



# JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

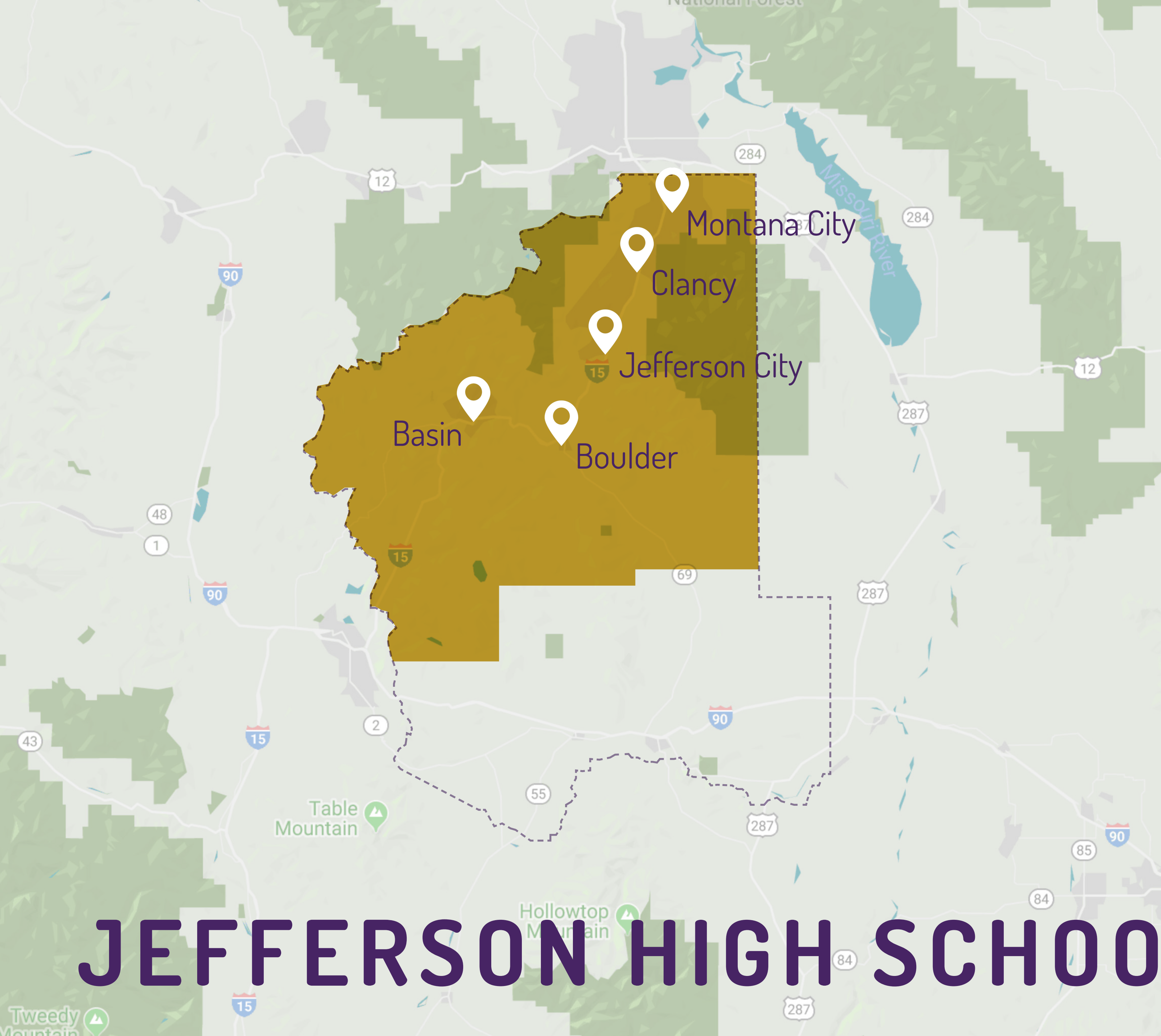
## Report Update - July 16, 2019

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# AGENDA

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1. Introduction & Background
2. Staff Questionnaire
3. Community Meetings
4. Community Survey
5. Demographic Studies
6. Conclusion



# Purpose of Studies

Staff Questionnaire

Student Questionnaire

Community Meetings

Community Survey

Demographic Study

# JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

# PROCESS SCHEDULE

## **Staff Questionnaire**

- April 2, 2019 - May 6, 2019

## **Community Survey (Online & Paper Surveys)**

Hosted by SurveyMonkey.com

- April 22, 2019 - May 21, 2019 = 4 weeks total

## **Demographic Studies**

- May 21, 2019 - June 30, 2019

## **Report Compilation**

- May 21, 2019 - July 16, 2019





# COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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**May 6  
6 pm**

**MONTANA CITY RESIDENTS:** Montana City School, 11 McClellan Creek Rd., Montana City

**May 7  
6 pm**

**CLANCY + JEFFERSON CITY RESIDENTS:** Clancy School, 18 Clancy Creek Rd., Clancy

**May 13  
6:30 pm**

**BOULDER + BASIN RESIDENTS:** Jefferson High School, 312 S. Main Street, Boulder





# STAFF QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. What are the **biggest challenges** to Jefferson High School District #1, in your opinion?
2. What **challenges does the geography** of Jefferson High School District #1 have? What **opportunities**?
3. What do you want to see for the **future** of the Jefferson High School District #1? What does the District 'look like' in 5, 10, 20 years and beyond?
4. Describe your overall **impression of Jefferson High's facilities**, both interior and exterior:
5. Does your **space**, in its current state, **enhance, hamper or not affect** your ability to deliver or **support education** of Jefferson High School District #1 students?
6. What areas of the existing Jefferson High School **facilities** do you feel are a great **asset**?
7. What areas of the **existing school facilities** do you feel create a **challenge** to delivering a high quality education to Jefferson High's student's?
8. If you could **change one thing** about the **school's facilities**, what would that be?



# STAFF QUESTIONNAIRE

9. What's one thing regarding the existing building that you feel is **unique** to Jefferson High and you would **never want to change**?

10. What is your overall opinion regarding **student and staff security/ safety** within the existing building/ facilities?

11. From your point of view, what does the **community** of Jefferson High School District #1 **value most about the school**? What do they think is **lacking**?

12. What **opportunities** at Jefferson High School do **students** get that they **cannot at other schools**?

13. What **opportunities** are **lacking** for Jefferson High School students?

14. In your opinion, **why don't we 'capture' all of our in-district students**? Why do they choose to attend high school elsewhere?

15. Do you feel **Jefferson High School students are prepared for 'life after high school'**, whether it is career ready or secondary education opportunities?





# STAFF QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

## OPPORTUNITIES

### • COMMUNITY OF SCHOOL

- Small size
- Community enjoys theater & athletics
- Small town feel
- Personalized, 1:1 education
- Some feel location in middle of county is good

### • CONDITION OF BUILDING

- Kept clean

### • OVERALL POSITIVE ASPECTS

- Technology good
- CTE
- Theater Program

- 2 Gyms Beneficial

- Nice Library

- Outdoor classrooms

- 4-Day school week

- Number/size of general classrooms

- Mixed feeling that students are well prepared for life ahead

- Mixed reviews that advanced programs adequate

### • SAFETY & SECURITY

- Feels secure

- Good community

- Could use one-point-of-entry



# STAFF QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

## CHALLENGES

- **COMMUNITY OF SCHOOL**

- Small size

- **CONDITION OF BUILDING**

- General need of upgrades, new finishes
- landscaping needs work
- tennis, track upgrades needed
- cafeteria needs updates

- **SAFETY & SECURITY**

- Could use one-point-of-entry

- **GENERAL EDUCATION**

- Storage
- Size/equipment in Science Labs
- Dedicated theater space
- Difficult to access art
- No dedicated computer lab for testing
- mixed feeling that students are well prepared for life ahead
- mixed reviews that advanced programs adequate
- availability of housing
- competitive staff wages
- uncertain enrollment





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# MONTANA CITY RESPONSES:

## CHALLENGES

- Location of Jefferson High School
- Parents work in Helena
- Perceived Hazard of Boulder Hill
- Concern over time spent traveling
- Convenience of Helena / many friends go
- Availability of other opportunities in Helena
- Sports facilities
- Perception of JHS
- Need school where the population is
- Update facilities

## OPPORTUNITIES

- Popular Band/Drama
- Opportunities to play multiple sports
- Outdoors, rural, nature, family
- District should improve communication regarding course offerings and extracurriculars
- Interest in AP/dual-credit/trade fairs
- 4-day week



## CLANCY / JEFFERSON CITY RESPONSES:

### CHALLENGES

- Facilities over-utilized
- Security of modulars, entrance
- Dated, tired facilities
- Convenience of Helena
- What if Helena closed district?
- Signage
- Sports facilities
- Busing students will become more expensive
- Cultural differences

### OPPORTUNITIES

- District communication
- Utilize mainstream media, such as the Helena IR
- Many like the small town feel
- Many prefer Class B size
- Choice of smaller vs. larger school



## BOULDER / BASIN: RESPONSES:

### CHALLENGES

- Perception + reputation of school
- Modifications/upgrades may be necessary
- Verify population growth projections before modifying building
- Make salary competitive to attract staff
- Building signage

### OPPORTUNITIES

- Pride for community and small-town feel
- Like the 4-day school week
- Good technology
- Like the small class size
- Expand Culinary Arts
- Some believe facilities are well cared for
- Expand band/theater





# COMMUNITY SURVEY

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**Q1**

**BIGGEST  
CHALLENGES  
TO JEFFERSON  
HIGH SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #1**

**Q2**

**CHALLENGES/  
OPPORTUNITIES  
OF GEOGRAPHY  
OF JEFFERSON  
HIGH SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #1**

**Q3**

**FUTURE OF THE  
JEFFERSON HIGH  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
#1? WHAT DOES  
THE DISTRICT  
'LOOK LIKE' IN  
5,10,20 YEARS?**

**Q4**

**IMPRESSION  
OF INTERIOR  
AND EXTERIOR  
FACILITIES**

**Q5**

**WHAT INFLUENCE  
THEIR DECISION TO  
ATTEND HIGH SCHOOL  
OUT OF DISTRICT?  
HOW CAN JEFFERSON  
HIGH SCHOOL  
CAPTURE MORE?**

**Q6**

**PROJECTING  
JEFFERSON  
COUNTY'S  
POPULATION TO  
GROW BY 59.2%  
BY 2030, DO YOU  
BELIEVE THAT  
JEFFERSON HIGH  
SCHOOL IS IN NEED  
OF EXPANDING?**

## **Community Survey (Online & Paper Surveys)**

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# Q1

**BIGGEST  
CHALLENGES  
TO JEFFERSON  
HIGH SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #1**

**30%**  
**LOCATION/  
DISTANCE/  
TRAVEL**  
*93 PEOPLE*

**12%**  
**STUDENTS  
GOING OUT OF  
DISTRICT**  
*37 PEOPLE*

**11%**  
**LACK SCHOOL  
OFFERINGS**  
*34 PEOPLE*



# Q2

CHALLENGES/  
OPPORTUNITIES  
OF GEOGRAPHY  
OF JEFFERSON  
HIGH SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #1

41%  
BOULDER  
HILL/TRAVEL  
*127 PEOPLE*

16.8%  
ENJOY SMALL  
SCHOOL /  
COMMUNITY  
*52 PEOPLE*

9.7%  
SIZE OF  
DISTRICT  
*30 PEOPLE*

OPPORTUNITY



# Q3

FUTURE OF THE  
JEFFERSON HIGH  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
#1? WHAT DOES  
THE DISTRICT  
'LOOK LIKE' IN  
5,10,20 YEARS?

9.1%  
EXPAND  
CURRENT  
FACILITIES  
*28 PEOPLE*

7.8%  
IMPROVE  
PROGRAMS /  
STAFF  
*24 PEOPLE*

7.4%  
NORTH  
CAMPUS  

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DIVERSIFY  
CURRICULUM  
*33 PEOPLE EA.*



# Q4

IMPRESSION  
OF INTERIOR  
AND EXTERIOR  
FACILITIES

23.3%  
UPDATE  
FACILITIES  
*72 PEOPLE*

16.2%  
OLD / DATED  
*50 PEOPLE*

15.9%  
ADEQUATE /  
FAIR  
*49 PEOPLE EA.*

# Q5

WHAT INFLUENCE  
THEIR DECISION TO  
ATTEND HIGH SCHOOL  
OUT OF DISTRICT?  
HOW CAN JEFFERSON  
HIGH SCHOOL  
CAPTURE MORE?

**59.5%**  
**LOCATION**  
*184 PEOPLE*

**36.9%**  
**EXTRACURRICULAR  
ACTIVITIES**  
*114 PEOPLE*

**33%**  
**CURRICULUM  
OPPORTUNITIES**  
*102 PEOPLE*

# Q6

PROJECTING JEFFERSON COUNTY'S  
POPULATION TO GROW BY 59.2%  
BY 2030, DO YOU BELIEVE THAT  
JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL IS IN NEED  
OF EXPANDING?

57.9%  
YES  
*179 PEOPLE*

23.0%  
NO  
*71 PEOPLE*



## GENERAL NOTES RE: COMMUNITY SURVEY DATA:

- Some people think that the student body is **growing** while others believe it is **declining**.
- Some **like** the **small town setting** while others feel it is a **problem**.
- Some **feel the school is diverse** while others feel it **needs to become more diverse**
- Some feel as if **JHS is a larger class B school** and is **growing**, while others feel as if it is **declining** and will soon possibly be a **class C school**.
- Seems like there is a large **rift between the North and South** ends of the County, this seems to stem from a multitude of items, such as **geography, socioeconomic status, job locations**, and generally deciding on issues.
- There were quite a few people who were concerned about the impact that **EHHS** would have on the 59.2% growth rate projection – and were hesitant to make any conclusions until sometime had gone by with that school in place.
- There also seems to be the sense that **teachers** at the primary level in the district **encourage their students to go to HHS and not JHS**
- A lot of **doubt about the projection** listed in Q8 (that it's too high or inaccurate)
- A lot of comments about the **hill being dangerous**
- Several people think that **HHS representatives** (counselors, coaches) should no **longer be allowed to recruit** in the county





## POTENTIAL COURSES OF ACTION:

- **Better communication**, use of an email or text system to keep parents informed of changing and current plans. Possibly send out a weekly or monthly newsletter of the events and activities the school is involved in.
- **Advertise and promote Jefferson High School** heavily, especially in the northern part of the county. Need to let people know why JHS is a good place for students to go and let people realize what they offer.
- **Possibly update facilities**, such as the track, removing modular buildings, safety and security updates, etc. allowing for JHS to host more events, be a safer school and provide proper educational spaces inside of the main building.





# STUDENT SURVEY

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# Q1

**BIGGEST  
CHALLENGES  
TO JEFFERSON  
HIGH SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #1**

**35.9%**  
**LOCATION**  
*14 STUDENTS*

**15.4%**  
**# OF  
STUDENTS**  
**SCHOOL SIZE**  
*6 STUDENTS*

**15.4%**  
**STAFF**  
*6 STUDENTS*



# Q2

CHALLENGES/  
OPPORTUNITIES  
OF GEOGRAPHY  
OF JEFFERSON  
HIGH SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #1

69.2%  
BOULDER HILL/  
LOCATION  
*27 STUDENTS*

12.9%  
NO  
CHALLENGES  
*5 STUDENTS*

# Q3

FUTURE OF THE  
JEFFERSON HIGH  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
#1? WHAT DOES  
THE DISTRICT  
'LOOK LIKE' IN  
5,10,20 YEARS?

33.3%  
GROWTH/  
EXPANSION  
*13 STUDENTS*

20.5%  
UPDATES/  
ADDITIONS/  
ETC.  
*8 STUDENTS*

15.4%  
UPDATES TO  
ATHLETICS  
*6 STUDENTS*





# Q4

IMPRESSION  
OF INTERIOR  
AND EXTERIOR  
FACILITIES

41%  
NEED  
IMPROVEMENTS  
*16 STUDENTS*

23.1%  
OUTDATED  
*9 STUDENTS*

20.5%  
GOOD/FINE  
*8 STUDENTS*

# Q5

WHAT INFLUENCE  
THEIR DECISION  
TO ATTEND HIGH  
SCHOOL OUT OF  
DISTRICT? HOW CAN  
JEFFERSON HIGH  
SCHOOL CAPTURE  
MORE?

41%  
DISTANCE/  
LOCATION  
*16 STUDENTS*

33.3%  
DIFFERENCE  
IN SPORTS/  
FACILITIES  
*13 STUDENTS*

28.2%  
SIZE OF  
SCHOOL  
*11 STUDENTS*



# Q6

PROJECTING JEFFERSON COUNTY'S  
POPULATION TO GROW BY 59.2%  
BY 2030, DO YOU BELIEVE THAT  
JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL IS IN NEED  
OF EXPANDING?

84.6%  
YES

*33 STUDENTS*

10.3%  
NO

*4 PEOPLE*



# DEMOGRAPHICS

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## ECONOMICS:

- Affordability Gap: New families with less income cannot afford to purchase homes in Jefferson County. Also, new families cannot find quality rentable housing in the area. **This may cause families with children to relocate to a different county or area or to not move to the area.**
- Aging Population: 25% of **Jefferson County's population will be over 65** (projected by 2022). This aging population is not currently selling or renting homes in the county. They also rarely have children of school attendance age. Lewis and Clark County is projected to be 21% by 2022.

**4.4%**  
VACANT RENTALS  
JEFFERSON COUNTY  
2018

**MONTANA HAS  
6% VACANT  
RENTALS, PER  
THE U.S. CENSUS  
BUREAU.**

**25%**  
AGE 65+ PROJECTED  
BY 2022





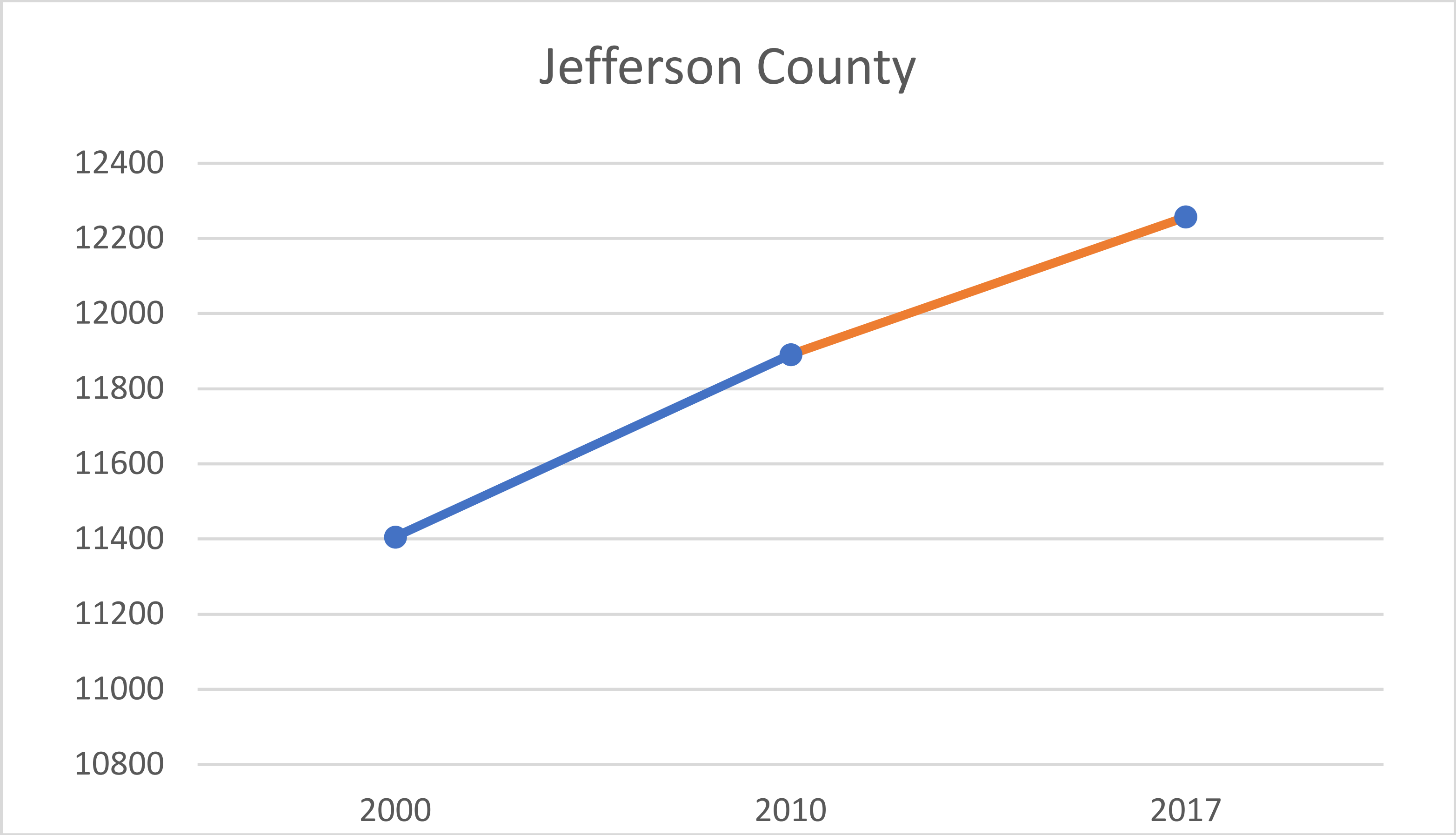
# POPULATION GROWTH:

- Population Growth: **Most of the growth in Jefferson County is focused on the north end, close to Lewis & Clark County and Helena.** Growth has been zero or negative in Boulder and other towns in Jefferson County south of Jefferson City. Data would indicate that these trends will continue in the future.

Population Growth	2000	2010	2017	# Change	% Change	Linear Projection 2022*
Jefferson County	10,054	11,406	11,891	1,837	15.4%	12,257
Boulder	1,300	1,183	1,248	52	-4.2 %	1,298
Montana City	2,068	2,715	2,878	810	28.1%	3,005
Clancy	1,472	1,661	1,714	242	14.1%	n/a
Jefferson City	309	472	654	345	52.8%	n/a
Whitehall	1044	1,038	1,122	78	7%	1,188
Remainder of County	n/a	6,470	6,643	173	2.7%	6,771

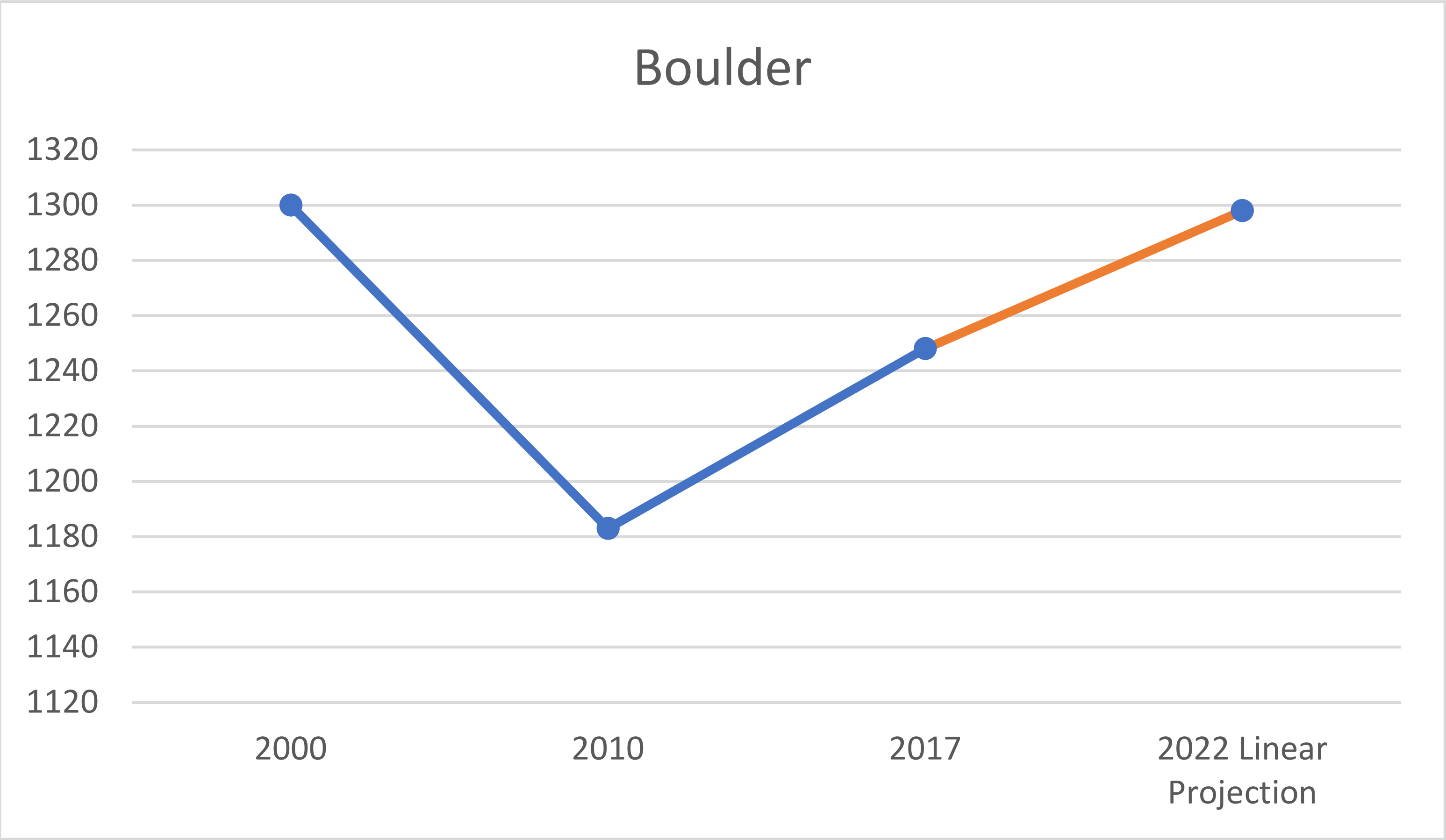
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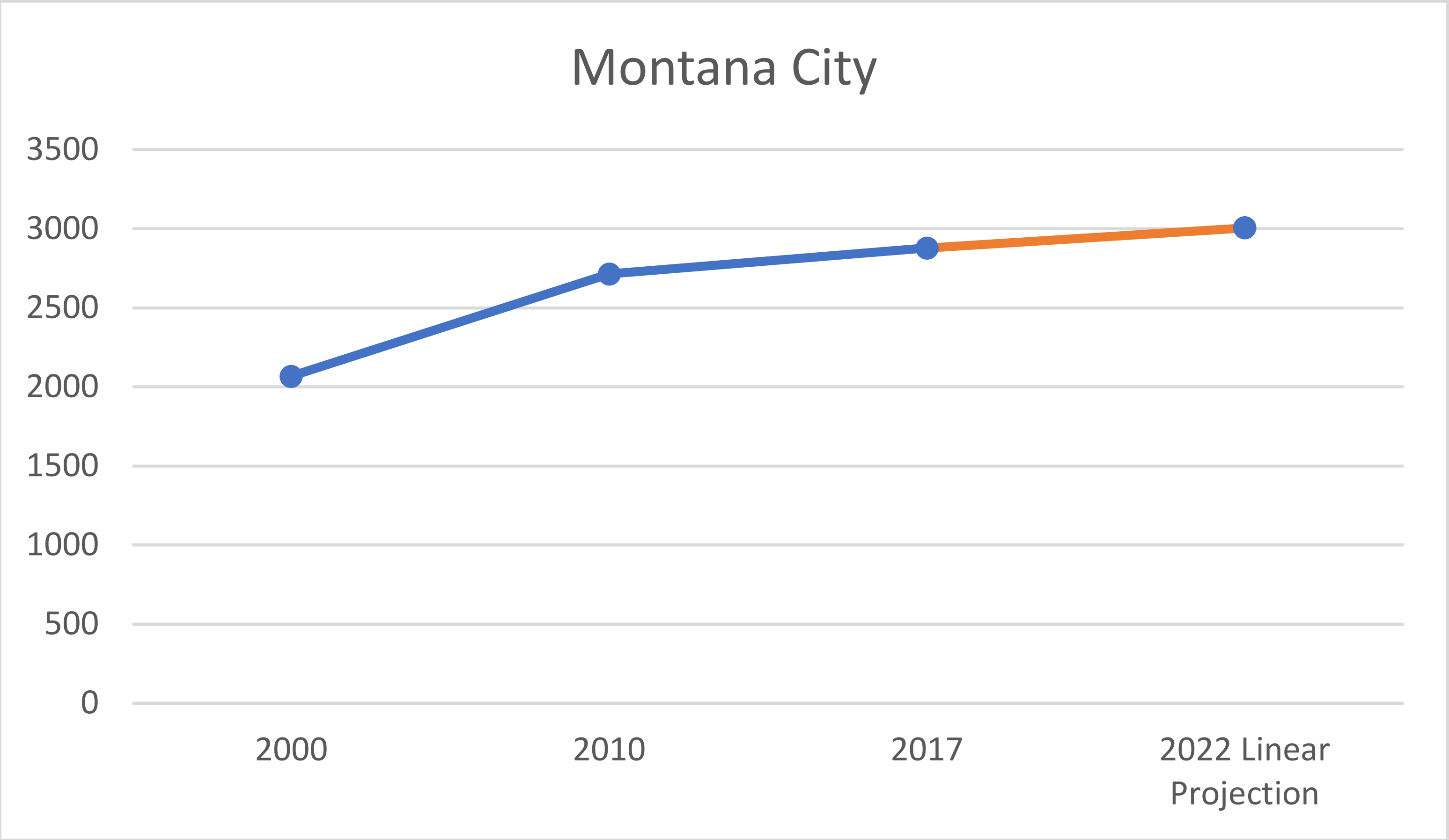


**15.4%**  
JEFFERSON COUNTY  
*+1837 PEOPLE*



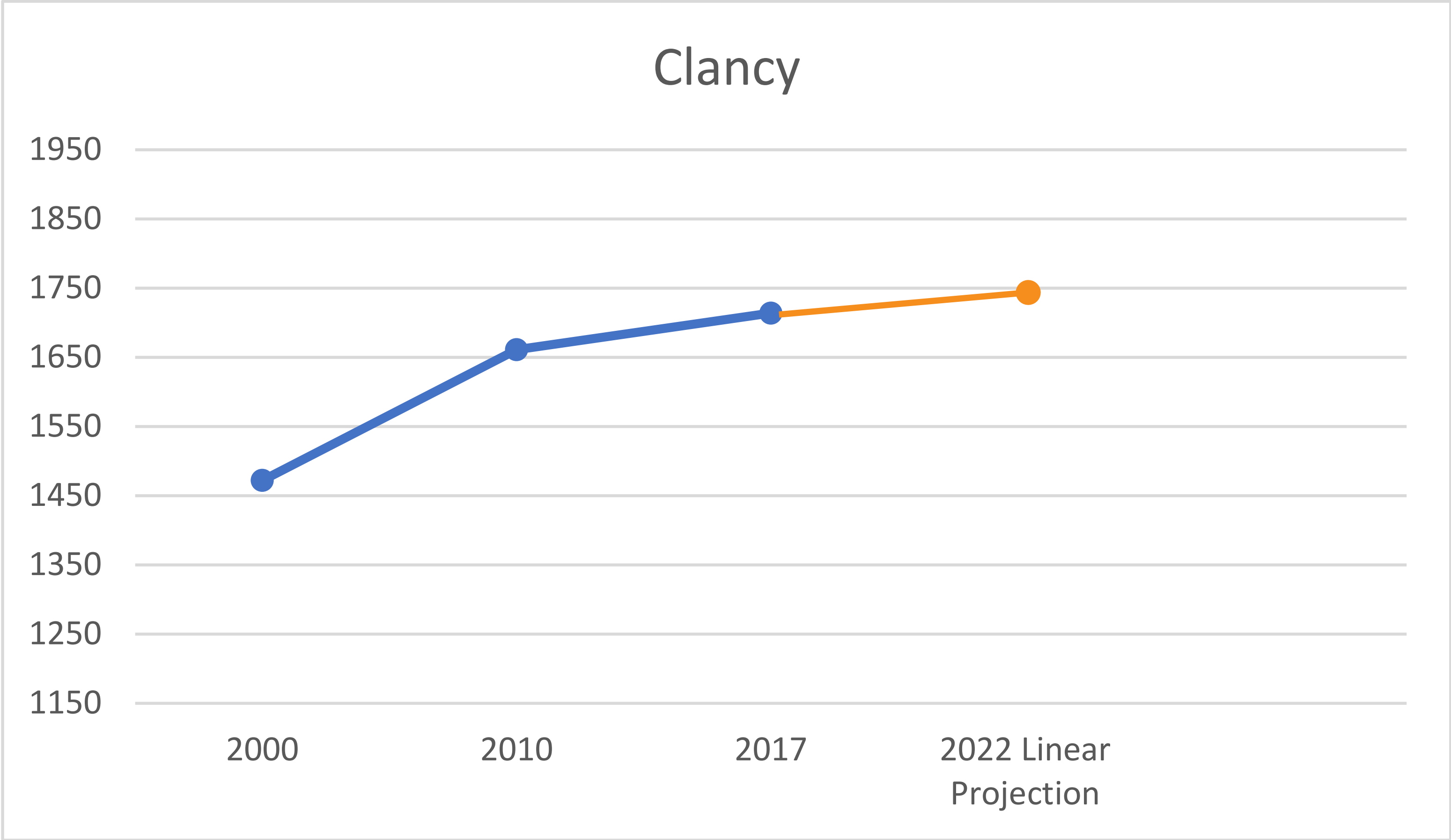


**-4.2%**  
**BOULDER**  
*-52 PEOPLE*



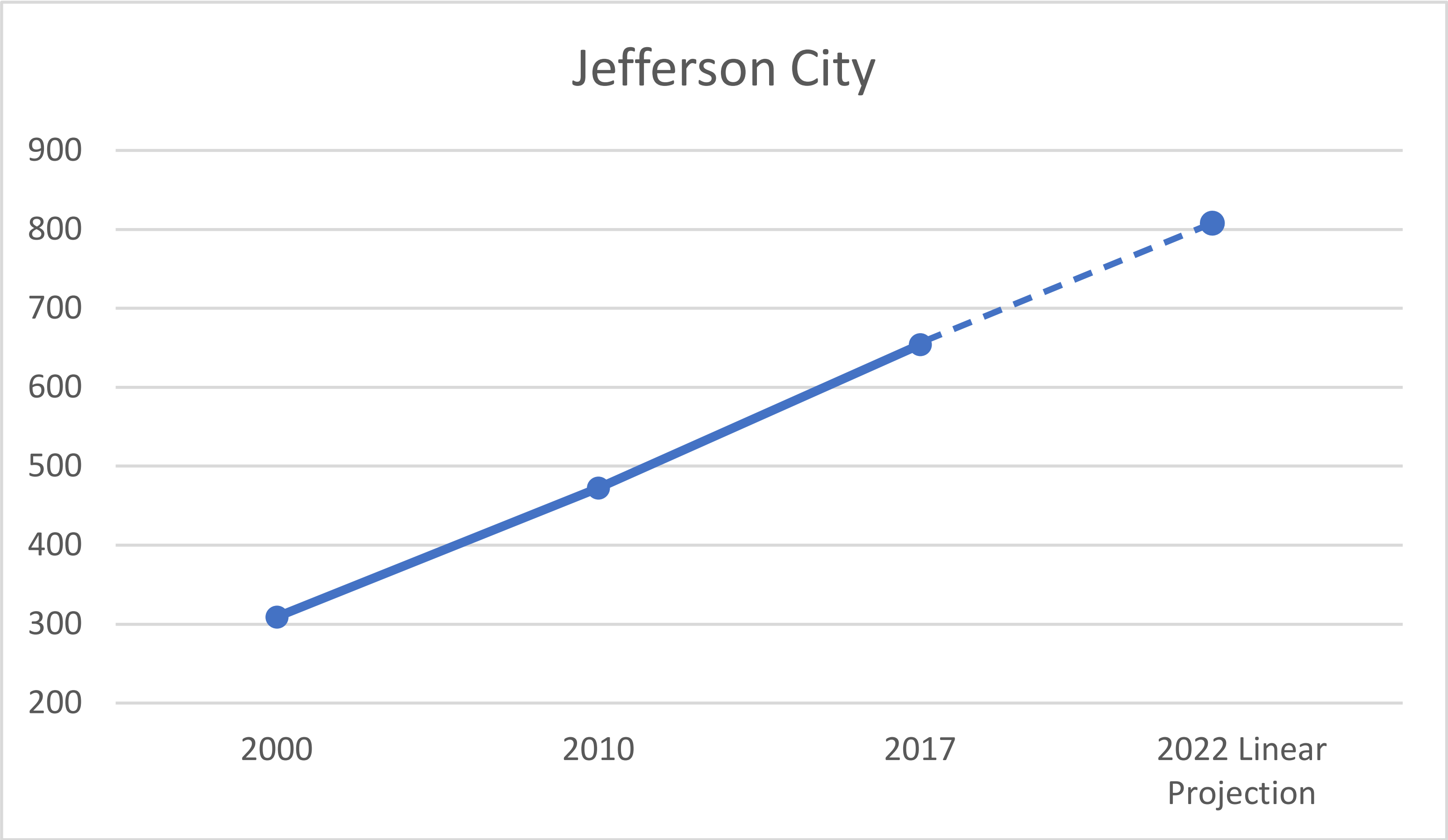
**28.1%**  
MONTANA CITY  
*+810 PEOPLE*





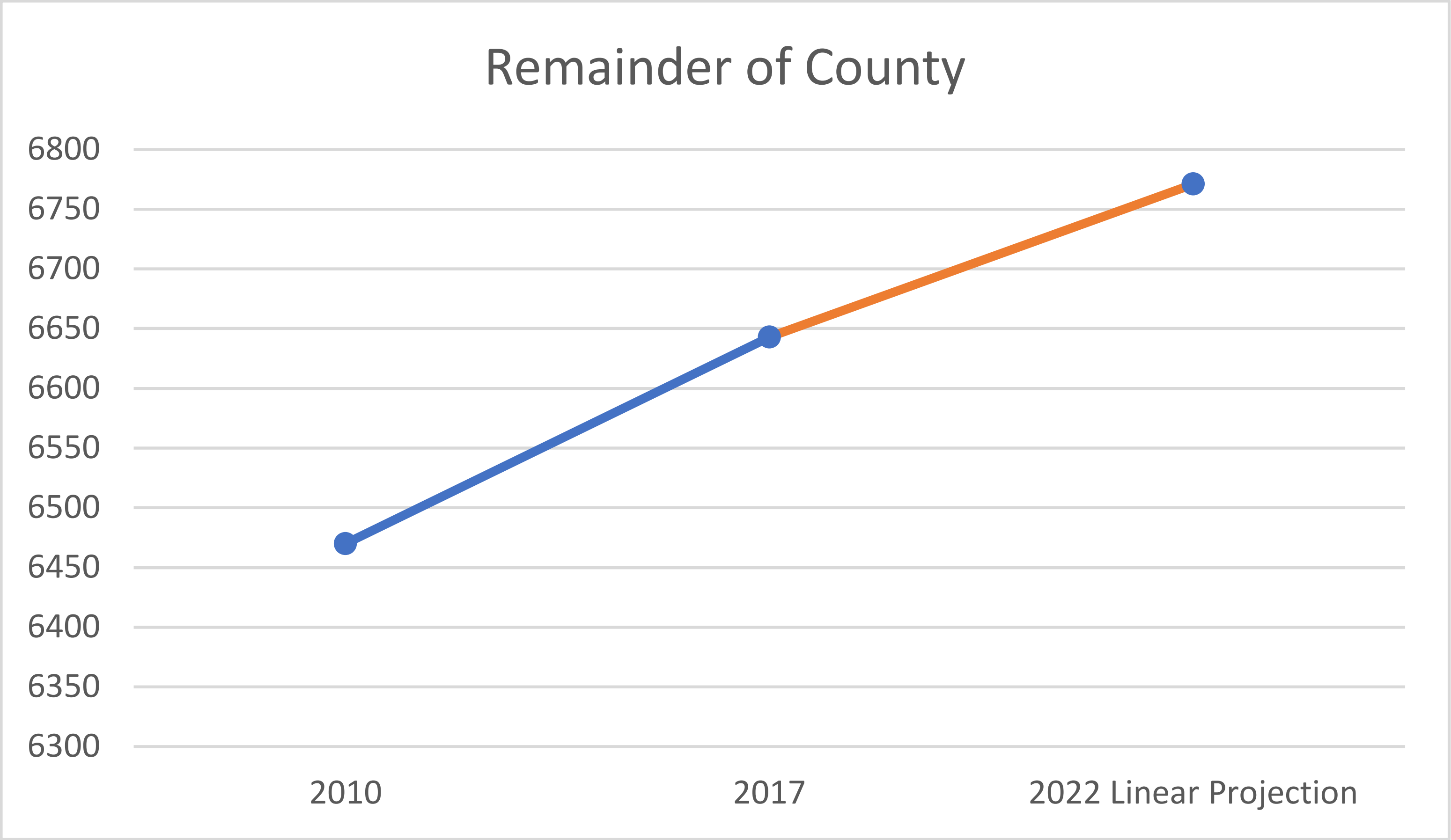
**14.1%**  
CLANCY  
*+242 PEOPLE*





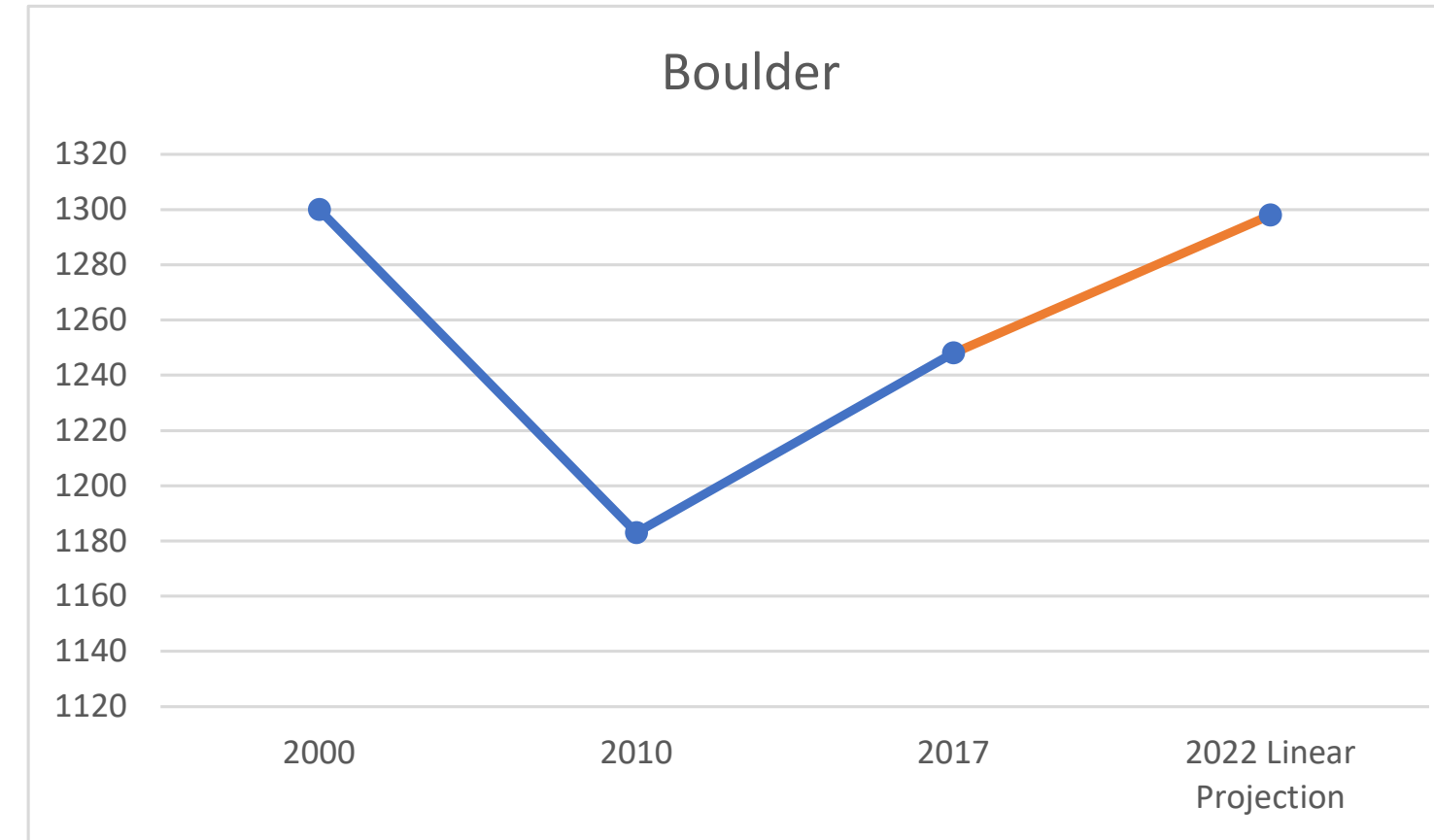
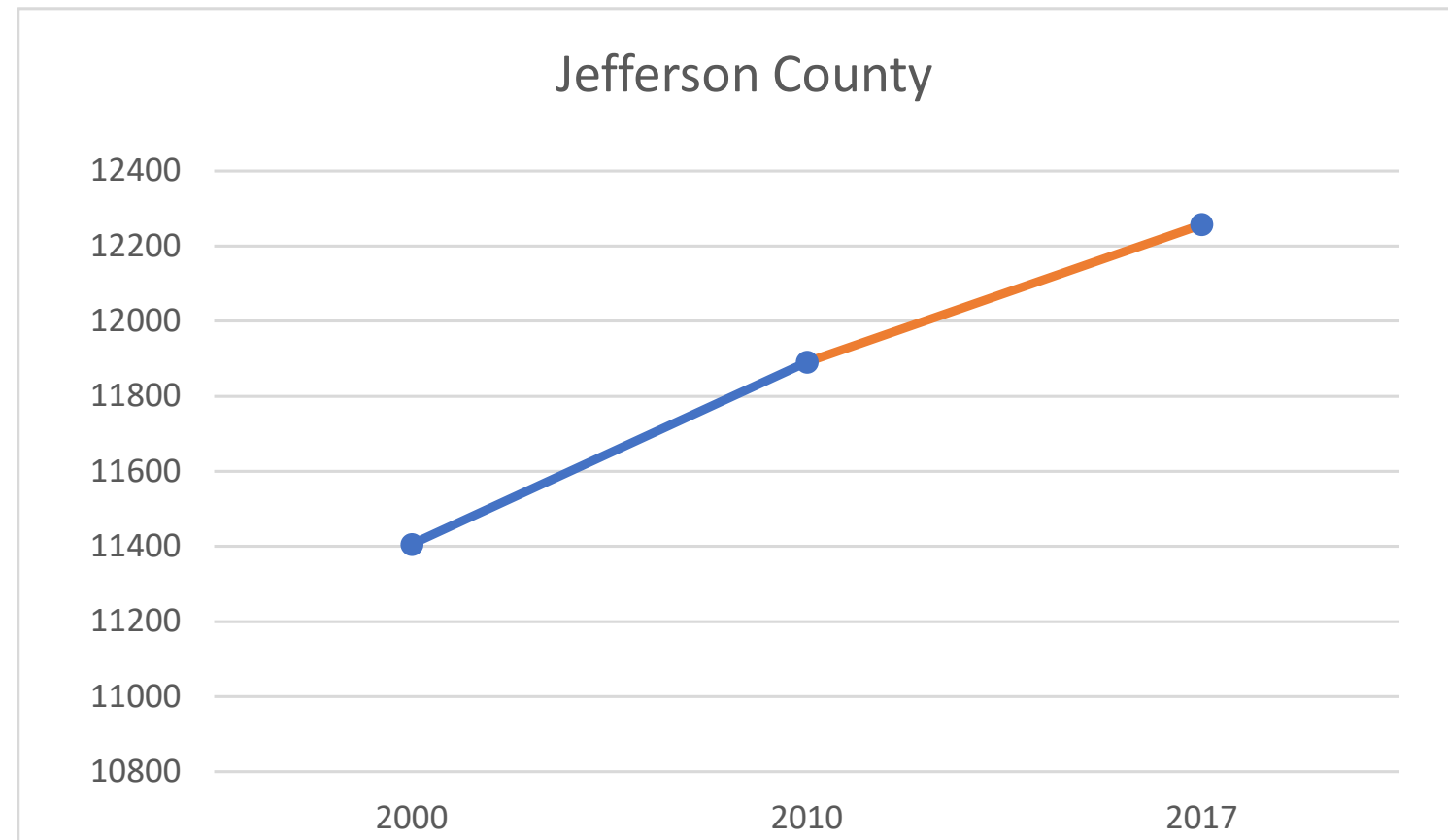
**52.8%**  
JEFFERSON CITY  
*+345 PEOPLE*



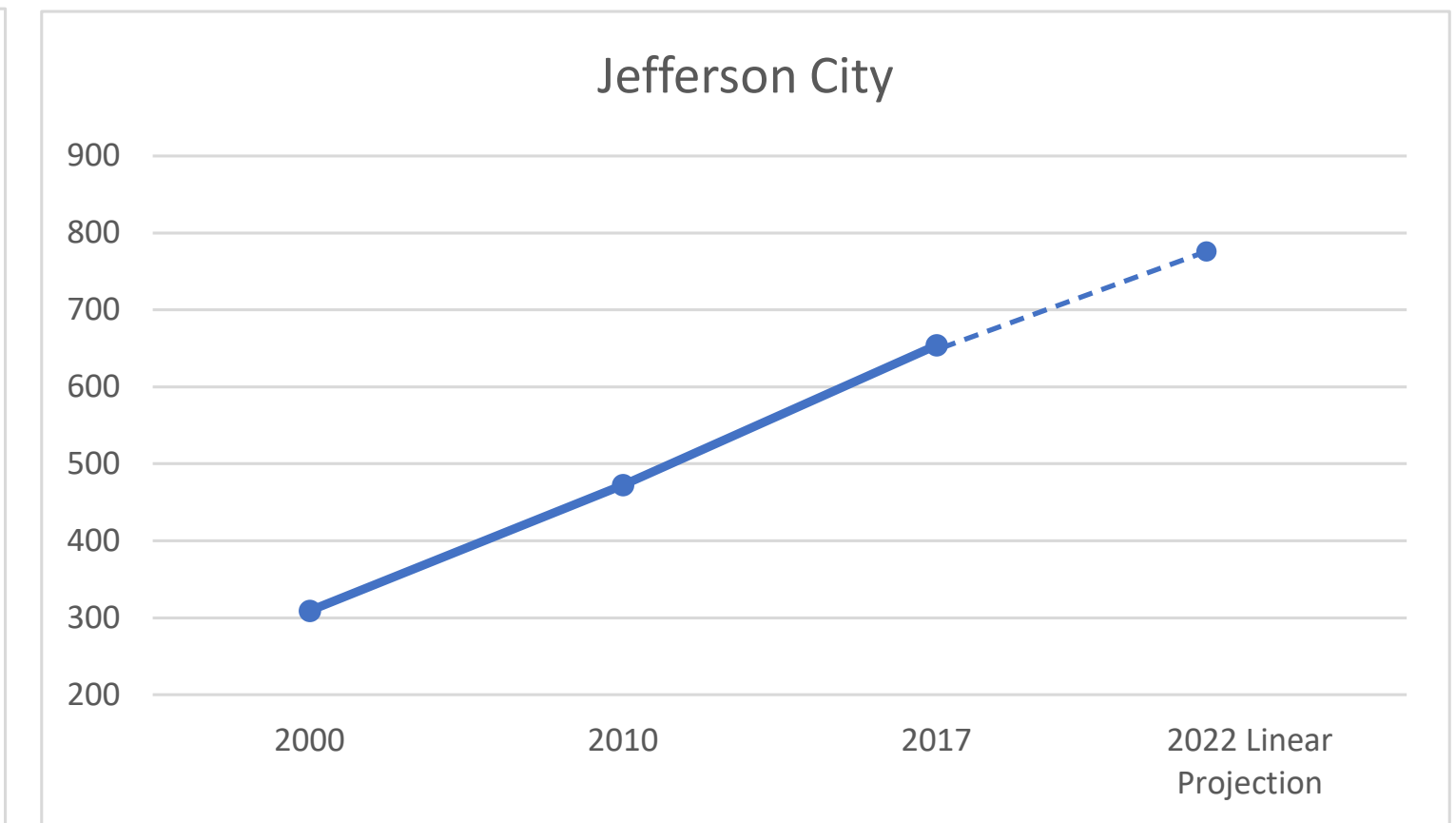
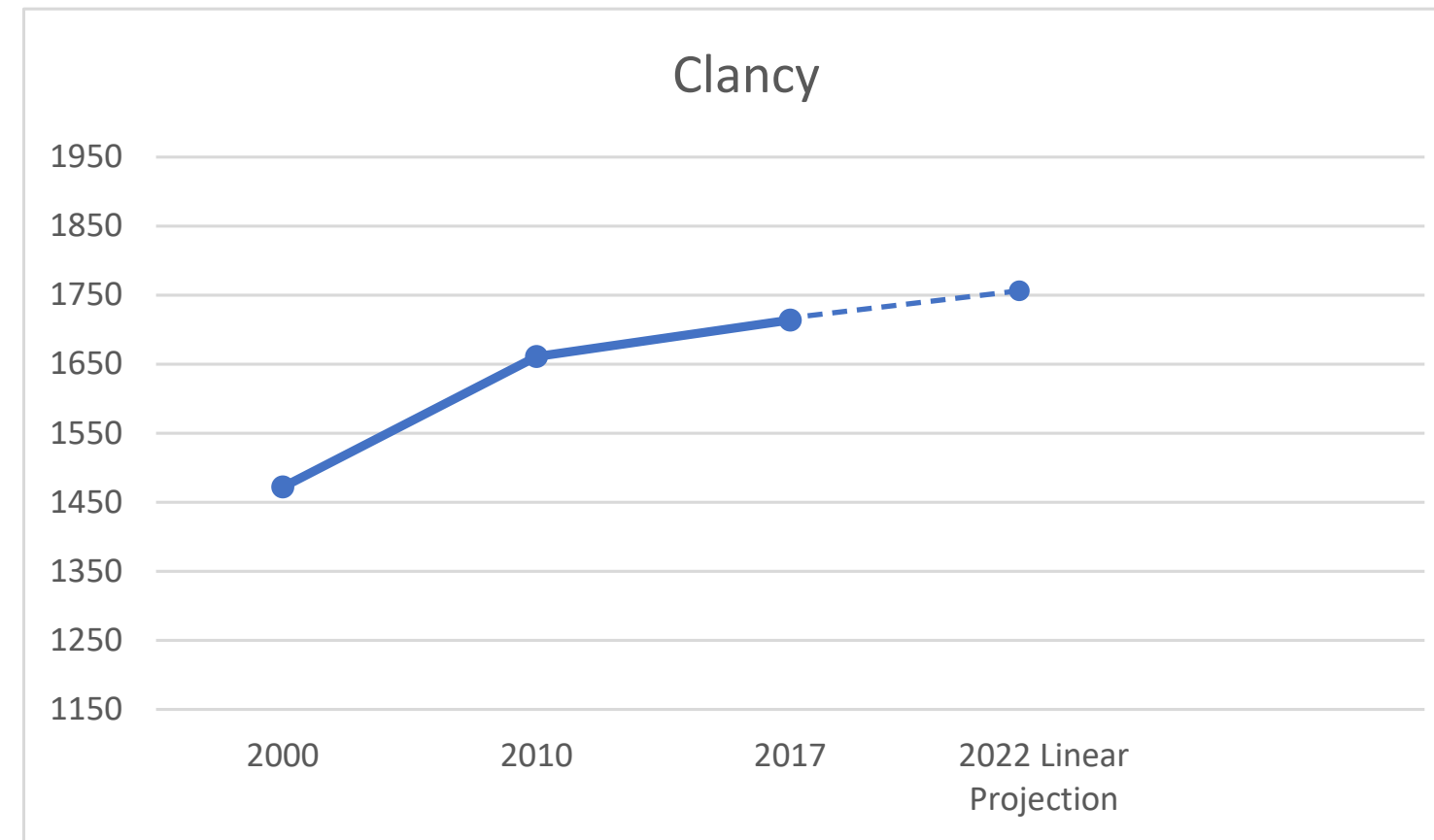
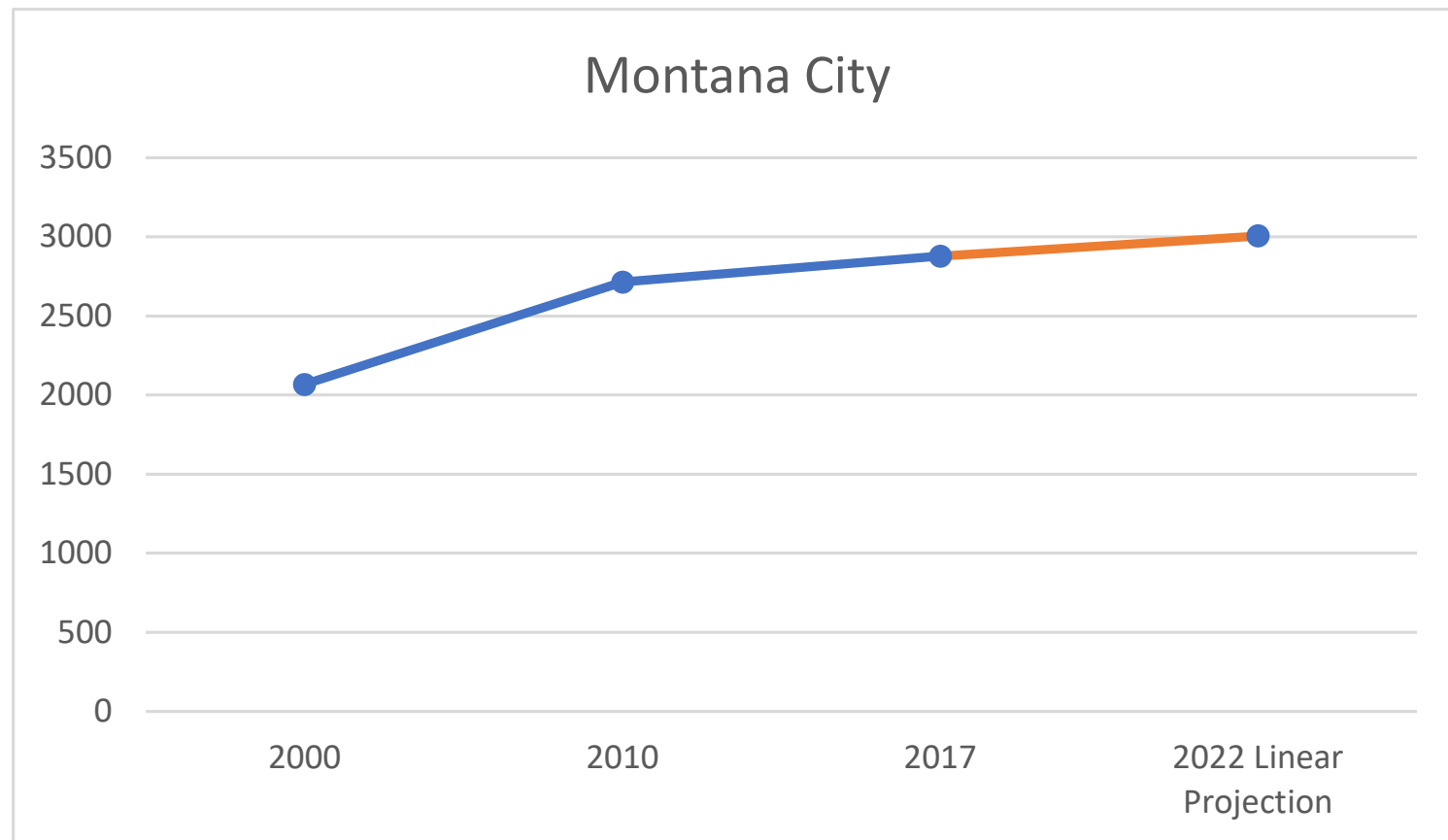


**2.7%**  
REST OF COUNTY  
*+173 PEOPLE*





**76.1%**  
OF JEFFERSON COUNTY'S  
GROWTH OCCURRED IN  
THE NORTH END  
*1397 PEOPLE+*



From 2000-2017, the following areas have seen increases in population.

**52.8%**  
JEFFERSON CITY  
*345 PEOPLE+*

**28.1%**  
MONTANA CITY  
*810 PEOPLE+*

**14.1%**  
CLANCY  
*242 PEOPLE+*

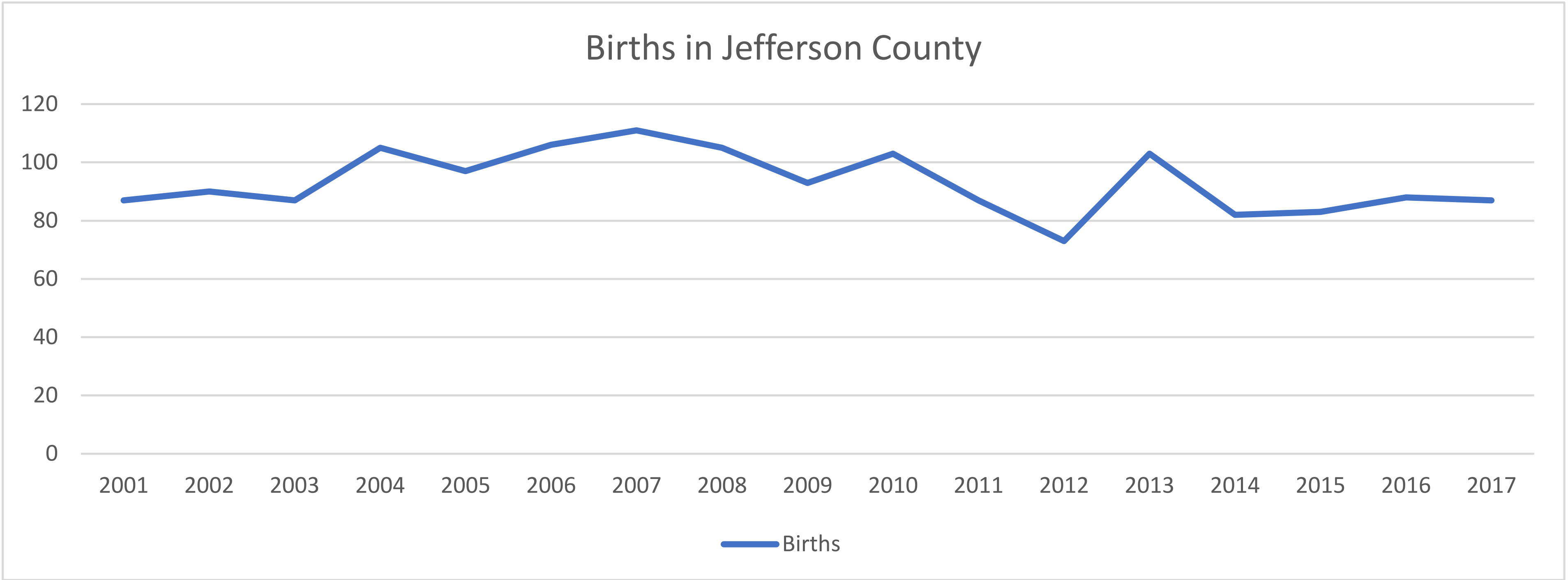
**15.4%**  
JEFFERSON COUNTY  
*1837 PEOPLE+*



# BIRTH RATES:

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Jefferson County	87	90	87	105	97	106	111	105	93	103	87	73	103	82	83	88	87

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census of the Population & American Community Survey (ACS)



93.3  
AVERAGE BIRTHS IN  
JEFFERSON COUNTY



# MEDIAN AGE / HOMEOWNERSHIP

## Household Characteristics

- The average household size was somewhat higher in Jefferson County which is representative of the higher percentage of family households in the County. Of note is that the average household size is significantly lower for households with individuals over age 65.

## Homeownership

Household Characteristics	Jefferson County
Total households	4,512
Family households	73.2%
Nonfamily households	26.8%
Households with individuals under 18 years	28.8%
Households with individuals 65 years and over	25.0%
Average household size	2.48
Average family size	2.90
Average household size with householder 65+*	1.54

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2012-2016

**25%**  
AGE 65+ PROJECTED  
BY 2022

**1.54**  
AVERAGE FAMILY SIZE  
AGE 65+

BY CONTRAST, LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY IS PROJECTED TO HAVE 23.6% OVER AGE 65. JEFFERSON COUNTY’S MEDIAN AGE IS 47.9 WHILE LEWIS & CLARK’S IS 41.2.





# MEDIAN AGE / HOMEOWNERSHIP

- Homeownership rates are the highest in Jefferson County compared to the rest of Montana, making finding rental opportunities more difficult.

## Projected New Households

	# Housing Units	% Owner-Occupied	% Renter Occupied
Jefferson County	5,042	84.5%	15.5%
Montana	491,439	67.2%	32.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2012-2016

- The following table is based on projected increase in number of households and factors such as homeowner rates and average household size. As indicated below, there is projected to be a significant demand for new housing over the next five years. Additionally, the percentage of households with persons age 65 and over will comprise one-third of the households in Lewis and Clark County and be equal to about 40% of the households in both Broadwater and Jefferson County.

	Jefferson County
Total Households – 2016*	4,512
Projected Households – 2022**	4,707
Projected Increase in Households (2016-2022)	195
# Increase in Renter Households (2016-2022)***	30
# Increase in Homeowners (2016-2022)***	165
Total Households Age 65+ - 2016*	1,128
Total Households Age 65+ - 2022****	1,951

84.5%  
OWNER OCCUPIED  
JEFFERSON COUNTY

AGE 65+  
HOUSEHOLDS IS  
PROJECTED TO  
CONTINUE TO  
INCREASE

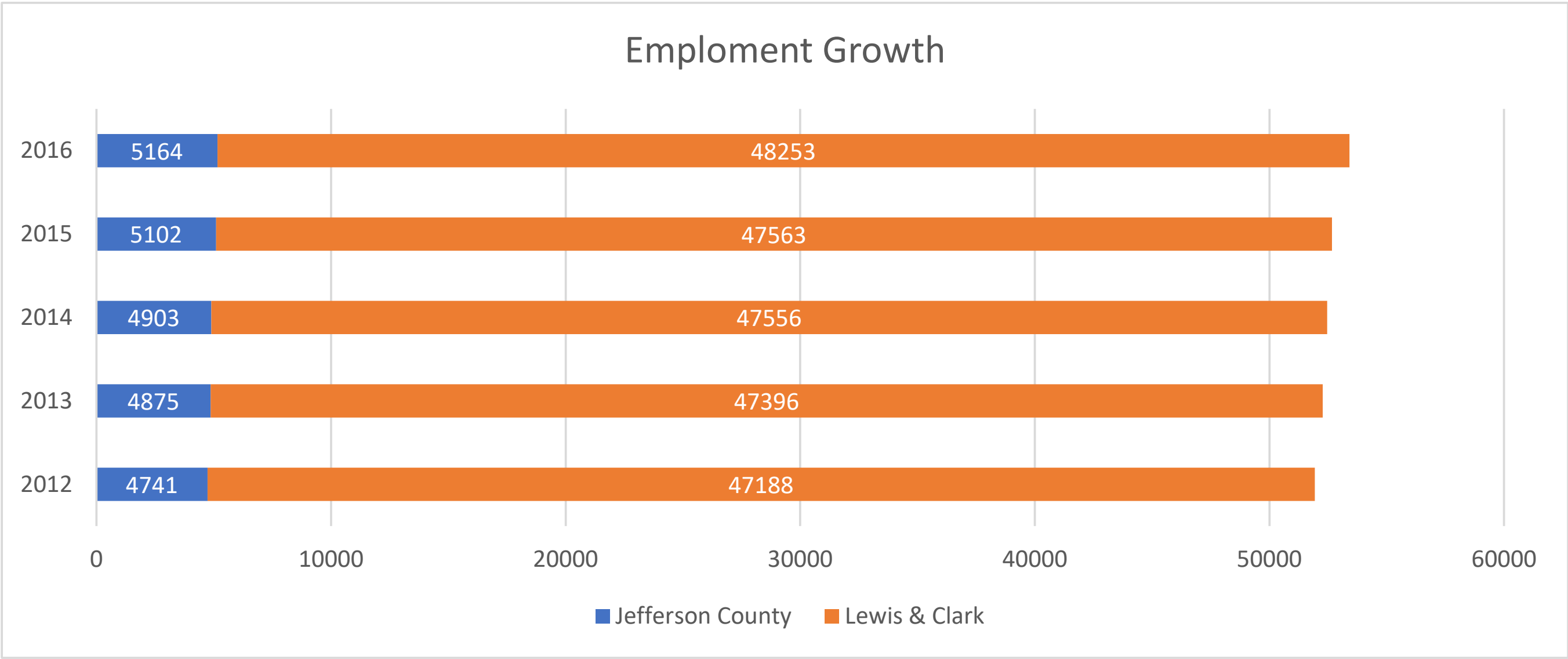


# EMPLOYMENT

## Employment Statistics

- As noted in the graph below, Jefferson County has experienced job growth over the last five years.
- However, statistics show that 60.3% of Jefferson County's workforce largely works outside of their county of residence.
- The largest employment industry of Jefferson County residents is Government. With Lewis and Clark County being the state capital housing government jobs, one can assume many in Jefferson County are employed in Lewis in Clark County.

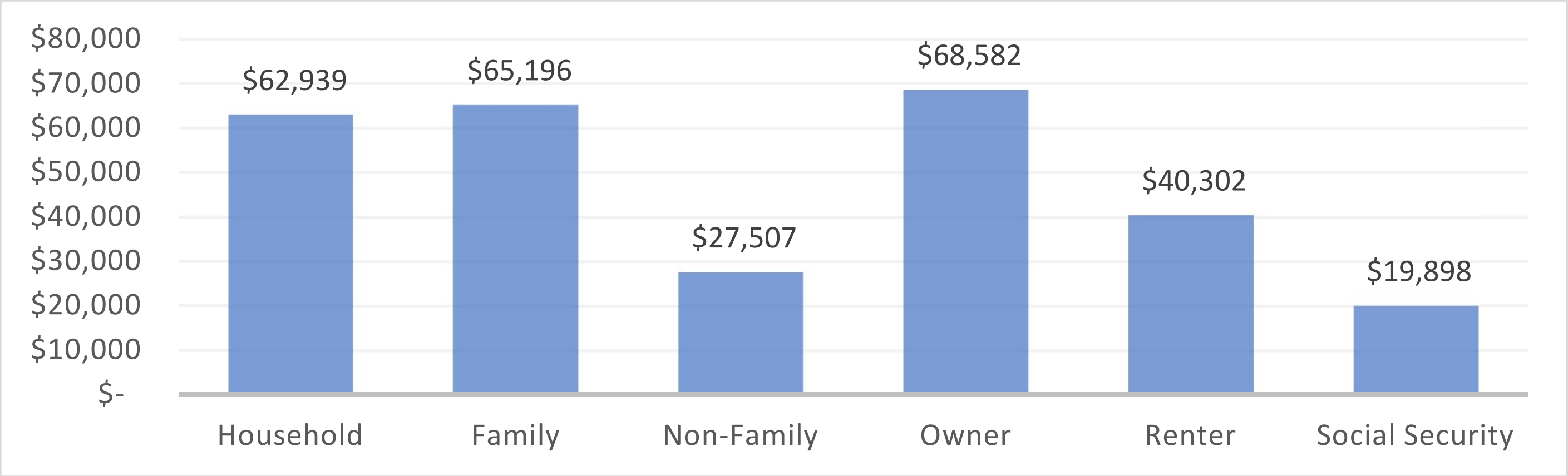
60.3%  
WORK OUTSIDE  
OF JEFFERSON  
COUNTY



Source: Montana Dept. of Labor & Industry, <http://lmi.mt.gov/Local-Area-Profiles> & U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012-2016 (Table B08130)



# INCOME



Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey, 2012-2016 (1) Incomes = Median incomes except for Social Security = Average income.

	Jefferson County
# of Households	4,468
Less than \$10,000	4.7%
\$10,000-14,999	2.9%
\$15,000-24,999	6.8%
\$25,000-34,999	9.8%
\$35,000-49,999	14.6%
\$50,000-74,999	19.3%
\$75,000-99,999	15.5%
\$100,000-149,000	16.7%
\$150,000-199,999	4.96%
\$200,000 or more	4.8%

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, American Community Survey, 2012-2016  
(1) Incomes = Median incomes except for Social Security = Average income.

\$51,620

MEDIAN INCOME  
OF JEFFERSON  
COUNTY

↑

HIGHER  
THAN L&C,  
BROADWATER  
COUNTIES

14.4%

MAKE LESS THAN  
\$24,0000/YEAR

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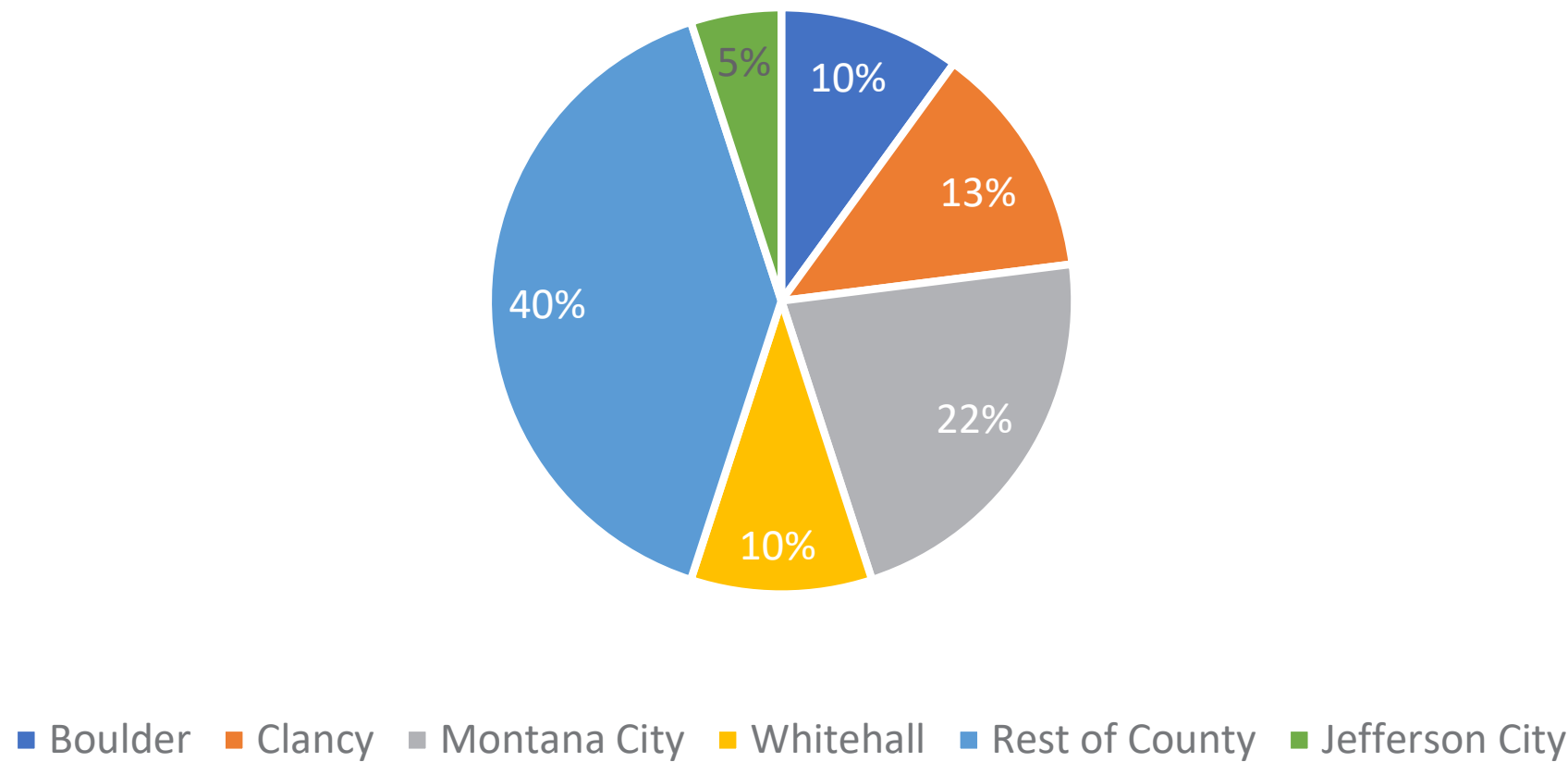
LOWEST  
PERCENTAGE OF  
LOW INCOME  
HOUSEHOLDS

LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY HAS **18%** MAKING LESS THAN \$24K/YEAR, WITH THE **MEDIAN INCOME STATEWIDE BEING \$48,380.**



# HOUSING IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

Housing Units in Jefferson County



ONLY **10%**  
HOUSING IN JEFFERSON  
COUNTY IS LOCATED IN  
BOULDER

**40%**  
HOUSING IN JEFFERSON  
COUNTY IS LOCATED IN  
THE NORTH END

## Vacancy Rates

	Housing Units	% Vacant Owner	% Vacant Rental
Jefferson County	5,042	1.4%	4.4%

## Housing Units in Jefferson County

	Total Housing Units	# SF	% SF	Duplex	Multi-Family	Mobile Homes
Jefferson County	5,042	4,238	84.1%	192	21	591
Boulder	498	333	66.9%	16	12	137
Montana City	1,084	994	91.7%	68	0	22
Clancy	662	613	92.6%	5	0	44
Whitehall	526	400	76.0%	53	9	54
Remainder	2,275	1,898	83.5%	50	0	334

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2012-2016

JEFFERSON CITY = 284 HOUSING UNITS





# CHALLENGES TO DEVELOPMENTS

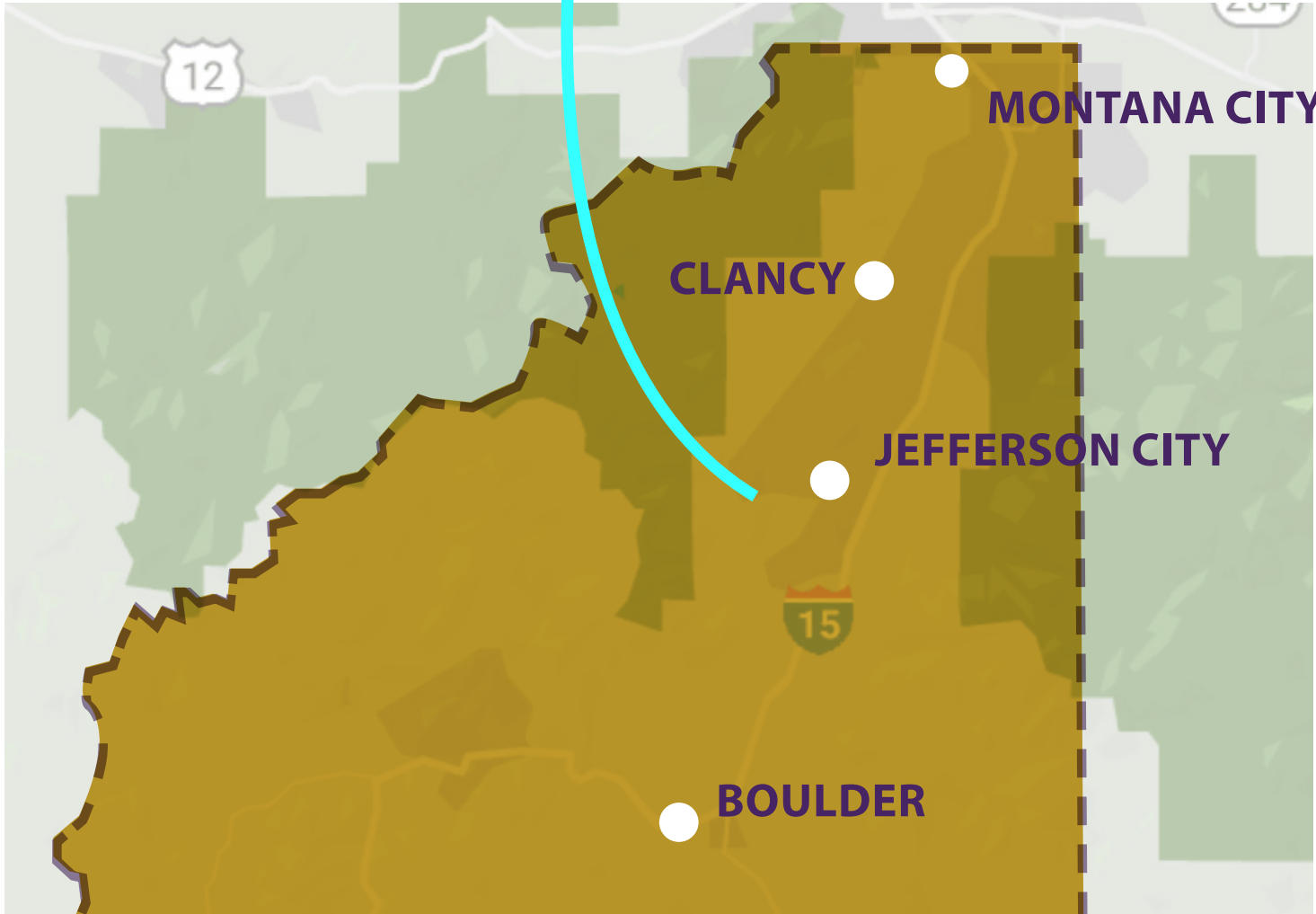
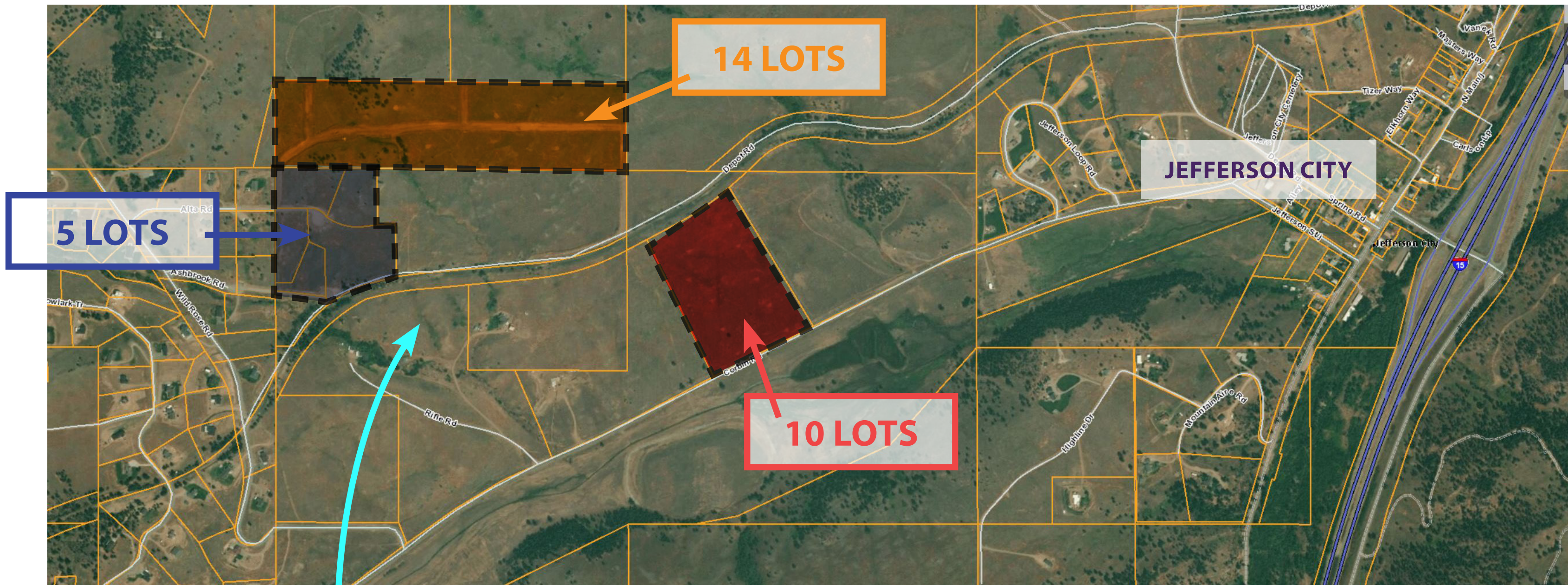
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- The Jefferson County zoning map was just completed. It provides zoning layouts that make it challenging to convert land use to single-family homes on affordable lots. **Most residential lots are already subdivided into the smallest lot sizes available per the Zoning map.**
- Most homes in the County are on well and septic systems. The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) **restricts the number of wells and septics per acre**, which means that new subdivisions and developments would have to create water supply systems and districts that would be expensive. As such, lot sizes are no smaller than 1-2 acres per DEQ standards.
- **Additional county growth is minimal.** Of the lots available, some are converted mining claims or larger pieces of land. The claims are sometimes remote and difficult to access, so the anticipated number of school age children is not significant.





# PLANNED SUBDIVISIONS



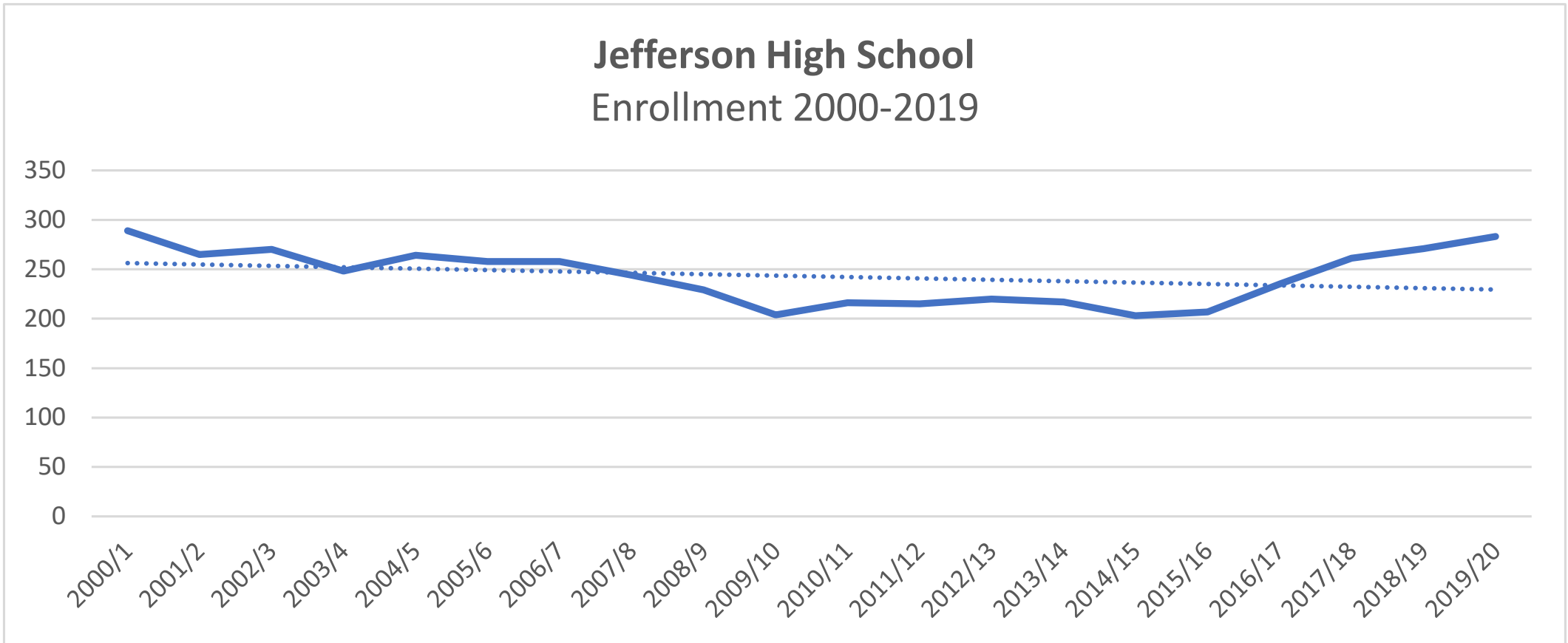
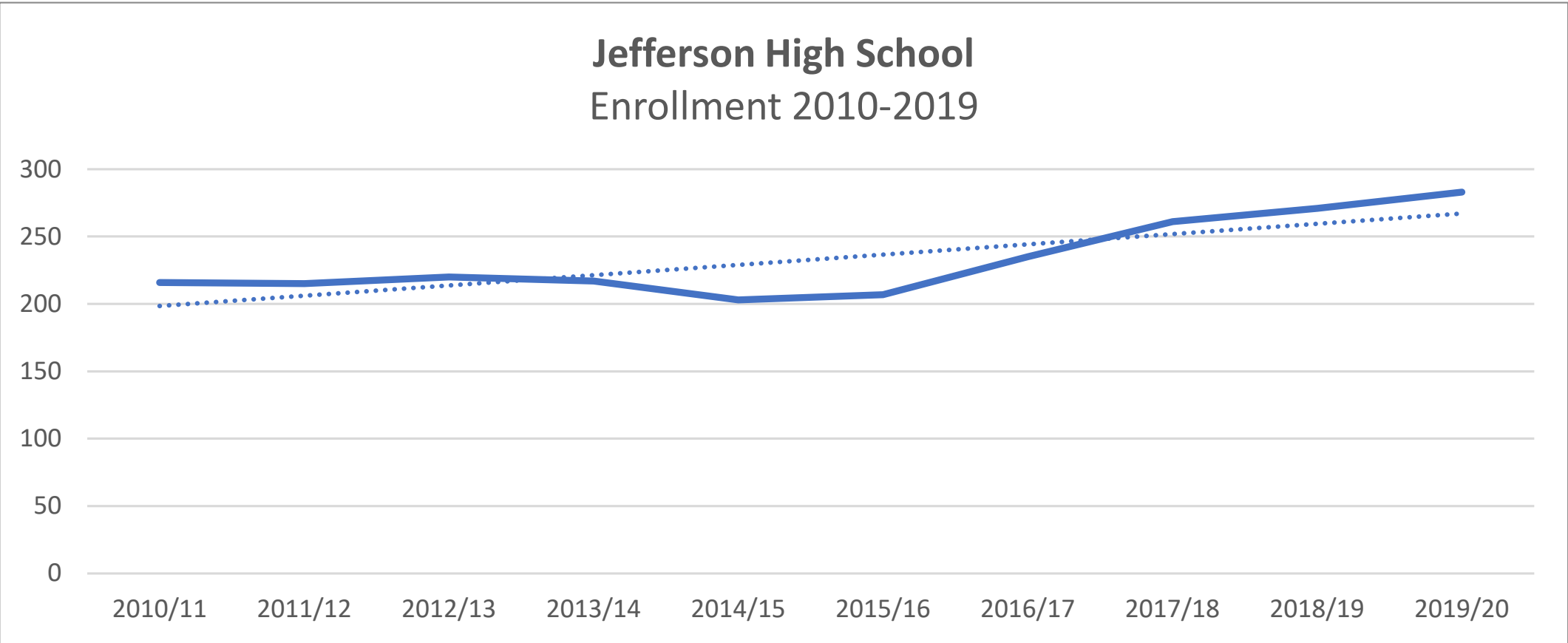
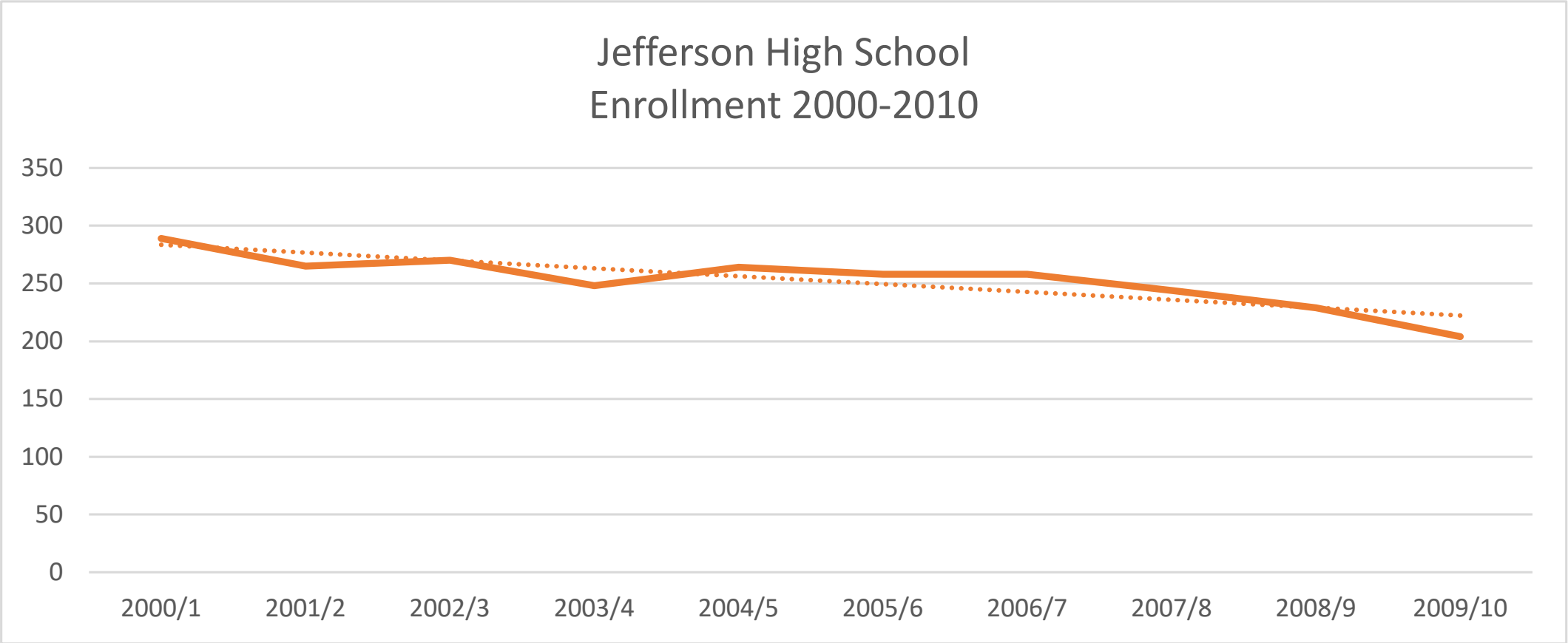
	Single-Family Homes Anticipated	Total Additional K-12 Students
Jefferson City Subdivisions	29	14.21
Current Trends on Additional Available Land	60.33	29.56
	Total Anticipated K-12 Students	43.77
	Average # Students per Grade	3.37/year

CALCULATIONS THAT 3.37 STUDENTS/YEAR WILL ENTER THE DISTRICT IS **HIGHLY UNLIKELY**, AND ALL LOTS WOULD HAVE TO BE PURCHASED AND BUILT IN THE SAME YEAR. OF THOSE STUDENTS, IT IS **UNKNOWN HOW MANY WOULD GO OUT-OF-DISTRICT.**





# JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

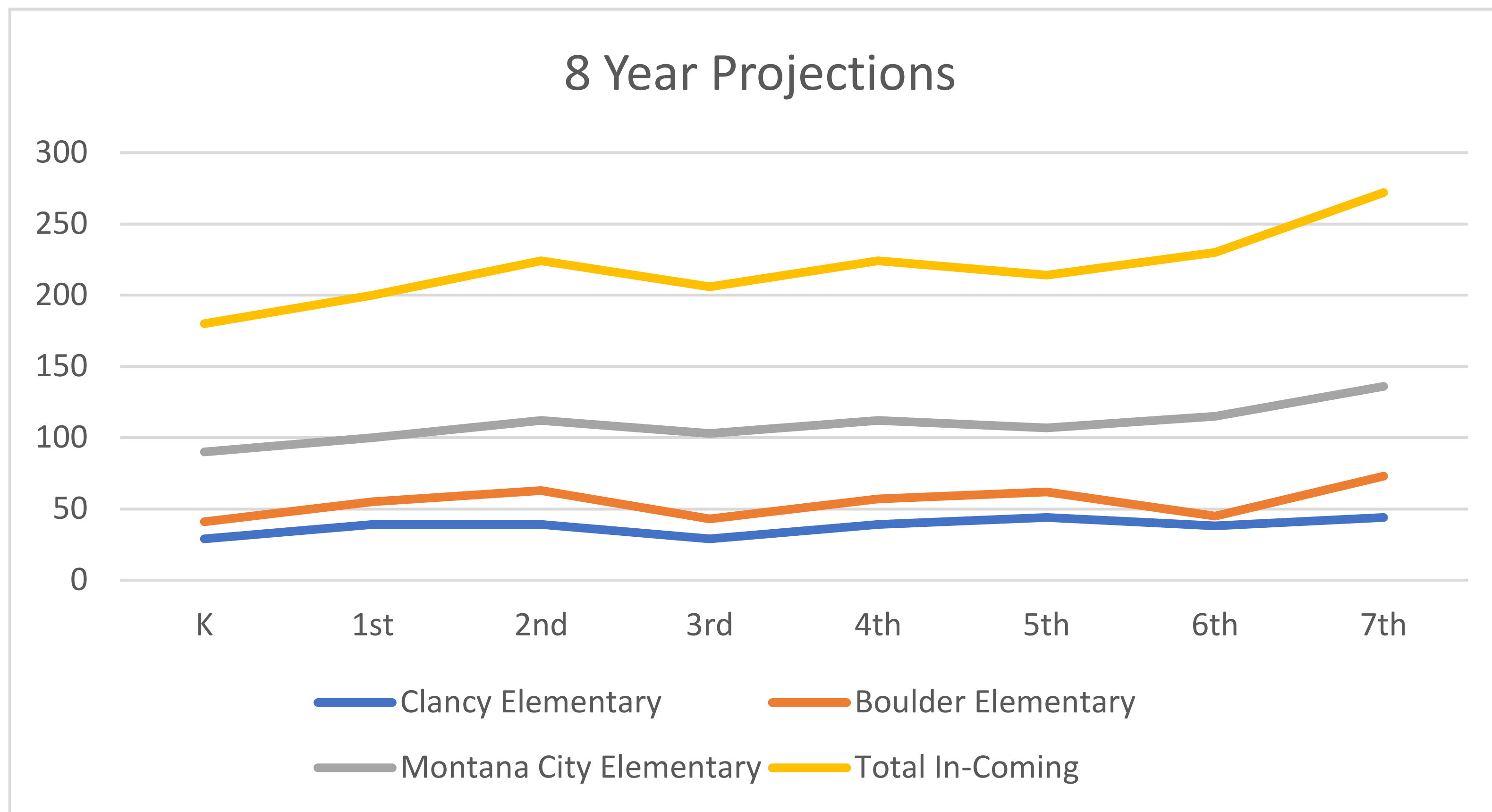


**-2%**  
ENROLLMENT  
FROM 2000-2019  
-6 STUDENTS

**242**  
AVERAGE  
ENROLLMENT  
2000-2019



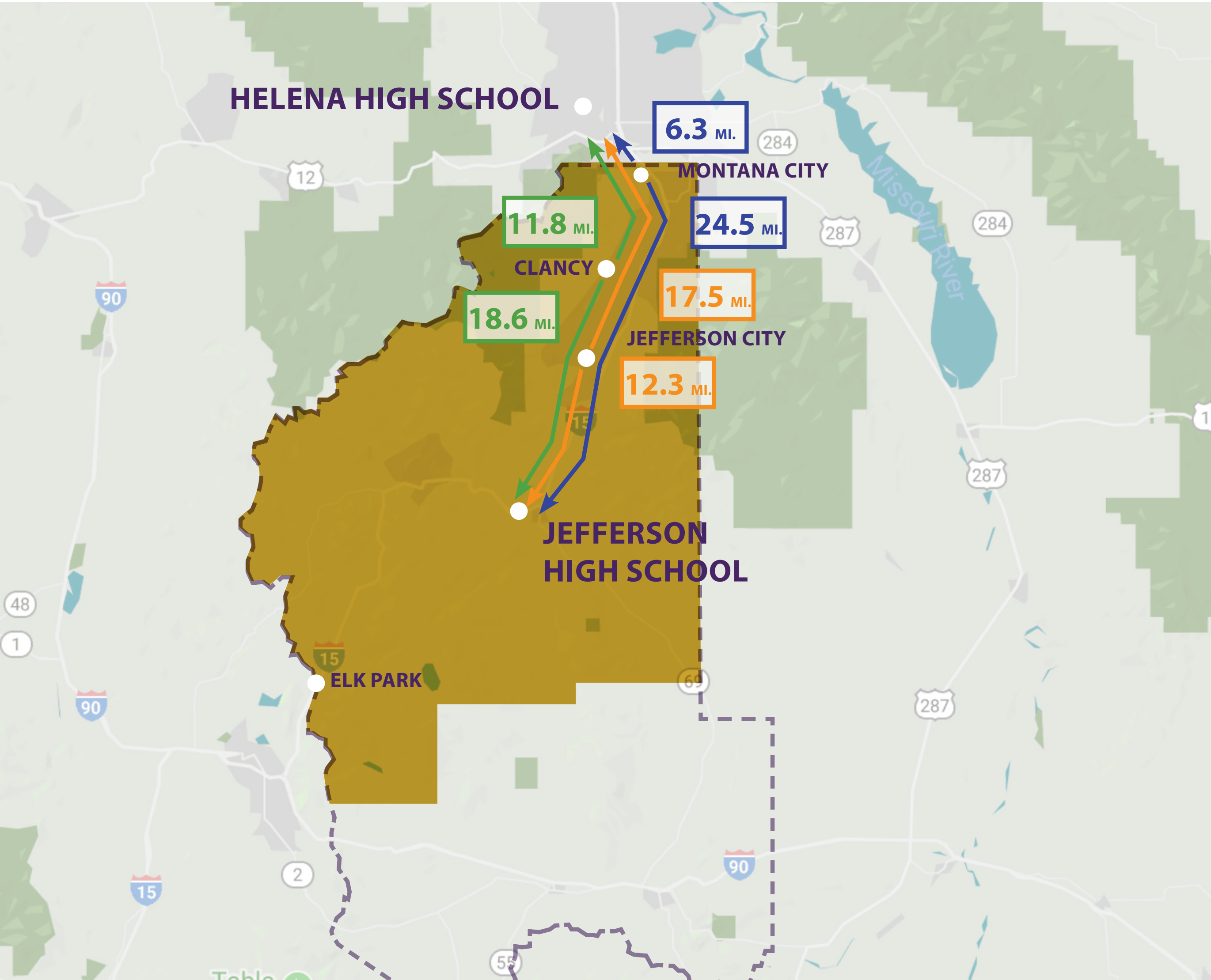
# 8-YEAR ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS



INCOMING STUDENTS  
IN THE COMING YEAR  
APPEARS TO BE **HIGHER**  
THAN THE YEARS  
TO FOLLOW. **IT IS  
UNKNOWN HOW MANY  
OF THESE STUDENTS  
WILL GO OUT-OF-  
DISTRICT.**



# DISTANCES TRAVELED



44.1%  
STUDENTS WENT  
OUT OF DISTRICT  
THIS YEAR

76.83%  
OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS  
STUDENTS BUS  
TO JHS

## STUDENTS GOING OUT OF DISTRICT 2018-2019 (9<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup>)

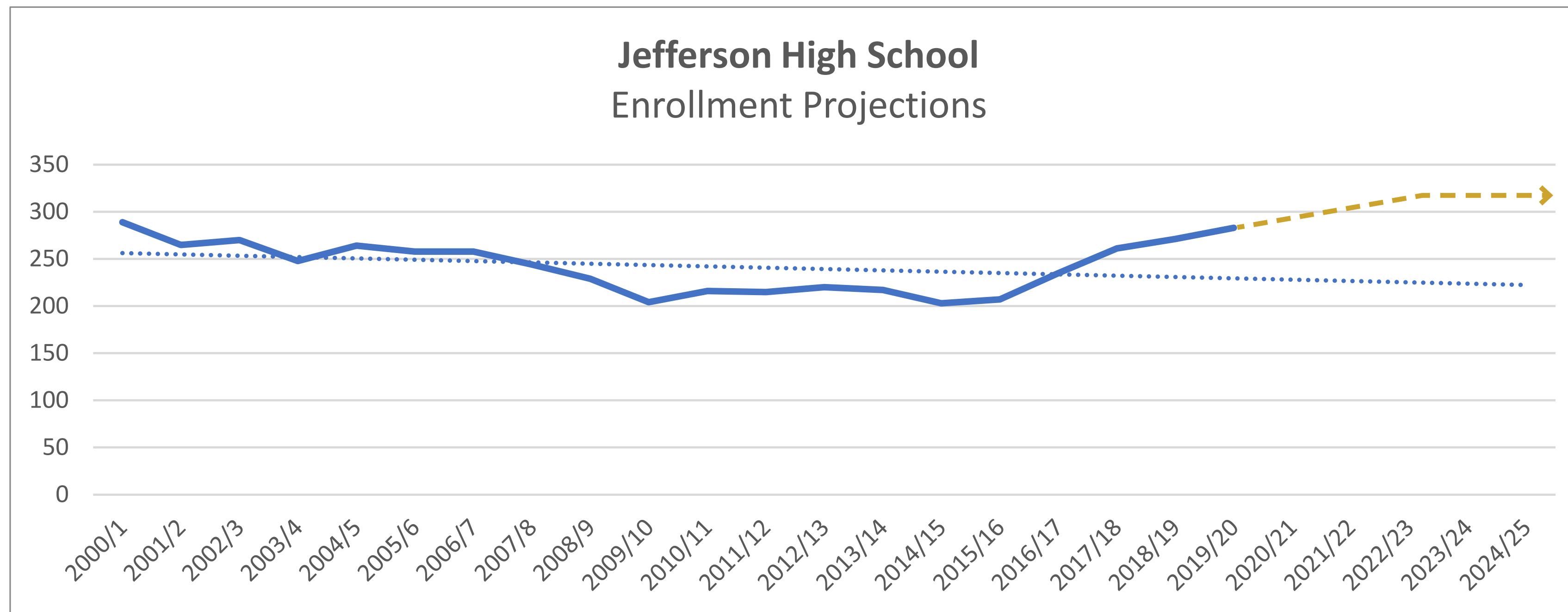
MONTANA CITY: 194  
CLANCY: 29

## STUDENTS STAYING IN DISTRICT

MONTANA CITY: 40  
CLANCY: 91



# ENROLLMENT PROJECTION



➤ POSSIBLE GRADUAL, SLOW GROWTH TO PLATEAU\*

\*IF ALL CURRENT FACTORS REMAIN 'NEUTRAL'





# SUMMARY / RECOMMENDATIONS



# SUMMARY

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- **North-end residents do not identify as strongly with JHS**
  - Alumni of HHS, work in Helena, proximity
  - Distance, travel over Boulder Hill, convenience of Helena
- **Mid-District Communities split with loyalty to JHS**
  - Some alumni of JHS, closer to Boulder
  - Travel over Boulder Hill still a concern





# SUMMARY

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- **Boulder/Basin Communities**
  - Loyal to JHS
  - Held academics/programs/other in high regard
  - Residents regularly travel Boulder Hill



# CHALLENGES

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- **Unite District**
- **Enrollment Influences remain 'neutral'**
  - Student enrollment will stay fairly consistent
- **Rapid Increase possible, if:**
  - District increases recruitment/communication efforts
  - Undeveloped land became available and developed
  - Helena Schools close District

# CHALLENGES

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- **Venture into feasibility of Second High School**
  - Challenge of available land
  - Politically challenging
  - Difficult to accomodate all groups
  - Increase in operational costs

# POSSIBLE SCENARIOS

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- Do nothing, keep facilities as is
- Consider updating building to 21st Century Learning standards
- Consider second high school on North End; update existing JHS facilities
- Consider new high school on North End; discontinue use JHS

# RECOMMENDATIONS

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1. Develop/Implement Public Outreach to 'feeder schools'
2. Develop public outreach to educate District residents on educational course and extracurricular offerings
3. Study of existing building to determine educational capacity
4. Conduct building condition assessment to determine possible changes, viability, potential work scope/cost
5. Study of existing building for Safety & Security challenges



# RECOMMENDATIONS

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- 6. Programming study to determine size/scope of second school**
- 7. Conduct study to determine availability of land in north end**
- 8. Items 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 provide information to District to continue public outreach to inform voter opinions**
- 9. Continue public outreach to determine public opinion regarding future**





# NEXT STEPS

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1. Review of Draft
2. Feedback addressed, if any
3. Delivery of Final Report



# QUESTIONS & COMMENTS