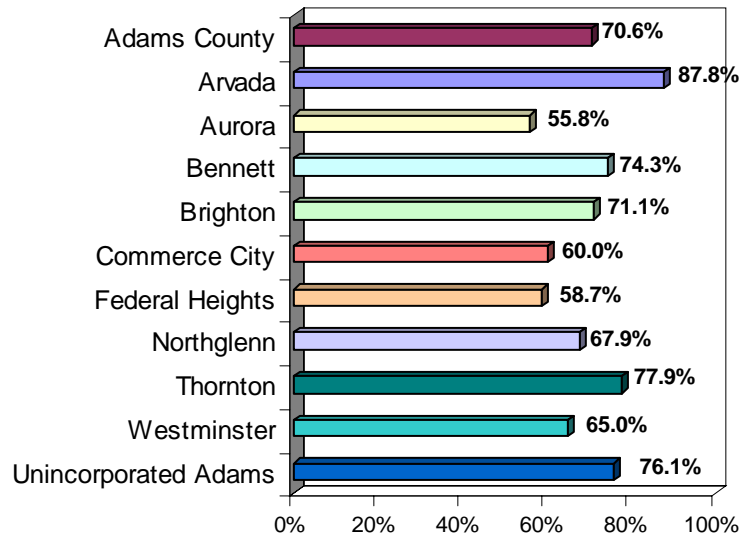
	Adams County	Arvada	Aurora	Bennett	Brighton	Commerce City	Federal Heights	Northglenn	Thornton	Westminster	Unincorporated Adams
Total	178,572	1,423	16,034	979	9,306	8,263	5,959	16,364	43,499	31,523	37,061
Car, truck, or van:	90.4%	93.9%	88.4%	93.2%	92.6%	91.5%	86.9%	89.8%	91.5%	89.6%	90.2%
Drove alone	76.0%	87.8%	66.8%	76.8%	77.0%	69.5%	70.1%	77.1%	79.0%	78.1%	74.4%
Carpooled	14.4%	6.0%	21.6%	16.3%	15.6%	22.0%	16.8%	12.7%	12.5%	11.5%	15.8%
Public transportation	4.3%	4.0%	7.8%	0.4%	2.1%	2.8%	7.3%	5.0%	3.9%	4.4%	3.4%
Motorcycle	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%
Bicycle	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
Walked	1.4%	0.0%	1.5%	2.2%	1.9%	1.5%	1.2%	1.8%	0.8%	1.2%	2.0%
Other means	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%	0.8%	1.3%	0.6%	0.2%	0.6%	0.4%	0.6%
Worked at home	3.1%	1.6%	1.4%	3.6%	2.7%	2.4%	3.6%	2.8%	2.9%	4.2%	3.4%

Source: 2000 Census

HOME OWNERSHIP

As indicated in Exhibit 25, almost 71% of housing units in Adams County were occupied by the homeowner. The highest home ownership rate was found in Arvada (87.8%), and the lowest was found in Aurora (55.8%).

Exhibit 25
Home Ownership Rate by City and in Unincorporated Adams



Source: 2000 Census

HOUSEHOLD TYPE

Exhibit 26 on the next page confirms that, households across Adams County, and in unincorporated parts of the county, were dominated by family households. The highest percentage of family-type households was found in Bennett and Brighton (about 76%), and the lowest was found in Federal Heights (about 60%). The proportion of married couple families varied little from city to city, ranging from 42.4% in Federal Heights to 61.0% in Brighton. The proportion of single parents with their own children ranged from 6.6% in Arvada to more than twice as much (14.6%) in Aurora.

HOUSING UNITS IN STRUCTURE

The data in Exhibit 27 on the next page indicates that Bennett had the highest percentage of single-family detached homes in the county (74.3%), closely followed by unincorporated Adams (72.5%), while only 14.5% of the total housing units in Federal Heights were single-family detached homes. Aurora had the highest percentage of apartment buildings, followed by Northglenn. Further, over half of the total housing units in Federal Heights were mobile homes.

Exhibit 26
Household Type by City and in Unincorporated Adams

	Adams County	Arvada	Aurora	Bennett	Brighton	Commerce City	Federal Heights	Northglenn	Thornton	Westminster	Unincorporated Adams
Total:	128,290	990	12,957	712	6,666	6,771	5,079	11,678	29,018	22,517	26,768
Family households:	72.3%	68.1%	71.3%	76.0%	75.7%	74.6%	59.9%	71.4%	75.1%	65.7%	74.7%
Married-couple family:	55.3%	56.7%	46.6%	60.0%	61.0%	50.0%	42.4%	55.2%	59.2%	51.0%	58.3%
With own children under 18 years	28.4%	23.9%	27.9%	39.9%	31.9%	25.9%	18.7%	25.1%	32.3%	24.4%	28.3%
No own children under 18 years	26.9%	32.7%	18.7%	20.1%	29.1%	24.2%	23.6%	30.1%	26.9%	26.6%	30.0%
Single parents	10.2%	6.6%	14.6%	10.8%	9.0%	13.0%	10.6%	9.5%	10.2%	8.6%	9.4%
Other family	6.8%	4.8%	10.1%	5.2%	5.7%	11.6%	6.9%	6.7%	5.6%	6.0%	6.9%
Nonfamily households:	27.7%	31.9%	28.7%	24.0%	24.3%	25.4%	40.1%	28.6%	24.9%	34.3%	25.3%
Householder living alone	21.2%	23.0%	22.5%	21.6%	19.9%	19.5%	31.2%	23.1%	18.6%	26.1%	18.8%
Householder not living alone	6.5%	8.9%	6.2%	2.4%	4.4%	5.8%	9.0%	5.5%	6.3%	8.2%	6.5%

Source: 2000 Census

Exhibit 27
Housing Units in Structure by City and in Unincorporated Adams

	Adams County	Arvada	Aurora	Bennett	Brighton	Commerce City	Federal Heights	Northglenn	Thornton	Westminster	Unincorporated Adams
Total:	132,594	1,073	13,902	739	6,932	6,907	5,332	12,139	29,481	23,070	27,707
1, detached	60.8%	68.3%	47.7%	74.3%	67.8%	66.4%	14.5%	65.5%	61.6%	52.9%	72.5%
1, attached	6.2%	16.7%	4.2%	0.1%	6.6%	6.0%	0.8%	6.3%	7.6%	10.2%	4.0%
2	1.2%	0.0%	1.4%	1.6%	2.7%	5.6%	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%	1.0%	1.5%
3 or 4	2.8%	6.0%	3.6%	0.7%	4.0%	3.9%	1.4%	1.7%	2.8%	3.8%	2.0%
5 to 9	4.1%	7.5%	5.4%	1.4%	3.0%	3.2%	5.8%	4.3%	3.6%	8.0%	1.6%
10 to 19	6.5%	0.8%	8.5%	1.1%	2.8%	4.4%	17.9%	8.9%	6.6%	8.5%	3.0%
20 to 49	5.4%	0.0%	7.5%	5.8%	3.5%	1.0%	4.2%	9.2%	4.5%	7.2%	4.7%
50 or more	3.3%	0.0%	8.2%	0.0%	3.2%	1.9%	4.7%	4.0%	2.4%	5.2%	1.1%
Mobile home	9.8%	0.7%	13.5%	13.8%	6.4%	7.6%	50.3%	0.2%	10.4%	3.2%	9.5%
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	1.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%

Source: 2000 Census

MIGRATION

Exhibit 28 provides information on the migration rates and patterns for the population over 5 years of age in Adams County who were included in the 1990 Census. The data indicates that Arvada, Commerce City and unincorporated Adams County were found to have the highest proportion of residents who did not migrate within the previous five years. It is also revealed that Thornton had the highest proportion of in-migration from within Adams County (almost 28%), while Aurora had the highest proportion of in-migration from outside the county (almost 38%). The highest proportion of immigrants coming from a different state was found in Westminster (15.3%) and the lowest was found in unincorporated parts of the Adams County (8.1%). Furthermore, Aurora and Commerce City had a considerably higher proportion of foreign immigrants (11.4% and 7.4%, respectively). If we relate this finding with the significantly higher proportion of Hispanics or Latinos in these two cities as seen earlier, we might conclude that most of the foreign immigrants coming to Aurora and Commerce City in 1990 were from Mexico or Latin America.

Exhibit 29 on Pages 27 through 29 provides complete demographic characteristics of Adams County cities and the unincorporated area as described in this sub-section.

Exhibit 30 compares urban and rural Adams County on Page 30 and Exhibit 31 examines the poverty areas in Adams County on Page 31.

Exhibit 28
Migration Patterns by City and in Unincorporated Adams

	Adams County	Arvada	Aurora	Bennett	Brighton	Commerce City	Federal Heights	Northglenn	Thornton	Westminster	Unincorporated Adams
Total:	333,734	2,645	36,035	1,846	18,944	19,386	11,076	29,267	75,441	53,633	71,680
Same house in 1995	43.8%	53.5%	37.3%	45.7%	42.8%	51.1%	34.9%	48.9%	41.2%	41.3%	50.0%
Different house in 1995:	56.2%	46.5%	62.7%	54.3%	57.2%	48.9%	65.1%	51.1%	58.8%	58.7%	50.0%
In United States in 1995:	52.1%	45.4%	51.3%	53.5%	54.6%	41.5%	62.2%	48.4%	56.9%	54.9%	45.8%
Same county	21.7%	9.8%	13.4%	21.1%	24.2%	23.9%	25.6%	22.2%	27.8%	19.7%	19.9%
Different county	30.4%	35.6%	37.9%	32.4%	30.3%	17.6%	36.6%	26.2%	29.1%	35.3%	25.9%
Same state	18.6%	26.2%	23.0%	22.6%	18.1%	11.1%	22.6%	15.0%	17.4%	20.0%	17.8%
Different state	11.7%	9.4%	14.9%	9.8%	12.3%	6.5%	14.0%	11.3%	11.8%	15.3%	8.1%
Elsewhere in 1995	4.2%	1.1%	11.4%	0.8%	2.6%	7.4%	2.9%	2.7%	1.9%	3.7%	4.2%

Source: 2000 Census

Exhibit 29 (3 Pages Total)
Demographic Profiles of Adams County Cities and Unincorporated Area

	Adams County	Arvada	Aurora	Bennett	Brighton	Commerce City	Federal Heights	Northglenn	Thornton	Westminster	Unincorporated Adams
POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLD											
Total population	363,857	2,755	40,153	2,039	20,707	21,240	12,064	31,617	82,433	57,731	77,858
Number of households	128,290	990	12,957	712	6,666	6,771	5,079	11,678	29,018	22,517	26,768
Persons per household	2.8	2.8	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.1	2.4	2.7	2.8	2.6	2.9
AGE DISTRIBUTION											
Children under 5	8.3%	4.0%	10.3%	9.5%	8.5%	8.7%	8.2%	7.4%	8.5%	7.1%	7.9%
Children 5-18	21.6%	23.0%	22.6%	27.5%	21.7%	23.7%	17.9%	20.6%	22.7%	19.4%	21.4%
Persons 65 or older	7.8%	9.1%	6.0%	7.2%	10.0%	8.9%	12.3%	10.4%	5.7%	8.3%	9.1%
RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN											
White non Hispanic	63.3%	67.9%	36.4%	90.6%	58.3%	42.7%	65.3%	72.6%	72.3%	71.0%	60.5%
Black or African American	2.8%	0.8%	15.5%	0.4%	1.0%	1.8%	1.6%	1.5%	1.7%	0.9%	0.9%
Asian	3.2%	9.4%	2.6%	0.7%	1.1%	1.0%	6.2%	2.8%	2.3%	5.7%	2.7%
Hispanic or Latino of any race	28.2%	20.7%	42.2%	5.8%	38.7%	53.3%	24.7%	20.1%	21.1%	19.3%	33.5%
LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH SPOKEN AT HOME											
	21.6%	21.0%	39.9%	4.9%	25.5%	37.8%	19.2%	15.4%	13.5%	17.5%	24.0%
INCOME AND POVERTY											
Median household income	\$47,323	\$60,458	\$35,395	\$46,600	\$46,346	\$33,680	\$33,750	\$48,243	\$54,445	\$51,826	\$44,872
Persons below poverty	8.9%	4.1%	19.9%	5.8%	9.5%	19.4%	11.2%	5.4%	5.2%	6.2%	8.8%
PERSONS WITH DISABILITY											
	18.6%	15.4%	22.5%	16.8%	22.6%	24.1%	23.9%	15.9%	16.0%	15.8%	21.1%
EDUCATION											
High school graduates or higher	78.8%	90.4%	63.3%	87.6%	74.7%	57.8%	74.4%	84.6%	85.1%	85.5%	75.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher	17.4%	23.6%	8.2%	12.3%	14.5%	3.7%	9.2%	19.3%	19.9%	28.6%	12.2%
EMPLOYMENT											
Unemployment rate	4.6%	3.0%	8.0%	3.9%	6.8%	7.2%	3.6%	4.7%	3.7%	3.8%	4.4%
Blue Collars	44.1%	32.2%	56.9%	49.7%	46.6%	60.4%	49.1%	41.5%	39.9%	36.2%	49.4%

Source: 2000 Census

Exhibit 29 (Continued)
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30 to 44 minutes	26.4%	16.4%	26.0%	29.5%	29.0%	16.3%	27.0%	28.8%	27.1%	26.8%	25.3%
45 to 59 minutes	8.8%	8.4%	9.0%	19.0%	9.2%	7.6%	7.3%	8.9%	10.3%	7.7%	7.5%
60 to 89 minutes	4.5%	3.2%	5.3%	9.1%	4.1%	4.3%	5.3%	4.9%	4.9%	3.8%	3.9%
90 or more minutes	2.1%	3.4%	3.0%	1.9%	1.6%	2.3%	2.5%	2.3%	2.1%	1.6%	2.1%
Worked at home	3.1%	1.6%	1.4%	3.6%	2.7%	2.4%	3.6%	2.8%	2.9%	4.2%	3.4%
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Drove alone	76.0%	87.8%	66.8%	76.8%	77.0%	69.5%	70.1%	77.1%	79.0%	78.1%	74.4%
Carpooled	14.4%	6.0%	21.6%	16.3%	15.6%	22.0%	16.8%	12.7%	12.5%	11.5%	15.8%
Public transportation	4.3%	4.0%	7.8%	0.4%	2.1%	2.8%	7.3%	5.0%	3.9%	4.4%	3.4%
Motorcycle	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%
Bicycle	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
Walked	1.4%	0.0%	1.5%	2.2%	1.9%	1.5%	1.2%	1.8%	0.8%	1.2%	2.0%
Other means	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%	0.8%	1.3%	0.6%	0.2%	0.6%	0.4%	0.6%
Worked at home	3.1%	1.6%	1.4%	3.6%	2.7%	2.4%	3.6%	2.8%	2.9%	4.2%	3.4%
HOME OWNERSHIP RATE	70.6%	87.8%	55.8%	74.3%	71.1%	60.0%	58.7%	67.9%	77.9%	65.0%	76.1%

Source: 2000 Census

Exhibit 29 (continued)
Demographic Profiles of Adams County Cities and Unincorporated Area

	Adams County	Arvada	Aurora	Bennett	Brighton	Commerce City	Federal Heights	Northglenn	Thornton	Westminster	Unincorporated Adams
HOUSEHOLD TYPE											
Total:	128,290	990	12,957	712	6,666	6,771	5,079	11,678	29,018	22,517	26,768
Family households:	72.3%	68.1%	71.3%	76.0%	75.7%	74.6%	59.9%	71.4%	75.1%	65.7%	74.7%
Married-couple family:	55.3%	56.7%	46.6%	60.0%	61.0%	50.0%	42.4%	55.2%	59.2%	51.0%	58.3%
With own children under 18 years	28.4%	23.9%	27.9%	39.9%	31.9%	25.9%	18.7%	25.1%	32.3%	24.4%	28.3%
No own children under 18 years	26.9%	32.7%	18.7%	20.1%	29.1%	24.2%	23.6%	30.1%	26.9%	26.6%	30.0%
Single parents	10.2%	6.6%	14.6%	10.8%	9.0%	13.0%	10.6%	9.5%	10.2%	8.6%	9.4%
Other family	6.8%	4.8%	10.1%	5.2%	5.7%	11.6%	6.9%	6.7%	5.6%	6.0%	6.9%
Nonfamily households:	27.7%	31.9%	28.7%	24.0%	24.3%	25.4%	40.1%	28.6%	24.9%	34.3%	25.3%
Householder living alone	21.2%	23.0%	22.5%	21.6%	19.9%	19.5%	31.2%	23.1%	18.6%	26.1%	18.8%
Householder not living alone	6.5%	8.9%	6.2%	2.4%	4.4%	5.8%	9.0%	5.5%	6.3%	8.2%	6.5%
HOUSING UNITS IN STRUCTURE											
Total:	132,594	1,073	13,902	739	6,932	6,907	5,332	12,139	29,481	23,070	27,707
1, detached	60.8%	68.3%	47.7%	74.3%	67.8%	66.4%	14.5%	65.5%	61.6%	52.9%	72.5%
1, attached	6.2%	16.7%	4.2%	0.1%	6.6%	6.0%	0.8%	6.3%	7.6%	10.2%	4.0%
2	1.2%	0.0%	1.4%	1.6%	2.7%	5.6%	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%	1.0%	1.5%
3 or 4	2.8%	6.0%	3.6%	0.7%	4.0%	3.9%	1.4%	1.7%	2.8%	3.8%	2.0%
5 to 9	4.1%	7.5%	5.4%	1.4%	3.0%	3.2%	5.8%	4.3%	3.6%	8.0%	1.6%
10 to 19	6.5%	0.8%	8.5%	1.1%	2.8%	4.4%	17.9%	8.9%	6.6%	8.5%	3.0%
20 to 49	5.4%	0.0%	7.5%	5.8%	3.5%	1.0%	4.2%	9.2%	4.5%	7.2%	4.7%
50 or more	3.3%	0.0%	8.2%	0.0%	3.2%	1.9%	4.7%	4.0%	2.4%	5.2%	1.1%
Mobile home	9.8%	0.7%	13.5%	13.8%	6.4%	7.6%	50.3%	0.2%	10.4%	3.2%	9.5%
Boat, RV, van, etc.	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	1.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%
MIGRATION											
Total:	333,734	2,645	36,035	1,846	18,944	19,386	11,076	29,267	75,441	53,633	71,680
Same house in 1995	43.8%	53.5%	37.3%	45.7%	42.8%	51.1%	34.9%	48.9%	41.2%	41.3%	50.0%
Different house in 1995:	56.2%	46.5%	62.7%	54.3%	57.2%	48.9%	65.1%	51.1%	58.8%	58.7%	50.0%
In United States in 1995:	52.1%	45.4%	51.3%	53.5%	54.6%	41.5%	62.2%	48.4%	56.9%	54.9%	45.8%
Same county	21.7%	9.8%	13.4%	21.1%	24.2%	23.9%	25.6%	22.2%	27.8%	19.7%	19.9%
Different county (same state)	30.4%	35.6%	37.9%	32.4%	30.3%	17.6%	36.6%	26.2%	29.1%	35.3%	25.9%
Same state	18.6%	26.2%	23.0%	22.6%	18.1%	11.1%	22.6%	15.0%	17.4%	20.0%	17.8%
Different state	11.7%	9.4%	14.9%	9.8%	12.3%	6.5%	14.0%	11.3%	11.8%	15.3%	8.1%
Elsewhere in 1995	4.2%	1.1%	11.4%	0.8%	2.6%	7.4%	2.9%	2.7%	1.9%	3.7%	4.2%

Source: 2000 Census

Exhibit 30
ADAMS COUNTY URBAN AND RURAL DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILES

	Adams County	Urban	Rural
POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLD			
Total population	363,857	349,607	14,250
Number of households	128,290	123,364	4,926
Persons per household	2.8	2.8	2.9
AGE DISTRIBUTION			
Children under 5	8.3%	8.3%	7.5%
Children 5-18	21.6%	21.6%	21.8%
Persons 65 or older	7.8%	7.8%	8.0%
RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN			
White non Hispanic	63.3%	62.4%	85.5%
Black or African American	2.8%	2.9%	0.3%
Asian	3.2%	3.3%	0.9%
Hispanic or Latino of any race	28.2%	28.9%	10.7%
LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH SPOKEN AT HOME	21.6%	22.2%	7.8%
INCOME AND POVERTY			
Average median household income	\$47,323	\$37,784	\$36,442
Persons below poverty	8.9%	9.1%	4.3%
PERSONS WITH DISABILITY	18.6%	18.7%	16.2%
EDUCATION			
High school graduates or higher	78.8%	78.4%	57.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher	17.4%	17.3%	18.5%
EMPLOYMENT			
Unemployment rate	4.6%	4.7%	2.7%
Blue Collars	44.1%	44.1%	45.0%
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK			
Less than 5 minutes	1.6%	1.4%	4.7%
5 to 14 minutes	17.3%	17.4%	13.2%
15 to 29 minutes	36.3%	36.9%	23.9%
30 to 59 minutes	35.1%	34.8%	43.5%
60 or more minutes	6.6%	6.5%	8.7%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK			
Car, truck, or van:	90.4%	90.5%	87.8%
Drove alone	76.0%	75.9%	77.2%
Carpooled	14.4%	14.6%	10.6%
Public transportation	4.3%	4.4%	0.6%
HOME OWNERSHIP RATE	70.6%	70.1%	82.2%
HOUSEHOLD TYPE			
Family households:	72.3%	71.9%	79.9%
Married-couple family	55.3%	54.7%	69.9%
Single parents	10.2%	10.3%	6.7%
HOUSING UNITS IN STRUCTURE			
1, detached	60.8%	59.7%	87.4%
Mobile home	9.8%	9.8%	8.8%
MIGRATION			
Same house in 1995	43.8%	43.7%	46.1%
Different house in 1995:	56.2%	56.3%	53.9%
In United States in 1995:	52.1%	52.0%	53.2%
Same county	21.7%	21.6%	23.0%
Different county	30.4%	30.4%	30.2%
Elsewhere in 1995	4.2%	4.3%	0.7%

Source: 2000 Census

Exhibit 31
DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF ADAMS COUNTY'S DESIGNATED POVERTY AREAS
 15% or More of the Population Lives at or Below Poverty

	Adams County	Aurora	Brighton	Commerce City	Thornton	Westminster	Unincorporated Adams
POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLD							
Total population	363,857	30,252	2,190	20798	4513	916	12647
Number of households	128,290	9,842	657	6616	1670	353	4158
Persons per household	2.8	3.1	3.3	3.1	2.7	2.6	3.0
AGE DISTRIBUTION							
Children under 5	8.3%	11.1%	6.3%	8.7%	12.1%	11.2%	7.8%
Children 5-18	21.6%	22.1%	22.8%	24.0%	23.2%	13.9%	22.8%
Persons 65 or older	7.8%	5.7%	5.3%	8.9%	5.1%	6.0%	10.6%
RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN							
White non Hispanic	63.3%	30.6%	28.8%	42.0%	51.4%	28.8%	46.8%
Black or African American	2.8%	16.0%	0.0%	1.9%	4.1%	2.4%	1.7%
Asian	3.2%	2.3%	0.0%	1.0%	1.4%	0.4%	1.6%
Hispanic or Latino of any race	28.2%	47.4%	71.2%	53.9%	39.0%	67.9%	46.7%
LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH SPOKEN AT HOME							
	21.6%	45.3%	55.6%	38.4%	19.4%	55.7%	34.4%
INCOME AND POVERTY							
Average median household income	\$47,323	\$32,344	\$35,108	\$33,745	\$25,703	\$30,938	\$28,389
Persons below poverty	8.9%	23.9%	19.9%	19.7%	23.4%	25.5%	14.0%
PERSONS WITH DISABILITY							
	18.6%	24.1%	19.5%	24.4%	29.6%	46.7%	21.8%
EDUCATION							
High school graduates or higher	78.8%	57.2%	45.4%	57.0%	71.3%	57.1%	65.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher	17.4%	6.6%	2.5%	3.2%	6.3%	9.1%	6.0%
EMPLOYMENT							
Unemployment rate	4.6%	8.9%	21.1%	7.4%	7.6%	11.1%	5.4%
Blue Collars	44.1%	61.6%	62.7%	61.6%	53.6%	72.0%	57.5%
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK							
Less than 5 minutes	1.6%	1.5%	4.7%	3.6%	1.7%	3.0%	1.1%
5 to 14 minutes	17.3%	17.4%	15.5%	26.9%	18.4%	14.8%	20.3%
15 to 29 minutes	36.3%	36.3%	38.1%	37.0%	41.8%	39.3%	44.1%
30 to 59 minutes	35.1%	34.2%	33.7%	23.9%	27.7%	16.2%	26.8%
60 or more minutes	6.6%	9.6%	7.0%	6.3%	7.7%	17.6%	5.2%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK							
Car, truck, or van:	90.4%	87.0%	85.2%	91.6%	87.3%	54.8%	90.4%
Drove alone	76.0%	61.7%	67.8%	69.2%	66.7%	48.5%	71.8%
Carpooled	14.4%	25.4%	17.4%	22.4%	20.6%	6.3%	18.6%
Public transportation	4.3%	9.3%	4.0%	2.9%	4.8%	23.9%	5.1%
HOME OWNERSHIP RATE							
	70.6%	45.8%	58.2%	59.4%	46.6%	6.0%	72.1%
HOUSEHOLD TYPE							
Family households:	72.3%	69.1%	75.3%	74.4%	65.1%	60.3%	75.9%
Married-couple family	55.3%	42.4%	55.4%	49.4%	31.1%	46.5%	56.7%
Single parents	10.2%	15.6%	10.7%	13.3%	28.3%	9.1%	11.5%
HOUSING UNITS IN STRUCTURE							
1, detached	60.8%	35.0%	69.9%	65.6%	4.6%	6.7%	75.9%
Mobile home	9.8%	17.0%	1.0%	7.8%	24.3%	0.0%	0.3%
MIGRATION							
Same house in 1995	43.8%	33.0%	36.9%	52.0%	36.0%	14.5%	48.5%
Different house in 1995:	56.2%	67.0%	63.1%	48.0%	64.0%	85.5%	51.5%
In United States in 1995:	52.1%	53.2%	62.6%	40.5%	61.1%	46.2%	44.2%
Same county	21.7%	13.4%	22.3%	23.6%	30.2%	9.5%	20.3%
Different county	30.4%	39.9%	40.3%	16.9%	30.9%	36.8%	23.9%
Elsewhere in 1995	4.2%	13.8%	0.5%	7.5%	2.9%	39.2%	7.3%

Source: 2000 Census