
B. POPULATION

1. Trends in Total Population (Table B-1, B-2, B-3)

Population and population growth is probably used more frequently than any other statistic as the "catch-all" or main indicator of the economic well-being of an area. This often overlooks the costs of growth such as changes in land use, strain on government services, and life-style changes which were not anticipated or intended. For this reason, we are giving equal weight in the analysis to income, employment, and any other factors which may indicate improvement in the quality of life experienced by our counties and communities in addition to population growth.

In the decade from 1990-2000, Census data show the region growing 14.9%, or about 1.5%/year. This was about half of Colorado's gain of 30.6% (3.0%/yr), and a little more than the Nation's 13.2% over the same period. Compared with neighboring regions, the Valley's gain is on par with Pueblo's 15.0%, but significantly less than 36.8% for Southwest Colorado including Durango and Pagosa Springs, 39.3% for the Upper Arkansas including Chaffee County and Canon City, and 39.1% for the area including Gunnison and Montrose.

The Valley's population total of 46,190 for 2000 as reported by the Census Bureau is approximately 2,000 lower than anticipated, with about 1,500 of the shortfall occurring in the City of Alamosa where the Census reported 7,960 against an expected total closer to 9,000. A followup study on the Bureau's housing unit list used for the Census count found some additional units with population, but not any significant number. Corrections are being reflected in the July 2001 population estimates prepared by the State's Demography Section, and any further findings will also be incorporated in subsequent year estimates.

The amount of Federal and State dollars allocated to local governments each year on the basis of population has been variously estimated at \$500 per capita. Given a shortfall in the 1,500 range, this could amount to a loss of \$750,000 annually.

For the year 2000, Census data show the largest concentration of regional population in Alamosa County (32.4%), followed by Rio Grande (26.2%), Conejos (18.2%), Saguache (12.8%), Costilla (7.9%), and Mineral (1.8%). The larger city/town concentrations are Alamosa (17.2%), Monte Vista (9.8%), Center (5.1%), and Del Norte (3.7%).

According to the Census, the largest decade gains for counties were registered by Mineral (48.9%), Saguache (28.1%), and Rio Grande (15.3%). Pockets of significant growth surfaced in several of the towns including South Fork (68.2%), Blanca (43.8%), Crestone (32.7%), La Jara (21.0%), and Center (20.6%). The unincorporated parts of counties had the most growth, ranging from 16.1% in Alamosa to 131.6% in Mineral. Slow growth or loss was experienced in Antonito (-0.2%), San Luis (-7.6%), Monte Vista (1.9%), and Saguache (-1.0%).

When viewed over a period of 50 years, the regional population gains disappear entirely with a 1950-2000 change of only 227 persons, or 0.5%. This is reflected by considerable long-term shifts in population shares between the counties, as illustrated by losses of 2,404 in Costilla and 1,771 in Conejos, and a corresponding 4,435 gain in Alamosa.

2. Migration (Table B-4)

The data in Table B-4 show that migration has been averaging about 36% of the regional population growth from year to year, with the rest attributed to natural increase. In the 9 years from 1990-1999, the change due to natural increase averaged 521/year and migration 332. At the county level, we conclude from the table that migration plays a much larger role in population change in Mineral (94%), Rio Grande (54%), and Saguache (55%). Alamosa County's net loss of -161 is attributed to a passing out-migration trend in the early 1990's.

Out-migration of youth due to a lack of suitable job opportunities is widely acknowledged, and can be inferred from the data by age group which reflect a notable difference between the Valley and State in working age population.

3. Population Outlook (Table B-5)

Colorado's change rates have been gradually slowing since the mid-1990's, and this same assumption holds for most the State's regions. The Valley's projections are based on annual percent changes no greater than 75% of the State, and lower in most cases. According to this model, the Valley's population will exceed 49,000 by 2005, and 52,000 by 2010. Alamosa County would not achieve 16,000 until 2005.

Forecasts are updated annually with the July population estimates, and users are advised to obtain the latest available for any long-range planning applications.

4. Distribution by Age and Gender (Table B-6, B-9)

Median age for the region at 35.3 years is exactly the same as the Nation, and only one year older than the State's. Greater differences show up in the population 62 and over which is 15.3% of the Valley and only 9.7% of the State. The most significant difference between the Valley and the State on younger age groups is showing up in the 25-34 and 35-44 age brackets, which represent the major working age population lost to the Valley through youth out-migration.

Even greater differences on age distribution exist inside the Valley than out, as illustrated by median age of 30.6 years in Alamosa County which includes college students, and medians of 45.0 in Mineral and 42.1 in Costilla where larger numbers of older persons have settled out.

Changes in population from 1990-2000 by age bracket also reveal substantial increases in the older groups and some others as well. Brackets with the most notable percent changes include ages between 15-19 (25.0%), 25-34 (-14.2%), 35-44 (19.1%), 45-54 (68.4%), 55-59 (36.5%), 75-84 (21.9%), and 85+ (20.9%).

5. Race and Hispanic Origin (Table B-7, B-8, B-9)

The Valley's 46.5% Hispanic Origin population represents the highest percentage of any region in the State, and the history, culture, and traditions of Spanish settlement have remained intact in many communities. This is especially true of various communities in Conejos and Costilla counties where percentages are 58.9% and 67.6%, respectively. The 2000 Hispanic Origin population count of 21,489 reflects a growth rate of 15.3% over 1990, slightly higher than the Valley's overall rate of growth. In spite of this, the Hispanic Origin percentage of total population for the region remained the same.

Population in the Census is reported on both race and ethnic dimensions, wherein race includes White, Black/African American, Asian/Pacific Islander, American Indian, and other groups, and Hispanic Origin includes all persons of any race who declared Hispanic Origin affiliation on their census form. For the first time in 2000, the Census provided the option of a person listing two or more races, which presents difficulty in adding up to the population total. Table B-8 provides more detail on both dimensions and also on the race combinations reported.

Many persons were confused by these concepts, and the Valley's overwhelming response to the "some other race" category is attributed mainly to Hispanic Origin population who did not identify with "White" or other listed race classifications. Table B-8 also indicates that most of these persons preferred to identify their roots as "other Hispanic or Latino," rather than "Mexican."

While they remain small percentages, Black, American Indian, and Asian race groups in Table B-9 showed significant increases over 1990 ranging from 31.2% to 126.2%. Japanese-Americans, numbering only 96 in the 2000 count, are a particularly notable segment due to successful vegetable farming ventures and various professional pursuits.

We also noted large disparities in the 1990 Census between Hispanic Origin and other population on measurements of income and a wide range of other economic and social characteristics. Comparisons of this nature require cross-tabulations of the 2000 Census data which were not available at the time this report was prepared.

6. Language (Table B-10)

Language has also been preserved in a large segment of the Hispanic Origin population along with other Spanish traditions. The Census estimates a total of 13,919 persons (32.3% of the population 5 years and over) as Spanish speakers, at least in a home setting. Percentages are higher than the Valley average in Conejos (41.5%), Costilla (57.2%), and Saguache (36.5%). An estimated 4,578 (10.6%) speak English "less than very well," and the balance have varying degrees of fluency in both languages.

Over the past decade, a renewed emphasis on bilingual language proficiency by both native and non-native speakers has been developing in the school systems and other public and private business sectors. This is due in part to a greater appreciation for the region's history and culture, and increased numbers of immigrants representing a significant customer base and using medical and other services.

7. Population Movement and Nationality (Table B-11)

The table shows considerably less population movement than Colorado in general, with a Valley percentage of 57.1% living in the same house since 1995 compared with only 44.1% for Colorado, and lower Valley percentages on almost all other movement indicators. By the same token, a larger percentage in the Valley were born in Colorado, and fewer foreign born.

Non-citizens in the Valley numbered 1,917 (4.2%) compared with 5.9% at the State level. While the percentage was lower for the Valley as a whole, Saguache showed a total of 666 persons and a non-citizen rate of 11.3%. This is probably due to the concentration of potato packing and shipping operations and other farm-related jobs in the Town of Center. With the tightening of Immigration and Naturalization Service law enforcement in the area, we believe that most persons had legal green card status.

8. Other Characteristics (Table B-12)

The Census reported 35,517 persons 15 years and over, 8,816 (24.8%) of whom were never married compared with 27.0% for the State. Viewed from the flip side of the data, we note that 26,701 (75.2%) were married at one time or another, 20,227 (57.0%) are still married, 2,157 widowed (6.1%), 3,711 divorced (10.4%), and 606 (1.7%) separated. For the Valley as a whole, the divorce percentage was slightly less than the State and separation rates nearly the same.

Grandparents as caregivers was a new item for the Census in 2000. Valley percentages for all counties were higher than the State's 42.6%, and averaged 57.4%. This may be due in part to fewer numbers of day care centers, or ability to afford services given the lower income levels in the Valley.

On other selected characteristics, the Valley is showing 4,450 veterans, which is 13.4% of the population 18 years and over and slightly less than the State average of 14.1%. High percentages of disabled persons are reported for the Valley compared with the State. Disabilities totaled 8,941 (21.0%) of the population 5 years and over, compared with Colorado's 16.2%. In the 21-64 group the comparisons are 21.1% Valley and 15.9% State; and in the 65+ group the Valley showed 50.3% to the State's 40.0%.

9. Living Arrangements (Table B-13)

To describe living arrangements, Census population is divided among households and group quarters, with households further divided by family (i.e., two or more persons related by blood or marriage), and non-family. A total of 17,328 households were reported, which had 44,854 persons living in them. Group quarters population of 1,336 consisted of 437 persons in correctional facilities or other institutionalized settings, and 899 living in college dorms, nursing homes, or other group home arrangements. Any college students living in the area in April 2000 (whether in dorms, rental units, or with families), should have been counted in the Valley's population.

Family households numbered 12,119, including 9,374 with married heads and spouse (4,283 with own children), 1,985 female-headed (1,275 with own children), and 760 male-headed. Non-family households numbered 5,209, with 4,477 of them represented by a householder living alone. Households with persons 65 years old or over totaled 4,186 (24.2%).

The average household size ranged from 2.20 persons in Mineral, to 2.80 persons in Costilla; and the average family size ranged from 2.70 persons in Mineral, to 3.33 persons in Costilla.

According to the Census, the Valley's housing stock numbered 22,385 units, 17,328 (77.4%) occupied, and 5,057 (22.6%) vacant at the time the Census was taken in April 2000. A total of 2,860 units (12.8%) were classified as seasonal, ranging from 1.2% in Alamosa to 60.1% in Mineral.

10. Population Detail for Cities and Towns (Table B-14, B-15)

Selected detail on population characteristics and living arrangements at the incorporated municipality level is provided mainly for reference purposes. We note that the total population for municipalities of 23,583 represents 51.0% of the Valley's 2000 population, with the balance residing in the unincorporated parts of counties. City/town percentages range from 30.8% in Costilla to 55.3% in Rio Grande. 2000 population of 7,960 in the Valley's largest city of Alamosa represents 53.2% of the county.

11. Population Detail for Selected Unincorporated Places and Zip Code Areas (Table B-16, B-17)

Also mainly for reference purposes, we are providing data summaries on general population characteristics for the Census Designated Places of East Alamosa (population 1,528) and Fort Garland (432), which are receiving the same level of detailed Census information as the incorporated places.

For other notable unincorporated places, we obtained population totals by combining Census block groups representing a close approximation of place on the Census maps. The places we were able to aggregate population for using this method are included in Table B-16 as follows: Mosca (102) and Zapata Subdivision (25) in Alamosa County; Capulin (69) in Conejos; San Acacio (25) in Costilla; and Villa Grove (31) and Baca Subdivision (261) in Saguache County.

Zip Code Tabulation Areas are often used for market analysis purposes and are included in Table B-17. Note that the Zip Code aggregations of population cover a much wider area surrounding the place where the post office is located, and do not compare with other population breakouts.

12. Voter Registrations (Table B-18)

Total registered voters numbering 29,337 in May 2002 comprised 63.5% of the regional population. Registration varies from county to county with Alamosa (63.3%), Conejos (64.3%), Costilla (74.5%), Mineral (84.6%), Rio Grande (58.8%), and Saguache (63.3%).

Table B-1

Population Trends - Decade, 1990 - 2000

	April 1990	% SLV	April 2000	% SLV	1990-2000	
					Number change	Percent change
<u>Alamosa County</u>	13,617	33.9	14,966	32.4	1,349	9.9
Alamosa	7,579	18.8	7,960	17.2	381	5.0
Hooper	112	0.3	123	0.3	11	9.8
Unincorporated	5,926	14.7	6,883	14.9	957	16.1
<u>Conejos County</u>	7,453	18.5	8,400	18.2	947	12.7
Antonito	875	2.2	873	1.9	-2	-0.2
La Jara	725	1.8	877	1.9	152	21.0
Manassa	988	2.5	1,042	2.3	54	5.5
Romeo	341	0.8	375	0.8	34	10.0
Sanford	750	1.9	817	1.8	67	8.9
Unincorporated	3,774	9.4	4,416	9.6	642	17.0
<u>Costilla County</u>	3,190	7.9	3,663	7.9	473	14.8
Blanca	272	0.7	391	0.8	119	43.8
San Luis	800	2.0	739	1.6	-61	-7.6
Unincorporated	2,118	5.3	2,533	5.5	415	19.6
<u>Mineral County</u>	558	1.4	831	1.8	273	48.9
Creede	362	0.9	377	0.8	15	4.1
Unincorporated	196	0.5	454	1.0	258	131.6
<u>Rio Grande County</u>	10,770	26.8	12,413	26.9	1,643	15.3
Center (MCP)	4	0.0	29	0.1	25	625.0
Del Norte	1,674	4.2	1,705	3.7	31	1.9
Monte Vista	4,324	10.8	4,529	9.8	205	4.7
South Fork	359 *	0.9	604	1.3	245	68.2
Unincorporated	4,407	11.0	5,546	12.0	1,139	25.8
<u>Saguache County</u>	4,619	11.5	5,917	12.8	1,298	28.1
Bonanza City	16	0.0	14	0.0	-2	-12.5
Center (MCP)	1,959	4.9	2,363	5.1	404	20.6
Crestone	55	0.1	73	0.2	18	32.7
Moffat	99	0.2	114	0.2	15	15.2
Saguache	584	1.5	578	1.3	-6	-1.0
Unincorporated	1,906	4.7	2,775	6.0	869	45.6
<u>San Luis Valley</u>	40,207	100.0	46,190	100.0	5,983	14.9
% of Colorado	1.2		1.1			
Colorado	3,294,394		4,301,261		1,006,867	30.6
United States	248,709,873		281,421,906		32,712,033	13.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census Reports. MCP = Multi-County Place.

* South Fork incorporated May 19, 1992. Colorado Div of Local Government estimate derived from Census block level data.

Table B-2

Population Trends - Long-Term, 1950 - 2000

	April	April	April	April	April	April	1950 - 2000 Change	
	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	Number	Percent
<u>Alamosa County</u>	10,531	10,000	11,422	11,799	13,617	14,966	4,435	42.1
Alamosa	5,354	6,205	6,985	6,830	7,579	7,960	2,606	48.7
Hooper	103	58	80	71	112	123	20	19.4
Unincorporated	5,074	3,737	4,357	4,898	5,926	6,883	1,809	35.7
<u>Conejos County</u>	10,171	8,428	7,846	7,794	7,453	8,400	-1,771	-17.4
Antonito	1,255	1,045	1,113	1,103	875	873	-382	-30.4
La Jara	912	724	768	858	725	877	-35	-3.8
Manassa	832	831	814	945	988	1,042	210	25.2
Romeo	404	339	352	308	341	375	-29	-7.2
Sanford	666	679	638	687	750	817	151	22.7
Unincorporated	6,102	4,810	4,161	3,893	3,774	4,416	-1,686	-27.6
<u>Costilla County</u>	6,067	4,219	3,091	3,071	3,190	3,663	-2,404	-39.6
Blanca	376	233	212	252	272	391	15	4.0
San Luis			781 ¹⁾	842	800	739	-42	-5.4
Unincorporated	5,691	3,986	2,098	1,977	2,118	2,533	-3,158	-55.5
<u>Mineral County</u>	698	424	786	804	558	831	133	19.1
Creede	503	350	653	610	362	377	-126	-25.0
Unincorporated	195	74	133	194	196	454	259	132.8
<u>Rio Grande County</u>	12,832	11,160	10,494	10,511	10,770	12,413	-419	-3.3
Center (MCP)					4	29	25	625.0
Del Norte	2,048	1,856	1,569	1,709	1,674	1,705	-343	-16.7
Monte Vista	3,272	3,385	3,909	3,902	4,324	4,529	1,257	38.4
South Fork					359 ²⁾	604	245	68.2
Unincorporated	7,512	5,919	5,016	4,900	4,409	5,546	-1,966	-26.2
<u>Saguache County</u>	5,664	4,473	3,827	3,935	4,619	5,917	253	4.5
Bonanza	51	19	10	8	16	14	-37	-72.5
Center (MCP)	2,024	1,600	1,470	1,630	1,963	2,363	339	16.7
Crestone	72	51	34	54	39	73	1	1.4
Moffat	109	104	98	105	99	114	5	4.6
Saguache	1,024	722	642	656	584	578	-446	-43.6
Unincorporated	2,384	1,977	1,573	1,482	1,918	2,775	391	16.4
<u>San Luis Valley</u>	45,963	38,704	37,466	37,914	40,207	46,190	227	0.5
% of Colorado	3.5	2.2	1.7	1.3	1.2	1.1		
Colorado	1,325,089	1,753,947	2,209,596	2,889,735	3,294,394	4,301,261	2,976,172	224.6
United States	149,877,932	178,554,916	203,302,031	226,545,805	248,709,873	281,421,906	131,543,974	87.8

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census reports.

MCP = Multi-County Place

1) San Luis incorporated September 13, 1974.

2) South Fork incorporated May 19, 1992. Colorado Div of Local Government estimate derived from Census block level data.

Table B-3**Valley Population Changes Compared with State and Neighboring Regions**

Region/Counties	April 1990	April 2000	Percent Change 1990-2000
Colorado	3,294,473	4,301,261	30.6
Region 8 (San Luis Valley)	40,207	46,190	14.9
Pueblo MSA (Pueblo)	123,051	141,472	15.0
Region 14 (Huerfano, Las Animas)	19,774	23,069	16.7
Region 6 (Baca, Bent, Crowley, Kiowa, Otero, Prowers)	48,770	52,449	7.5
Region 9 (Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, San Juan)	58,550	80,071	36.8
Region 10 (Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray, San Miguel)	62,091	86,348	39.1
Region 13 (Chaffee, Custer, Fremont, Lake)	52,890	73,702	39.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census reports.

Table B-4

Components of Population Change, 1990-1999

	Alamosa County			Conejos County			Costilla County		
	Total change	Natural increase	Net migration	Total change	Natural increase	Net migration	Total change	Natural increase	Net migration
1990	-63	153	-216	-158	74	-232	-95	22	-117
1991	9	168	-159	83	29	54	63	17	46
1992	-67	154	-221	-20	73	-93	-66	15	-81
1993	85	143	-58	128	36	92	147	12	135
1994	166	117	49	113	47	66	39	7	32
1995	274	108	166	151	33	118	135	25	110
1996	225	112	113	113	57	56	70	-4	74
1997	156	132	24	81	68	13	60	-8	68
1998	145	110	35	87	39	48	59	22	37
1999	199	93	106	121	74	47	-21	11	-32
Total	1,129	1,290	-161	699	530	169	391	119	272
9-yr ave	125	143	-18	78	59	19	43	13	30

	Mineral County			Rio Grande County			Saguache County		
	Total change	Natural increase	Net migration	Total change	Natural increase	Net migration	Total change	Natural increase	Net migration
1990	-60	2	-62	-363	77	-440	3	49	-46
1991	12	3	9	67	56	11	88	62	26
1992	20	6	14	105	53	52	56	54	2
1993	10	5	5	271	71	200	38	54	-16
1994	46	-1	47	250	46	204	116	44	72
1995	28	2	26	237	40	197	328	48	280
1996	50	2	48	122	38	84	155	57	98
1997	20	-5	25	146	29	117	67	55	12
1998	28	1	27	157	43	114	66	51	15
1999	34	-3	37	166	78	88	207	35	172
Total	188	12	176	1,158	531	627	1,124	509	615
9-yr ave	21	1	20	129	59	70	125	57	68

	San Luis Valley		
	Total change	Natural increase	Net migration
1990	-736	377	-1,113
1991	322	335	-13
1992	28	355	-327
1993	679	321	358
1994	730	260	470
1995	1,153	256	897
1996	735	262	473
1997	530	271	259
1998	542	266	276
1999	706	288	418
Total	4,689	2,991	1,698
9-yr ave	521	332	189

Source: Demography Section, Colorado Dept of Local Affairs. Last updated 1/30/02.

Total change = change in July 1 population estimates.

Natural increase = Births minus deaths.

Net migration = In-migration minus out-migration. Estimated by Demography Section.

Table B-5

Population Forecasts, 2000 - 2025

Region	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	Average Annual Percent Change				
							2000-2005	2005-2010	2010-2015	2015-2020	2020-2025
Colorado	4,324,919	4,733,167	5,170,938	5,617,933	6,067,413	6,523,992	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5
San Luis Valley	46,444	49,235	52,205	55,123	57,770	60,168	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.9	0.8
Alamosa	15,048	16,353	17,728	19,183	20,661	22,138	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.4
Conejos	8,446	8,628	8,873	9,168	9,479	9,763	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6
Costilla	3,683	3,852	4,013	4,127	4,243	4,353	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.5
Mineral	836	910	956	1,002	1,052	1,100	1.7	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.9
Rio Grande	12,481	13,117	13,821	14,389	14,657	14,748	1.0	1.1	0.8	0.4	0.1
Saguache	5,950	6,375	6,814	7,254	7,678	8,066	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.0

Source: Demography Section, Colorado Dept of Local Affairs, December 2001.
Estimates relate to July 1 of the year.

Table B-6

Population Characteristics - Age and Gender, 2000 Census

	Alamosa	Conejos	Costilla	Mineral	Rio Grande	Saguache	San Luis Valley	SLV %	Colorado %	U.S. %
Total Population	14,966	8,400	3,663	831	12,413	5,917	46,190	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
SEX AND AGE										
Male	7,446	4,169	1,830	424	6,116	2,984	22,969	49.7	50.4	49.1
Female	7,520	4,231	1,833	407	6,297	2,933	23,221	50.3	49.6	50.9
Under 5 years	1,034	660	207	37	868	402	3,208	6.9	6.9	6.8
5 to 9 years	1,147	705	242	51	927	467	3,539	7.7	7.2	7.3
10 to 14 years	1,191	822	297	57	1,034	489	3,890	8.4	7.2	7.3
15 to 19 years	1,560	768	263	38	1,006	511	4,146	9.0	7.1	7.2
20 to 24 years	1,513	454	150	26	650	281	3,074	6.7	7.1	6.7
25 to 34 years	1,830	862	333	67	1,331	621	5,044	10.9	15.4	14.2
35 to 44 years	2,166	1,120	519	139	1,814	915	6,673	14.4	17.1	16.0
45 to 54 years	1,962	1,041	563	142	1,743	980	6,431	13.9	14.3	13.4
55 to 59 years	614	344	256	67	679	367	2,327	5.0	4.5	4.8
60 to 64 years	509	366	217	63	539	243	1,937	4.2	3.4	3.8
65 to 74 years	765	700	360	87	944	362	3,218	7.0	5.3	6.5
75 to 84 years	470	411	202	51	640	217	1,991	4.3	3.3	4.4
85 years and over	205	147	54	6	238	62	712	1.5	1.1	1.5
Median age (years)	30.6	34.2	42.1	45.0	37.3	36.9	35.3		34.3	35.3
18 years and over	10,898	5,701	2,747	661	8,919	4,237	33,163	71.8	74.4	74.3
Male	5,319	2,823	1,347	329	4,331	2,115	16,264	35.2	37.2	35.9
Female	5,579	2,878	1,400	332	4,588	2,122	16,899	36.6	37.2	38.4
21 years and over	9,664	5,349	2,623	647	8,427	3,985	30,695	66.5	70.1	70.0
62 years and over	1,720	1,459	768	174	2,148	788	7,057	15.3	11.6	14.7
65 years and over	1,440	1,258	616	144	1,822	641	5,921	12.8	9.7	12.4
Male	600	582	284	71	825	314	2,676	5.8	4.1	5.1
Female	840	676	332	73	997	327	3,245	7.0	5.6	7.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census, Table DP-1.

Table B-7

Population Characteristics - Race and Hispanic Origin, 2000 Census

County	A Total Population	Single Race Only					G Two or More Races*	H Hispanic Origin (of any race)
		B White-Other Non- Hispanic	C White- Other Hispanic Origin	D Black/ African American*	E Asian/ Pacific Islander*	F American Indian/ Alaska Native*		
Alamosa Percent	14,966 100.0	8,127	5,571	145	350	150	623	6,197 41.4
Conejos Percent	8,400 100.0	3,297	4,621	18	142	19	303	4,949 58.9
Costilla Percent	3,663 100.0	1,038	2,272	29	91	42	191	2,276 67.6
Mineral Percent	831 100.0	793	13	0	7	0	16	17 2.0
Rio Grande Percent	12,413 100.0	7,034	4,805	43	157	31	343	5,172 41.7
Saguache Percent	5,917 100.0	3,067	2,512	7	122	27	182	2,678 45.2
San Luis Valley Percent	46,190 100.0	23,356	19,794	242	869	269	1,660	21,489 46.5
Colorado Percent	4,301,261 100.0	3,708,383	661,553	165,063	44,241	99,834	122,187	735,601 17.1

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census.
Categories prepared by Demography Section, Division of Local Government.

* Category includes non-Hispanic and Hispanic Origin persons

Note: B + C + D + E + F + G = Total population

A - H = Non-Hispanic population

Hispanic Origin = C + unknown portions of D, E, F, G

Table B-8

Population Characteristics - Race and Hispanic Origin Detail, 2000 Census

	Alamosa	Conejos	Costilla	Mineral	Rio Grande	Saguache	San Luis Valley	SLV %	Colorado %
Total Population	14,966	8,400	3,663	831	12,413	5,917	46,190	100.0	100.0

Race

One race	14,343	8,097	3,472	813	12,070	5,735	44,530	96.4	97.2
White	10,654	6,112	2,231	805	9,177	4,218	33,197	71.9	82.8
Black or African American	145	18	29	0	43	7	242	0.5	3.8
American Indian and Alaskan Native	350	142	91	7	157	122	869	1.9	1.0
Asian	122	13	37	0	28	27	227	0.5	2.2
Asian Indian	4	3	1	0	2	1	11	0.0	0.3
Chinese	14	0	1	0	2	2	19	0.0	0.4
Filipino	15	0	8	0	3	10	36	0.1	0.2
Japanese	46	4	27	0	14	5	96	0.2	0.3
Korean	15	3	0	0	4	1	23	0.0	0.4
Vietnamese	1	2	0	0	0	3	6	0.0	0.4
Other Asian	27	1	0	0	3	5	36	0.1	0.4
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	28	6	5	0	3	0	42	0.1	0.1
Native Hawaiian	7	4	1	0	2	0	14	0.0	0.0
Guamanian or Chamorro	14	1	0	0	0	0	15	0.0	0.0
Samoaan	3	0	3	0	0	0	6	0.0	0.0
Other Pacific Islander	4	1	1	0	1	0	7	0.0	0.0
Some other race	3,044	1,806	1,079	1	2,662	1,361	9,953	21.5	7.2
Two or more races	623	303	191	18	343	182	1,660	3.6	2.8

Race alone or in combination with one or more other races

White	11,170	6,389	2,398	823	9,497	4,386	34,663	75.0	85.2
Black or African American	194	29	43	3	48	17	334	0.7	4.4
American Indian and Alaska Native	571	218	150	20	256	198	1,413	3.1	1.9
Asian	189	29	50	0	48	37	353	0.8	2.8
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	46	11	13	3	7	4	84	0.2	0.2
Some other race	3,430	2,039	1,202	2	2,911	1,461	11,045	23.9	8.5

Hispanic or Latino

Total Population	14,966	8,400	3,663	831	12,413	5,917	46,190	100.0	100.0
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	6,197	4,949	2,476	17	5,172	2,678	21,489	46.5	17.1
Mexican	2,320	1,162	718	14	1,744	1,545	7,503	16.2	10.5
Puerto Rican	32	8	11	0	21	5	77	0.2	0.3
Cuban	4	4	2	0	1	1	12	0.0	0.1
Other Hispanic or Latino	3,841	3,775	1,745	3	3,415	1,127	13,906	30.1	6.2
Not Hispanic or Latino	8,769	3,451	1,187	814	7,241	3,239	24,701	53.5	82.9
White alone	8,089	3,298	1,033	793	7,022	3,053	23,288	50.4	74.5

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census, Table DP-1.

Table B-9

Population Characteristics - Changes in Age, Gender, Race, and Hispanic Origin, 1990 - 2000

San Luis Valley

	1990	Percent of Total	2000	Percent of Total	Percent Change
Total Population	40,207	100.0	46,190	100.0	14.9
Age and Gender					
Male	19,961	49.6	22,969	49.7	15.1
Female	20,246	50.4	23,221	50.3	14.7
Under 5	3,300	8.2	3,208	6.9	-2.8
5 to 9	3,654	9.1	3,539	7.7	-3.1
10 to 14	3,447	8.6	3,890	8.4	12.9
15 to 19	3,316	8.2	4,146	9.0	25.0
20 to 24	2,763	6.9	3,074	6.7	11.3
25 to 34	5,879	14.6	5,044	10.9	-14.2
35 to 44	5,603	13.9	6,673	14.4	19.1
45 to 54	3,818	9.5	6,431	13.9	68.4
55 to 59	1,705	4.2	2,327	5.0	36.5
60 to 64	1,672	4.2	1,937	4.2	15.8
65 to 74	2,828	7.0	3,218	7.0	13.8
75 to 84	1,633	4.1	1,991	4.3	21.9
85 and over	589	1.5	712	1.5	20.9
Median age (years)	31.3		35.3		
Race					
White	34,191	85.0	33,197	71.9	-2.9
Black/African American	107	0.3	242	0.5	126.2
American Indian	401	1.0	869	1.9	116.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	205	0.5	269	0.6	31.2
Some Other Race	5,303	13.2	9,953	21.5	87.7
Two or More Races	1)	1)	1,660	3.6	
Hispanic Origin	18,644	46.4	21,489	46.5	15.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census reports. Table format by Demography Section.

1) Not reported in 1990 Census.

Table B-10

Population Characteristics - Language Spoken at Home, 2000

	Alamosa	Conejos	Costilla	Mineral	Rio Grande	Saguache	San Luis Valley	Colorado %
Population 5 years and over	13,975	7,749	3,464	794	11,583	5,515	43,080	
%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
English only	10,014	4,486	1,404	779	8,390	3,503	28,576	
%	71.7	57.9	40.5	98.1	72.4	63.5	66.3	85.4
Language other than English	3,961	3,263	2,060	15	3,193	2,012	14,504	
%	28.3	42.1	59.5	1.9	27.6	36.5	33.7	15.1
Speak English less than "very well"	1,240	948	726	4	913	931	4,762	
%	8.9	12.2	21.0	0.5	7.9	16.9	11.1	6.7
Spanish	3,682	3,219	1,981	3	3,112	1,922	13,919	
%	26.3	41.5	57.2	0.4	26.9	34.9	32.3	10.5
Speak English less than "very well"	1,129	944	700	2	892	911	4,578	
%	8.1	12.2	20.2	0.3	7.7	16.5	10.6	5.1
Other Indo-European languages	85	30	37	6	54	59	271	
%	0.6	0.4	1.1	0.8	0.5	1.1	0.6	2.5
Speak English less than "very well"	34	0	16	2	10	8	70	
%	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.7
Asian and Pacific Island languages	73	10	33	2	4	15	137	
%	0.5	0.1	1.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.3	1.6
Speak English less than "very well"	22	0	8	0	0	6	36	
%	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.8

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census, Table DP-2. Based on a sample of one in six households.

Table B-11

Population Characteristics - Residence in 1995, Nativity, and Place of Birth, 2000 Census

	Alamosa	Conejos	Costilla	Mineral	Rio Grande	Saguache	San Luis Valley	Colorado %
Population 5 years and over	13,975	7,749	3,464	794	11,583	5,515	43,080	
%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Same house in 1995	7,241	5,330	2,265	402	6,551	2,802	24,591	
%	51.8	68.8	65.4	50.6	56.6	50.8	57.1	44.1
Different house in the U.S. in 1995	6,549	2,378	1,152	382	4,811	2,563	17,835	
%	46.9	30.7	33.3	48.1	41.5	46.5	41.4	52.5
Same county	185	41	47	10	221	150	654	
%	1.3	0.5	1.4	1.3	1.9	2.7	1.5	3.4
Different county	2,863	1,271	389	104	2,320	992	7,939	
%	20.5	16.4	11.2	13.1	20.0	18.0	18.4	23.0
Same state	3,686	1,107	763	278	2,491	1,571	9,896	
%	26.4	14.3	22.0	35.0	21.5	28.5	23.0	29.5
Different state	2,352	656	348	66	1,456	924	5,802	
%	16.8	8.5	10.0	8.3	12.6	16.8	13.5	13.5
Elsewhere in 1995	1,334	451	415	212	1,035	647	4,094	
%	9.5	5.8	12.0	26.7	8.9	11.7	9.5	16.1
Total population	14,966	8,400	3,663	831	12,413	5,917	46,190	
%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Native	14,263	8,152	3,411	825	11,668	5,060	43,379	
%	95.3	97.0	93.1	99.3	94.0	85.5	93.9	91.4
Born in United States	14,151	8,110	3,395	817	11,515	5,017	43,005	
%	94.6	96.5	92.7	98.3	92.8	84.8	93.1	90.1
State of residence	9,528	6,733	2,280	332	7,502	3,133	29,508	
%	63.7	80.2	62.2	40.0	60.4	52.9	63.9	41.1
Different state	4,623	1,377	1,115	485	4,013	1,884	13,497	
%	30.9	16.4	30.4	58.4	32.3	31.8	29.2	49.0
Born outside United States	112	42	16	8	153	43	374	
%	0.7	0.5	0.4	1.0	1.2	0.7	0.8	1.3
Foreign born	703	248	252	6	745	857	2,811	
%	4.7	3.0	6.9	0.7	6.0	14.5	6.1	8.6
Entered 1990 to March 2000	294	98	111	2	309	456	1,270	
%	2.0	1.2	3.0	0.2	2.5	7.7	2.7	4.7
Naturalized citizen	218	59	84	4	338	191	894	
%	1.5	0.7	2.3	0.5	2.7	3.2	1.9	2.7
Not a citizen	485	189	168	2	407	666	1,917	
%	3.2	2.3	4.6	0.2	3.3	11.3	4.2	5.9

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census, Table DP-2. Based on a sample of one in six households.

Table B-12

Population Characteristics - Marital, Veteran, Disability Status, Grandparents as Caregivers, 2000 Census

	Alamosa	Conejos	Costilla	Mineral	Rio Grande	Saguache	San Luis Valley	Colorado %
Population 15 years and over	11,574	6,210	2,922	688	9,562	4,561	35,517	
%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Never married	3,396	1,612	724	117	1,904	1,063	8,816	
%	29.3	26.0	24.8	17.0	19.9	23.3	24.8	27.0
Now married, except separated	6,272	3,417	1,637	457	5,895	2,549	20,227	
%	54.2	55.0	56.0	66.4	61.7	55.9	57.0	55.6
Separated	180	101	57	4	150	114	606	
%	1.6	1.6	2.0	0.6	1.6	2.5	1.7	1.6
Widowed	525	478	246	40	614	254	2,157	
%	4.5	7.7	8.4	5.8	6.4	5.6	6.1	4.7
Female	465	381	185	37	501	205	1,774	
%	4.0	6.1	6.3	5.4	5.2	4.5	5.0	3.8
Divorced	1,201	602	258	70	999	581	3,711	
%	10.4	9.7	8.8	10.2	10.4	12.7	10.4	11.0
Female	671	316	116	33	500	283	1,919	
%	5.8	5.1	4.0	4.8	5.2	6.2	5.4	6.2
Grandparent living in household with one or more own grandchildren under 18 years	203	203	106	16	267	121	916	
%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Grandparent responsible for grandchildren	118	102	78	13	150	65	526	
%	58.1	50.2	73.6	81.3	56.2	53.7	57.4	42.6
Civilian population 18 years and over	10,863	5,704	2,741	665	8,914	4,238	33,125	
%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Civilian veterans	1,280	750	394	115	1,361	550	4,450	
%	11.8	13.1	14.4	17.3	15.3	13.0	13.4	14.1
Population 5 to 20 years	4,310	2,425	859	138	3,075	1,488	12,295	
%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
With a disability	283	145	89	9	253	97	876	
%	6.6	6.0	10.4	6.5	8.2	6.5	7.1	7.4
Population 21 to 64 years	8,164	4,046	1,989	515	6,630	3,385	24,729	
%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
With a disability	1,510	963	625	81	1,250	797	5,226	
%	18.5	23.8	31.4	15.7	18.9	23.5	21.1	15.9
Percent employed	58.3	44.8	25.8	53.1	55.4	49.6		61.9
No disability	6,654	3,083	1,364	434	5,380	2,588	19,503	
%	81.5	76.2	68.6	84.3	81.1	76.5	78.9	84.1
Percent employed	77.1	73.9	63.4	77.2	77.0	70.8		81.2
Population 65 years and over	1,349	1,233	614	141	1,683	625	5,645	
%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
With a disability	681	646	343	44	861	264	2,839	
%	50.5	52.4	55.9	31.2	51.2	42.2	50.3	40.0

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census, Table DP-2. Based on a sample of one in six households.

Table B-13
Living Arrangements Profile, 2000 Census

	Alamosa County		Conejos County		Costilla County		Mineral County		Rio Grande County		Saguache County		San Luis Valley	
		% of		% of		% of		% of		% of		% of		% of
	2000	Total	2000	Total	2000	Total	2000	Total	2000	Total	2000	Total	2000	Total
Total Population	14,966	100.0	8,400	100.0	3,663	100.0	831	100.0	12,413	100.0	5,917	100.0	46,190	100.0
Household Population	13,971	93.4	8,347	99.4	3,663	100.0	830	99.9	12,162	98.0	5,881	99.4	44,854	97.1
Group Quarters Population	995	6.6	53	0.6	0	0.0	1	0.1	251	2.0	36	0.6	1,336	2.9
Institutionalized:	193	1.3	48	0.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	179	1.4	17	0.3	437	0.9
Other GQ:	802	5.4	5	0.1	0	0.0	1	0.1	72	0.6	19	0.3	899	1.9
Total Households:	5,467	100.0	2,980	100.0	1,503	100.0	377	100.0	4,701	100.0	2,300	100.0	17,328	100.0
Family Households:	3,654	66.8	2,211	74.2	1,030	68.5	251	66.6	3,417	72.7	1,556	67.7	12,119	69.9
With Own Children <18:	1,931	35.3	1,146	38.5	428	28.5	84	22.3	1,649	35.1	769	33.4	6,007	34.7
Married Householder:	2,762	50.5	1,677	56.3	790	52.6	215	57.0	2,719	57.8	1,211	52.7	9,374	54.1
With Own Children <18:	1,342	24.5	828	27.8	300	20.0	68	18.0	1,191	25.3	554	24.1	4,283	24.7
Female-headed Household:	637	11.7	378	12.7	170	11.3	22	5.8	525	11.2	253	11.0	1,985	11.5
With Own Children:	432	7.9	232	7.8	87	5.8	9	2.4	345	7.3	170	7.4	1,275	7.4
Non-Family Households	1,813	33.2	769	25.8	473	31.5	126	33.4	1,284	27.3	744	32.3	5,209	30.1
Householder Living Alone	1,491	27.3	705	23.7	422	28.1	106	28.1	1,135	24.1	618	26.9	4,477	25.8
Households With Persons <18:	2,077	38.0	1,264	42.4	490	32.6	94	24.9	1,809	38.5	844	36.7	6,578	38.0
Households With Persons 65+:	1,024	18.7	899	30.2	471	31.3	105	27.9	1,204	25.6	483	21.0	4,186	24.2
Average Family Size:	3.14		3.33		2.98		2.70		3.08		3.15		3.06	
Average Household Size:	2.56		2.80		2.44		2.20		2.59		2.56			
Total Housing Units:	6,088	100.0	3,886	100.0	2,202	100.0	1,119	100.0	6,003	100.0	3,087	100.0	22,385	100.0
Occupied:	5,467	89.8	2,980	76.7	1,503	68.3	377	33.7	4,701	78.3	2,300	74.5	17,328	77.4
Vacant:	621	10.2	906	23.3	699	31.7	742	66.3	1,302	21.7	787	25.5	5,057	22.6
Seasonal:	75	1.2	544	14.0	447	20.3	672	60.1	761	12.7	361	11.7	2,860	12.8
Owner Occupied:	3,498	57.5	2,347	60.4	1,175	53.4	279	24.9	3,323	55.4	1,593	51.6	12,215	54.6
Renter Occupied:	1,969	32.3	633	16.3	328	14.9	98	8.8	1,378	23.0	707	22.9	5,113	22.8

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census reports. Table format by Demography Section.

Table B-14
Selected Population Characteristics - Cities/Towns, 2000 Census

Subject	Alamosa	Antonito	Blanca	Bonanza	Center	Creede	Crestone	Del Norte	Hooper	La Jara	Manassa	Moffat	Monte Vista	Romeo	Saguache	Sanford	San Luis	South Fork	SLV Total Municipalities
Total Population	7,960	873	391	14	2,392	377	73	1,705	123	877	1,042	114	4,529	375	578	817	739	604	23,583
Age and Gender																			
Male	3,801	434	202	9	1,191	189	37	829	64	420	510	59	2,154	181	288	411	359	296	11,434
Female	4,159	439	189	5	1,201	188	36	876	59	457	532	55	2,375	194	290	406	380	308	12,149
Under 5 years	564	66	22	0	215	12	2	130	6	59	93	1	359	31	28	60	35	30	1,713
5 to 9 years	528	61	34	1	234	18	0	129	6	74	87	8	365	46	36	68	48	38	1,781
10 to 14 years	548	79	33	0	234	30	2	167	12	87	94	6	368	39	38	102	53	39	1,931
15 to 19 years	943	69	35	1	262	21	2	150	16	84	113	10	391	35	45	88	54	37	2,356
20 to 24 years	1,098	49	17	3	161	10	3	99	6	48	62	6	275	15	16	60	37	30	1,995
25 to 34 years	982	91	48	1	299	35	5	198	6	86	114	3	538	50	58	95	75	60	2,744
35 to 44 years	990	111	61	1	357	64	12	234	31	129	125	23	643	55	91	110	85	88	3,210
45 to 54 years	914	120	56	2	276	72	16	231	13	132	126	20	574	43	79	86	116	83	2,959
55 to 59 years	278	38	22	3	72	27	9	99	4	31	35	14	202	9	49	34	46	44	1,016
60 to 64 years	245	29	7	2	59	28	8	60	7	41	51	5	153	18	37	26	44	49	869
65 to 74 years	410	94	37	0	128	34	10	109	8	56	77	10	316	26	53	41	79	71	1,559
75 to 84 years	306	51	17	0	79	23	4	79	7	33	45	6	230	8	33	33	49	32	1,035
85 years and over	154	15	2	0	16	3	0	30	1	17	20	2	115	0	15	14	18	3	425
Median age (years)	27.7	36.5	37.1	44.5	27.9	44.8	52.1	34.6	40.8	35.0	30.6	45.0	34.4	29.5	41.4	28.1	42.6	42.8	
18 years and over	6014	622	282	13	1551	305	67	1190	88	600	691	90	3189	234	445	529	566	473	16,949
Male	2834	297	143	8	763	151	34	566	43	280	341	45	1468	109	212	260	268	236	8,058
Female	3180	325	139	5	788	154	33	624	45	320	350	45	1721	125	233	269	298	237	8,891
21 years and over	5082	588	266	12	1412	296	67	1113	82	562	641	88	2981	22	425	487	541	452	15,117
65 years and over	870	160	56	0	223	60	14	218	16	106	142	18	661	34	101	88	146	106	3,019
Race																			
One race	7,619	849	383	11	2,339	370	73	1,639	118	853	1,007	104	4,403	349	554	771	686	583	22,711
White	5,455	536	209	10	1,117	365	70	1,140	100	590	844	102	2,857	221	462	628	447	561	15,714
Black or African American	112	1	3	0	5	0	0	2	0	1	5	0	17	1	0	1	2	1	151
American Indian and Alaskan Native	175	31	5	0	68	5	0	18	4	25	17	1	73	2	15	6	18	2	465
Asian	76	2	11	1	6	0	0	7	0	0	1	0	13	2	1	0	0	1	121
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	26
Some other race	1,780	279	155	0	1,143	0	3	472	14	237	138	1	1,441	123	76	136	218	18	6,234
Two or more races	341	24	8	3	53	7	0	66	5	24	35	10	126	26	24	46	53	21	872
Hispanic Origin or Latino																			
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	3,725	788	262	0	2,059	6	1	978	23	552	508	17	2,636	289	199	331	656	75	13,105
Not Hispanic or Latino	4,235	85	129	14	333	371	72	727	100	325	534	97	1,893	86	379	486	83	529	10,478
White alone	3,833	64	112	10	283	361	70	701	91	301	521	89	1,815	77	356	471	65	512	9,732

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census, Table DP-1.

Table B-15

Living Arrangements Profile - Cities/Towns, 2000 Census

Subject	Alamosa	Antonito	Blanca	Bonanza	Center	Creede	Crestone	Del Norte	Hooper	La Jara	Manassa	Moffat	Monte Vista	Romeo	Saguache	Sanford	San Luis	South Fork	SLV Total Municipalities
Total Population	7,960	873	391	14	2,392	377	73	####	123	877	1,042	114	4,529	375	578	817	739	604	23,583
Household Population	7,007	873	391	14	2,392	377	73	####	123	872	1,042	114	4,449	375	561	817	739	604	22,511
Group Quarters Population	953	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	5	0	0	80	0	17	0	0	0	1,072
Institutionalized:	154	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	80	0	17	0	0	0	268
Other GQ:	799	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	804
Total Households:	2,974	357	142	7	768	181	45	657	48	313	362	54	1,715	117	262	273	322	274	8,871
Family Households:	1,771	235	106	3	604	106	18	446	34	230	281	30	1,212	94	160	212	201	198	5,941
With Own Children <18:	953	121	50	1	367	35	4	232	17	119	149	12	631	59	68	123	91	70	3,102
Married Householder:	1,204	135	90	3	432	84	13	315	27	169	214	24	860	72	119	168	131	159	4,219
With Own Children <18:	570	60	43	1	263	27	1	157	14	78	106	9	395	43	40	95	56	49	2,007
Female-headed Household:	435	73	11	0	134	16	2	101	4	43	49	5	272	18	32	35	54	24	1,308
With Own Children:	306	45	4	0	84	6	2	62	1	29	33	2	180	15	23	21	26	16	855
Non-Family Households	1,203	122	36	4	164	75	27	211	14	83	81	24	503	23	102	61	121	86	2,940
Householder Living Alone	1,001	114	30	3	140	60	22	193	12	71	75	18	444	19	88	56	107	76	2,529
Households With Persons <18	1,036	139	56	1	414	37	5	269	18	137	167	15	702	61	73	131	104	75	3,440
Households With Persons 65+	601	125	41	0	173	49	10	179	12	79	100	14	443	23	83	65	112	71	2,180
Average Family Size:	3.04	3.09	3.26	3.00	3.56	2.70	2.22	3.19	3.12	3.30	3.33	2.70	3.13	3.63	2.73	3.50	2.94	2.63	
Average Household Size:	2.36	2.45	2.75	2.00	3.11	2.08	1.62	2.57	2.56	2.79	2.88	2.11	2.59	3.21	2.14	2.99	2.30	2.20	2.54
Total Housing Units:	3,215	396	183	33	848	275	79	736	57	345	398	66	1,854	132	328	295	376	580	10,196
Occupied:	2,974	357	142	7	768	181	45	657	48	313	362	54	1,715	117	262	273	322	274	8,871
Vacant:	241	39	41	26	80	94	34	79	9	32	36	12	139	15	66	22	54	306	1,325
Seasonal:	11	1	26	16	10	73	12	7	1	4	8	4	20	0	23	4	27	225	472
Owner Occupied:	1,560	237	118	6	482	125	33	464	41	214	292	35	1,101	103	182	213	193	190	5,589
Renter Occupied:	1,414	120	24	1	286	56	12	193	7	99	70	19	614	14	80	60	129	84	3,282

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census, Table DP-1.

Table B-16

**Population and General Characteristics for CDPs and Selected
Unincorporated Places, 2000 Census**

	Alamosa County			Conejos County	Costilla County		Saguache County	
	Alamosa East CDP	Mosca	Zapata Subdivision	Capulin	Fort Garland CDP	San Acacio	Villa Grove	Baca Subdivision
Total Population	1,528	102	25	69	432	25	31	261
SEX AND AGE								
Male	774	52	10	33	199	12	17	124
Female	754	50	15	36	233	13	14	137
Under 5 years	101	9	0	8	36	2	1	2
5 to 9 years	147	8	1	11	30	2	1	15
10 to 14 years	135	11	1	4	38	1	2	18
15 to 19 years	128	13	1	2	40	4	1	10
20 to 24 years	106	4	2	0	27	0	0	4
25 to 34 years	213	9	0	12	50	2	2	19
35 to 44 years	250	16	1	4	68	4	6	31
45 to 54 years	205	12	10	12	56	7	7	74
55 to 59 years	70	4	4	6	16	0	3	38
60 to 64 years	47	4	2	7	21	2	5	14
65 to 74 years	74	8	3	1	32	1	1	19
75 to 84 years	44	4	0	2	17	1	1	13
85 years and over	8	0	0	1	1	0	1	4
RACE								
One race	1,443	99	24	69	410	20	30	255
White	916	89	24	28	229	15	29	242
Black/African American	7	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
American Indian/Alaskan Native	41	0	0	6	10	0	1	2
Asian/Pacific Islander	15	0	0	0	5	0	0	4
Some other race	464	10	0	35	159	5	0	7
Two or more races	85	3	1	0	22	5	1	6
HISPANIC OR LATINO								
Total Population	1,528	102	25	69	432	25	31	261
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	831	12	1	62	312	15	2	11
Percent	54.4%	11.8%	4.0%	89.9%	72.2%	60.0%	6.5%	4.2%
Not Hispanic or Latino	697	90	24	7	120	10	29	250
Percent	45.6%	88.2%	96.0%	10.1%	27.8%	40.0%	93.5%	95.8%
White alone	638	87	24	6	105	5	27	238
RELATIONSHIP								
Total Population	1,528	102	25	69	432	25	31	261
In households	1,525	102	25	69	432	25	31	249
Householder	556	28	7	16	152	6	10	61
Spouse	314	21	7	12	86	4	8	45
Child	524	41	3	26	154	6	4	48
Other relatives	64	1	0	0	25	0	0	1
Nonrelatives	67	1	0	0	15	0	0	7
In group quarters	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Institutionalized population	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Noninstitutionalized population	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
HOUSING OCCUPANCY								
Total housing units	612	44	23	27	164	16	21	179
Occupied housing units	556	36	12	24	152	10	14	132
Vacant housing units	56	8	11	3	12	6	7	47
For seasonal/rec/occasional use	1	0	11	1	2	1	0	23

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census. Alamosa East and Fort Garland have CDP (Census Designated Place) status, with data available in the Table DP-1 format. Population for the other places represents an aggregate of Census blocks selected by DRG.

Table B-17

Population and Housing Units by Zip Code Tabulation Area, 2000

<u>5-Digit ZCTA</u>	<u>Post office location</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Housing units</u>	<u>Land area in sq/mi</u>	<u>Density per sq/mi of land area</u>	
					<u>Population</u>	<u>Housing units</u>
81101	Alamosa	14,100	5,711	367.65	38.4	15.5
81101	Great Sand Dunes NM ¹⁾					
81102	Adams State College ¹⁾					
81120	Antonito	2,549	1,545	424.81	6.0	3.6
81120	Mogote ²⁾					
81123	Blanca	826	390	140.05	5.9	2.8
81124	Capulin	149	59	2.09	71.3	28.3
81125	Center	3,670	1,378	263.27	13.9	5.2
81126	Chama	150	100	33.27	4.5	3.0
81129	Conejos ²⁾					
81130	Creede	783	1,018	756.48	1.0	1.3
81130	Spar City ³⁾					
81131	Crestone	809	570	290.20	2.8	2.0
81132	Del Norte	3,437	1,709	937.78	3.7	1.8
81132	La Garita ⁴⁾					
81133	Fort Garland	806	566	293.96	2.7	1.9
81134	Garcia ⁵⁾					
81135	Homelake ⁶⁾					
81136	Hooper	299	128	198.44	1.5	0.6
81138	Jaroso ⁵⁾					
81140	La Jara	2,505	975	322.66	7.8	3.0
81140	Bountiful ⁷⁾					
81141	Manassa	1,318	512	91.74	14.4	5.6
81143	Moffat	540	357	345.20	1.6	1.0
81144	Monte Vista	7,819	3,175	315.78	24.8	10.1
81146	Mosca	562	249	267.98	2.1	0.9
81148	Romeo	430	158	4.99	86.3	31.7
81149	Saguache	902	572	702.39	1.3	0.8
81150	San Acacio ⁵⁾					
81151	Sanford	1,488	574	255.15	5.8	2.2
81151	Los Sauces ⁸⁾					
81152	San Luis	1,309	794	258.22	5.1	3.1
81153	San Pablo	381	209	38.66	9.9	5.4
81153	La Valley ⁹⁾					
81154	South Fork	1,141	1,250	242.50	4.7	5.2
81155	Villa Grove	104	118	183.79	0.6	0.6
	Total	46,077	22,117	6737.06	6.8	3.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census, Summary File 1.

- 1) Not reported separately. Most likely included with Alamosa.
- 2) " " " " " " " " Antonito.
- 3) " " " " " " " " Creede.
- 4) " " " " " " " " Del Norte.
- 5) " " " " " " " " San Luis.
- 6) " " " " " " " " Monte Vista.
- 7) " " " " " " " " La Jara.
- 8) " " " " " " " " Sanford.
- 9) " " " " " " " " San Pablo.

Table B-18

Voter Registrations

	<u>Alamosa</u>	<u>Conejos</u>	<u>Costilla</u>	<u>Mineral</u>	<u>Rio Grande</u>	<u>Saguache</u>	<u>San Luis Valley</u>
Republican	3,187	1,944	371	201	2,836	974	9,513
%	33.7	36.0	13.6	28.6	38.9	26.0	32.4
Democrat	3,646	2,775	2,051	380	2,539	1,645	13,036
%	38.5	51.4	75.2	54.0	34.8	44.0	44.4
Unaffiliated	2,635	681	307	122	1,918	1,125	6,788
%	27.8	12.6	11.2	17.4	26.3	30.0	23.1
Total registered	9,468	5,400	2,729	703	7,293	3,744	29,337
%	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Colorado Redistricting and Reapportionment Commission website, May 2002.