



FACTS AT A GLANCE

The Cheyenne Area population has continued to grow at a relatively stable rate over the past decades. In 2000, the Cheyenne Area accounted for 90% of the total population in Laramie County, so trends in Laramie County reflect those in the Cheyenne Area. The following statistics and data are relevant to the Cheyenne Area (planning area being considered for *PlanCheyenne*).

2000 U.S. Census Population and Households Profile

- **Population:** In 2000, the Cheyenne Area had a population of 74,160 people in 27,785 households. (US Census – 2000, Census Blocks).
- **Growth:** On a yearly basis from 1990 to 2000, the population of Laramie County (and thus the Cheyenne Area) grew at an annual rate of 1.1%.
- **Future Growth:** Most planning entities in the Cheyenne area project that growth will continue to be hover around 1% annually. However, if the Cheyenne area were to grow as fast 2 percent annually for 25 years, the population could grow by 56,000 new people.
- **Household Size:** The average household size is 2.36 people.
- **1960 to 2000 Growth:** Laramie County had 60,100 residents in 1960 and in 2000 had over 82,000 residents.

2003 Cheyenne Area Population and Households (Estimated)

- From 2000 to 2003, 1,351 new building permits were issued in the Cheyenne Area. In addition, 760 new address points were recorded in the County between 2000-2003 (when county building permits were not included with City Engineering data).
- Therefore, by the end of 2003, the Cheyenne Area had 29,896 households (28,401 occupied) and a population of 79,141 (MPO).

Age

- The median age of residents in Laramie County is rising—from 31.9 in 1990 to 35.3 in 2000.

Race and Ethnicity

- Cheyenne residents are a mix of ethnicities, including White (85%), Hispanic (11%), Black (3%); Native American (2%); and Asian (1%).

Laramie County Population

	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
Census Population	60,149	56,360	68,649	73,142	81,607
Median Age	26.7	26.7	28.1	31.9	35.3

Source: Economic Indicators for Greater Cheyenne: Annual Trends Edition, 2004.

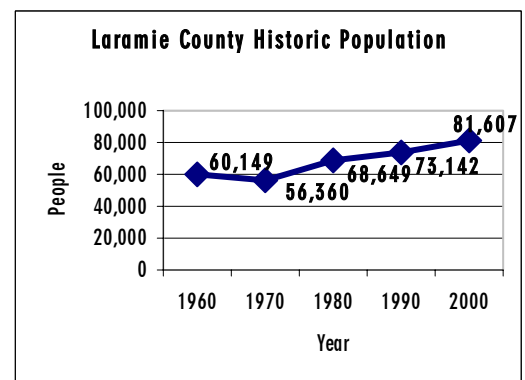


TRENDS AND KEY ISSUES

- The population for the Cheyenne Area could grow as fast much as 2% per year from 2003. This means that by 2030, the Cheyenne Area could have 56,000 new residents, and a total population of 135,000 people. Most projections show the area growing at a rate closer to 1% annually.
- Future Cheyenne Area residents will need a diverse range of housing and jobs.
- The population is growing older. *PlanCheyenne* should consider needs of a growing senior population, including housing (see *Snapshot Cheyenne Area Housing* report).

Sources:

U.S. Census 2000 - Census Block data for the 2,622 blocks that correlate with the MPO planning area. Center for Economic and Business Data, Economic Indicators, Annual Trends, 2004



Increasingly Cheyenne is viewed to be a part of the Front Range economy and growth trends. The following table shows how growth rates have varied along the Front Range from Denver to Cheyenne in the past four decades. The population growth of Laramie County can potentially increase or slow dramatically during different periods of time.

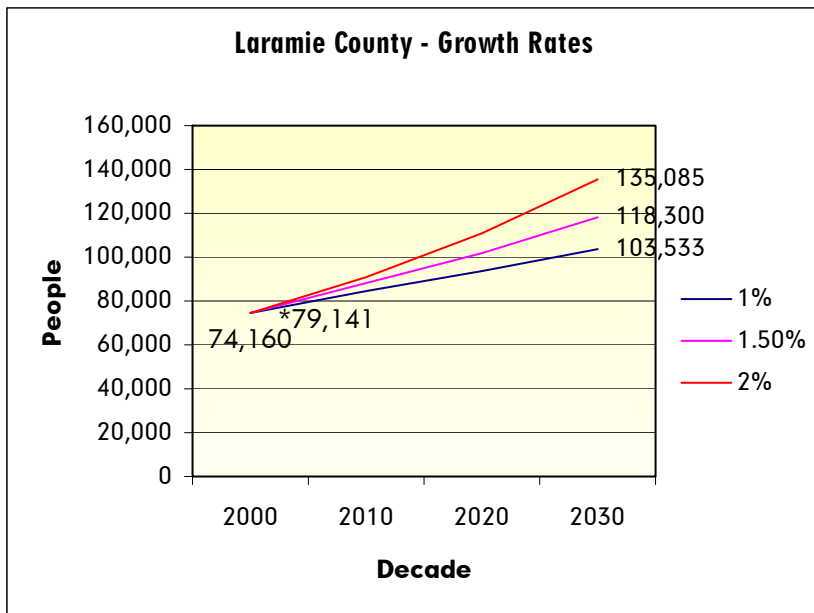
Front Range Population Totals by Decade

	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
Adams County, CO	120,296	185,789	245,944	265,038	363,857
Denver County, CO	493,887	514,678	492,694	467,610	554,636
Longmont, CO	11,489	23,209	42,942	51,555	71,093
Larimer County, CO	53,343	89,900	149,184	186,136	251,494
Loveland	9,734	16,220	30,215	37,352	50,608
Fort Collins	53,343	89,900	149,184	186,136	251,494
Weld County, CO	72,344	89,297	123,436	131,821	180,936
Greeley	26,314	38,902	53,006	60,536	76,930
Laramie County, WY	60,149	56,360	68,649	73,142	81,607

Front Range Growth Rates

	1960-1970	1970-1980	1980-1990	1990-2000
Adams County, CO	54.4%	32.4%	7.8%	37.3%
Denver County, CO	4.2%	-4.3%	-5.1%	18.6%
Longmont, CO	102.0%	85.0%	20.1%	37.9%
Larimer County, CO	68.5%	65.9%	24.8%	35.1%
Loveland	66.6%	86.3%	23.6%	35.5%
Fort Collins	68.5%	65.9%	24.8%	35.1%
Weld County, CO	23.4%	38.2%	6.8%	37.3%
Greeley	47.8%	36.3%	14.2%	27.1%
Laramie County, WY	-6.3%	21.8%	6.5%	11.6%

The Cheyenne Area could grow at different rates as indicated in the chart below.



*Note: Population in 2003 was estimated at 79,141 (MPO).



REGIONAL POPULATION GROWTH PROJECTIONS

- Cities along the Front Range are projected to grow at an average annual rate of 1.6% for the next five years. Greeley is projected to grow at an average annual rate of 3.5% for the next five years.
- The MPO plans to do an "Origin-Destination" study to determine how many commuters travel to and from the Cheyenne area from other adjacent municipal areas.

WHY CONSIDER IMPLICATIONS OF DIFFERENT GROWTH RATES?

The Cheyenne area in 2003 was home to more than 79,000 people. As seen in the adjacent chart, depending on how much growth occurs in Cheyenne over the next 20+ years, Cheyenne could grow to a population of anywhere from 103,500 to more than 135,000 residents. How much growth occurs will have significant implications on City services, such as utilities, transportation, and parks. While forecast assumptions will be made for the planning process, it is important to monitor the growth rate over time and adjust our plans accordingly.

