Market Demand. Forecasting Changes. Policy Solutions
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Population and Economic Transitions for the Colorado Front Range

2019
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Primary Trends

- Recent Concentrated Growth - 95% along Front Range.
- Migration - Job related, young, educated, lower income.
- Aging - 65+ and 85+ fastest growing age groups.
- Increasing racial and ethnic diversity.
- Population growth (but slowing) - slowing births, increasing deaths, slowing international migration.
**Big Picture - 2017-2018 Pop Change**

- **US** - 327.2 million, + 2.02 million or .6%
- **Colorado** - 5,695,564
- **Ranked 7th fastest 1.4%** - NV, ID, UT, AZ, FL, WA
- **8th in total growth 79,662** - TX, FL, CA, AZ, NC, WA, GA
- **Range in Colorado by county (2016-17)**
  - +12,000 to -470
Components of Population Change 1970-2018

- Natural Increase
- Net Migration


(40,000)

(20,000)

(0,000)

100,000 120,000 140,000


(40,000)

(20,000)

(0,000)
Colorado

Net Migration by Age, 2000 to 2010
AGE MATTERS

Why?
Preferences
Housing
Income
Service Demands
Labor Force
Where do we grow from here?
Projected Change in Specific Age Group Populations in Colorado, 2018 to 2025

- Youth Population (0-17): 2%
- Entering the Labor Force (16-24): 9%
- Prime Age Workers (25-54): 12%
- Older Age Workers (55-64): 0%
- Retirement Age (65-74): 23%
- Long-term Care (85+): 22%
- Total Population Change: 11%
State – 2.4M
Front Range – 2M
Denver Metro – 1M
North FR – 600K
South FR – 400K
Rest of State – 400K

Projected Population Change
2018 to 2050

Colorado State Demography Office, 11/2/2018
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3.3%  

26.9k  
Denver: Number of non-farm jobs created from January 2018 to January 2019.

3.4%  
Mountain States: Wage growth in December 2018.
Denver home values rose over 90% since 2012

Source: Trulia
Denver home value growth outpaced national rates

Source: Trulia

[Graph showing home value growth rates with Trulia logo]
Home value growth has outpaced wage growth
Homes sales are slowing nationally

Source: National Association of Realtors
Meanwhile, in Denver...

- **Average number of days a listing stayed on the market until it sold in Denver (Jan 2019):** 74 days
- **Annual increase in number of days a listing stayed on the market until it sold in Denver (Jan 2018-Jan 2019):** 25.4%
- **Share of listings on the market that experienced a price cut in Denver (Feb 2019):** 13.8%
- **Percentage point increase in share of listings with at least one price cut in Denver (Feb 2018 - Feb 2019):** 5.6%

Source: Trulia
Inventory is bouncing back in Denver

Source: Trulia
Inventory recovering in starter and trade-up segments

Source: Trulia
New home permits in Denver above pre-recession average
Affordability worsening, especially for starter-home buyers

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<td>32.5%</td>
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% of income spent on home

Source: Trulia
Many continue to struggle to afford homes in Denver

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<td>Restaurant Workers</td>
<td>$22,320</td>
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Median List Price: $529,000

Source: Trulia and BLS
Takeaways

- The housing market is slowing despite strong national and regional economies

- The slowdown in housing may be welcome news for some Denver home buyers

- Affordability issues continue to worsen for starter/first-time home buyers and other members of the community
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Since 1979

$18.6 billion invested
$56.2 billion leveraged

376,000 homes
Affordable homes built and/or preserved including:
- Multifamily rental
- Supportive housing for special populations such as chronically homeless, LGBTQ, seniors and veterans
- Affordable homeownership

We also emphasize sustainability through green, healthy housing and transit oriented development.

63 million square feet
Square feet of commercial, retail and community space, including:
- Early childhood centers
- Schools
- Fields/recreational spaces
- Healthcare centers
- Grocery stores
- Financial Opportunity Centers

$287 million
Total Net Assets
- Net worth has increased 48% in the past 4 years
- Closed on more than $1.6 billion of debt transactions
- Raised an average of $123 million annually in grants over the past 3 years

S&P ‘AA’ Rating
LISC is the first CDFI to tap the general obligation bond market, with a $100 million issuance in 2017
## Rental Housing Affordability

### Workforce
- 80%-120% AMI

### LIHTC
- 60% AMI and below

### Federal Subsidy Program
- 30% AMI and below

- There is a shortage of affordable housing across all income bands and projections are clear that the need will continue to grow.

- Need is especially acute for extremely low-income renters, whose household incomes are at or below the poverty guideline or 30% of their area median income. Only 37 affordable and available rental homes exist for every 100 extremely low-income renter households. Extremely low-income renters face a shortage in every state and major metropolitan area, including Denver.

- There are no dedicated affordable housing resources for the Missing Middle, families that fall outside of the LIHTC eligibility but still meet the definition of low income (AMI between 80% and 60%).

- Solutions must be based on sustainable subsidy mechanisms while paired with economic mobility and inclusive mechanisms.
Homeownership – Out of Reach?

• House prices have risen over 6% per year on average since the house price trough in 2012, and they show no sign of slowing down. Incomes, however, have not kept up.

• Single family market is feeling the pressure of higher interest rates, lack of affordable homeownership opportunities and historically high debt loads.

• Single-family for rent is the fastest-growing segment of the U.S. housing market, 56% of the gains in rental housing stock from 2005 to 2015 were due to single-family homes.
Local Solutions: Kansas City, MO

Challenge: The City of KCMO needed to address a disinvested area of urban core replete with vacant single family homes where rehab capital was not readily available.

Goal: Create a comprehensive strategy and financial mechanism to fill a critical gap in the local housing market, incentivize banks to participate, and effectuate affordable homeownership opportunities for low-and middle-income families in the urban core.

The Fund: LISC designed the KCMO Loan Program to attract nimble, cheap long-term capital and make joint strategic public/private investments to eligible homebuyers for acquisition and rehab of vacant, single-family homes.

Partners: City of KCMO, local banks, Financial Opportunity Centers and nonprofits.

Impacts (Expected): Promote neighborhood stabilization, homeownership and family wealth building through targeted financial and technical assistance for homebuyers.
Local Solutions: Charlotte, NC

Challenge: Despite tremendous urban growth, Charlotte recently ranked last among America’s cities terms of economic mobility. Charlotte residents are severely housing cost burdened and struggle to find affordable housing in areas of opportunity.

Goal: Produce more mixed-income housing for low-to-moderate income households in areas of opportunity.

The Fund: LISC designed a $50 MM preferred equity Fund unique for the Charlotte market to produce more mixed-income housing by combining a below-market return pool with conventional debt and without cannibalizing existing affordable housing resources.

Partners: City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, Charlotte Housing Authority, Foundation for the Carolinas, philanthropic investors, banks.

Impacts (Expected):
- An “additive” Investment Fund: Produce ~1,500 mixed-income housing units over the next 5 years and house families with a range of incomes (30-120% AMI).
- Leverage $50 MM of City of Charlotte Housing Trust Fund to stretch the City’s limited resources further.
- Advance economic mobility and increase affordable housing choice in areas of opportunity in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.
Local Solutions: L.I.V.E Denver

**Challenge:** Lack of inventory of housing affordable for lower income families impacts Denver’s workforce, including nurses in hospital and care centers, and leads to difficulty in obtaining employees and high rates of turnover.

**Goal:** Affordable housing for working low-to-moderate income families and individuals in currently vacant apartments by obtaining rent discounts and by buying down the cost of rents for up to 400 units in first year of pilot program.

**The Initiative:** A pilot program to increase housing affordability by connecting Denver’s working low- and moderate income families to current vacant rental units, in partnership with private property owners, by sourcing funds from the City, foundations, and employers.

**Partners:** City and County of Denver, Downtown Denver Partnership, Denver Housing Authority, Apartment Association, Foundations, Employers, LISC (Fund Manager).
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Forecasting Changes in the Denver Housing Market: Identifying Solutions to Meet Housing Demand

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1. Affordability is paramount
2. Housing means more than just a roof overhead
Moving Forward

Leverage Assets
• Existing homeownership units
• Existing market-affordable units
• Strong neighborhood character
• Gentrifying neighborhoods

Diversify Opportunities
• Starter homes
• Universal design in new homes
• Sharing economy
Asset: Existing Homeownership Units

- Ease the way for ADUs
- Facilitate aging in place with the addition of services, cooperation, and unit modifications
Asset: Market-Affordable Units

- Maximize preservation → Consider San Francisco’s Small Sites Program
Asset: Strong Neighborhood Character

- Opportunity to add gentle density in the form of context-sensitive “missing middle” housing
Asset:
Gentrifying Neighborhoods

- Opportunity to access high-quality amenities and necessities
- Preserve, build and voucher affordable units to ensure a mix of incomes
Opportunity for Diversity: Small “Starter” Homes

- Capture strong demand
- Create “missing middle” unit types
- Consider limited equity models and other affordability tools
Opportunity for Diversity: Universal Design

• Facilitates intergenerational filtering

➢ Require in new construction (especially in smaller units)
Opportunity for Diversity: Sharing Economy

- Sharing common space and tasks supports many household types
- Change restrictive definitions of “family”
To Effectively Leverage Assets and Diversify Opportunities:

1. Listen to Communities
2. Think Regionally
3. Think Diversity
4. Be Creative
5. Keep the Focus on Quality of Life
Thanks!

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