



At a Glance Demographic Update for 2017

The following tables reflect the most recent population estimates for Jefferson County and unincorporated Jefferson County. As of July 1, 2015, the County's total population was estimated at 565,230 persons with 195,663 people living in unincorporated Jefferson County.

Population and Housing Comparison for Jefferson County

	2010 Jefferson County	2015 Jefferson County	2010 Unincorporated Jeffco	2015 Unincorporated Jeffco
Total Population	534,764	565,230	188,243	195,663
Group Quarters Population	7,427	7,945	1,577	1,378
Household Population	528,224	557,285	186,666	194,285
Household Size	2.41	2.41	2.54	2.54
Total Housing Units	230,166	237,147	77,433	78,688
Occupied Housing Units	218,625	230,716	73,254	76,244
Vacant Housing Units	11,541	6,431	4,179	2,444
Vacancy Rate	5.0%	2.7%	5.4%	3.1%

- As of July 1, 2015, Jefferson County's total population increased by 5.8% (30,760 people) from the reported 2010 US Census population estimate base or 1.1% annual growth rate from 2010 to 2015.
- For unincorporated Jefferson County, the total population added 7,420 people or about 3.9% from 2010 to 2015.
- The total population was evenly split with about 49.7% male and 50.3% female. 20.6% of the County's total population were under 18 years of age and 15.1% were 65 years and older.
- Jefferson County is forecasted to continue to grow in population in a moderate pace over the next 20 years, however, the senior Jefferson County population will increase at a much faster rate.

Other County Variables

	2010 Jefferson County	2015 Jefferson County
School Enrollment	84,602 for 2010-2011	For 2016-2017, 87,000
Births	5,723	5,838
Deaths	3,757	4,398
Natural Population Increase	3,142	1,966
Net Migration	4,057	961
Median Household Income	\$63,826	\$70,164
Per Capita Income	\$33,000	\$37,065
Persons in Poverty	6.6%	7.9%

- 34.6% of the County's population lives in the unincorporated areas of the County.
- The incorporated cities and towns contain 64.4% of the County's total population and about 16% of the total County Land area.
- As of 2015, the unincorporated portion of Jeffco had the largest total population (195,663) followed by the City of Lakewood (153,024), City of Arvada (111,948), Jefferson County's portion of the City of Westminster (43,885), the City of Wheat Ridge (31,210), and the City of Golden (17,835).
- School enrollment has increased by about 2,400 students from 2010 to 2016.
- The birth rate from 2010 to 2015 showed a 2% increase, while the death rate increased by 17%. This could be due to Jeffco's population aging in place.
- The Median Household Income increased 9.9% from 2010 to 2015 while the Per Capita Income gained 12.3%. Persons in poverty also increased from 6.6% in 2010 to 7.9% in 2015.