



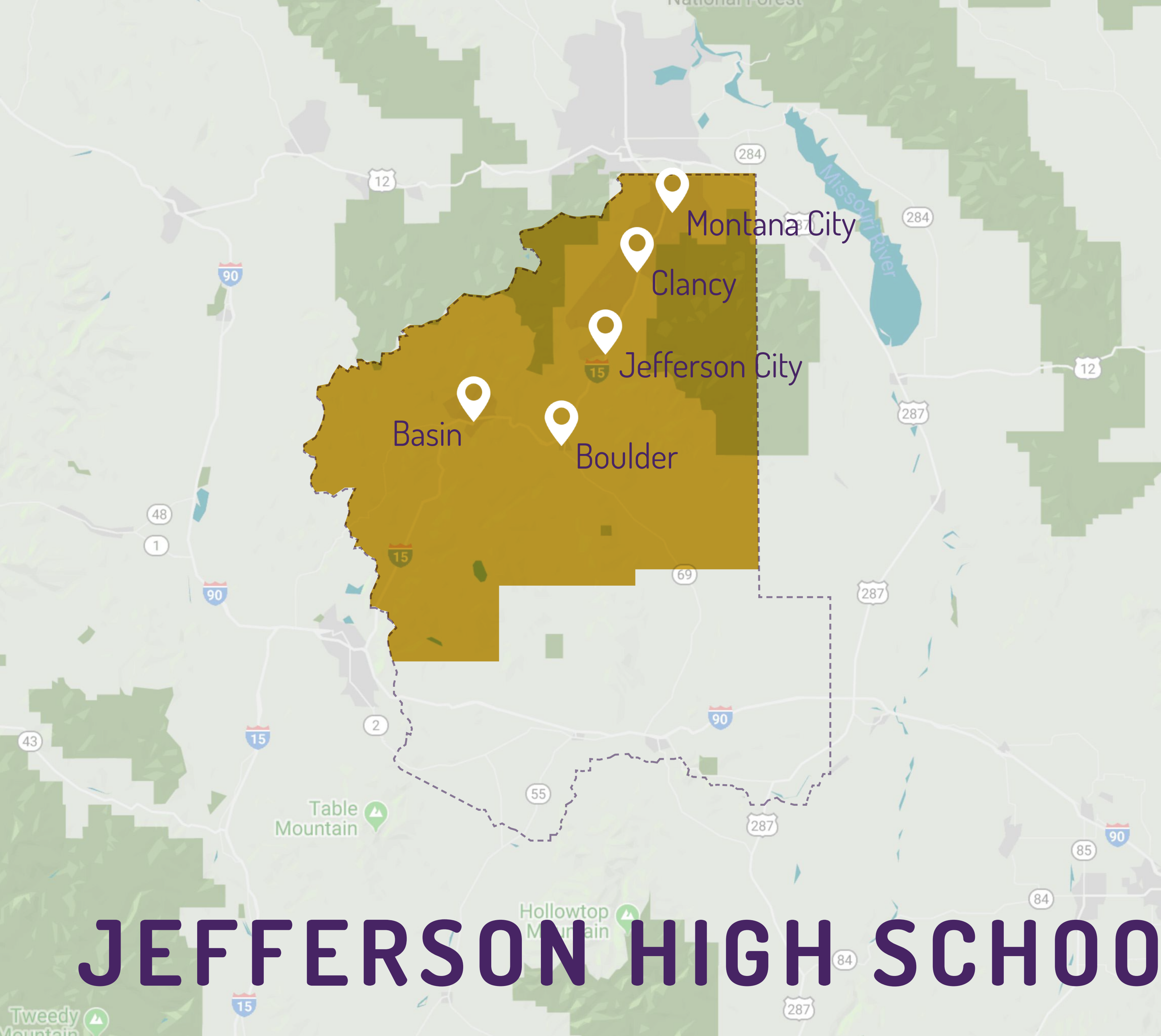
JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

Report Update - July 16, 2019

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AGENDA

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?**

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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

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



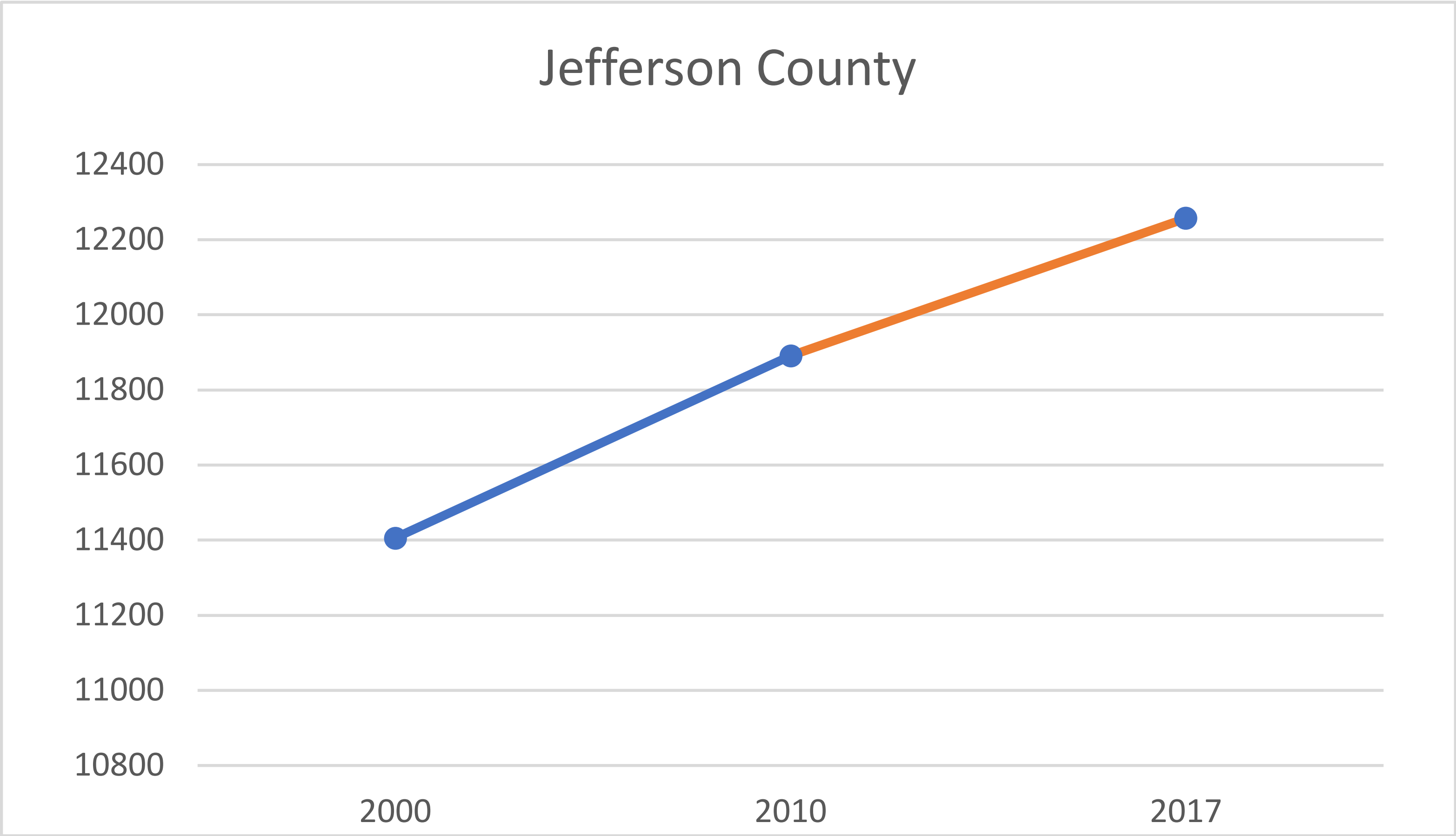
POPULATION GROWTH:

- 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

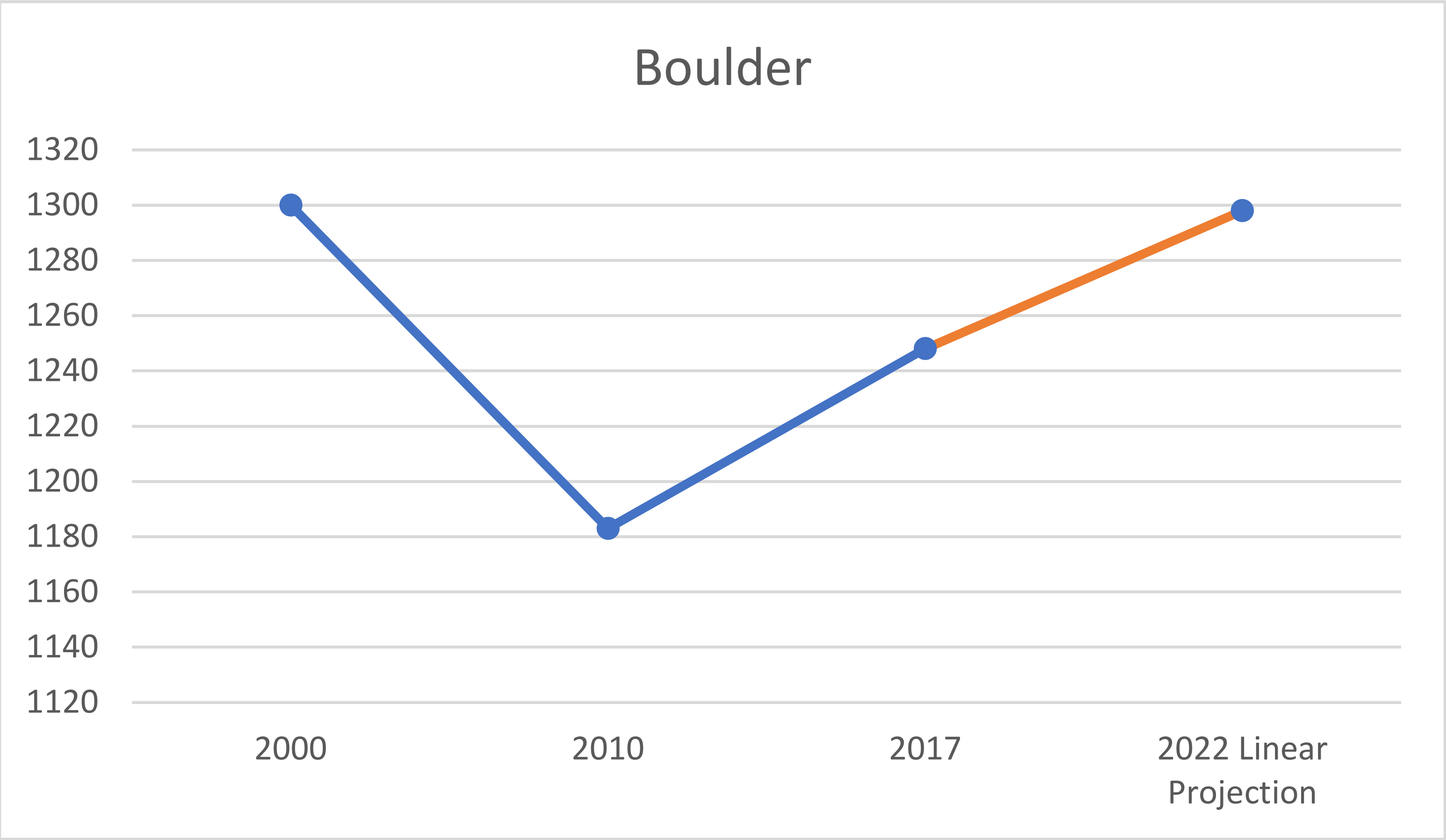
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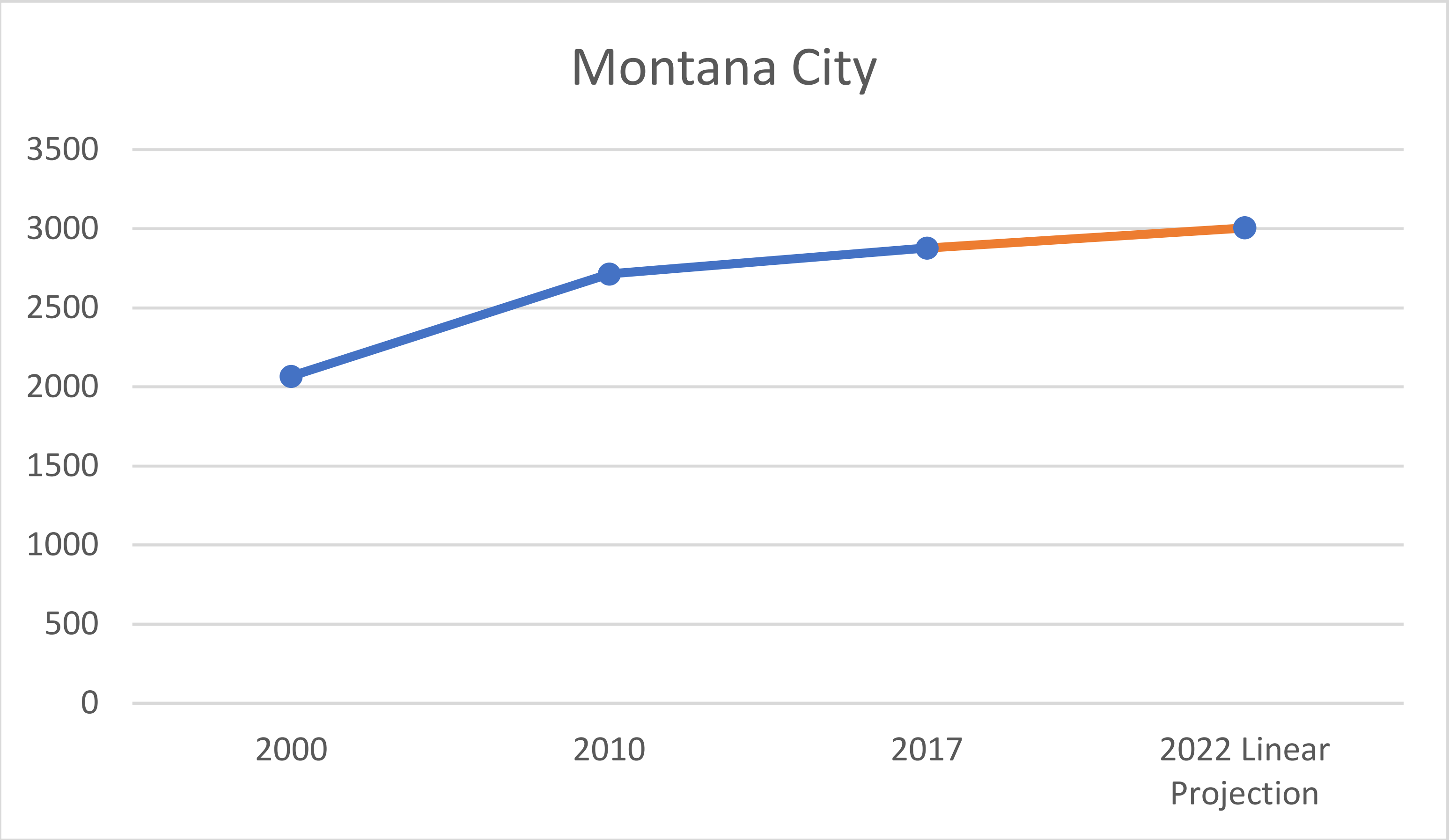
15.4%
JEFFERSON COUNTY
+1837 PEOPLE





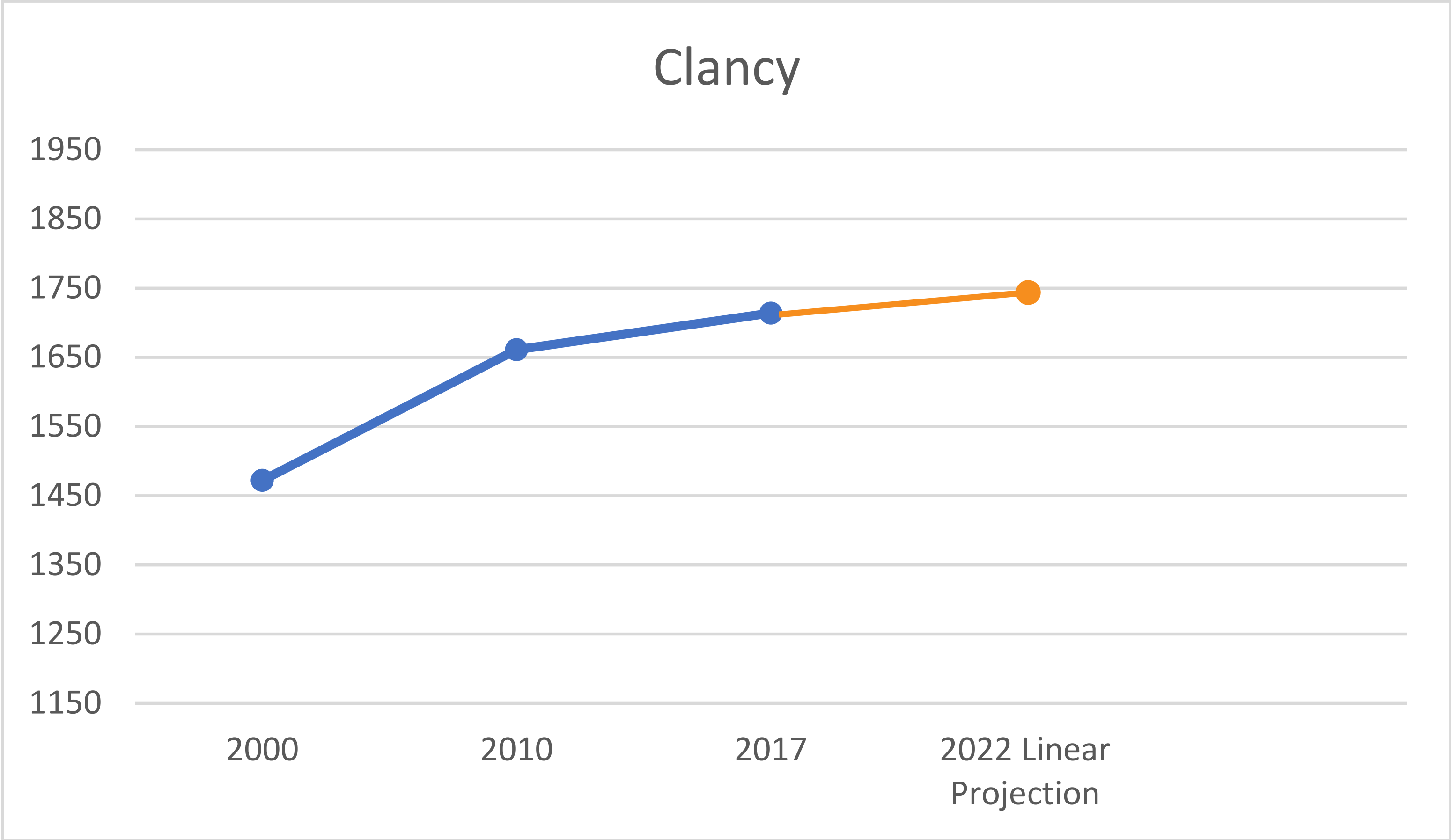
-4.2%
BOULDER
-52 PEOPLE





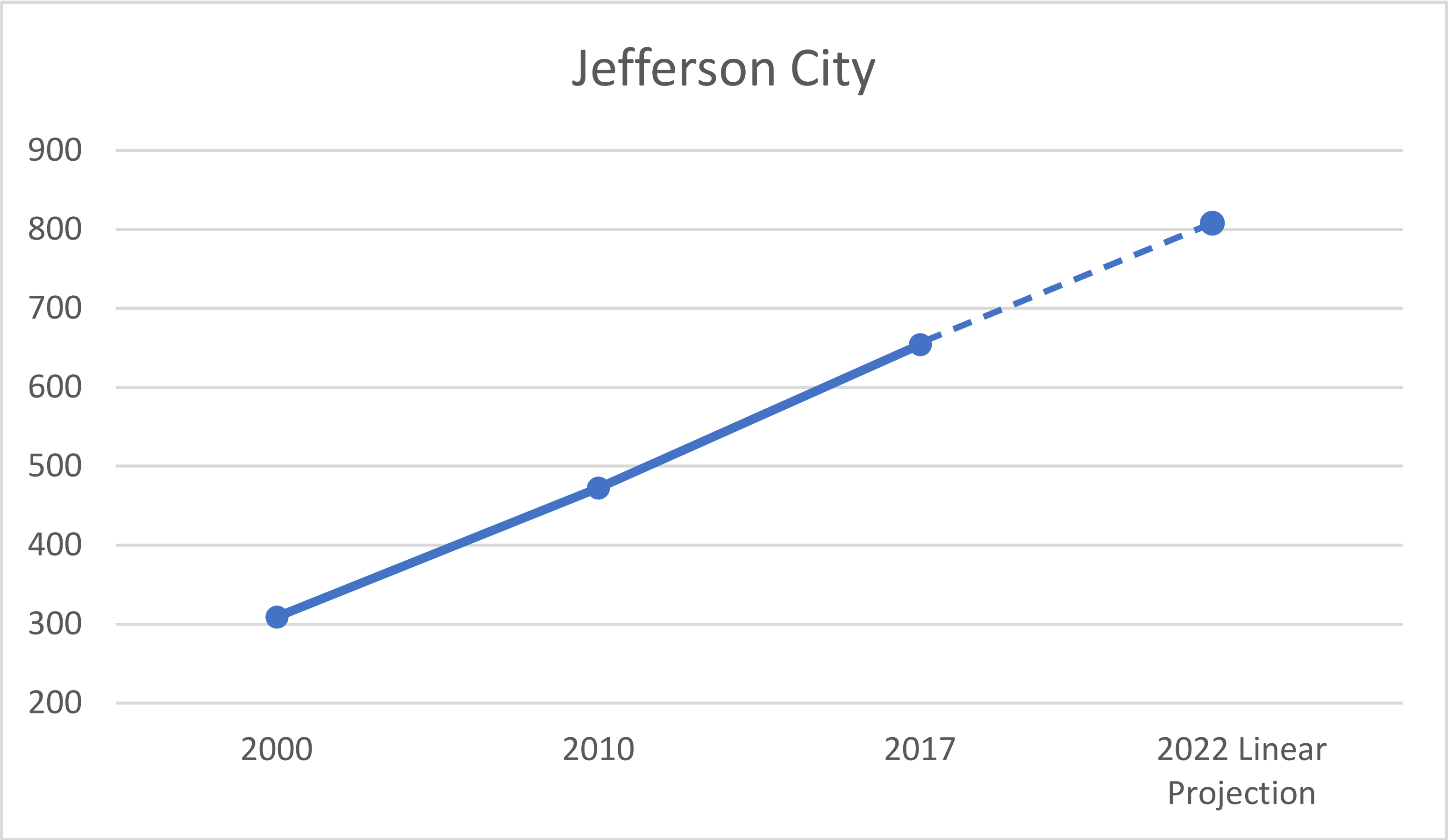
28.1%
MONTANA CITY
+810 PEOPLE





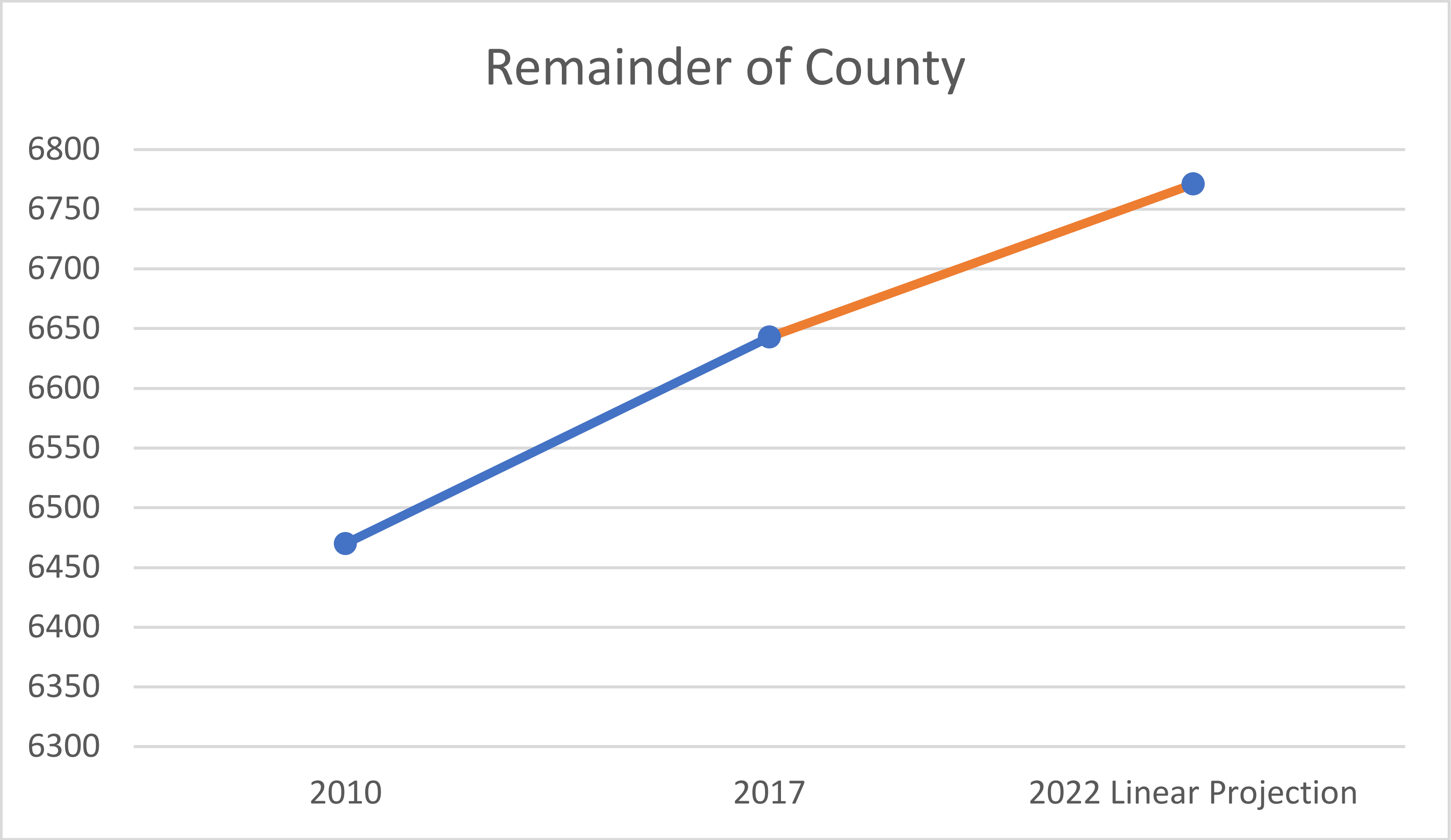
14.1%
CLANCY
+242 PEOPLE





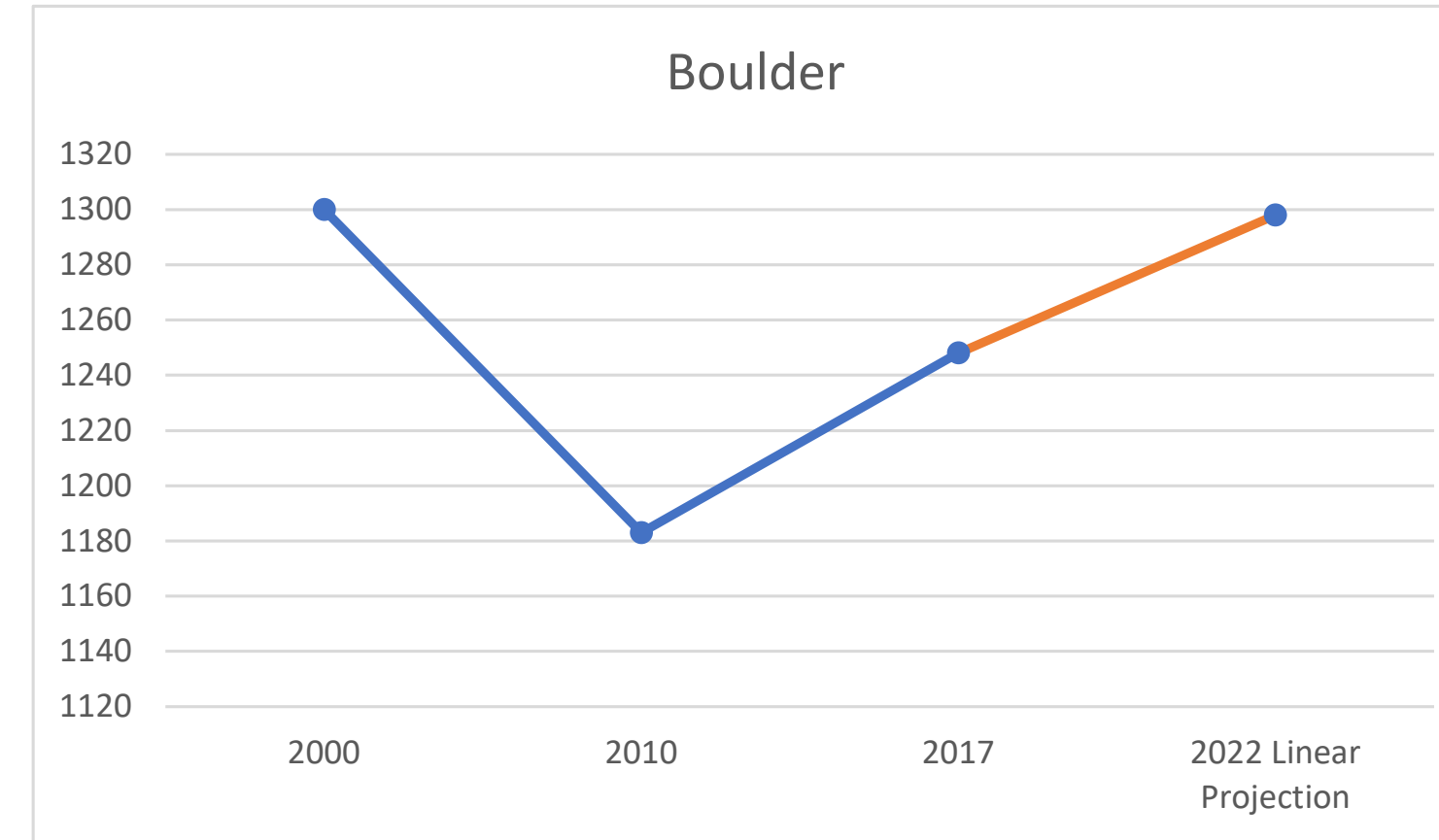
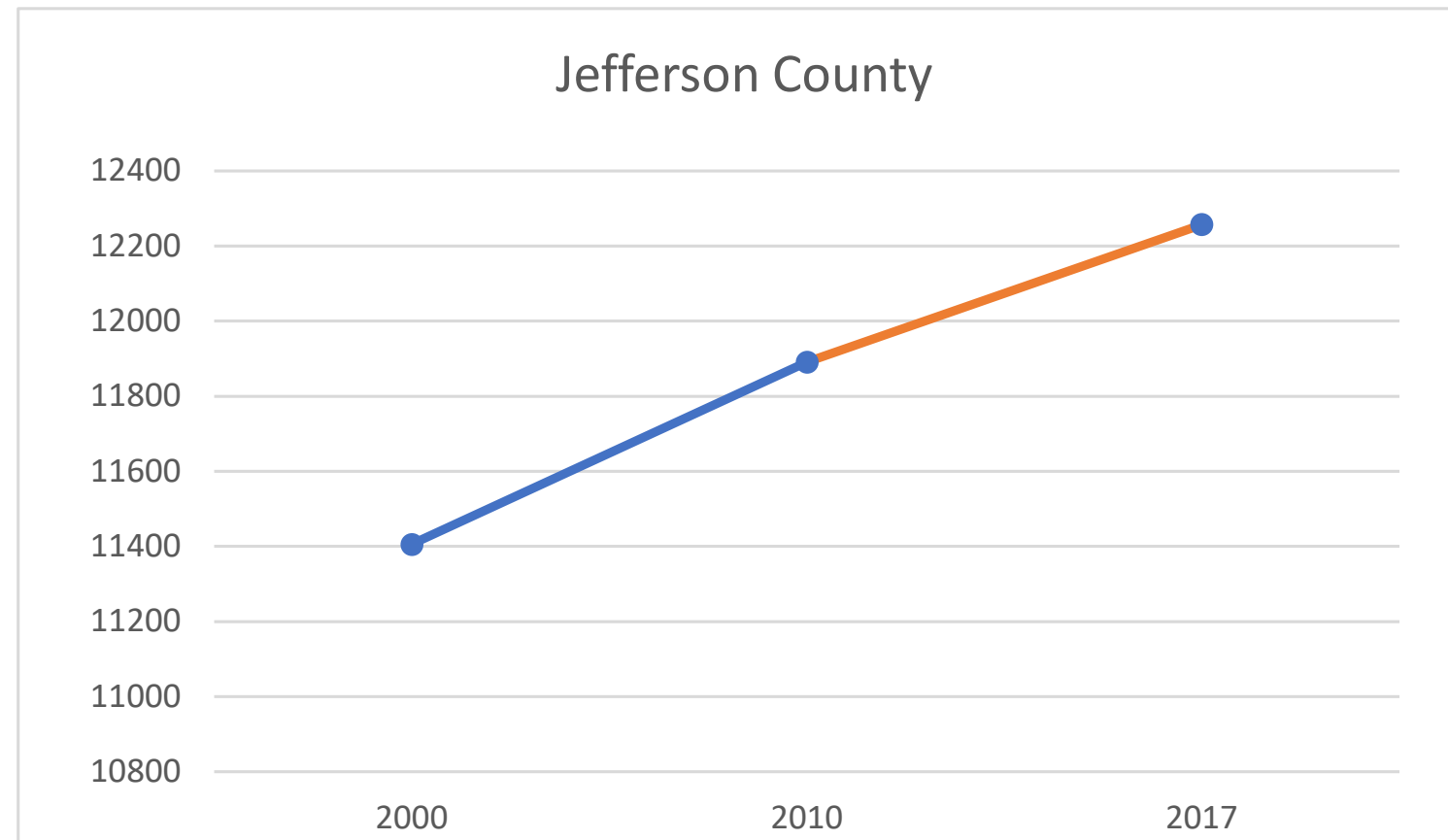
52.8%
JEFFERSON CITY
+345 PEOPLE



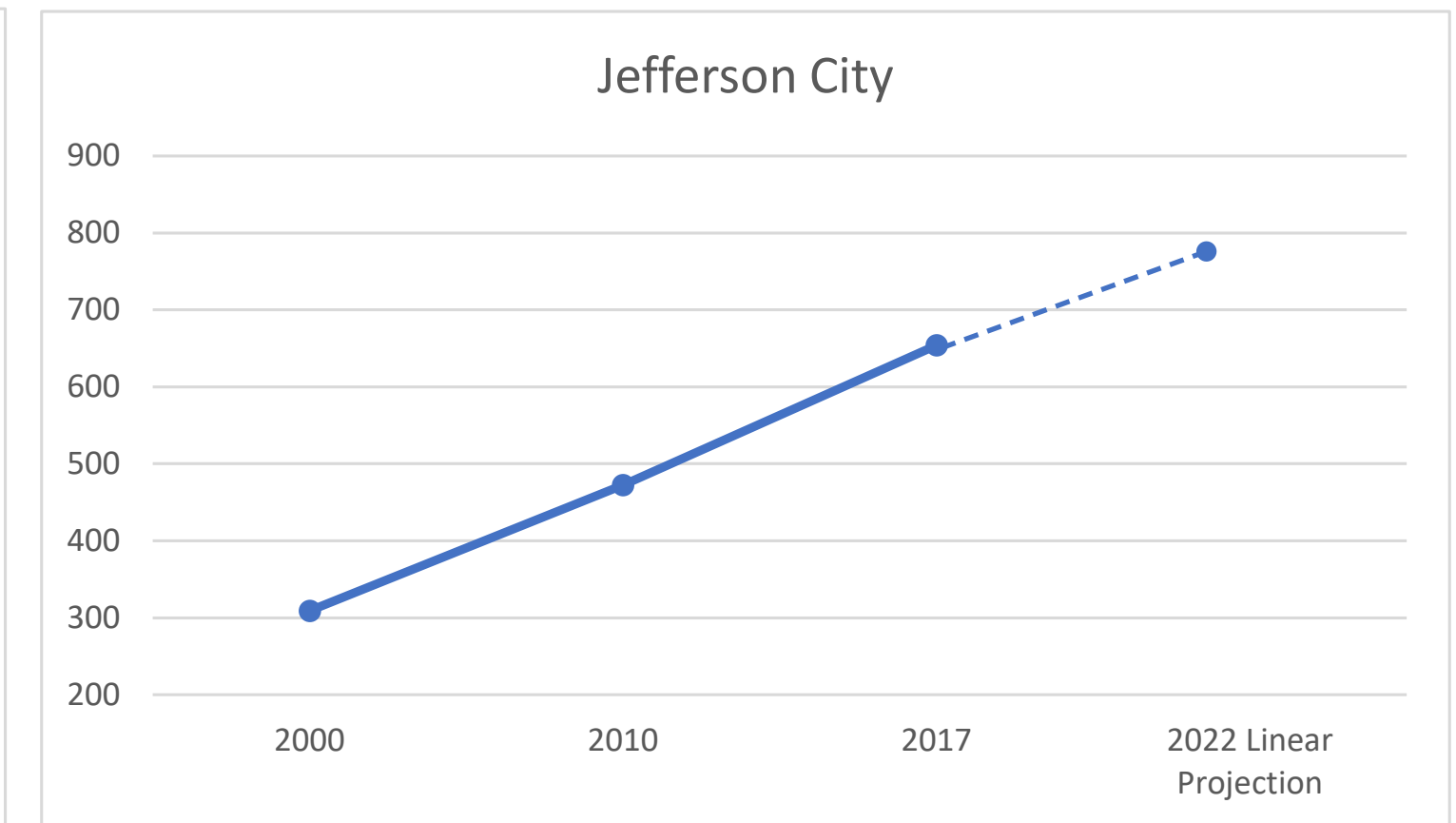
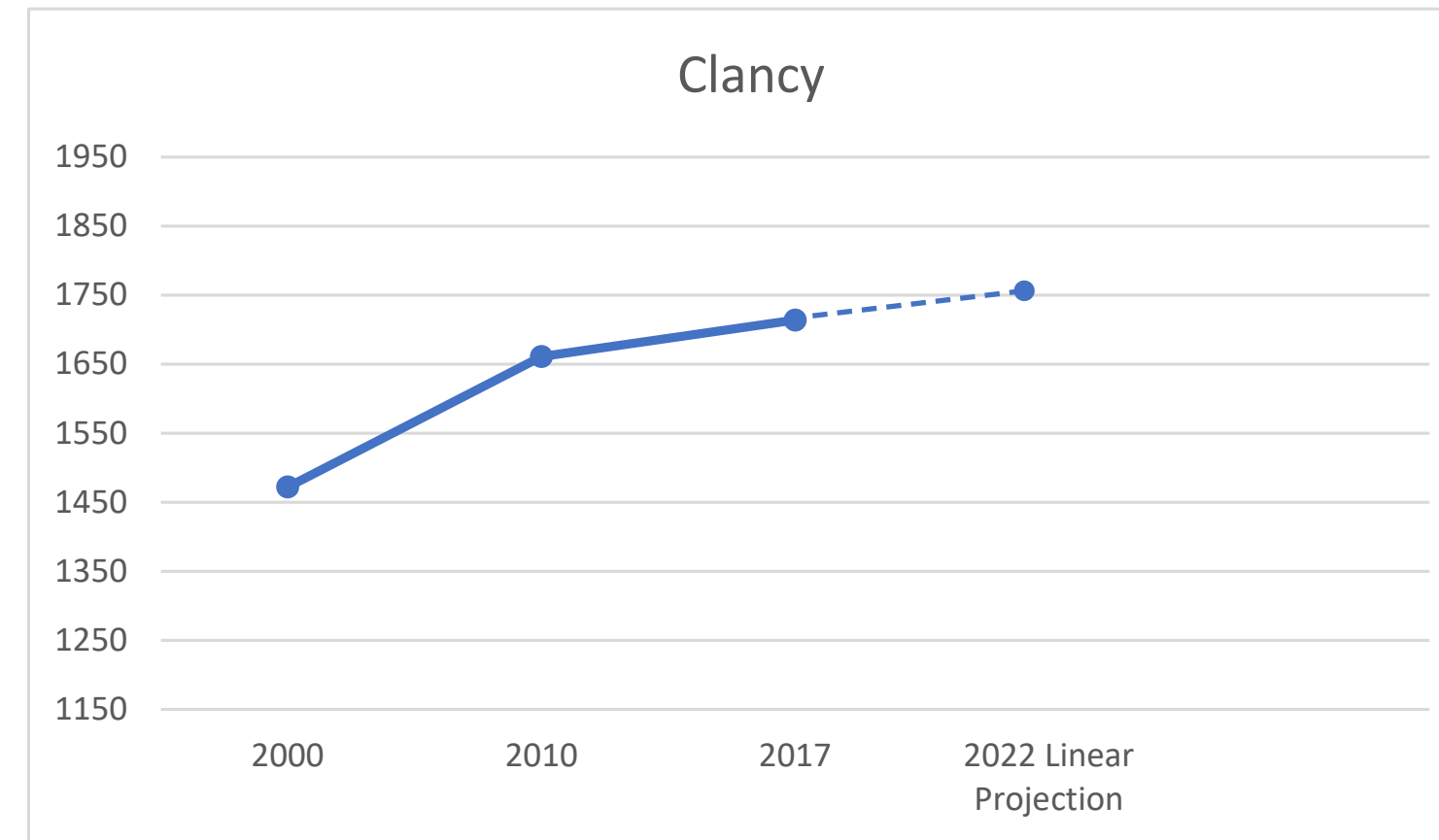
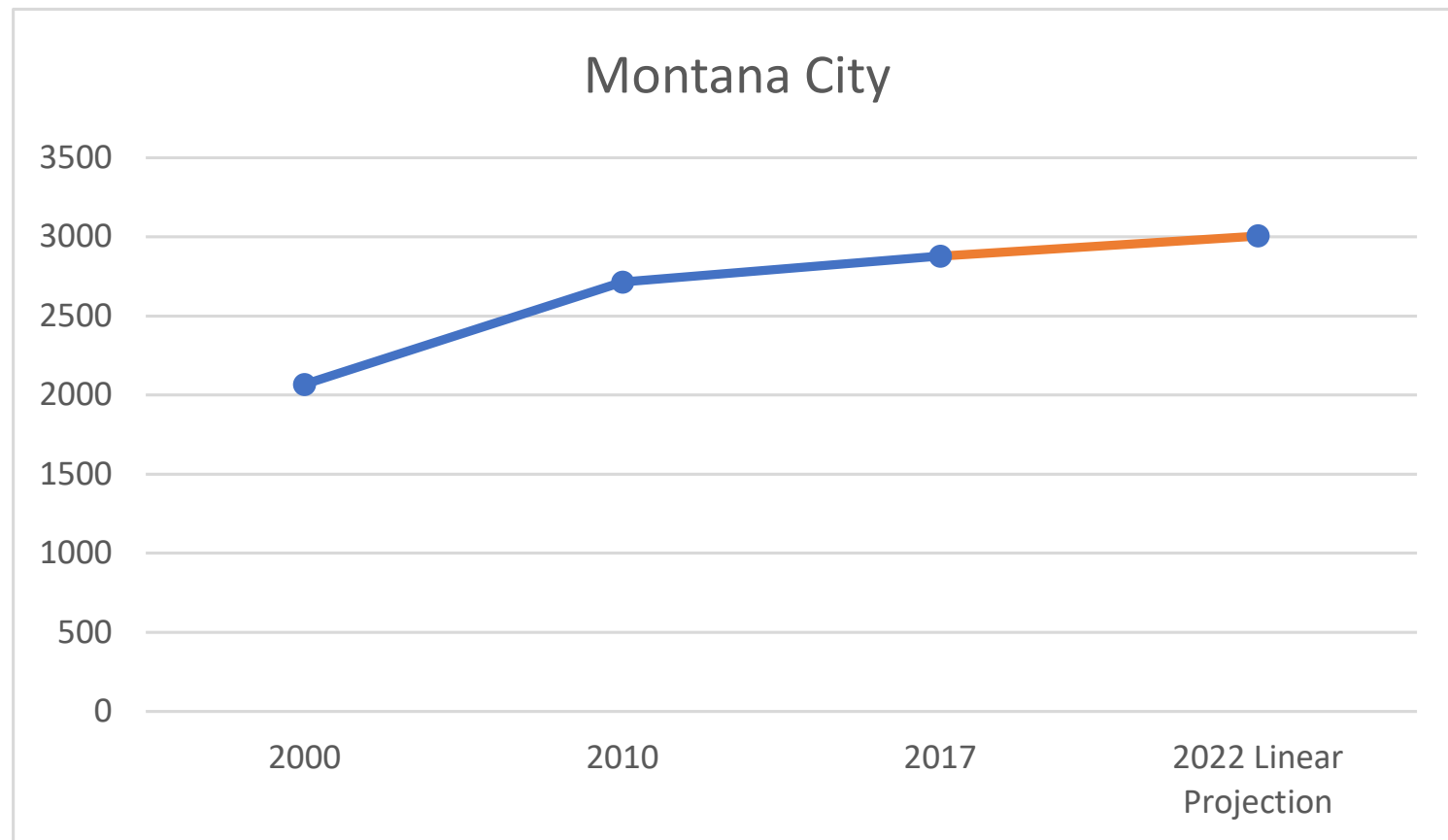


2.7%
REST OF COUNTY
+173 PEOPLE





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+

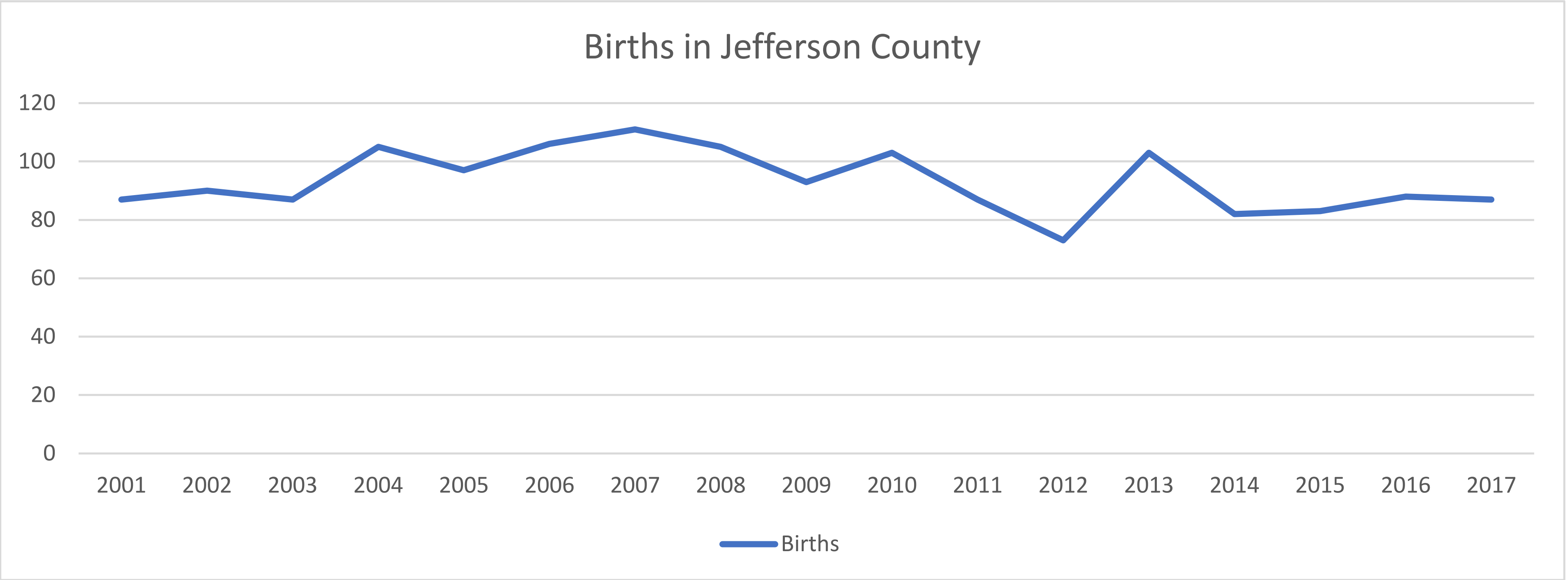
15.4%
JEFFERSON COUNTY
1837 PEOPLE+



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

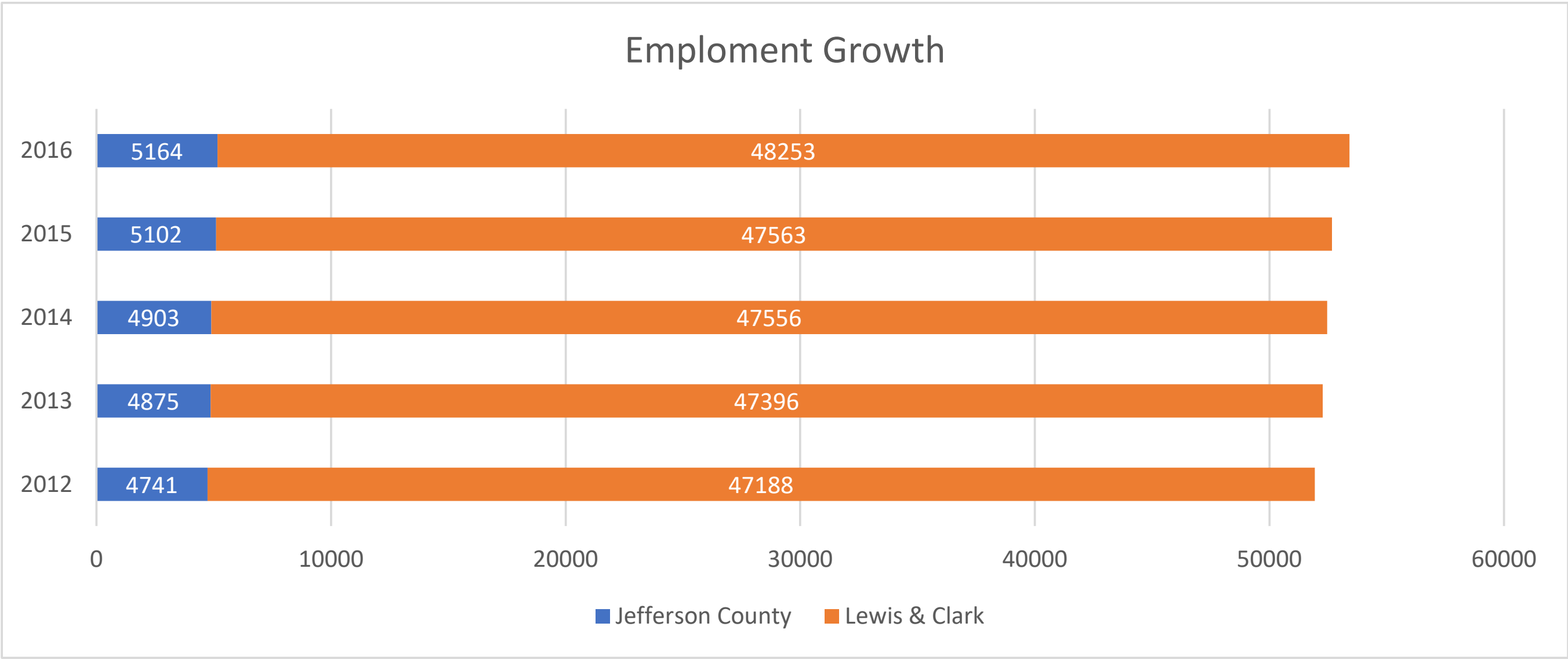


EMPLOYMENT

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.

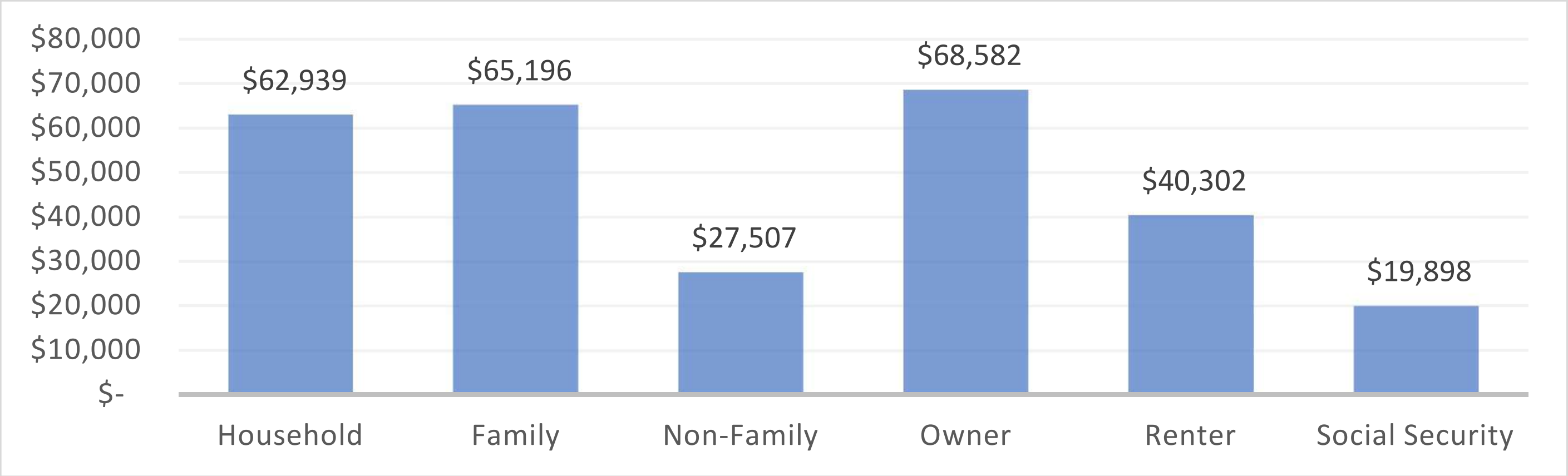
60.3%
WORK OUTSIDE
OF JEFFERSON
COUNTY



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

LOWEST

PERCENTAGE OF

LOW INCOME

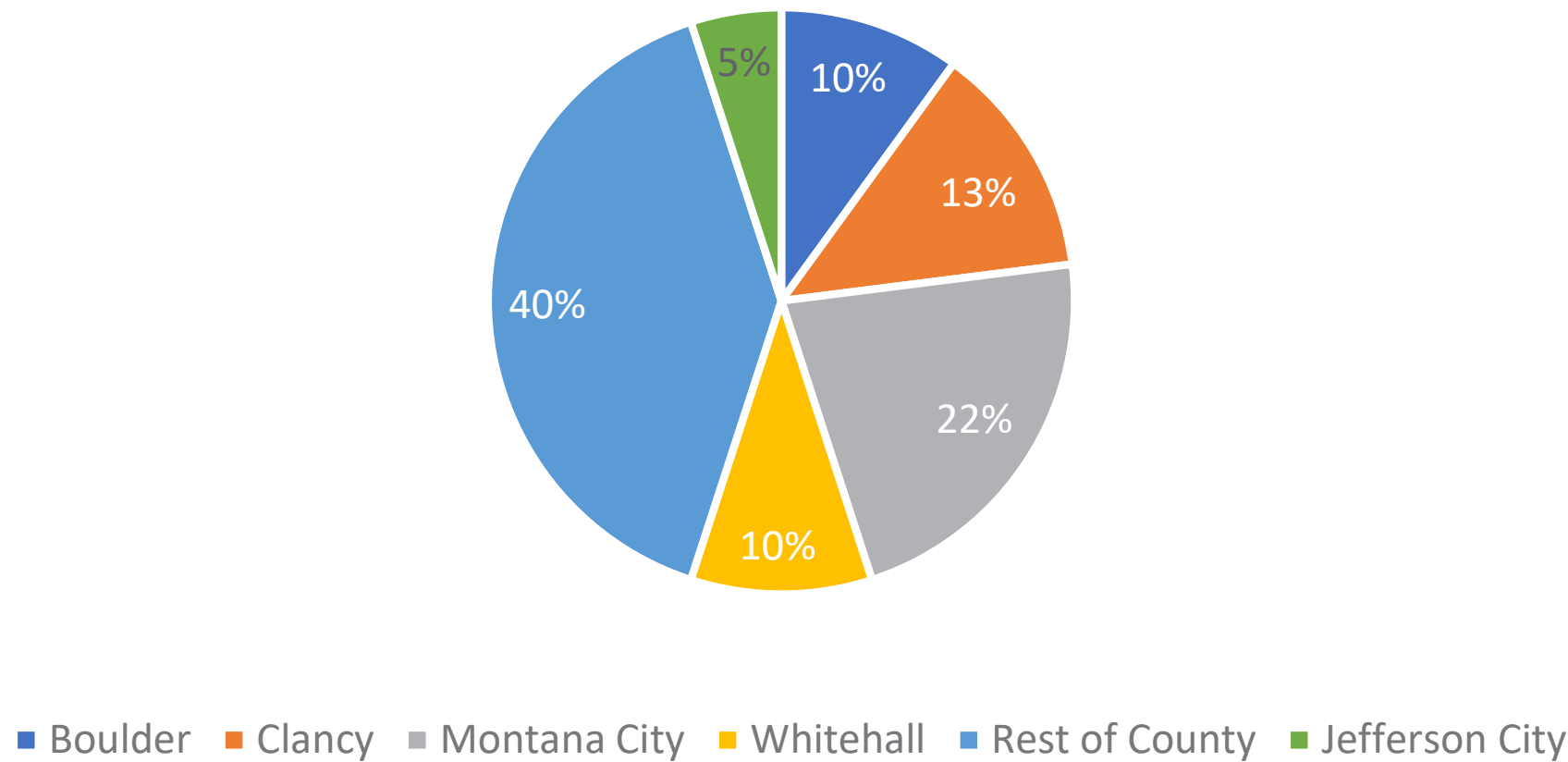
HOUSEHOLDS

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

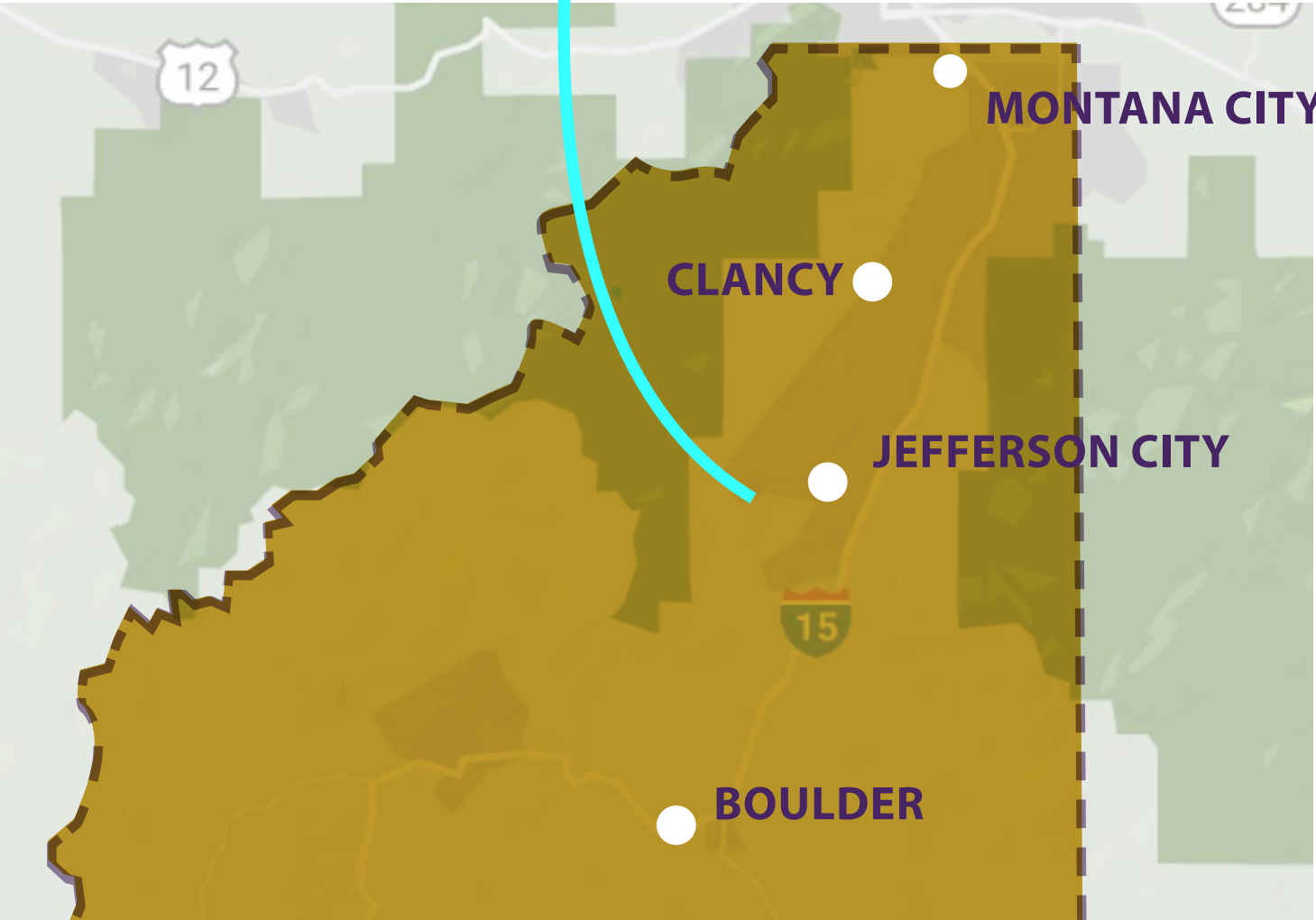
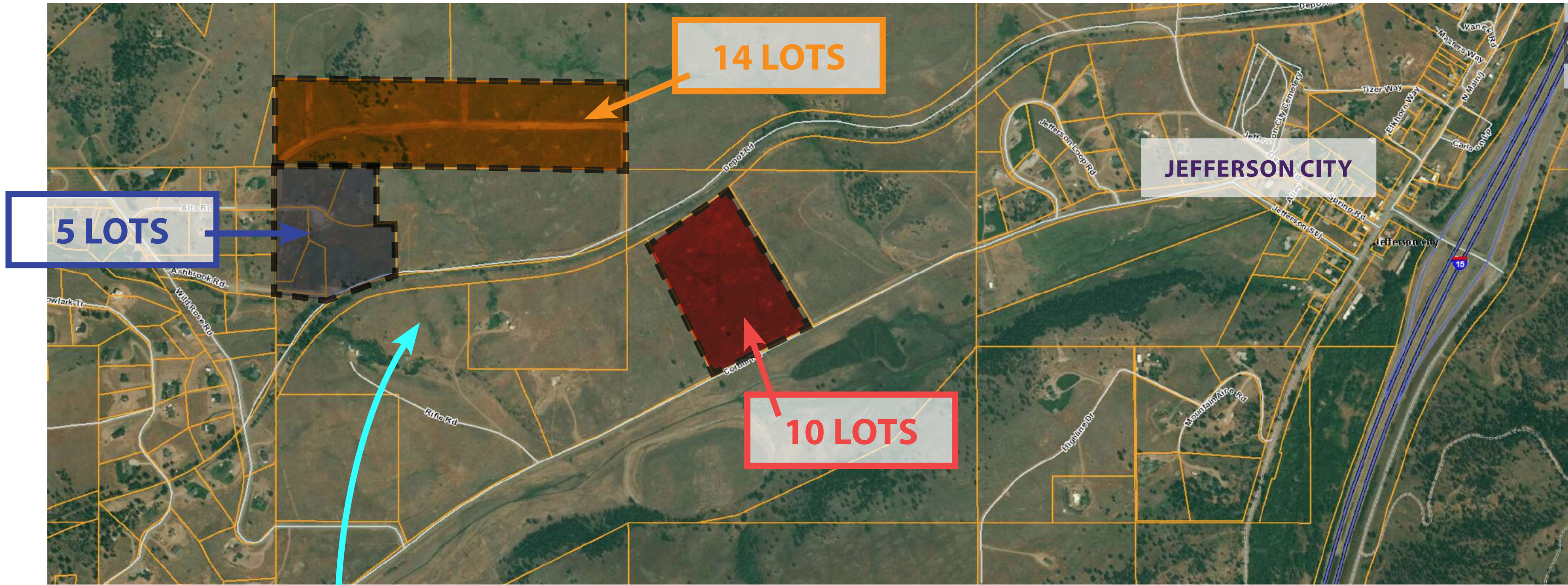


CHALLENGES TO DEVELOPMENTS

- 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

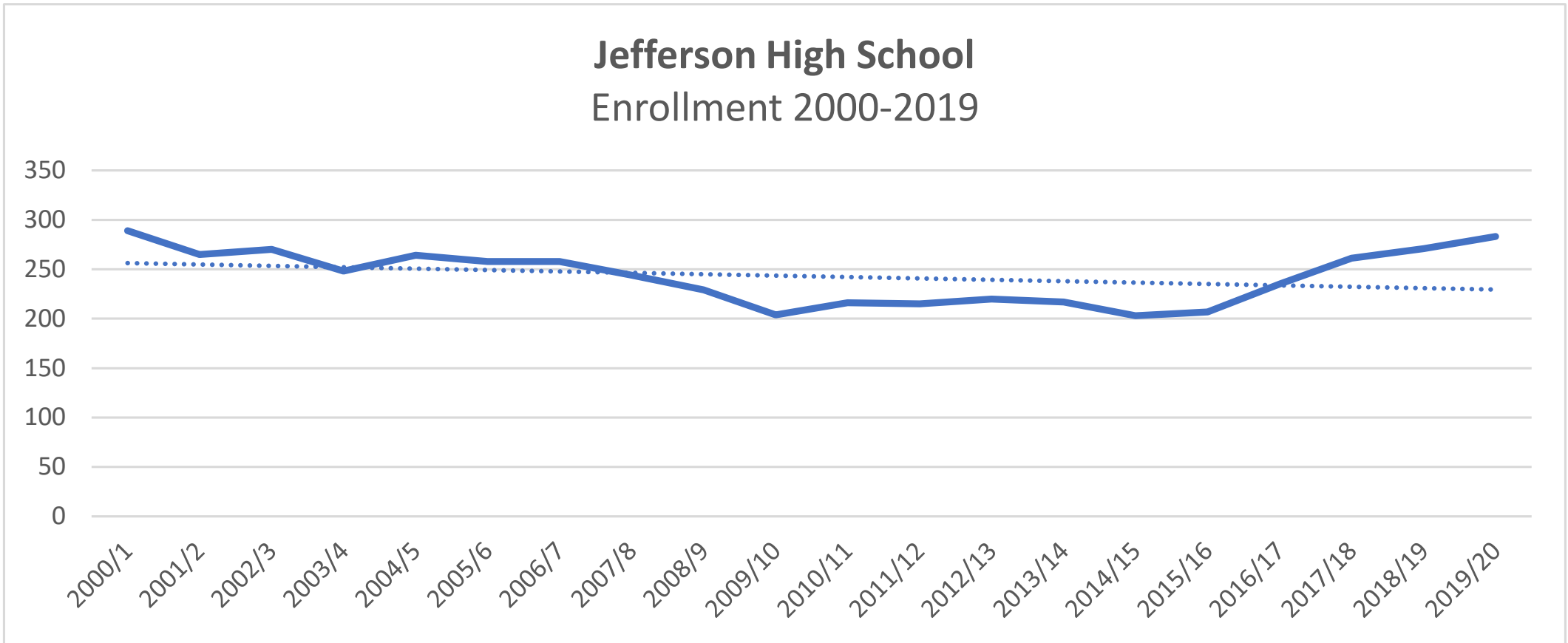
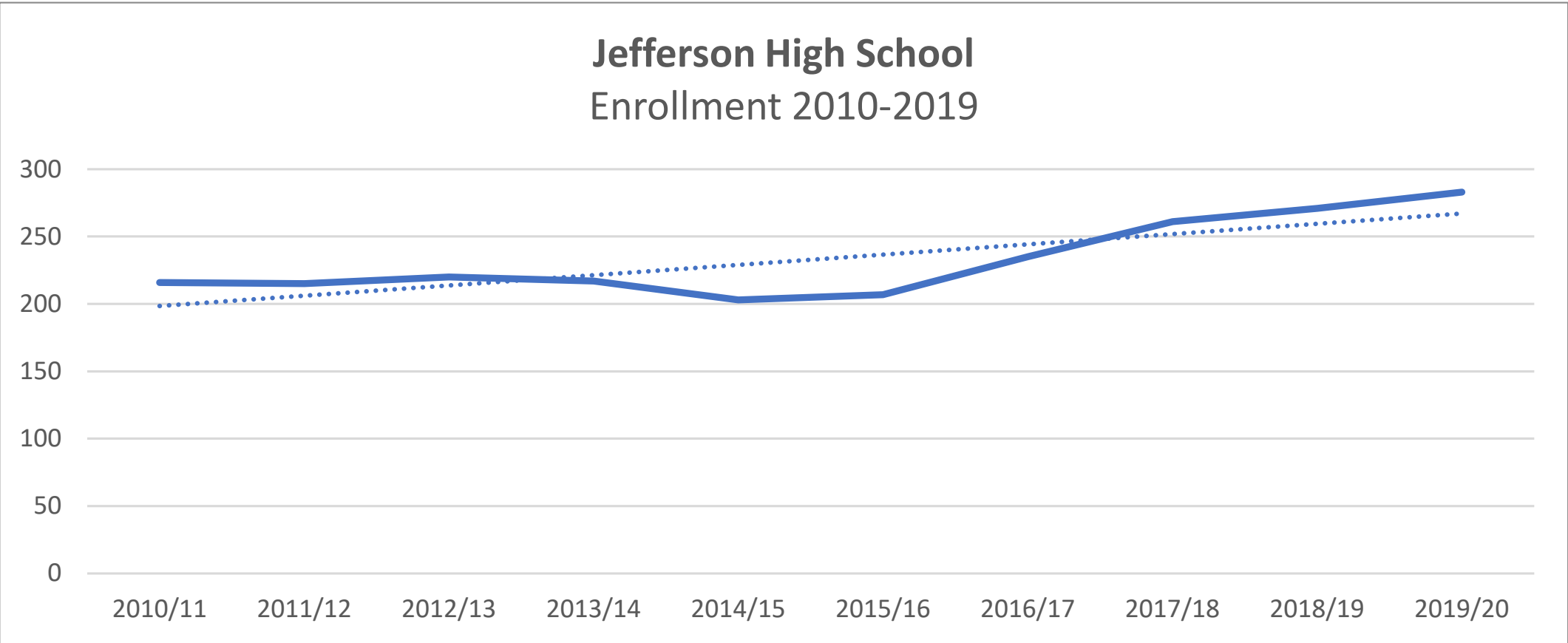
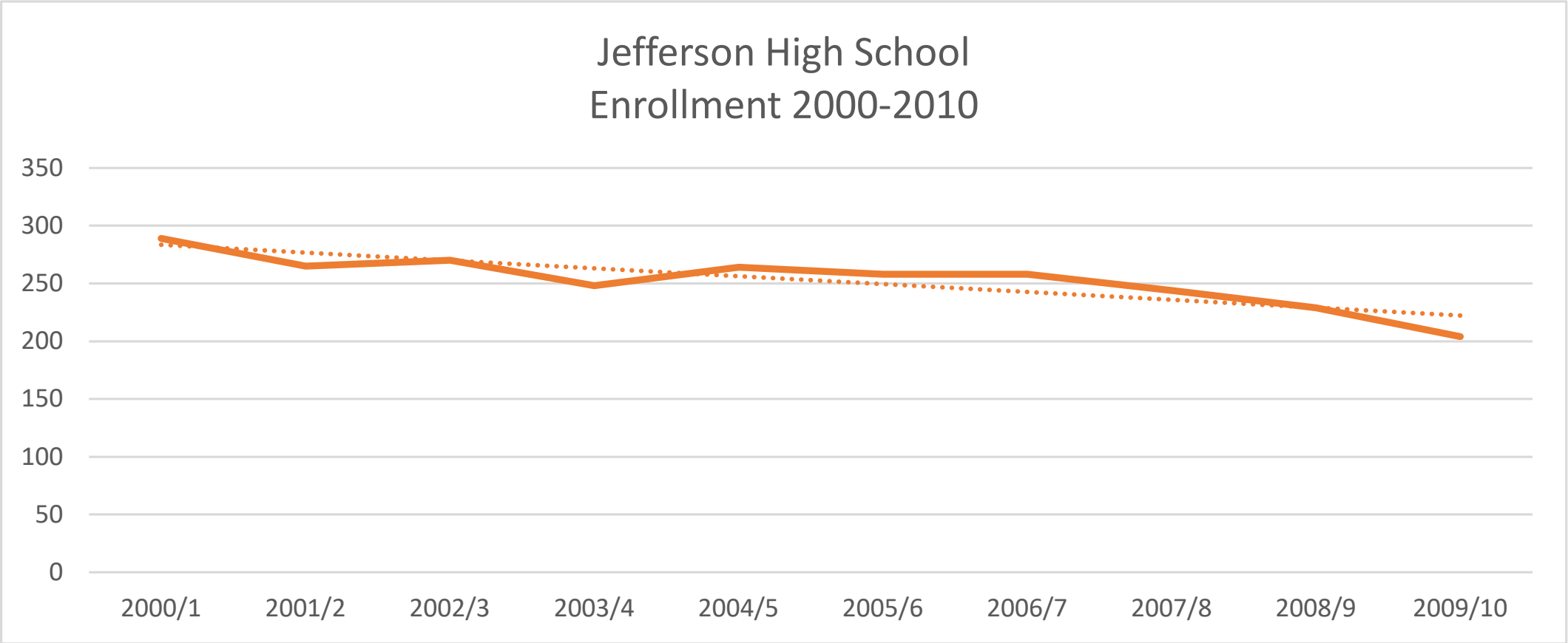


	Single-Family Homes Anticipated	Total Additional K-12 Students
Jefferson City Subdivisions	29	14.21
Current Trends on Additional Available Land	60.33	29.56
	Total Anticipated K-12 Students	43.77
	Average # Students per Grade	3.37/year

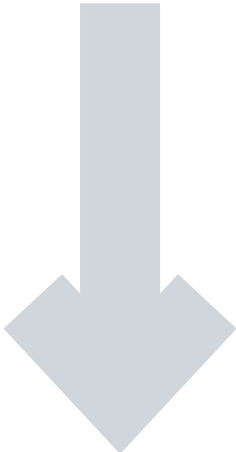
CALCULATIONS THAT 3.37 STUDENTS/YEAR WILL ENTER THE DISTRICT IS **HIGHLY UNLIKELY**, AND ALL LOTS WOULD HAVE TO BE PURCHASED AND BUILT IN THE SAME YEAR. OF THOSE STUDENTS, IT IS **UNKNOWN HOW MANY WOULD GO OUT-OF-DISTRICT**.



JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT



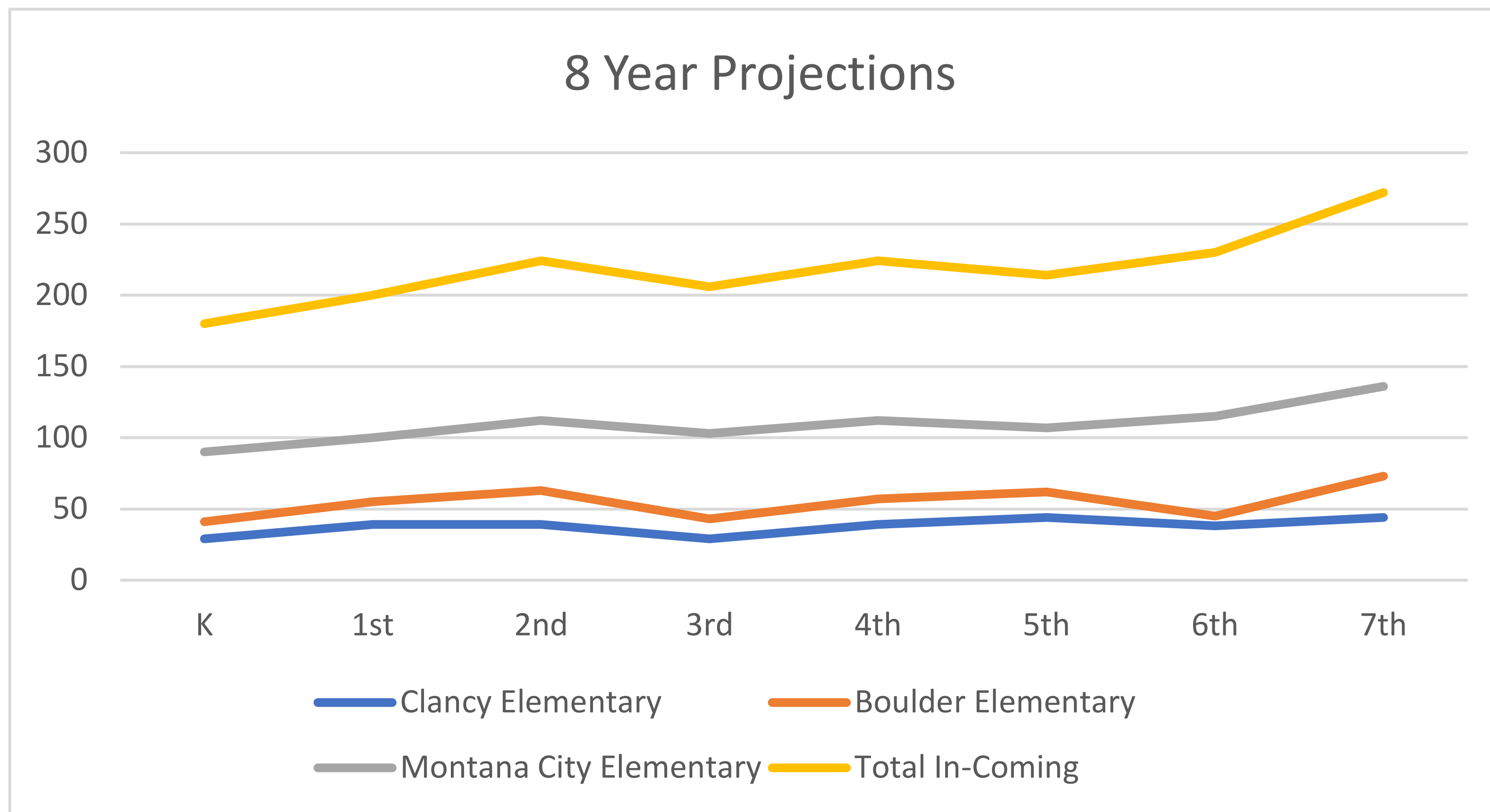
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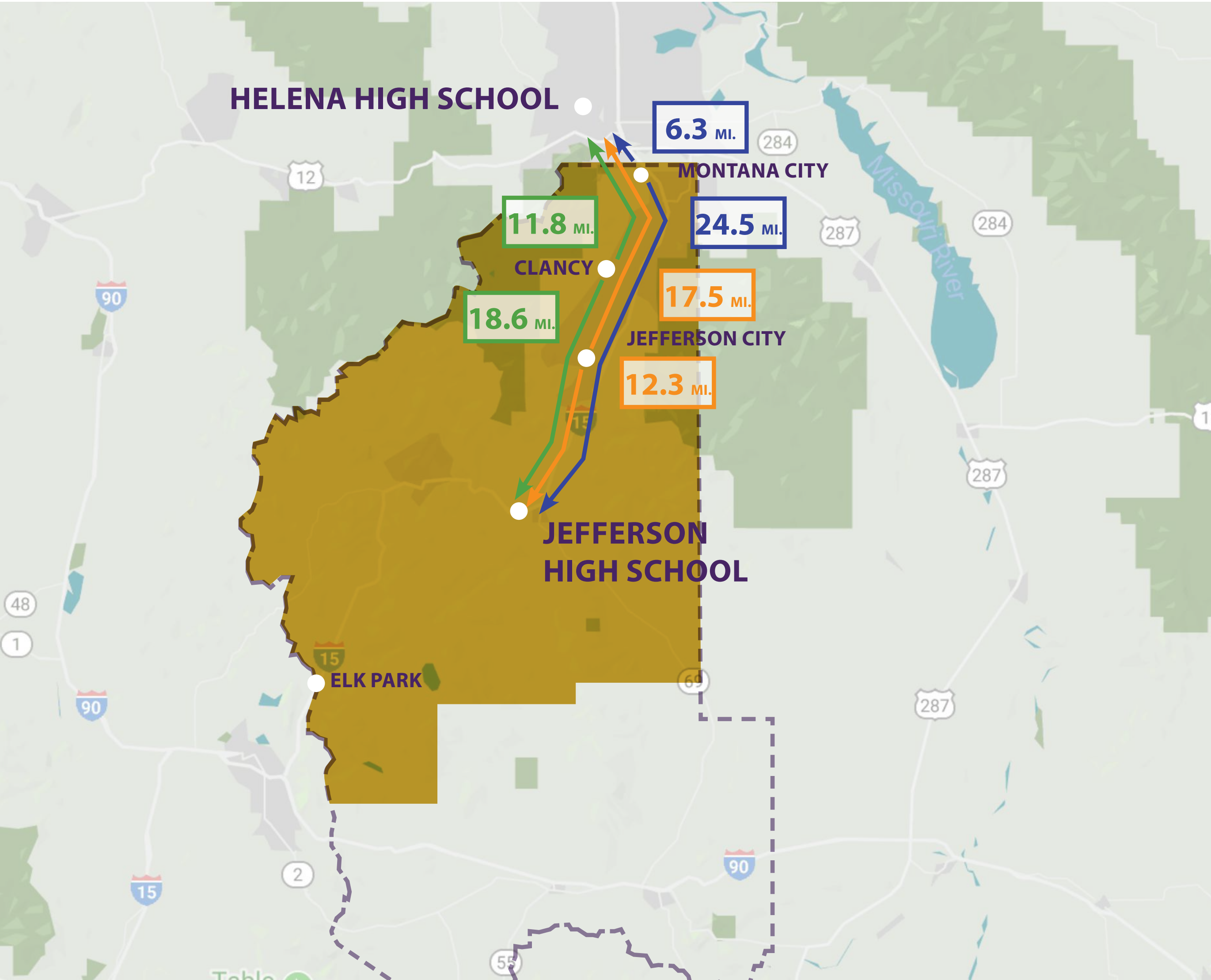
8-YEAR ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS



INCOMING STUDENTS
IN THE COMING YEAR
APPEARS TO BE **HIGHER**
THAN THE YEARS
TO FOLLOW. **IT IS
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DISTANCES TRAVELED



44.1%
STUDENTS WENT
OUT OF DISTRICT
THIS YEAR

76.83%
OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS
STUDENTS BUS
TO JHS

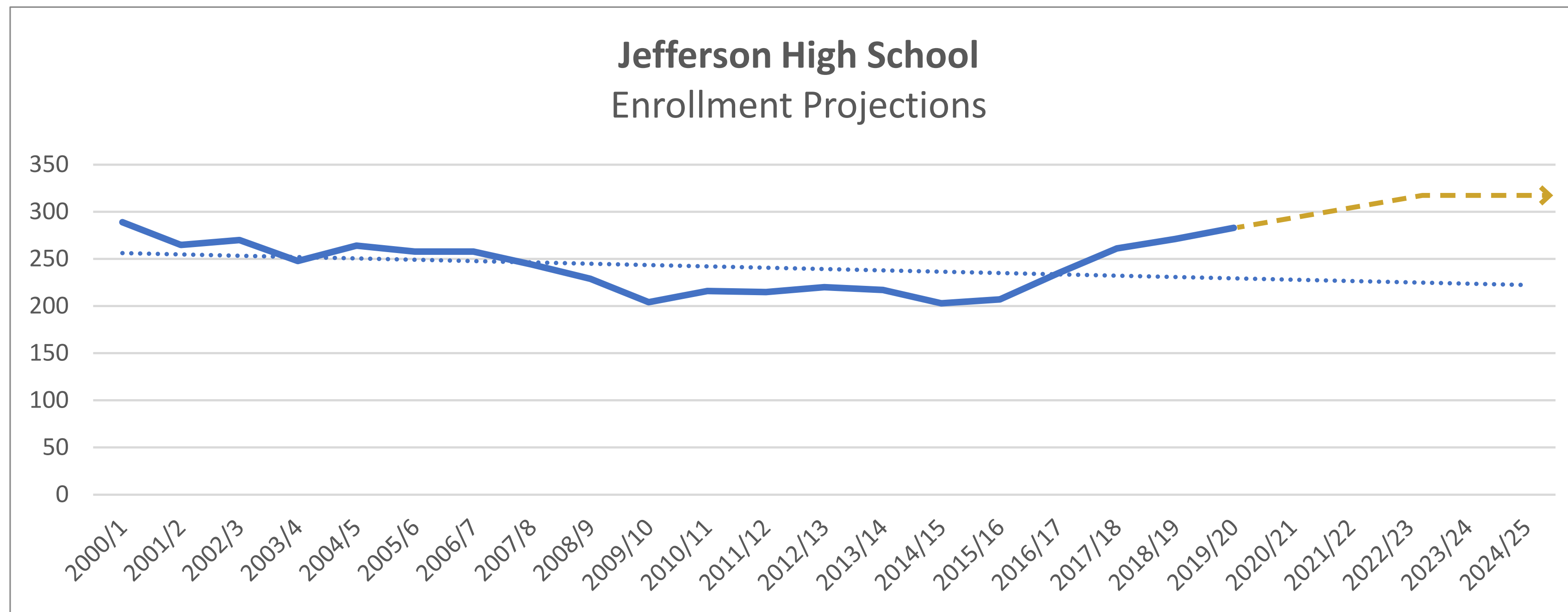
STUDENTS GOING OUT OF DISTRICT 2018-2019 (9TH-12TH)

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

- **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

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



CHALLENGES

- **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

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

POSSIBLE SCENARIOS

- 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

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

- 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

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



QUESTIONS & COMMENTS