

# *Growing Forward*

## *Population Trends impacting Colorado's School-Age Population*

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# *Trends*

- Population growing at a slowing rate - births down, deaths up
- Migration and mobility slowing
  - Harder to attract and retaining the best and brightest.
  - Labor tight - very competitive in US
- Concentrated growth
- Aging - impacts everything... including the economy, labor force, housing, and public finance.
  - Largest share of future growth is the 65+
- Increase racial and ethnic diversity.



# *2020 Census Count*

**US - 331.5 million, + 22.7 million, 7.4% since 2010**

- Second slowest growth rate on record

**CO - 5,774,000, + 744,500, 14.8% since 2010**

- 6<sup>th</sup> ranked percent change, 9<sup>th</sup> in numeric change
- Colorado gained an 8<sup>th</sup> seat

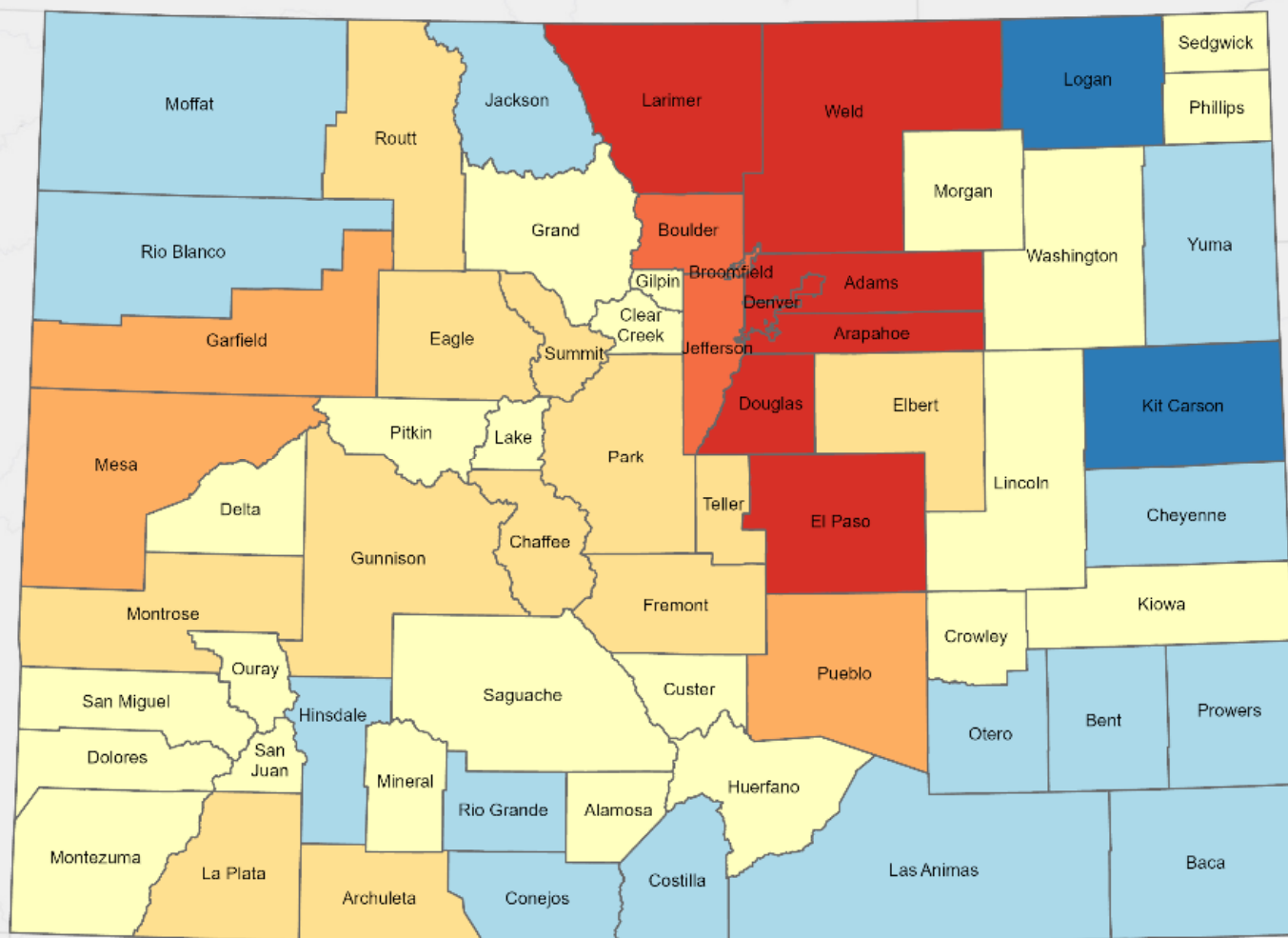
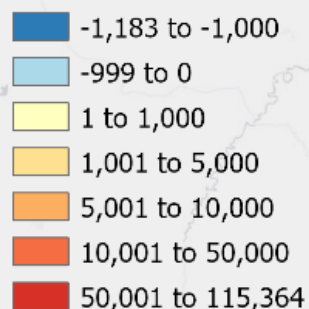
**2020-2021 - Slowest US growth rate on record of 0.1%**

- 17 states lost population
- Colorado + 27,700. 0.5% growth rate
- Net Migration 14,700
- Ranked 17<sup>th</sup> in percent growth and 11<sup>th</sup> in total growth



# Population Change by County 2010 to 2020

## Population Change



Source: 2020 US Census

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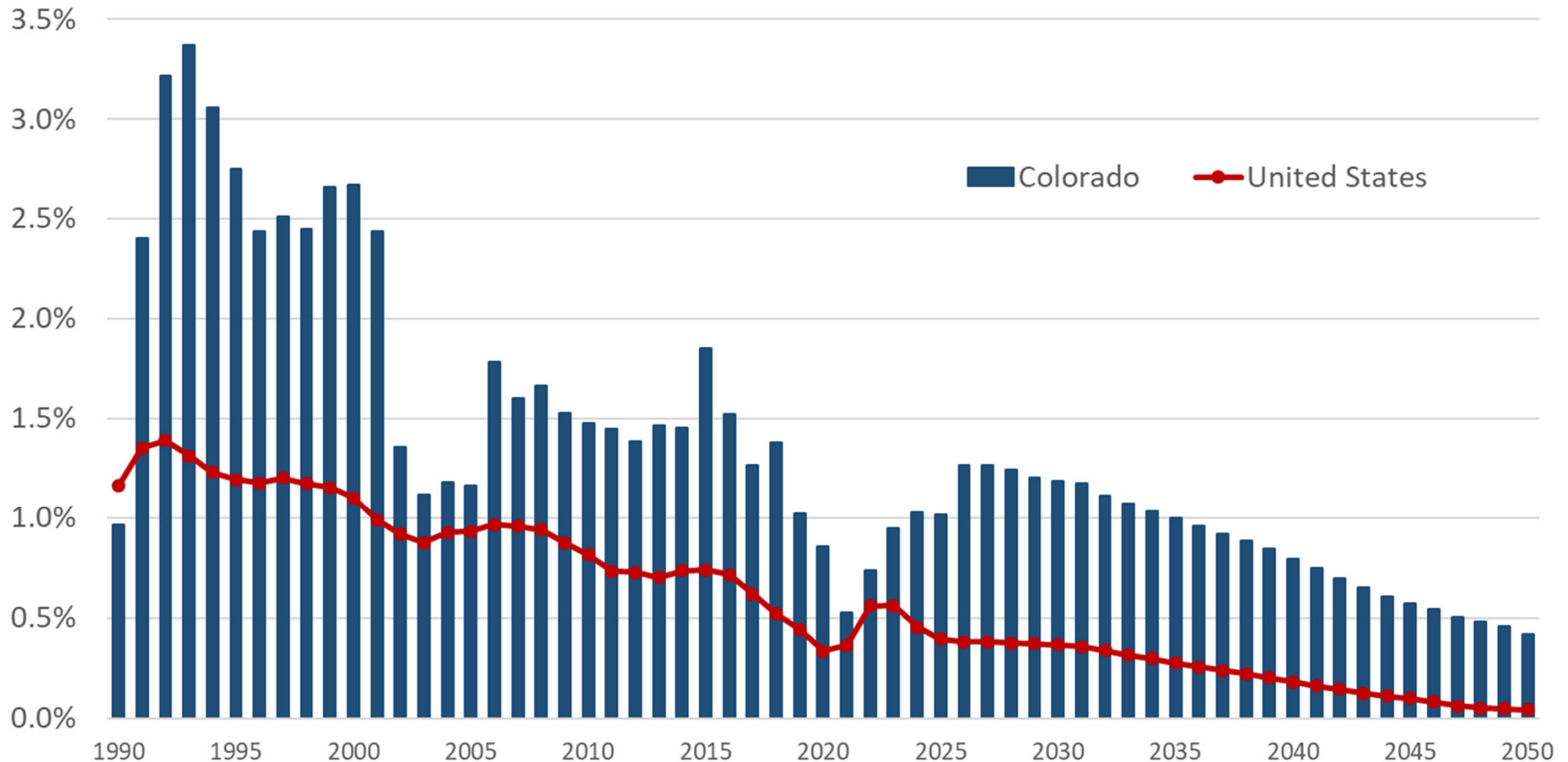


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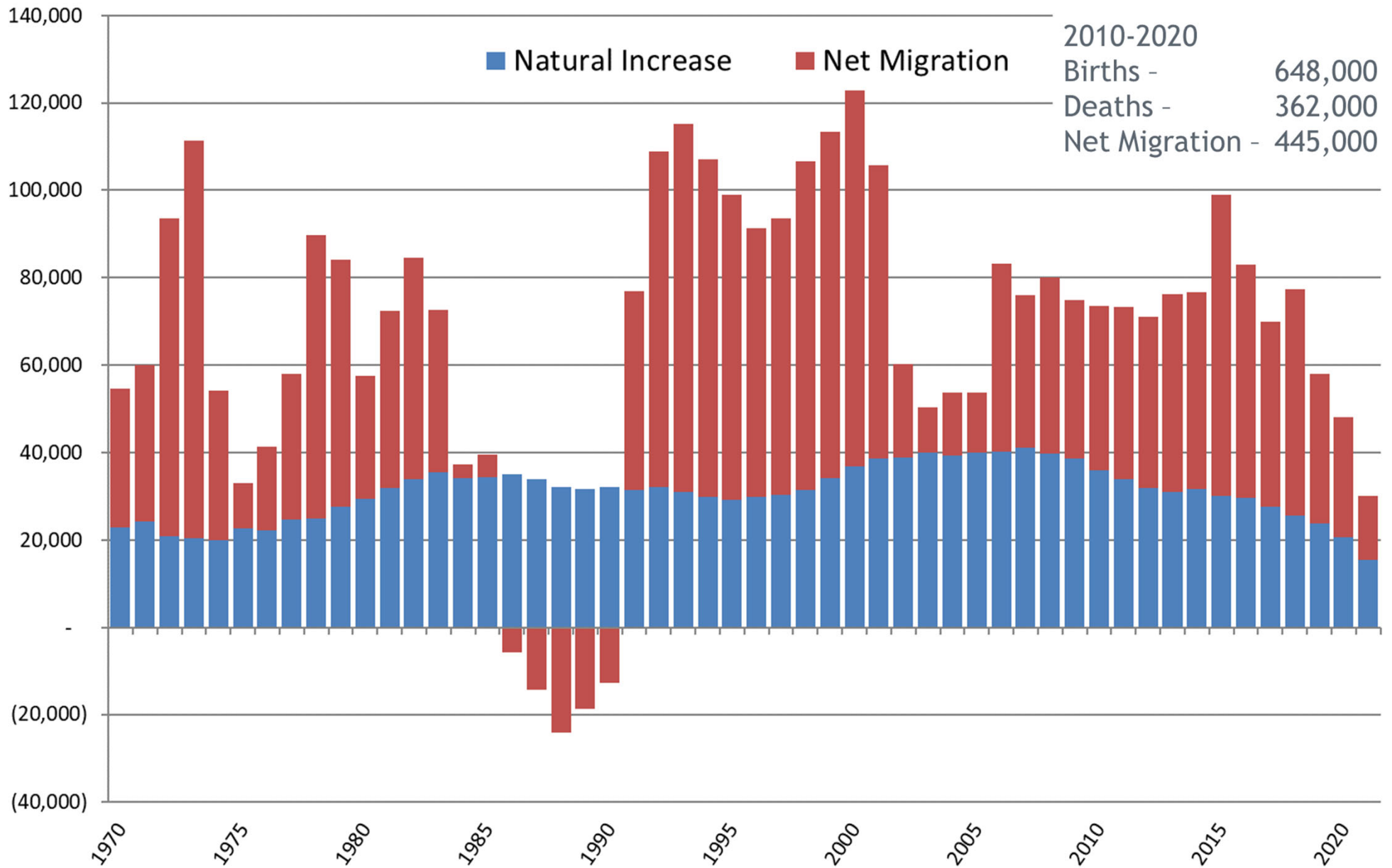
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# Population growth is slowing

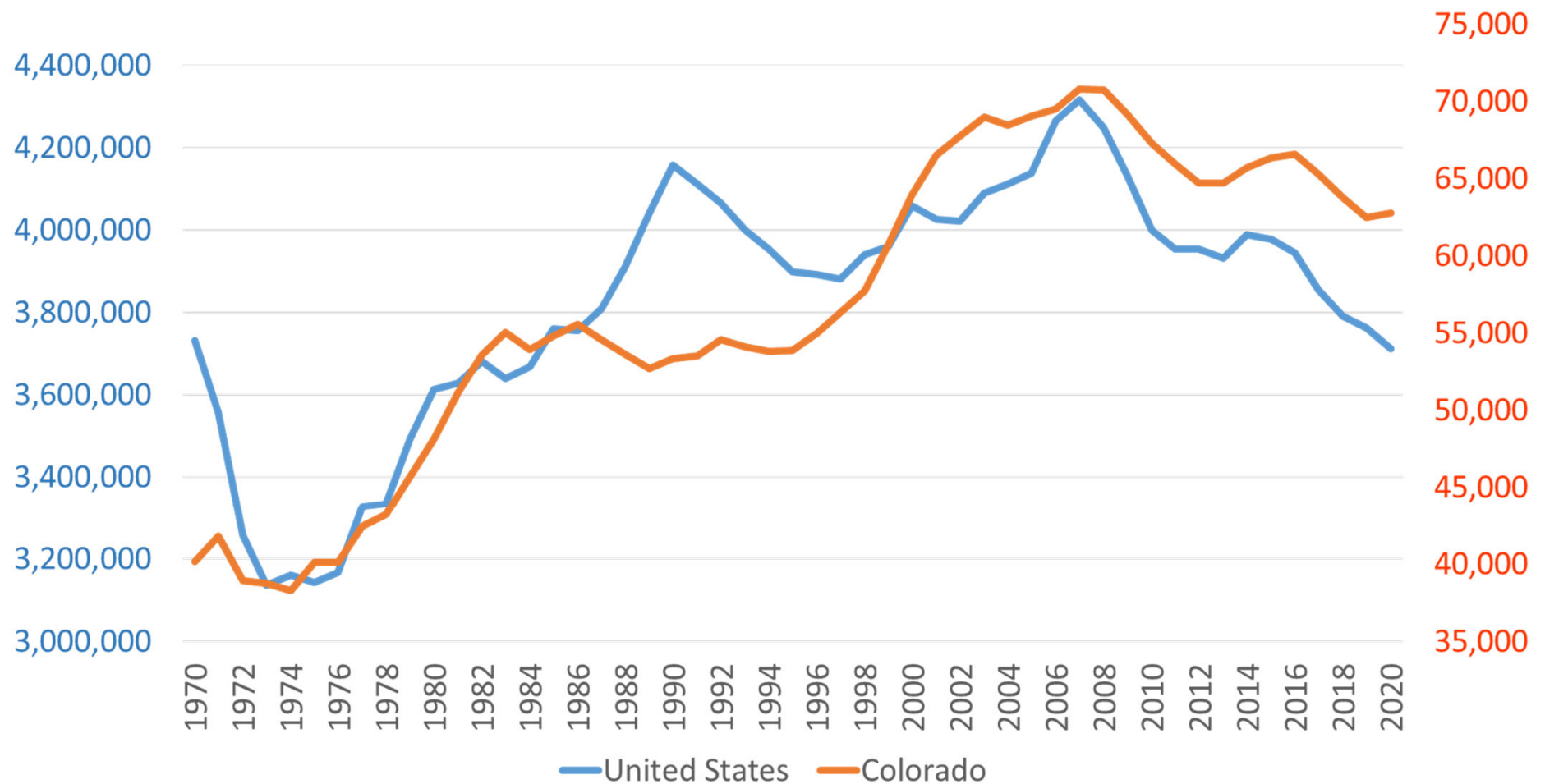
Colorado and U.S. Growth Rate, 1990 - 2050



# Components of Population Change 1970-2021



# Births in Colorado and the US



Peak Births in 2007, currently 15 years old

Peak Millennial Born in 1991 and is 31 years old

180,000 more women age 15-45 in 2020 than in 2007

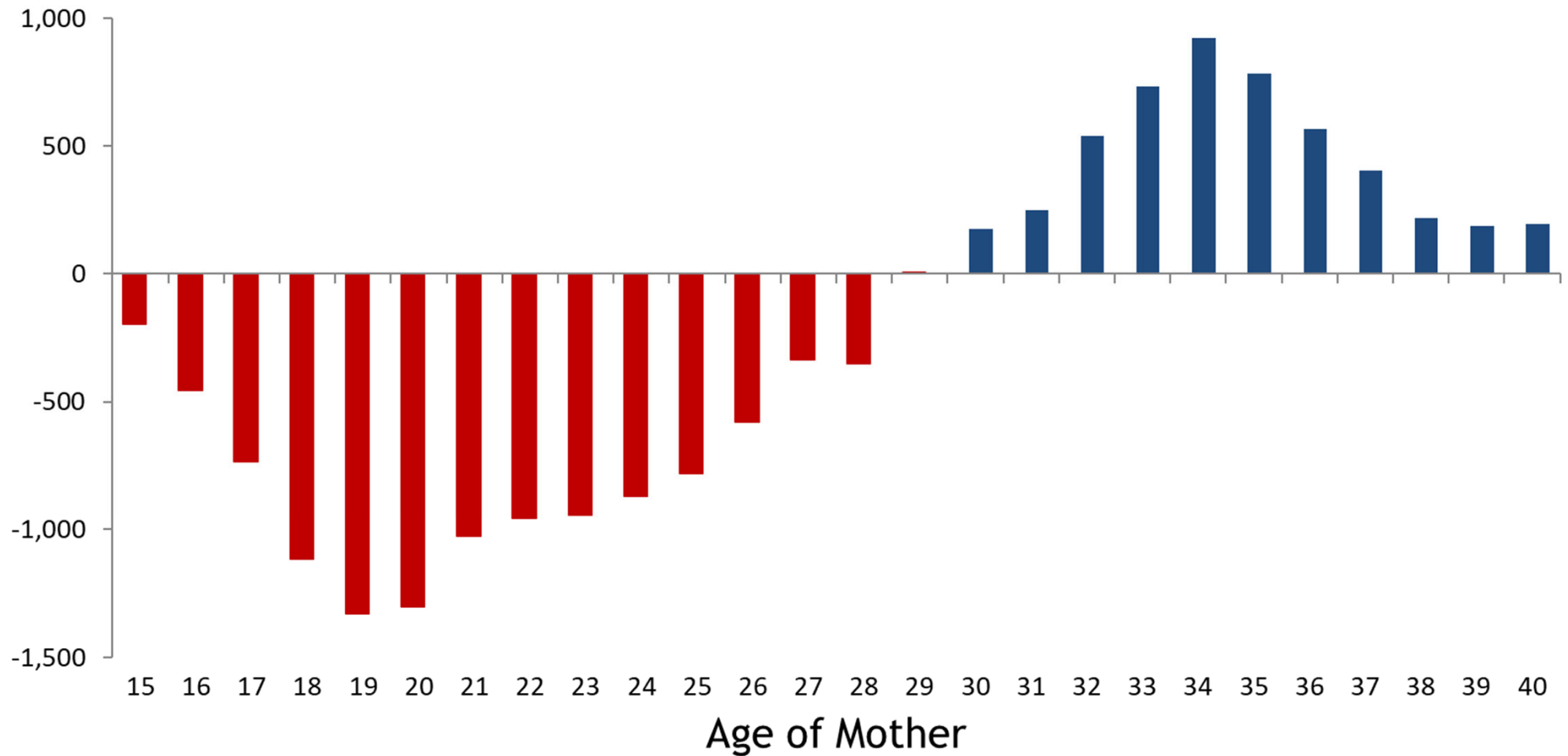
525,000 fewer births in 2020 than 2007 for the US, 8,000 fewer in Colorado



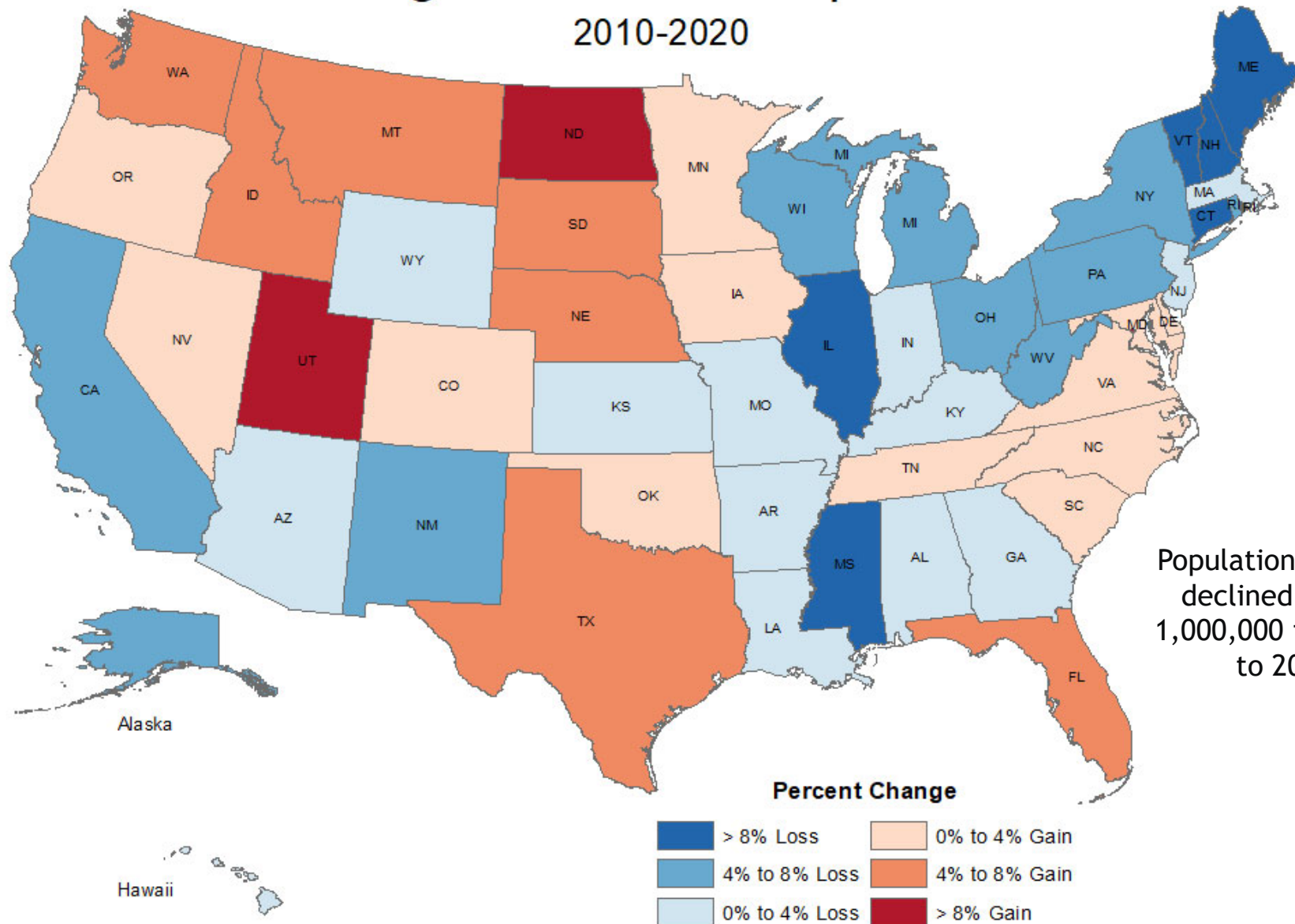
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# *Change in births by age of mother 2009 to 2020, Colorado*



# Change in Under 18 Populations 2010-2020



Population Under 18  
declined by over  
1,000,000 from 2010  
to 2020.

Source: US Census Bureau  
Map by Colorado State Demography Office

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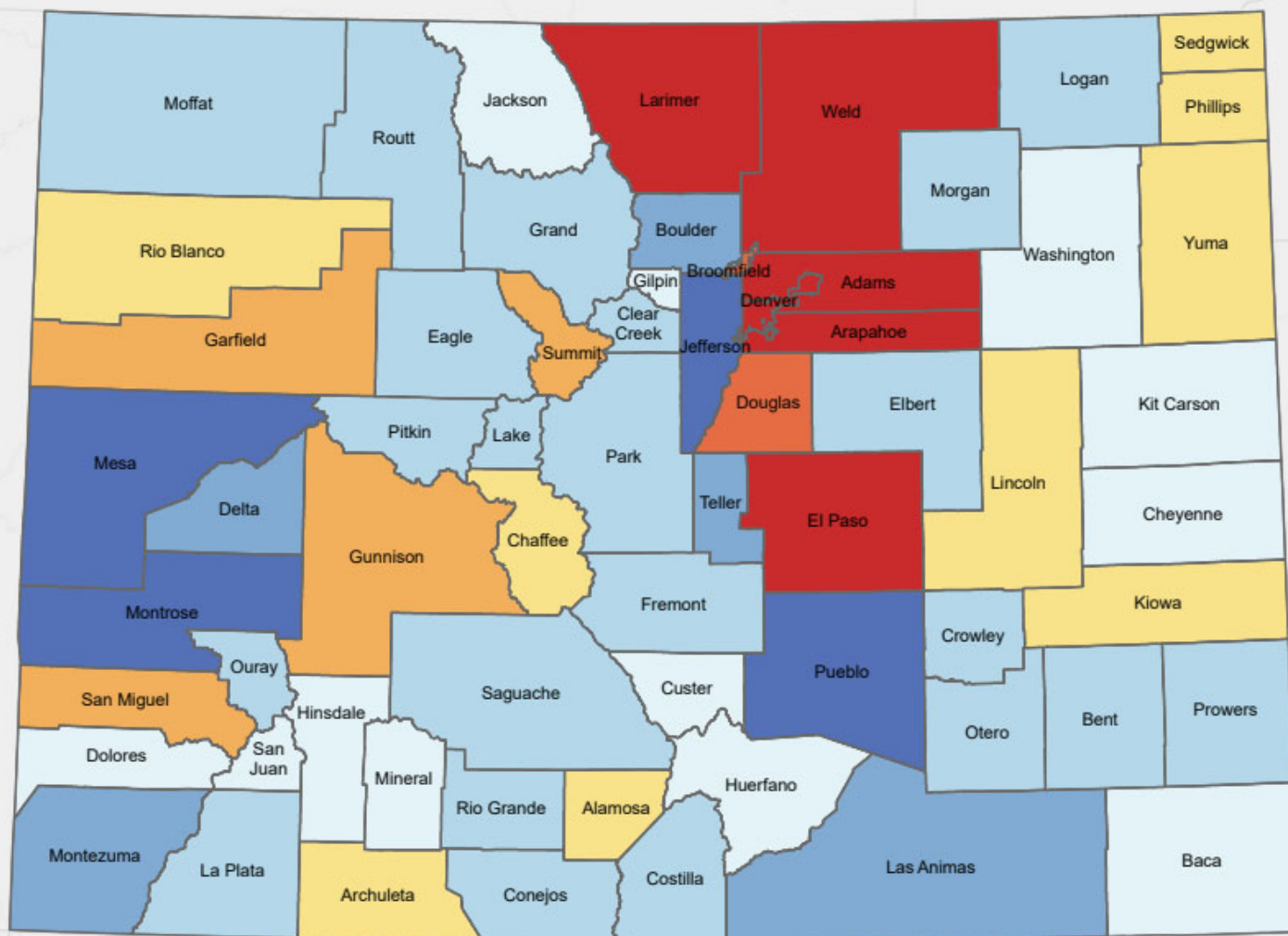
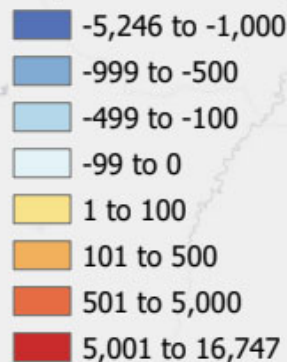


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Source: 2010 and 2020 Census, U.S. Census Bureau

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Population Under 18 increased by 38K over the decade.

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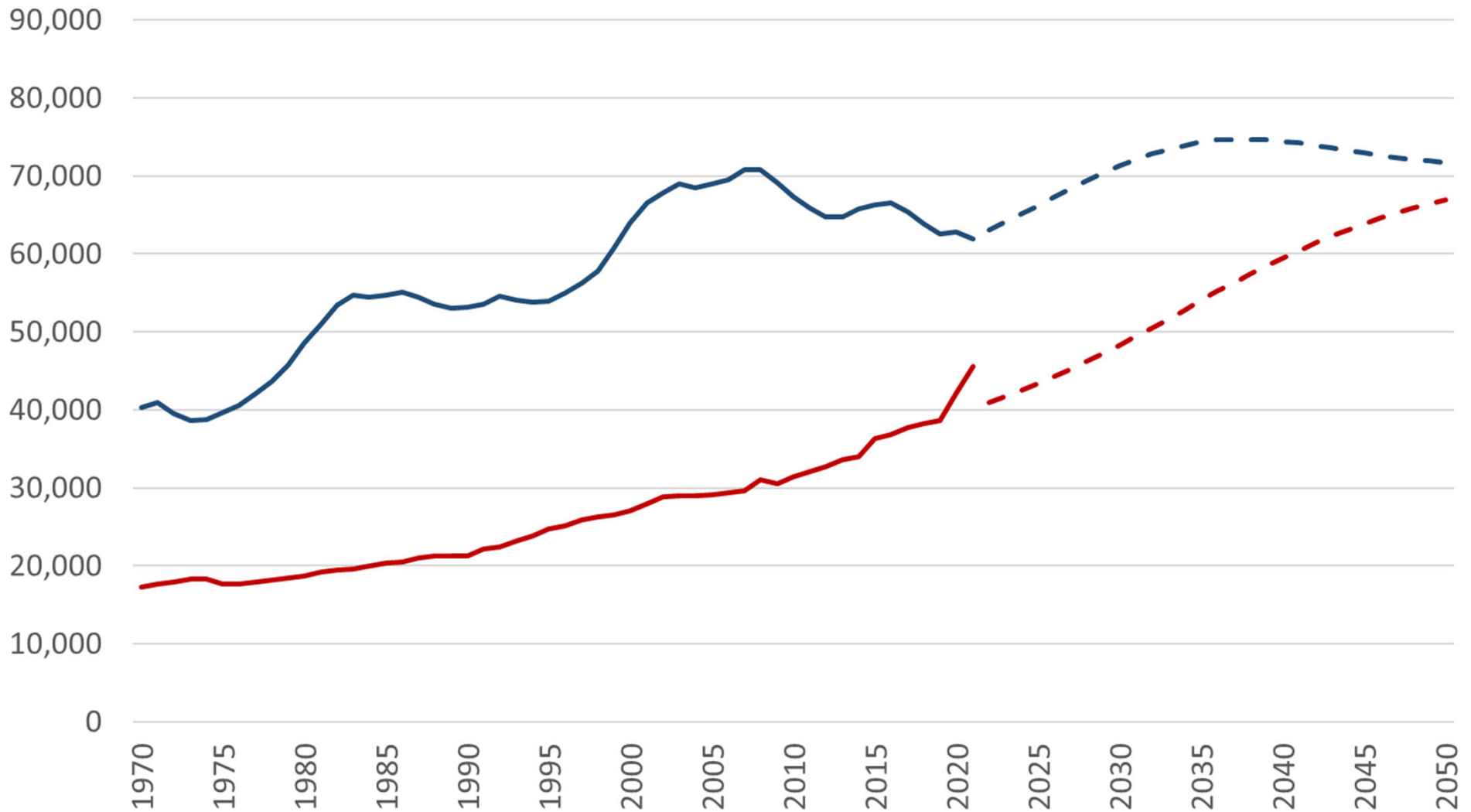


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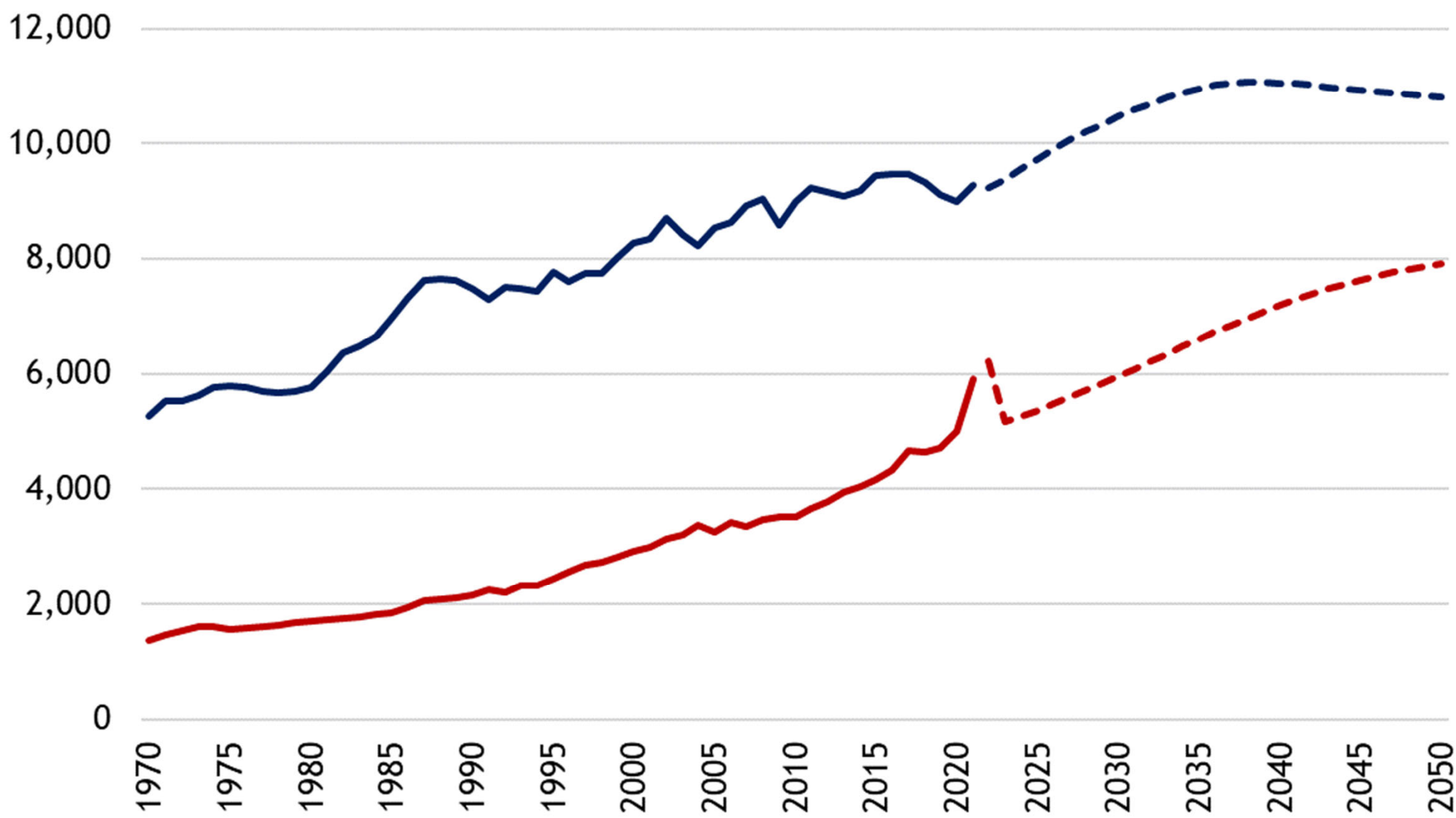
## Colorado Births and Deaths, 1970 to 2050

— Births    - - Births (Projection)    — Deaths    - - Deaths (Projection)



## El Paso County Births and Deaths, 1970 to 2050

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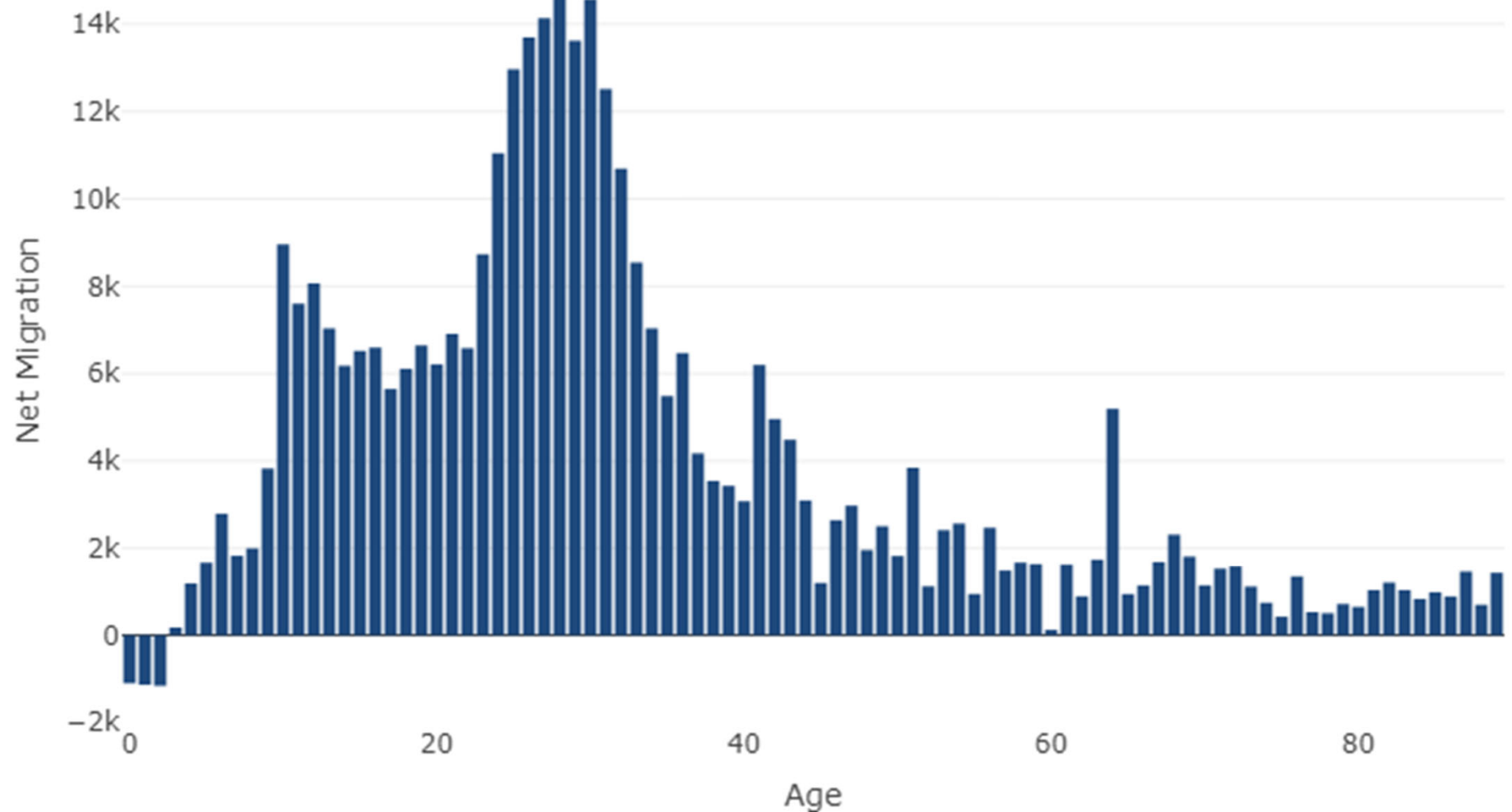


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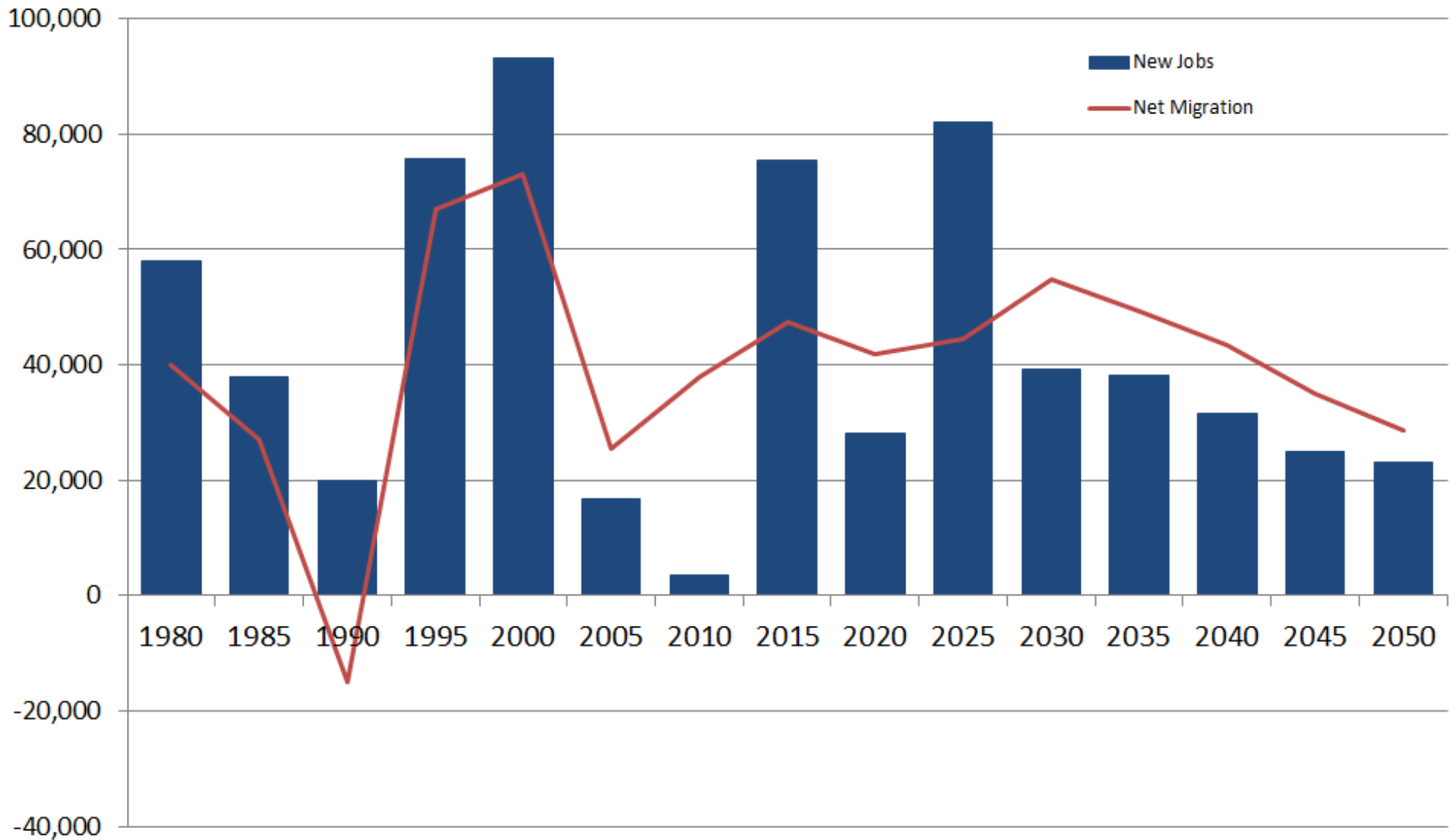
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Net Migration by Age, 2000 to 2010



## Colorado New Jobs and Net Migration

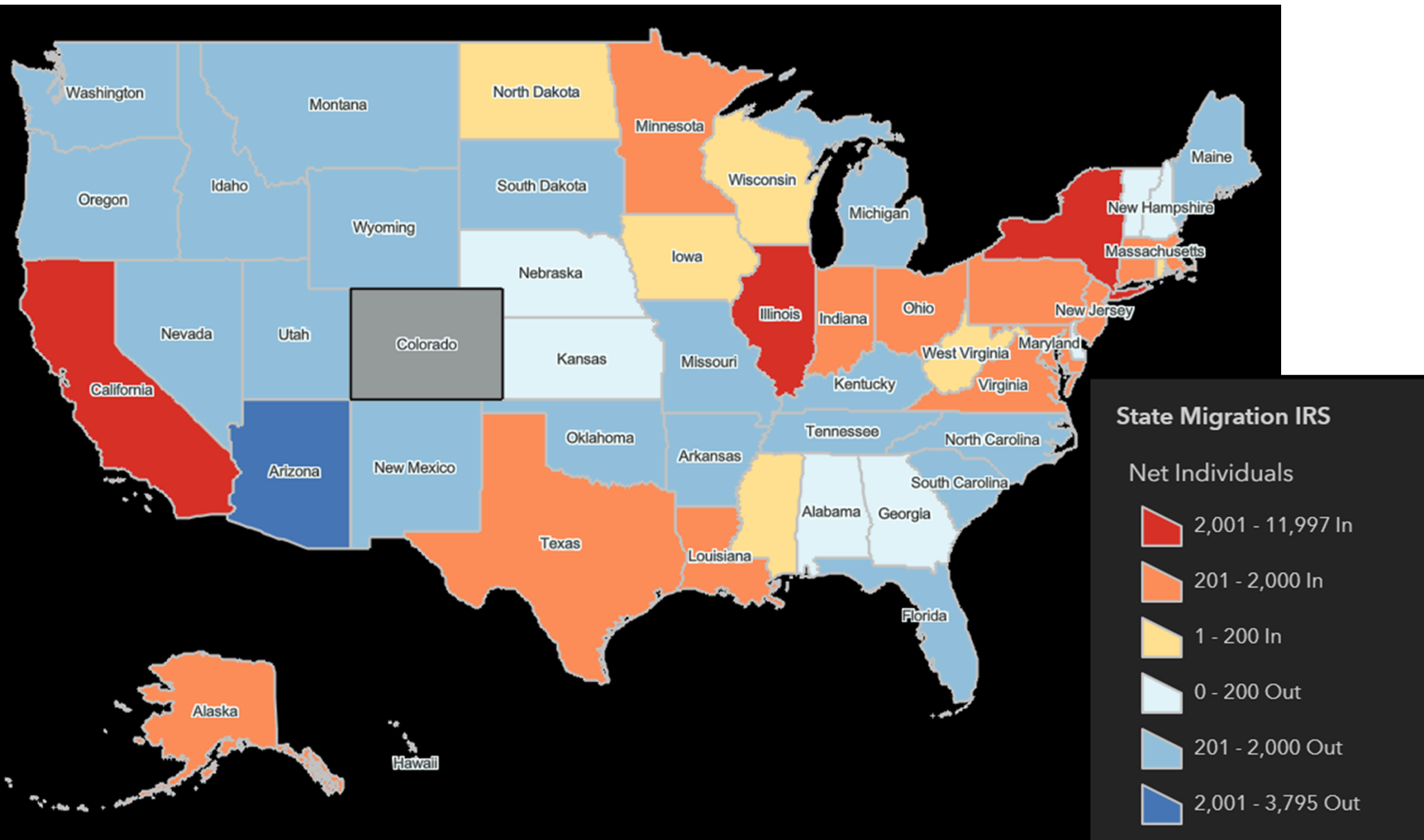


# Jobs Are People



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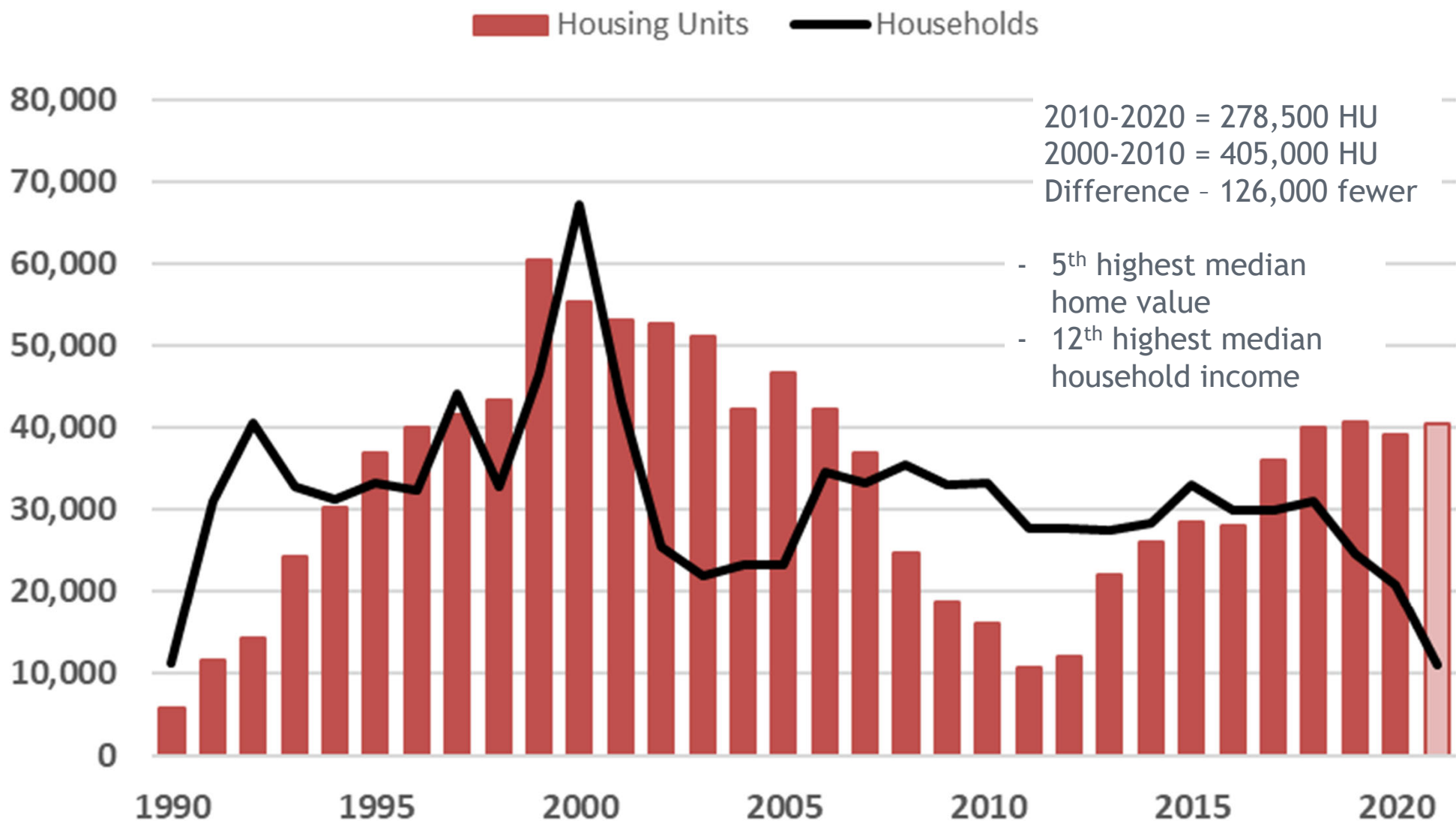
# Net Migration 2019-2020



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Source: IRS 2019-2020

# Colorado Annual Housing Units and Household Growth



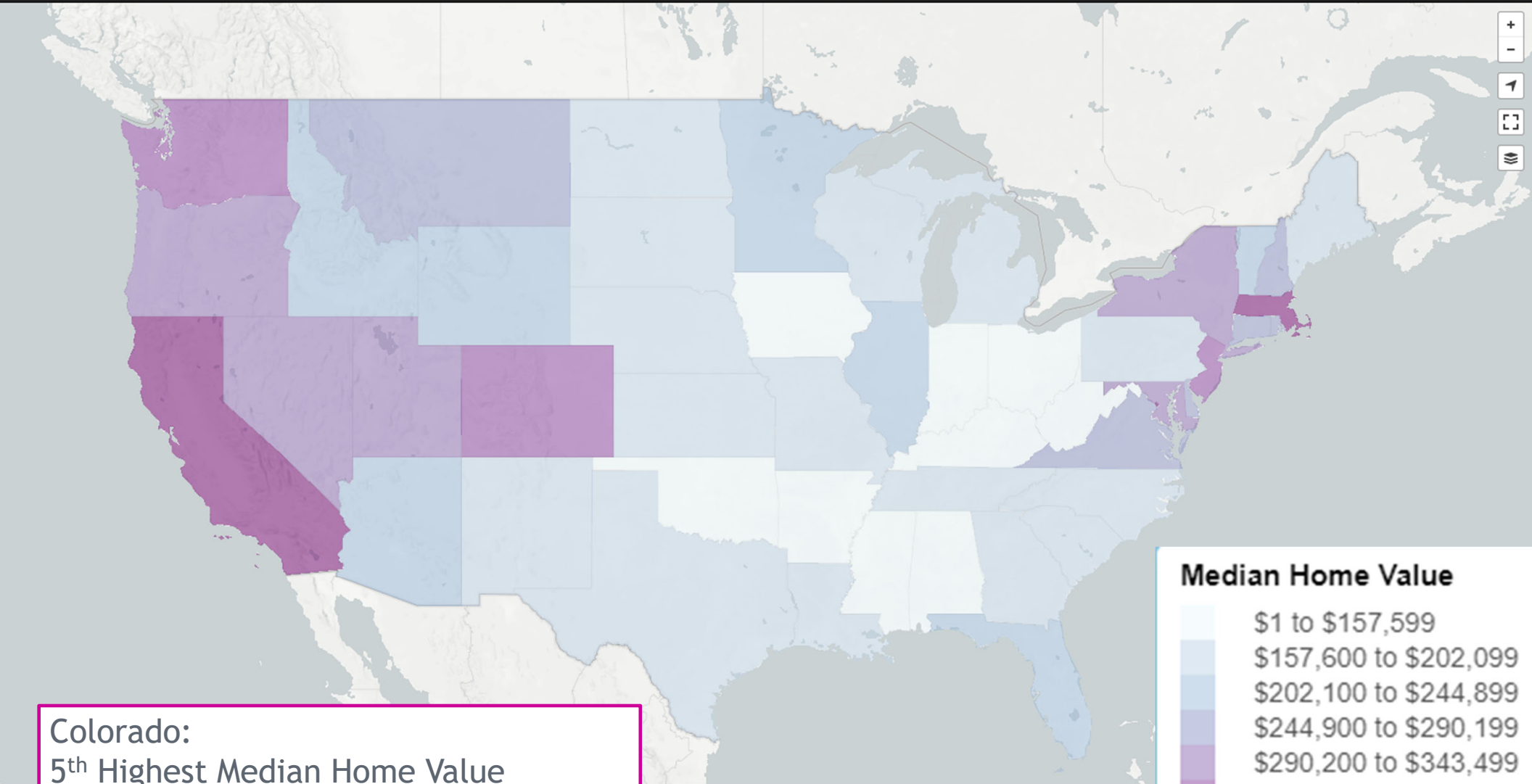
# Median Home Value

ACS 2016-2020

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Source: 2016-2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

# *Age Matters*

- Preferences - where people shop and what they buy.
- Housing - type, size, mobility
- Labor Force
- Income
- Service Demands



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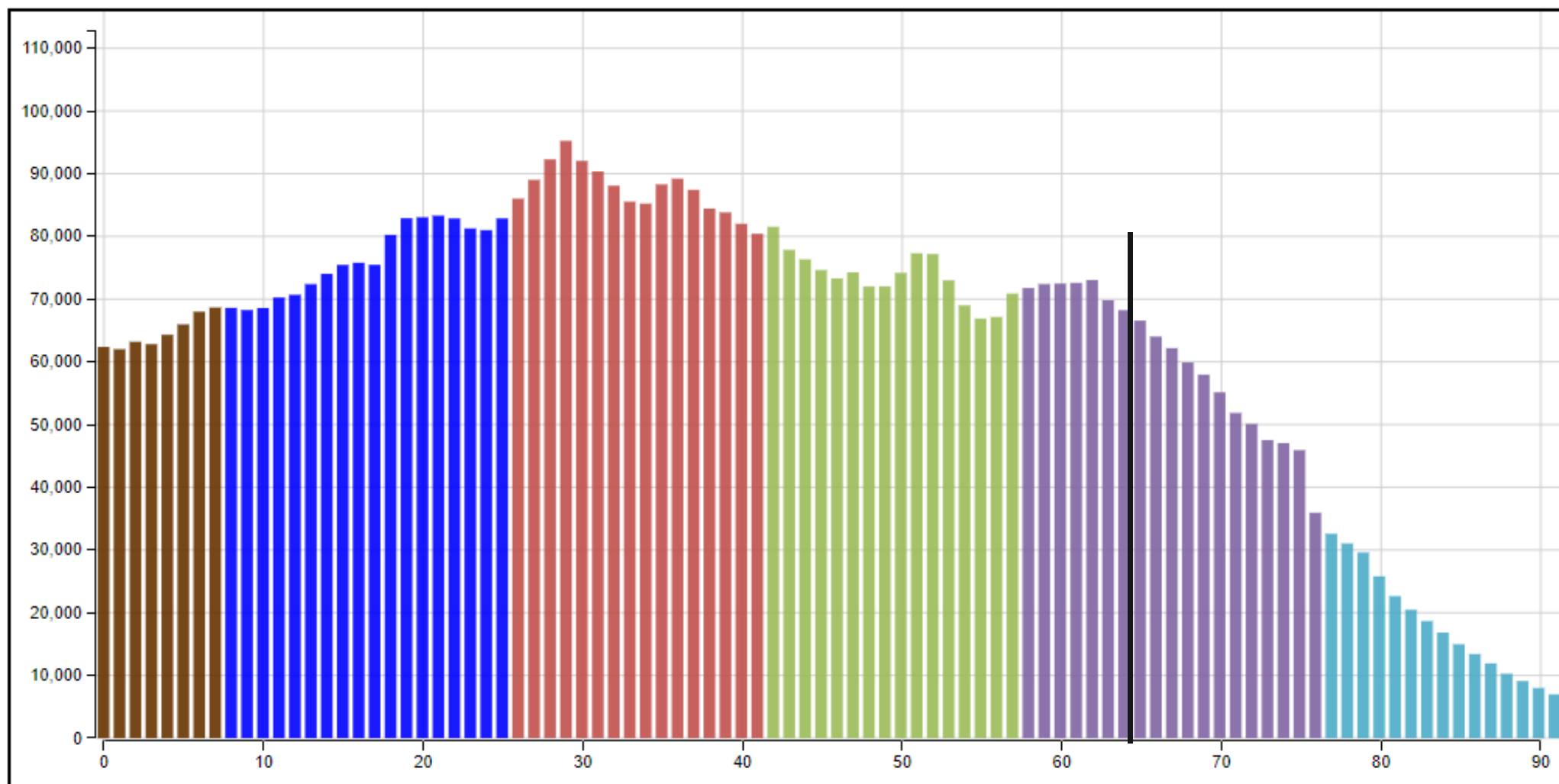
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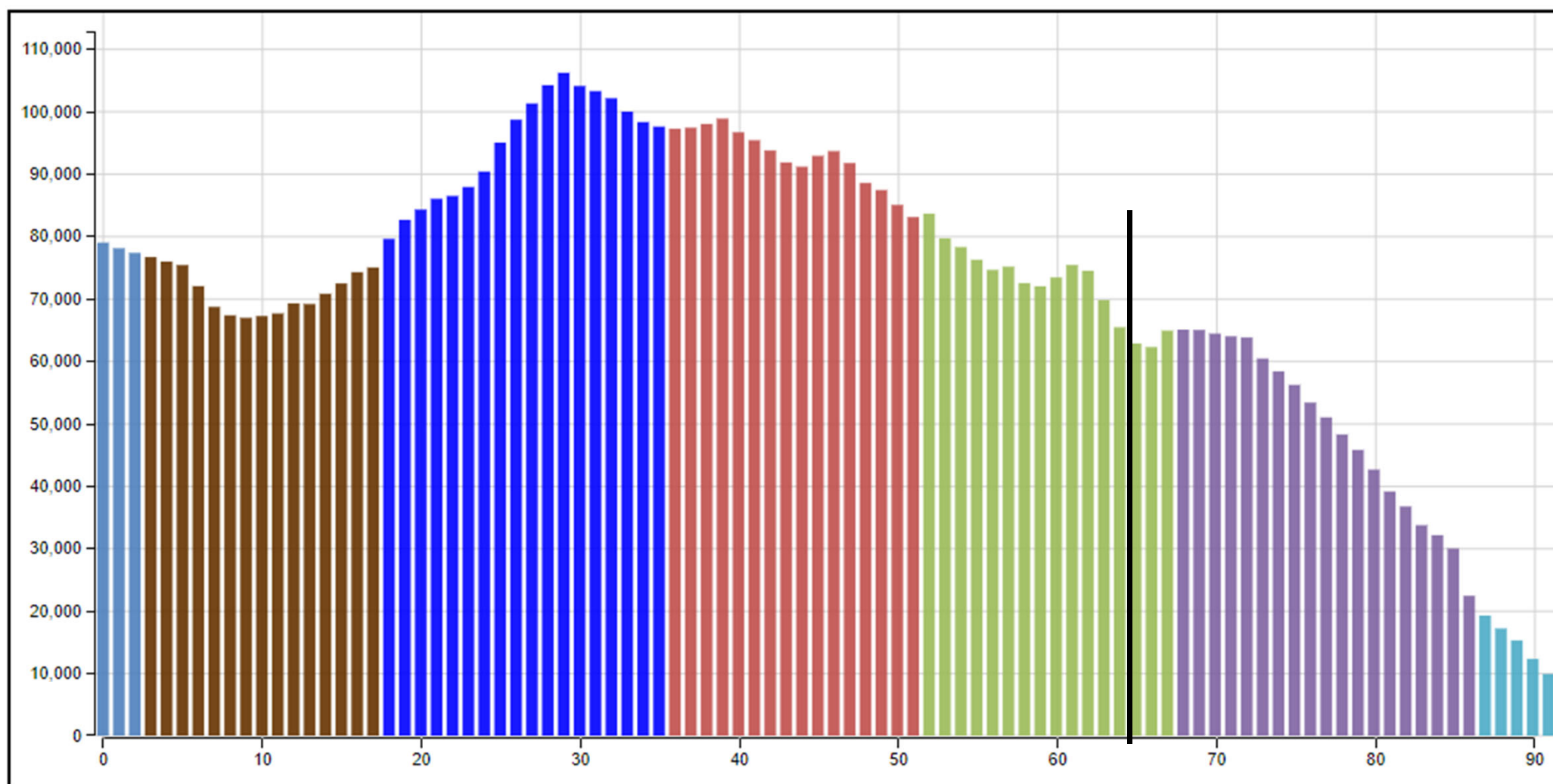
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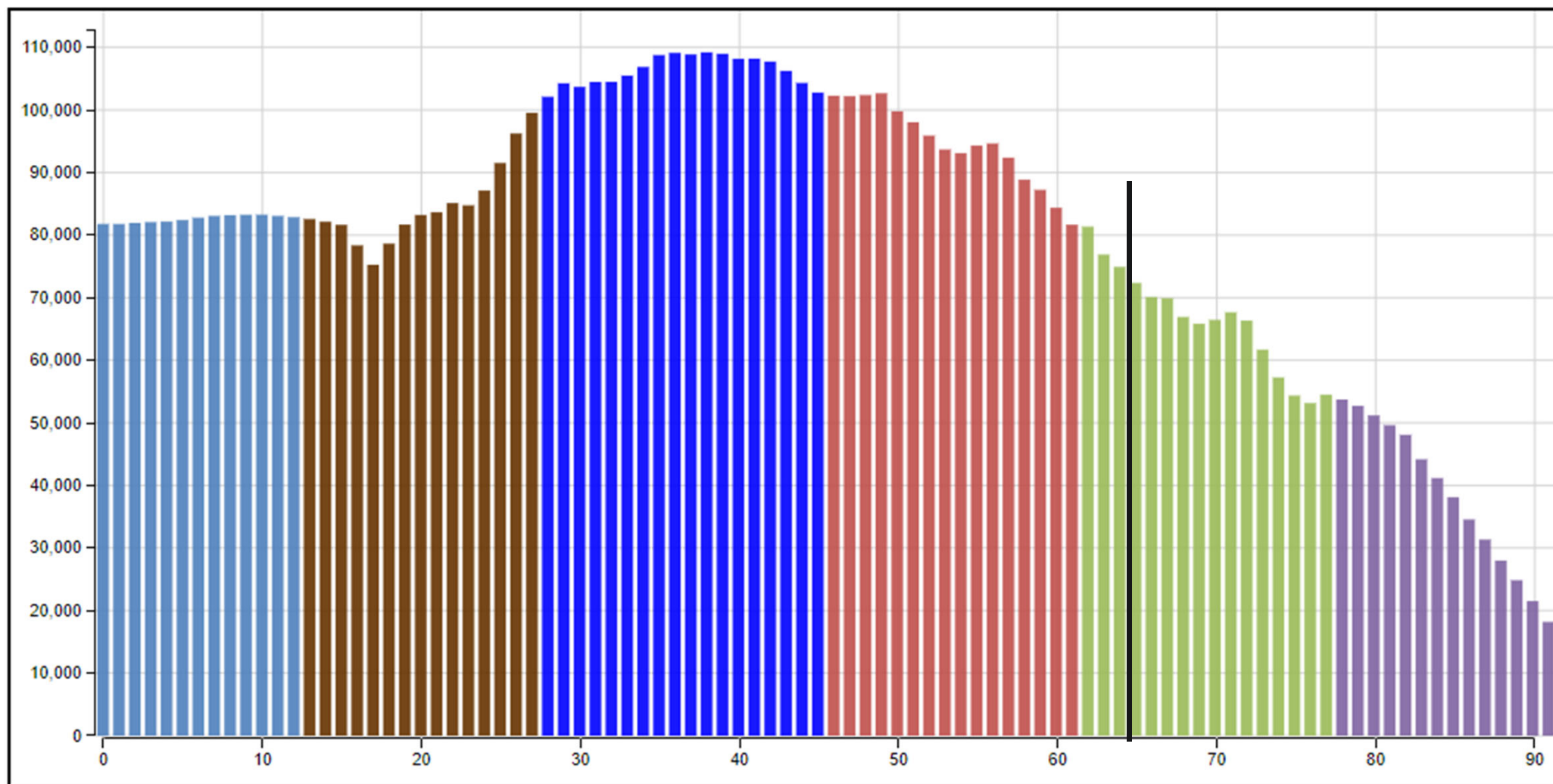
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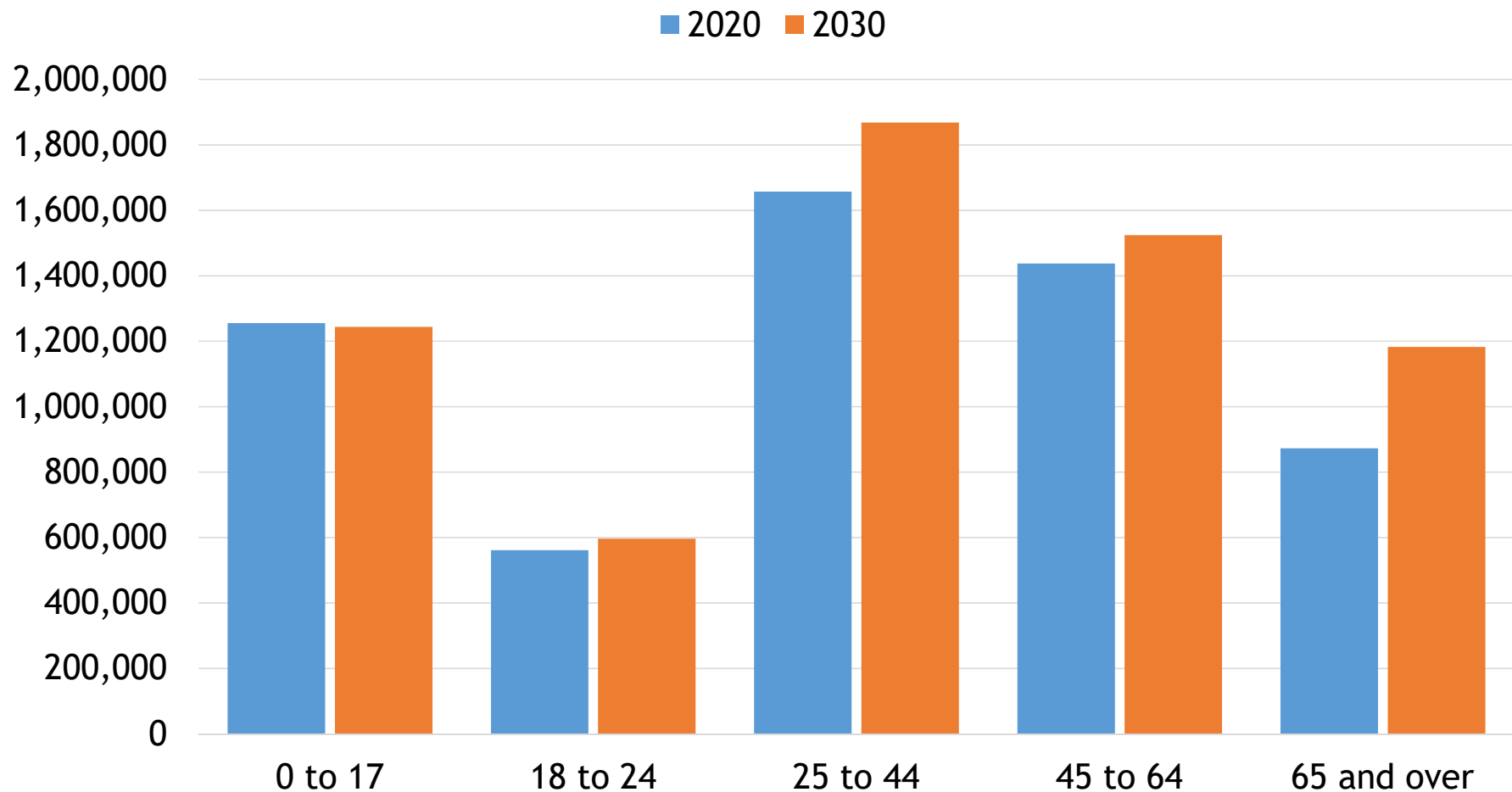
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# Forecast by Age Group - Colorado

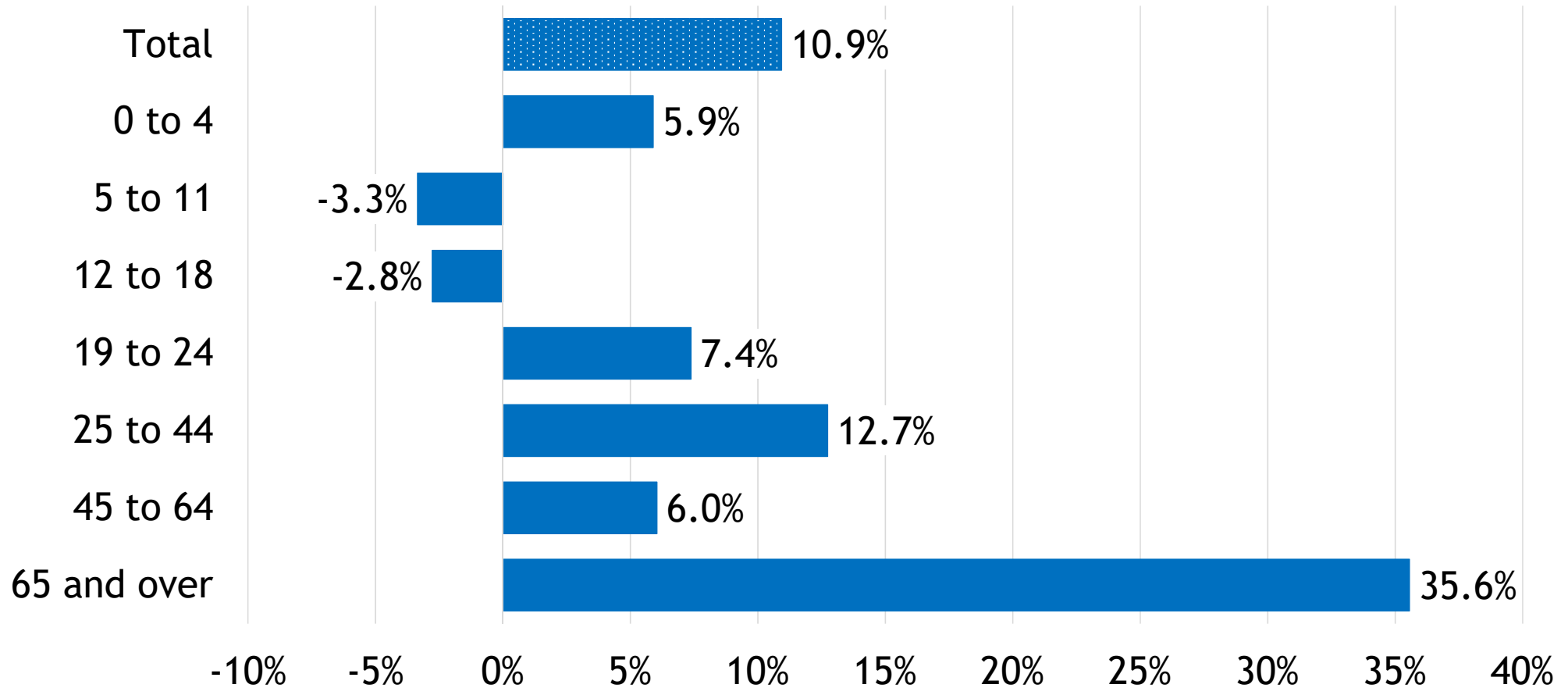


2020-2030	0 to 17	18 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	65 and over	Total
Pop change	-11,565	35,538	211,026	86,842	310,235	632,076
% change	-0.9%	6.3%	12.7%	6.0%	35.6%	10.9%



# Change by Age Group 2020-2030

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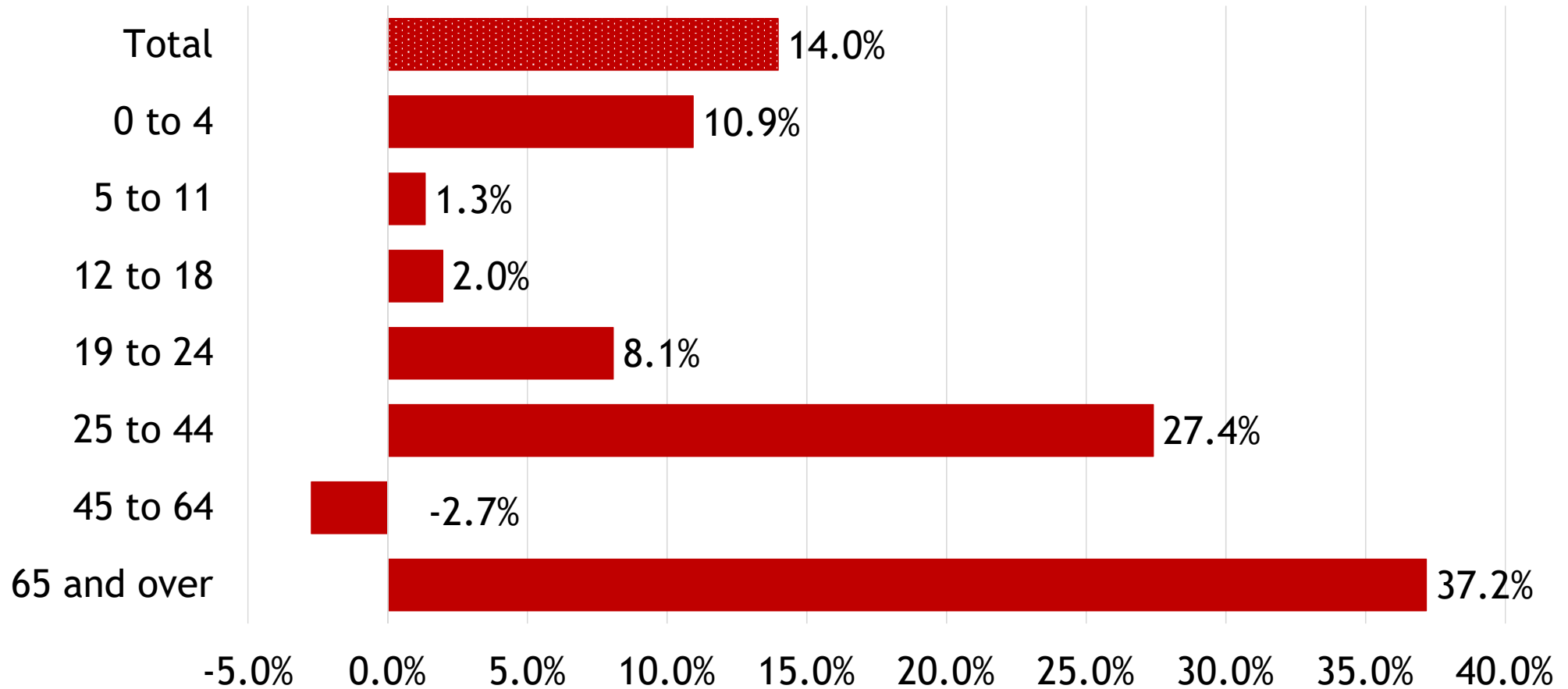


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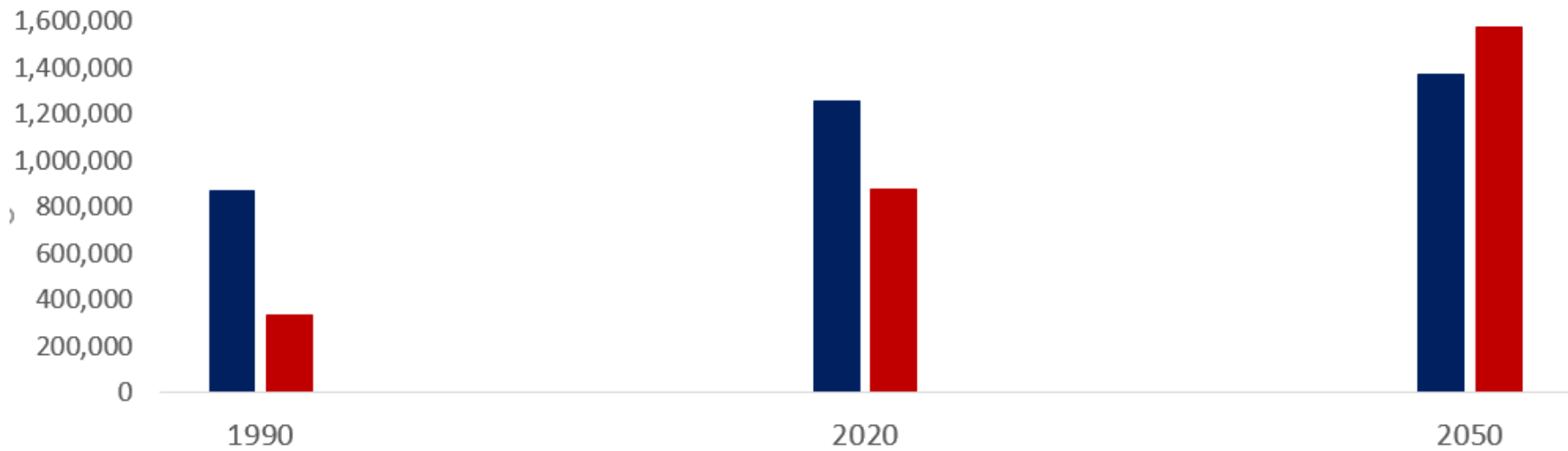
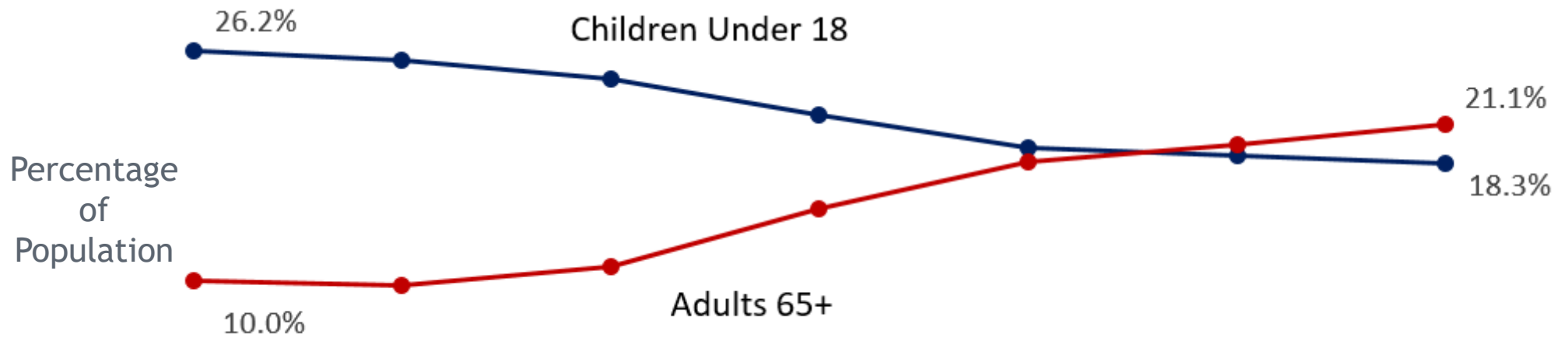
## El Paso County



2020-2030	0 to 4	5 to 11	12 to 18	19 to 24	Total
Pop change	4,999	891	1,414	6,061	102,294



# Colorado Aging



# *Implications From Aging*

- Slowing young adult growth next decade - across US
- Consumer demand - driving job creation - occupations
- Labor force - older, retirements, tight labor force
- Housing - household size, lower household turnover
- Public finance
  - Downward pressure on income tax, sales tax, and property tax.
  - Increase demand for services
- Increased Advocacy for Aging resources
- Advocacy for school age??



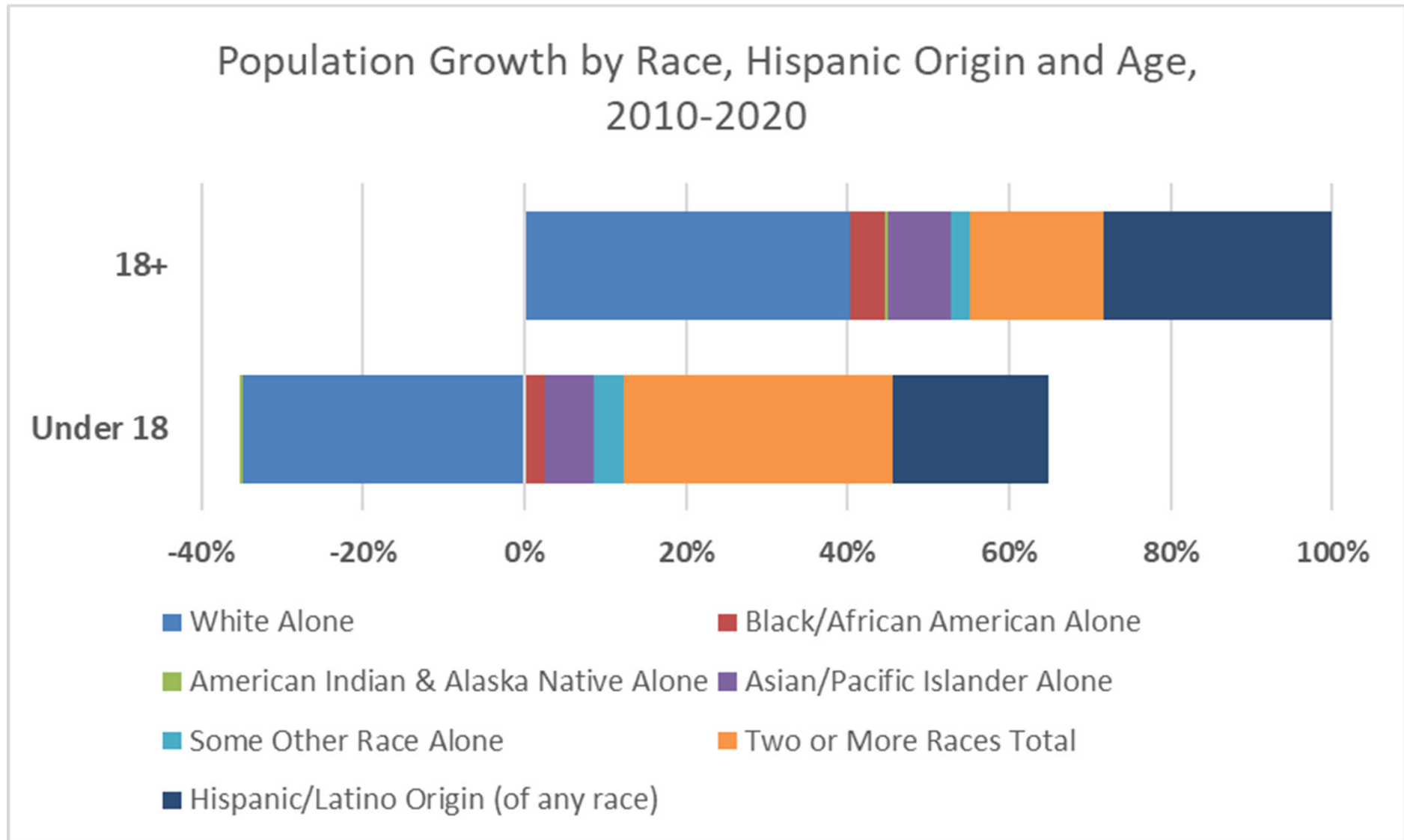
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## *We are becoming more diverse*



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# Population Change by Race and Ethnicity

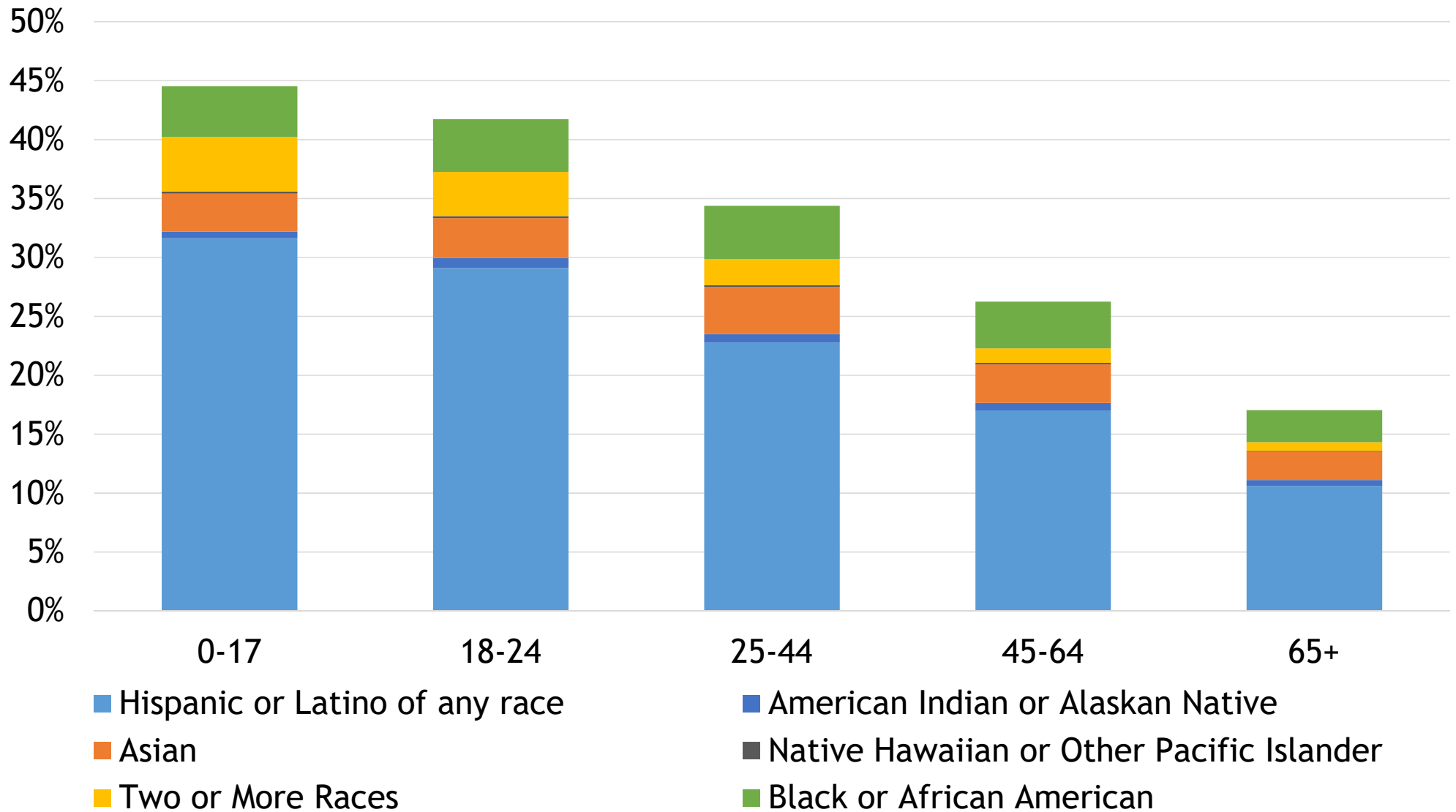


Growth in two or more due to both growth in the population as well as new methods for processing the data. Use caution comparing over time.



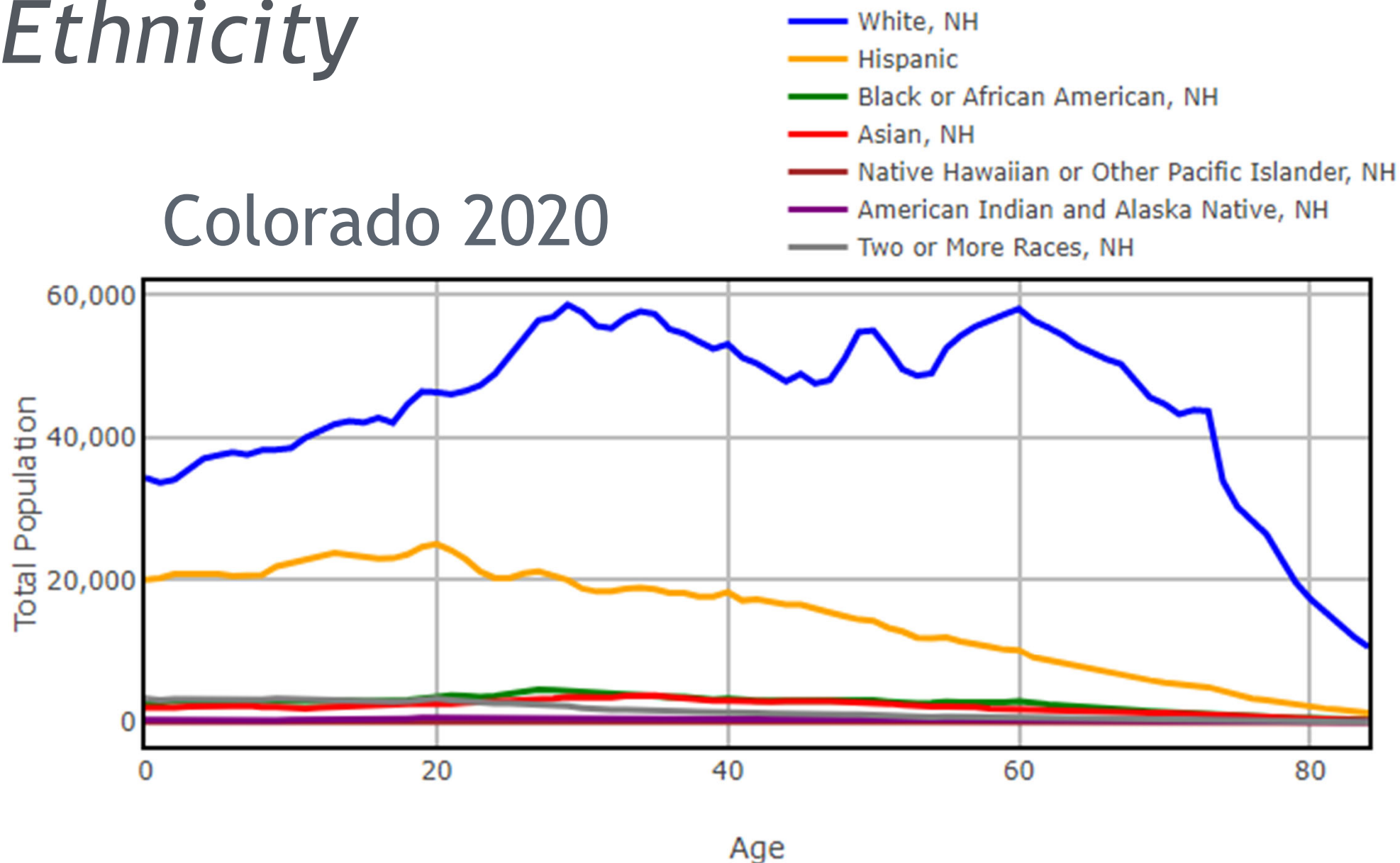
# Diversity by Age

## 2020 People of Color Share of Population by Age



# Population by Age and Race and Ethnicity

Colorado 2020



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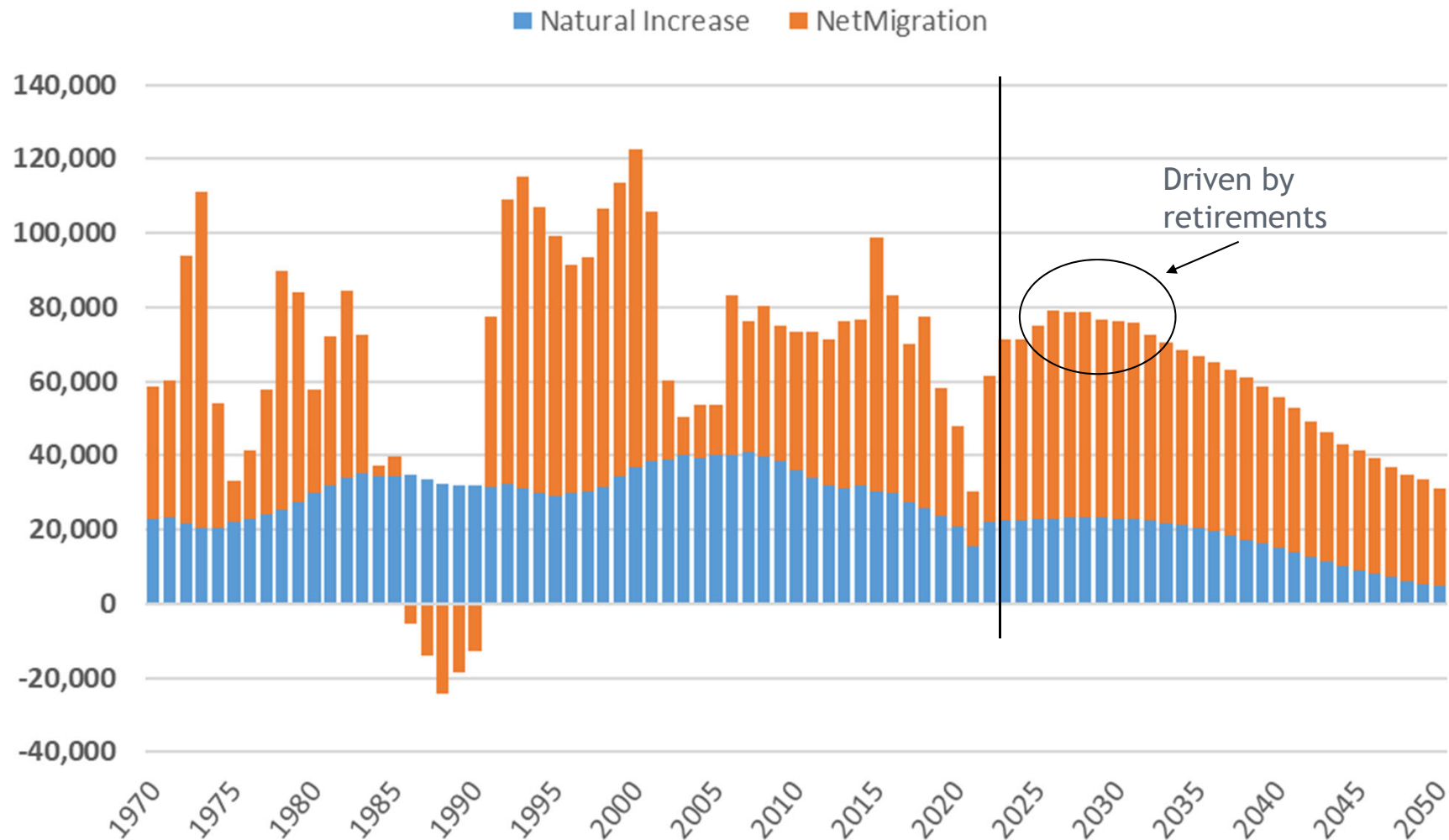
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# *Diversity Impact*

- Educational attainment
- Supply of qualified workers
- Income - correlation to education
- Economy - 70% driven by consumer expenditures
- Homeownership - wealth
- Income impact



## Colorado Population Change 1970-2050



### Assumptions

Fertility rate stabilizes below replacement

Life expectancy increases

Colorado remains competitive and continues to attract young adults



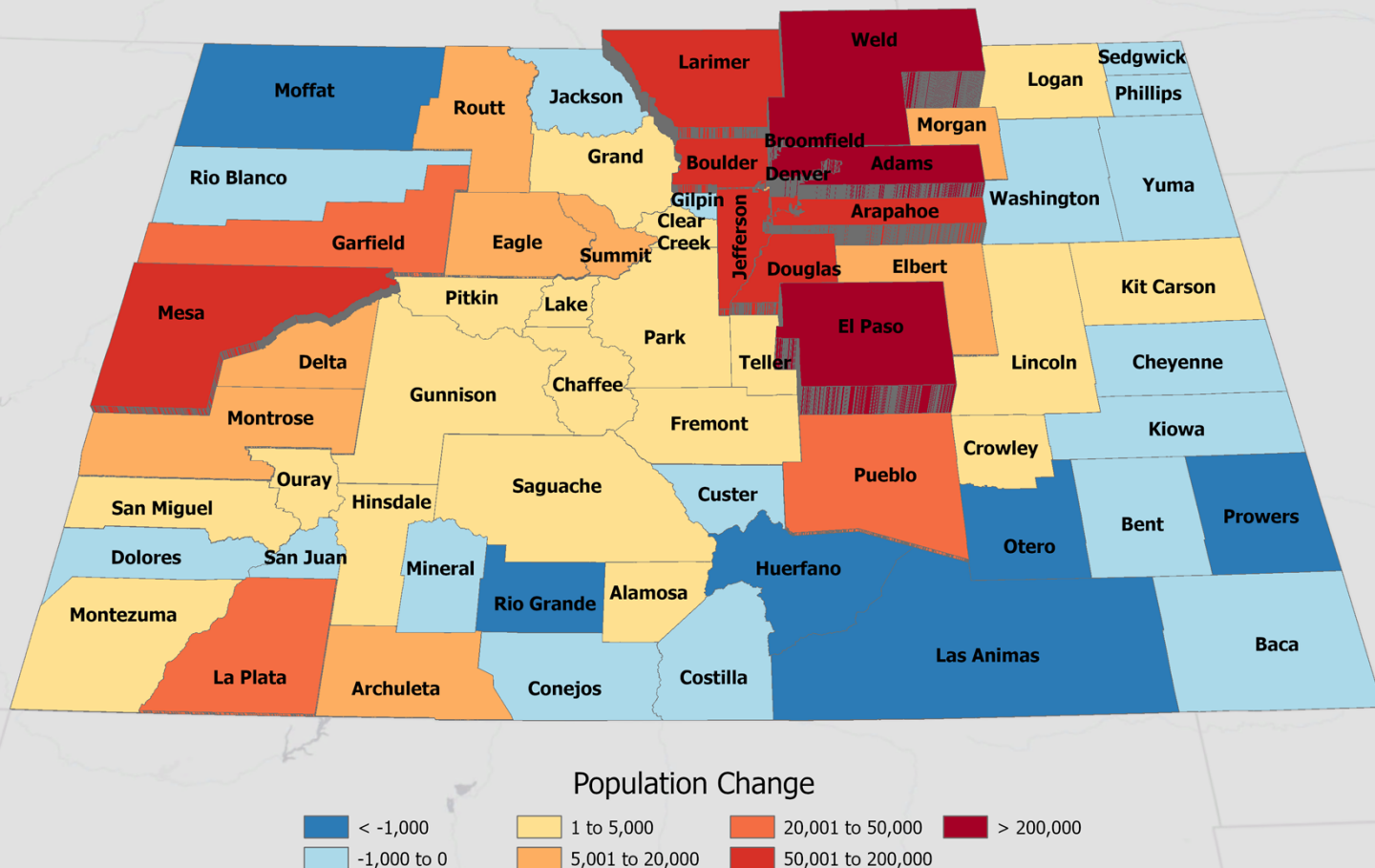
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# Population Forecast 2050

7.5 million

Projected Population Change  
2020 - 2050



Source: Colorado State Demography Office

October 2021

## Change 2020-2050

State: 1.8 million

Front Range: 1.6M

Western Slope: 190K

Central Mtns: 1K

San Luis Valley: -2K

Eastern Plains: 7K

## Uncertainties

Water

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Relative housing costs

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White alone NH	67.13%	3,903,180	
Black or African American alone NH	4.05%	235,552	
Asian alone NH	3.35%	195,073	
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander alone NH	0.15%	8,566	
American Indian and Alaska Native alone NH	0.64%	37,367	
Two or more NH	2.46%	143,014	

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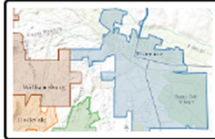
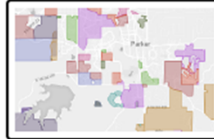

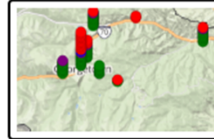

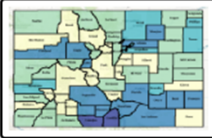


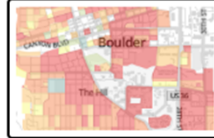




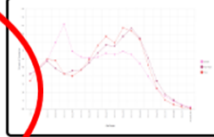

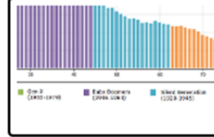
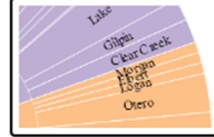

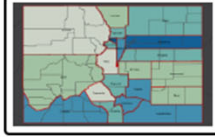
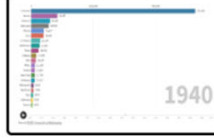

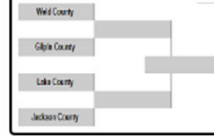


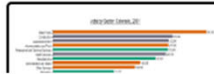
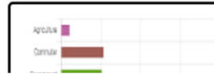
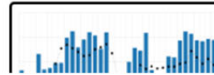
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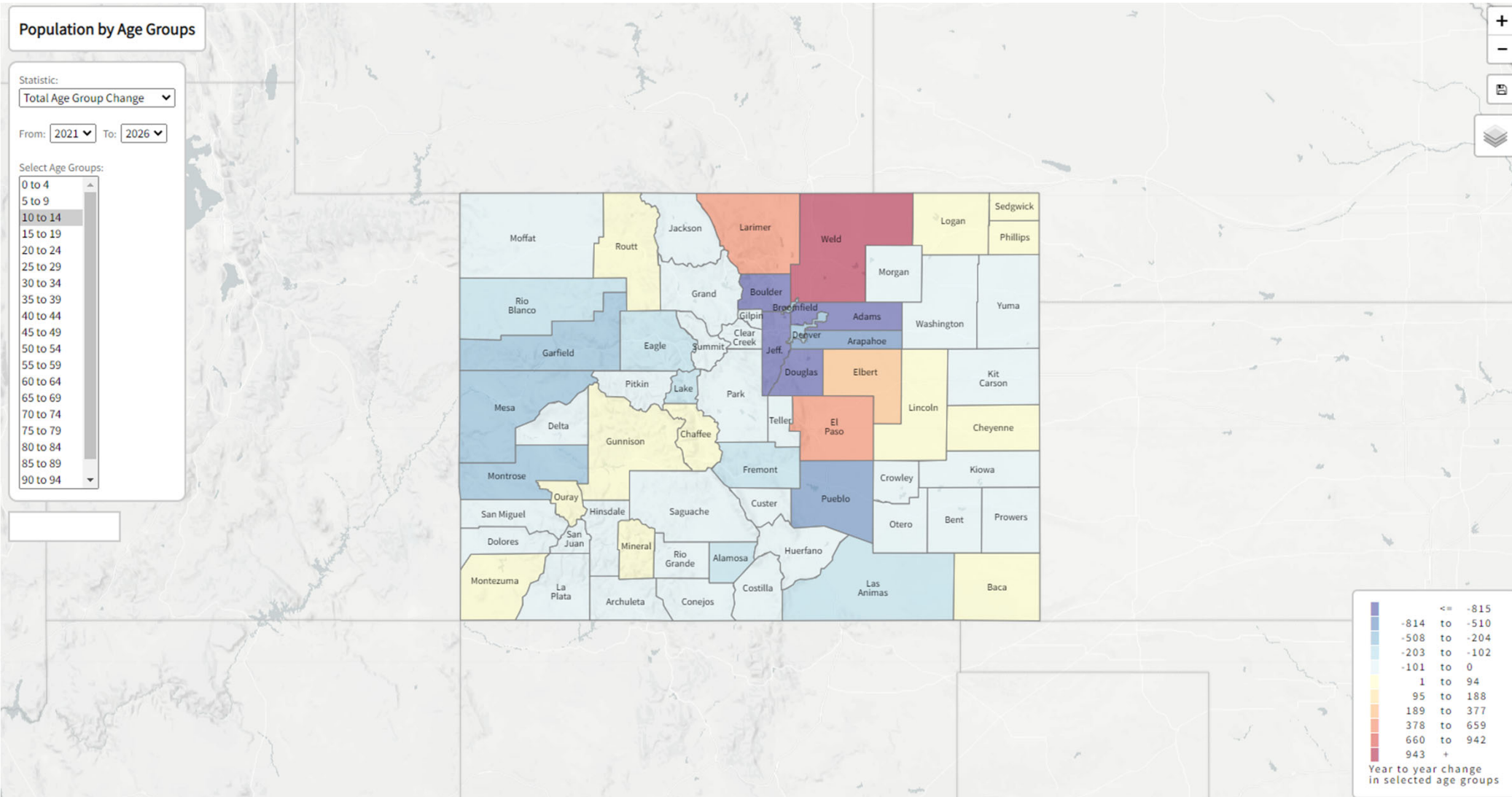
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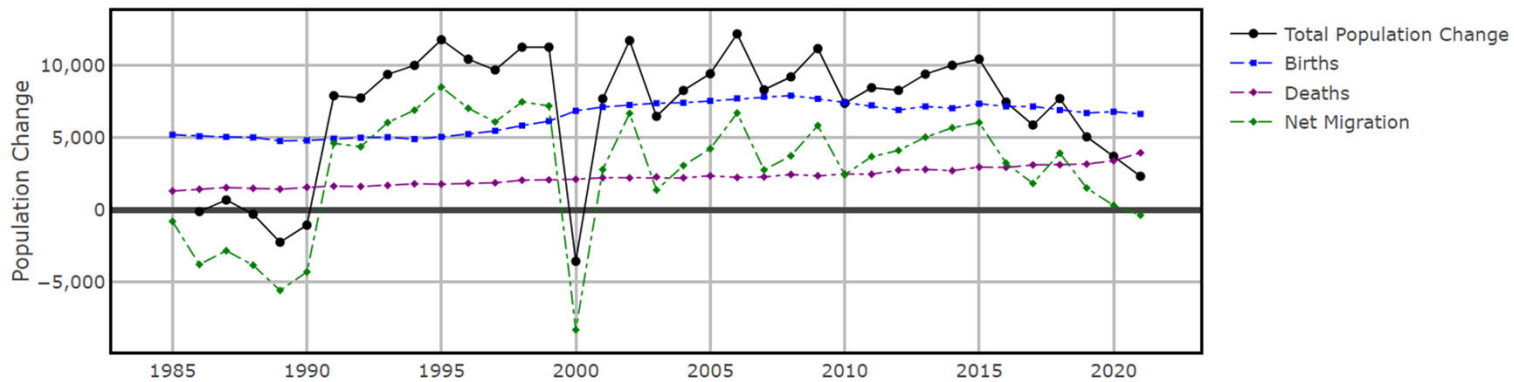
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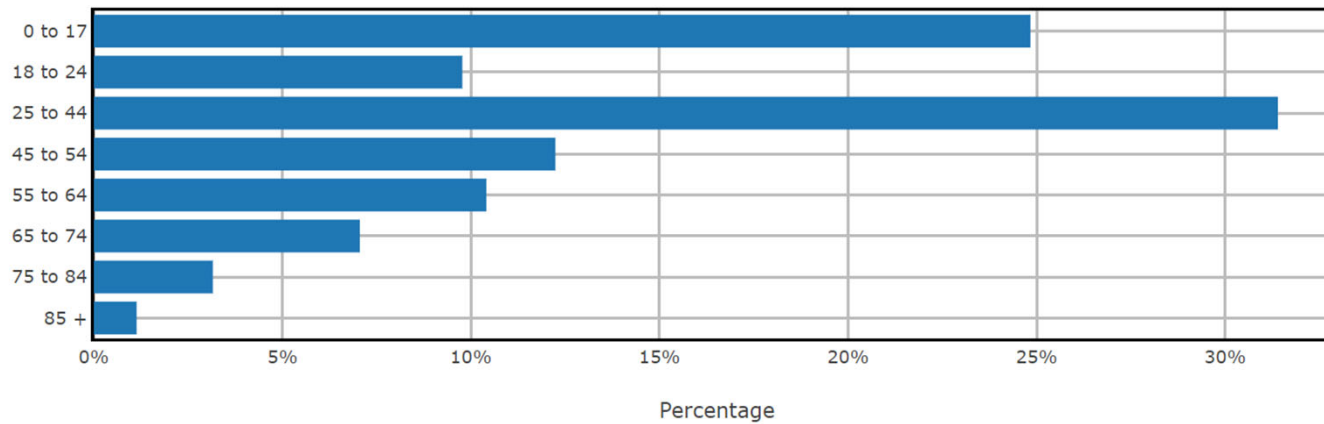
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