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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Members of the General Assembly

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SUBJECT: 2001 School District Cost-of-Living Study

This memorandum provides background information on the school district cost-of-living study. Table 1, attached, presents the results of the 2001 study by school district.

Summary

State law requires the Legislative Council Staff to conduct a study of the cost of living in each school district every two years. The results of the 2001 study indicate that the cost of living increased in 102 districts and declined in the remaining 76. The cost-of-living study is used to calculate cost-of-living factors, which are used in the funding formula for allocating money to school districts. State law precludes a district's cost-of-living factor from decreasing. The 2001 study continued the practice of on-site visits to retail outlets in school districts. It also included methodological changes, primarily in the calculation of the housing component of the study.

The Cost-of-Living Study Is Required by Law

State law requires that a cost-of-living study be conducted every two years to update the cost-of-living factors used in the state's school funding formula.¹ The first such study was conducted in 1993; a study has been conducted during the interim of each odd-numbered year since with the most recent study conducted during the 2001 interim. The results of this most

1. Section 22-54-104 (5) (c) (III), C.R.S.

recent study will be used in determining school district cost-of-living factors for FYs 2002-03 and 2003-04.

Results of the Study Are Contained in Table 1

Table 1, attached, shows the results of the 2001 study by school district and by school district labor pool area. The figures for the school district labor pool areas are the figures actually used in the calculation of district cost-of-living factors.

Results from the 2001 study indicate that the cost of living in Colorado school districts ranges from a low of \$35,520 to a high of \$57,866, after adjusting for labor pool areas. When compared to 1999, 102 districts experienced an increase in the cost of living while 76 had a decrease. The largest increase was 12.1 percent, and the largest decline was 7.2 percent.

Translating the cost-of-living dollar amounts into the factors used in the school finance act is governed by state law. Each district's factor stays the same as last year's factor unless its cost of living increased by more than 4.7 percent, the rate of inflation. In that case, the district's factor is last year's factor plus an amount equal to its percentage increase in cost of living divided by inflation and divided by 1,000. State law precludes a district's factor from decreasing.

The 2001 Study Contains Methodological Changes

As with previous studies, the 2001 study includes some changes in methodology designed to enhance the overall accuracy of the final cost-of-living amounts. The primary changes are as follows.

- T Weighted averages, rather than straight-line averages, were used to determine the state average of items priced for the study. An average is calculated so that the cost of the items surveyed can be benchmarked against some given number. A district's relationship to the state average is then used to inflate or deflate the cost as calculated from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' *Consumer Expenditure Survey*. Using the weighted average means that the items priced are inflated and deflated relative to a price that is closer to the price the average person in the state pays.
- T The calculation of the annual cost of financing a home—the PITI—was adjusted so that the cost is calculated in a manner similar to that for all other items in the study. That is, the cost is adjusted to reflect its proportion of consumer expenditures, as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in the *Consumer Expenditure Survey*.
- T Data for the housing component of the study was limited to a specific square-footage range when a statistically valid sample of houses was available so that the housing price more accurately reflects the cost of a 1,300 square-foot house.

T Six new items were priced, resulting in about 3,400 more individual item price observations.

So that there is an "apples-to-apples" comparison between the results of the 2001 and 1999 studies, the 1999 cost-of-living amounts have been recalculated to take into account both the change in the method of averaging and the change in the calculation of annual housing costs.

School District Labor Pool Areas Were Also Updated

Along with pricing data, we updated information on school district labor pool areas. The labor pool areas are based on data provided by districts to the Colorado Department of Education. Information on where employees live is current to the fall of 2001 in 48 districts and to the fall of 2000 in 130 districts. The new labor pool area information was incorporated into the calculation of new cost-of-living amounts.

The Study Measures the Cost of the Same Items in Each District

The cost-of-living study measures the cost of an identical market basket of housing, goods and services, transportation, and taxes in each school district. The market basket was defined to include items available and affordable to a three-person household with an annual income of \$38,000.

For the 2001 study, the Legislative Council Staff contracted with two private vendors to provide data for computing the cost of a constant market basket of housing, goods and services, transportation, and taxes in each school district. Goods and services, transportation, and home mortgage information was collected by Pacey Economics Group. Pacey continued the practice, begun in 1999, of on-site visits to retail outlets in school districts to collect information. Housing value data was collected from county assessors and analyzed by Thos. Y. Pickett & Co., Inc., and property and income tax information was compiled by Legislative Council Staff. Using data provided by private contractors and collected in-house, Legislative Council Staff computed the total cost of the market basket in each district.

Housing. Housing costs include mortgage costs of principal and interest, property taxes, and homeowner's insurance (PITI), as well as the cost of utilities, maintenance, household supplies and operations, and household furnishings. PITI costs are based on the value of a 1,300 square-foot house in each school district.

T. Y. Pickett & Co. compiled a database of nearly all single-family homes in the state to estimate the market value of a 1,300-square-foot home in each district. The approach used to estimate the value was multi pronged. Whenever a statistically valid sample of home sales within the 1,200-to-1,400 square-foot range existed, the home value was determined by multiplying the median sales price per square foot of this group of homes by 1,300 square feet. When a school

district did not have a statistically valid sample of homes within the prescribed square-footage range but did have a statistically valid sample of sales within the district, the value was determined by multiplying the median sales price per square foot of all homes sold within each school district by 1,300 square feet. In the limited number of situations in which the database of homes sold within a district was not sufficient to estimate the value of a 1,300-square-foot house, assessor-determined values or sales from surrounding areas were used to supplement the sample of properties within an individual district.

Goods and Services. Items in the goods and services component include groceries, meals away from home, clothing, medical and dental care, recreation, and other day-to-day expenses. Data for the goods and services component came from a combination of school district visits and telephone surveys.

Transportation. The transportation category consists of the annual cost of owning and operating personal vehicles. These costs include maintenance and repairs, gasoline and oil, insurance, and vehicle financing.

Taxation. The taxation component includes federal and state income taxes and local occupation (head) taxes. For purposes of this study, sales taxes are included in the goods and services component, and property taxes are included in the housing component.

Miscellaneous. A miscellaneous cost component is included for long-term savings, investments, charitable donations, and life insurance, among other things. Using data from the *Consumer Expenditures Survey* conducted by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, a value of \$4,884 was assigned to all school districts.

TABLE 1: 2001 SCHOOL DISTRICT COST-OF-LIVING STUDY RESULTS

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	Adams Mapleton	\$11,894	\$8,018	\$13,476	\$4,884	\$3,357	\$40,149	\$41,629	3.7%	\$40,433	\$42,007	3.9%
	Adams Northglenn	12,524	8,009	13,468	4,884	3,166	40,075	42,051	4.9%	40,426	42,143	4.2%
	Adams Commerce City	11,584	8,016	13,418	4,884	3,478	39,925	41,380	3.6%	40,406	41,890	3.7%
	Adams Brighton	11,901	7,995	12,705	4,884	3,436	40,933	40,921	-0.0%	40,723	41,319	1.5%
	Adams Bennett	13,382	7,817	13,407	4,884	3,089	41,044	42,579	3.7%	40,729	42,187	3.6%
	Adams Strasburg	12,691	7,900	13,235	4,884	3,302	39,826	42,012	5.5%	40,025	41,918	4.7%
	Adams Westminster	12,069	8,007	13,464	4,884	3,310	40,809	41,734	2.3%	40,628	42,094	3.6%
	Alamosa Alamosa	7,665	7,582	12,558	4,884	4,319	37,782	37,008	-2.0%	37,771	37,087	-1.8%
	Alamosa Sangre de Cristo	7,770	7,504	12,527	4,884	4,319	37,312	37,004	-0.8%	37,312	37,004	-0.8%
	Arapahoe Englewood	12,740	7,939	13,499	4,884	3,130	41,290	42,192	2.2%	40,723	42,143	3.5%
	Arapahoe Sheridan	12,174	7,939	13,490	4,884	3,299	40,768	41,786	2.5%	40,674	42,022	3.3%
	Arapahoe Cherry Creek	11,822	7,952	13,484	4,884	3,416	39,965	41,558	4.0%	40,392	41,763	3.4%
	Arapahoe Littleton	12,659	7,918	13,490	4,884	3,123	40,795	42,074	3.1%	40,751	42,086	3.3%
	Arapahoe Deer Trail	11,688	7,773	13,359	4,884	3,599	38,901	41,303	6.2%	39,255	41,340	5.3%
	Arapahoe Aurora	11,634	7,952	13,504	4,884	3,484	39,992	41,458	3.7%	40,305	41,728	3.5%
	Arapahoe Byers	11,215	7,799	13,413	4,884	3,735	39,524	41,046	3.9%	40,017	41,377	3.4%
	Archuleta Archuleta	10,322	7,680	13,987	4,884	3,830	39,808	40,703	2.2%	39,810	40,703	2.2%
	Baca Walsh	6,713	7,777	12,238	4,884	4,319	37,488	35,931	-4.2%	37,489	35,969	-4.1%
	Baca Pritchett	6,477	7,777	11,936	4,884	4,319	37,284	35,393	-5.1%	37,265	35,520	-4.7%
	Baca Springfield	7,229	7,856	12,009	4,884	4,319	37,329	36,297	-2.8%	37,335	36,242	-2.9%
	Baca Vilas	6,538	7,777	12,125	4,884	4,319	37,550	35,643	-5.1%	37,494	35,802	-4.5%
	Baca Campo	6,628	7,748	11,958	4,884	4,319	37,265	35,537	-4.6%	37,275	35,730	-4.1%
	Bent Las Animas	7,219	7,777	12,431	4,884	4,319	36,587	36,630	0.1%	36,722	36,694	-0.1%

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	Bent McClave	7,152	7,681	12,378	4,884	4,319	37,054	36,414	-1.7%	36,861	36,670	-0.5%
	Boulder St. Vrain	12,393	7,853	13,635	4,884	3,298	40,262	42,063	4.5%	40,410	42,063	4.1%
	Boulder Boulder	14,134	7,937	14,391	4,884	2,730	41,535	44,076	6.1%	41,245	43,665	5.9%
	Chaffee Buena Vista	10,665	7,862	12,988	4,884	3,822	39,392	40,221	2.1%	39,392	40,221	2.1%
	Chaffee Salida	10,593	7,845	12,988	4,884	3,745	38,868	40,055	3.1%	38,870	40,046	3.0%
	Cheyenne Kit Carson	6,550	7,807	12,742	4,884	4,319	37,346	36,302	-2.8%	37,482	36,302	-3.1%
	Cheyenne Cheyenne R-5	6,871	7,968	13,671	4,884	4,319	38,184	37,713	-1.2%	38,221	37,722	-1.3%
Clear Creek	Clear Creek	12,927	8,113	14,264	4,884	3,126	42,722	43,314	1.4%	42,221	43,071	2.0%
	Conejos North Conejos	7,510	7,834	12,734	4,884	4,319	37,188	37,281	0.3%	37,328	37,219	-0.3%
	Conejos Sanford	7,179	7,707	12,798	4,884	4,319	36,914	36,887	-0.1%	37,094	37,006	-0.2%
	Conejos South Conejos	8,219	7,963	12,630	4,884	4,319	37,817	38,015	0.5%	37,717	37,882	0.4%
	Costilla Centennial	7,504	7,950	12,791	4,884	4,319	36,602	37,448	2.3%	36,994	37,414	1.1%
	Costilla Sierra Grande	8,052	7,950	12,827	4,884	4,319	37,460	38,032	1.5%	37,543	37,698	0.4%
	Crowley Crowley	7,170	7,873	12,211	4,884	4,319	36,767	36,457	-0.8%	36,929	36,638	-0.8%
	Custer Westcliffe	9,235	8,202	12,566	4,884	4,135	39,105	39,022	-0.2%	39,038	39,046	0.0%
	Delta Delta	10,020	7,726	13,556	4,884	3,997	39,187	40,183	2.5%	39,214	40,167	2.4%
	Denver Denver	12,336	8,122	13,574	4,884	3,325	41,072	42,241	2.8%	40,718	42,132	3.5%
	Dolores Dolores County RE-2	6,466	7,889	13,024	4,884	4,319	39,646	36,582	-7.7%	39,586	36,735	-7.2%
	Douglas Douglas	13,123	7,923	13,243	4,884	3,229	41,314	42,402	2.6%	40,942	42,178	3.0%
	Eagle Eagle	17,235	8,331	15,300	4,884	1,903	45,847	47,653	3.9%	45,828	47,615	3.9%
	Elbert Elizabeth	14,348	7,945	13,413	4,884	2,811	41,992	43,401	3.4%	41,501	42,879	3.3%
	Elbert Kiowa	12,304	7,906	13,408	4,884	3,413	41,588	41,915	0.8%	41,487	42,133	1.6%
	Elbert Big Sandy	10,372	7,956	13,142	4,884	4,036	38,944	40,390	3.7%	39,192	40,447	3.2%
	Elbert Elbert	12,661	7,848	13,338	4,884	3,331	40,934	42,062	2.8%	41,126	42,024	2.2%
	Elbert Agate	11,784	7,940	13,850	4,884	3,456	39,806	41,914	5.3%	39,683	41,411	4.4%
	El Paso Calhan	10,927	7,953	12,874	4,884	3,894	39,396	40,532	2.9%	39,730	40,765	2.6%

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El Paso	Harrison	11,024	7,920	12,866	4,884	3,624	39,964	40,318	0.9%	41,142	41,425	0.7%
El Paso	Widefield	10,700	7,839	12,865	4,884	3,701	40,661	39,989	-1.7%	40,786	40,668	-0.3%
El Paso	Fountain	10,905	8,100	12,678	4,884	3,675	40,951	40,242	-1.7%	40,833	40,702	-0.3%
El Paso	Colorado Springs	11,881	7,839	12,895	4,884	3,449	40,457	40,948	1.2%	40,806	41,119	0.8%
El Paso	Cheyenne Mountain	15,700	7,920	12,786	4,884	2,195	42,689	43,485	1.9%	41,665	42,187	1.3%
El Paso	Manitou Springs	13,483	7,971	12,899	4,884	2,916	41,723	42,153	1.0%	41,188	41,685	1.2%
El Paso	Academy	14,934	7,839	12,929	4,884	2,520	42,172	43,106	2.2%	41,957	42,630	1.6%
El Paso	Ellicott	10,184	7,839	12,871	4,884	4,105	39,071	39,883	2.1%	39,861	40,526	1.7%
El Paso	Peyton	12,176	7,770	12,878	4,884	3,513	40,507	41,221	1.8%	40,759	41,359	1.5%
El Paso	Hanover	9,733	7,984	12,790	4,884	4,250	39,294	39,641	0.9%	39,913	40,289	0.9%
El Paso	Lewis-Palmer	15,333	7,939	13,170	4,884	2,513	42,657	43,839	2.8%	42,120	42,980	2.0%
El Paso	Falcon	12,680	7,839	12,890	4,884	3,312	42,219	41,605	-1.5%	41,088	41,488	1.0%
El Paso	Edison	10,409	7,984	12,843	4,884	4,017	39,054	40,137	2.8%	39,277	40,276	2.5%
El Paso	Miami-Yoder	10,419	7,839	12,821	4,884	4,038	38,765	40,001	3.2%	39,403	40,403	2.5%
Fremont	Canon City	8,965	7,468	12,488	4,884	4,221	37,992	38,026	0.1%	38,087	38,117	0.1%
Fremont	Florence	8,780	7,525	12,837	4,884	4,231	38,138	38,257	0.3%	38,217	38,308	0.2%
Fremont	Cotopaxi	10,212	7,499	12,786	4,884	3,878	38,426	39,259	2.2%	38,449	39,255	2.1%
Garfield	Roaring Fork RE-1	14,689	8,028	14,696	4,884	2,424	42,525	44,721	5.2%	42,846	45,113	5.3%
Garfield	Rifle	11,024	7,957	13,986	4,884	3,509	39,658	41,360	4.3%	39,953	41,540	4.0%
Garfield	Parachute	9,779	7,979	13,417	4,884	4,005	39,635	40,064	1.1%	39,555	40,094	1.4%
	Gilpin Gilpin	11,611	7,805	14,083	4,884	3,468	40,301	41,851	3.8%	40,909	42,213	3.2%
	Grand West Grand	12,327	8,199	13,516	4,884	3,313	41,382	42,239	2.1%	41,382	42,239	2.1%
	Grand East Grand	14,011	8,243	13,677	4,884	2,806	42,419	43,621	2.8%	42,413	43,614	2.8%
Gunnison	Gunnison	12,550	7,841	14,464	4,884	3,332	40,759	43,071	5.7%	40,759	43,071	5.7%
Hinsdale	Hinsdale	11,959	7,939	13,419	4,884	3,477	40,855	41,678	2.0%	40,842	41,678	2.0%

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	Huerfano Huerfano	7,268	8,110	12,629	4,884	4,319	37,753	37,210	-1.4%	37,856	37,210	-1.7%
	Huerfano La Veta	9,053	8,142	13,199	4,884	4,222	38,956	39,500	1.4%	38,956	39,134	0.5%
	Jackson North Park	8,138	7,908	13,816	4,884	4,319	39,516	39,065	-1.1%	39,516	39,065	-1.1%
	Jefferson Jefferson	12,305	7,950	13,601	4,884	3,286	40,246	42,026	4.4%	40,449	42,026	3.9%
	Kiowa Eads	7,095	7,932	12,347	4,884	4,319	38,511	36,577	-5.0%	38,461	36,619	-4.8%
	Kiowa Plainview	7,011	7,853	12,635	4,884	4,319	38,693	36,702	-5.1%	38,517	36,698	-4.7%
	Kit Carson Arriba-Flagler	7,717	7,841	13,157	4,884	4,319	38,540	37,918	-1.6%	38,542	37,967	-1.5%
	Kit Carson Hi Plains	7,581	7,759	13,283	4,884	4,319	38,637	37,826	-2.1%	38,570	37,826	-1.9%
	Kit Carson Stratton	8,241	7,775	13,295	4,884	4,319	38,642	38,514	-0.3%	38,646	38,462	-0.5%
	Kit Carson Bethune	8,136	7,775	13,243	4,884	4,319	38,578	38,357	-0.6%	38,669	38,285	-1.0%
	Kit Carson Burlington	8,066	7,856	13,193	4,884	4,319	38,993	38,318	-1.7%	38,970	38,313	-1.7%
	Lake Lake	10,426	7,947	13,827	4,884	3,891	40,305	40,975	1.7%	40,289	40,968	1.7%
	La Plata Durango	11,475	7,678	13,824	4,884	3,505	40,149	41,366	3.0%	40,099	41,302	3.0%
	La Plata Bayfield	10,636	7,659	14,003	4,884	3,830	39,652	41,012	3.4%	39,698	41,066	3.4%
	La Plata Ignacio	9,996	7,659	14,108	4,884	4,082	39,095	40,729	4.2%	39,422	40,876	3.7%
	Larimer Poudre	11,240	7,679	13,456	4,884	3,443	40,031	40,702	1.7%	40,012	40,690	1.7%
	Larimer Thompson	11,467	7,647	12,740	4,884	3,396	39,757	40,134	0.9%	39,816	40,309	1.2%
	Larimer Estes Park	13,500	7,799	14,056	4,884	2,811	42,014	43,050	2.5%	41,711	42,767	2.5%
	Las Animas Trinidad	7,684	7,941	12,253	4,884	4,319	37,612	37,081	-1.4%	37,660	37,092	-1.5%
	Las Animas Primero	7,914	7,776	12,318	4,884	4,319	38,174	37,211	-2.5%	37,803	37,156	-1.7%
	Las Animas Hoehne	8,155	7,776	12,249	4,884	4,319	37,709	37,383	-0.9%	37,616	37,241	-1.0%
	Las Animas Aguilar	7,305	7,793	12,351	4,884	4,319	36,715	36,652	-0.2%	36,992	36,873	-0.3%
	Las Animas Branson	6,808	7,776	12,226	4,884	4,319	36,210	36,013	-0.5%	36,210	36,013	-0.5%
	Las Animas Kim	7,496	7,822	12,215	4,884	4,319	36,681	36,736	0.1%	36,672	36,680	0.0%
	Lincoln Genoa-Hugo	8,330	7,913	13,446	4,884	4,319	38,620	38,892	0.7%	38,776	38,869	0.2%

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	Lincoln Limon	9,537	7,913	13,601	4,884	4,222	39,448	40,157	1.8%	39,348	40,132	2.0%
	Lincoln Karval	7,454	7,834	12,975	4,884	4,319	38,132	37,466	-1.7%	38,146	37,466	-1.8%
	Logan Valley	8,436	7,760	12,891	4,884	4,319	38,833	38,290	-1.4%	38,802	38,286	-1.3%
	Logan Frenchman	8,555	7,642	12,979	4,884	4,319	38,120	38,379	0.7%	38,456	38,432	-0.1%
	Logan Buffalo	8,399	7,642	12,923	4,884	4,319	38,051	38,167	0.3%	38,420	38,397	-0.1%
	Logan Plateau	7,827	7,642	12,911	4,884	4,319	37,967	37,583	-1.0%	38,333	37,853	-1.3%
	Mesa DeBeque	8,697	7,668	12,752	4,884	4,270	38,684	38,271	-1.1%	38,833	38,462	-1.0%
	Mesa Plateau Valley	9,350	7,551	12,709	4,884	4,045	38,497	38,539	0.1%	38,573	38,599	0.1%
	Mesa Mesa Valley	9,494	7,616	12,778	4,884	4,051	38,992	38,823	-0.4%	38,990	38,825	-0.4%
	Mineral Creede	10,078	7,869	13,173	4,884	3,979	39,195	39,983	2.0%	39,177	40,067	2.3%
	Moffat Moffat County RE 1	8,588	8,114	13,837	4,884	4,319	39,149	39,742	1.5%	39,235	39,885	1.7%
	Montezuma Montezuma	8,080	7,608	13,115	4,884	4,300	39,110	37,987	-2.9%	39,248	38,264	-2.5%
	Montezuma Dolores RE-4A	9,104	7,514	13,714	4,884	3,997	39,935	39,213	-1.8%	39,622	38,952	-1.7%
	Montezuma Mancos	8,695	7,682	13,400	4,884	4,161	39,196	38,822	-1.0%	39,335	39,082	-0.6%
	Montrose Montrose	9,795	7,916	12,884	4,884	4,095	39,822	39,574	-0.6%	39,818	39,634	-0.5%
	Montrose West End	8,454	8,012	13,619	4,884	4,319	39,087	39,288	0.5%	39,087	39,288	0.5%
	Morgan Brush	9,249	7,720	13,186	4,884	4,163	38,761	39,202	1.1%	38,843	39,269	1.1%
	Morgan Fort Morgan	9,609	7,720	13,685	4,884	4,097	39,545	39,995	1.1%	39,456	39,913	1.2%
	Morgan Weldon	8,545	7,603	13,765	4,884	4,319	39,068	39,116	0.1%	39,246	39,532	0.7%
	Morgan Wiggins	10,598	7,634	13,585	4,884	3,936	38,883	40,637	4.5%	39,047	40,372	3.4%
	Otero East Otero	7,926	7,628	12,244	4,884	4,319	37,689	37,001	-1.8%	37,613	36,991	-1.7%
	Otero Rocky Ford	7,628	7,616	12,472	4,884	4,319	37,865	36,919	-2.5%	37,787	36,942	-2.2%
	Otero Manzanola	7,503	7,577	12,384	4,884	4,319	37,604	36,667	-2.5%	37,505	36,910	-1.6%
	Otero Fowler	8,275	7,559	12,556	4,884	4,319	37,808	37,593	-0.6%	37,793	37,542	-0.7%
	Otero Cheraw	7,707	7,500	12,188	4,884	4,319	37,400	36,598	-2.1%	37,470	36,755	-1.9%

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	Otero Swink	8,219	7,500	12,316	4,884	4,319	37,253	37,238	-0.0%	37,432	37,072	-1.0%
	Ouray Ouray	12,133	7,999	13,523	4,884	3,485	42,166	42,024	-0.3%	42,039	41,922	-0.3%
	Ouray Ridgway	12,148	8,077	13,498	4,884	3,509	42,056	42,116	0.1%	41,053	41,842	1.9%
	Park Platte Canyon	14,302	8,050	14,110	4,884	2,859	43,541	44,205	1.5%	43,184	44,008	1.9%
	Park Park County	12,163	8,304	13,690	4,884	3,426	41,114	42,467	3.3%	41,115	42,427	3.2%
	Phillips Holyoke	7,639	7,592	13,531	4,884	4,319	38,816	37,965	-2.2%	38,841	38,008	-2.1%
	Phillips Haxtun	8,985	7,664	13,272	4,884	4,307	39,506	39,112	-1.0%	39,293	38,998	-0.8%
	Pitkin Aspen	35,101	8,498	16,360	4,884	0	56,695	64,843	14.4%	51,638	57,866	12.1%
	Prowers Granada	6,879	7,893	12,378	4,884	4,319	37,461	36,353	-3.0%	37,488	36,656	-2.2%
	Prowers Lamar	7,989	7,932	12,429	4,884	4,319	37,668	37,553	-0.3%	37,650	37,553	-0.3%
	Prowers Holly	6,880	7,912	12,621	4,884	4,319	37,203	36,616	-1.6%	37,220	36,649	-1.5%
	Prowers Wiley	7,904	7,815	12,423	4,884	4,319	37,519	37,345	-0.5%	37,583	37,347	-0.6%
	Pueblo Pueblo City	9,036	7,819	12,405	4,884	4,125	38,833	38,269	-1.5%	38,946	38,496	-1.2%
	Pueblo Pueblo Rural	10,422	7,683	12,399	4,884	3,935	39,276	39,323	0.1%	39,136	39,001	-0.3%
	Rio Blanco Meeker	8,907	7,900	13,398	4,884	4,226	38,098	39,315	3.2%	38,098	39,315	3.2%
	Rio Blanco Rangely	8,010	7,865	13,480	4,884	4,319	38,775	38,558	-0.6%	38,767	38,558	-0.5%
	Rio Grande Del Norte	9,039	7,738	12,804	4,884	4,242	38,628	38,707	0.2%	38,528	38,226	-0.8%
	Rio Grande Monte Vista	8,053	7,651	12,570	4,884	4,319	38,642	37,477	-3.0%	38,475	37,455	-2.7%
	Rio Grande Sargent	8,012	7,572	12,636	4,884	4,319	38,670	37,423	-3.2%	38,315	37,329	-2.6%
	Routt Hayden	10,412	8,167	14,170	4,884	3,902	40,369	41,535	2.9%	41,015	41,935	2.2%
	Routt Steamboat Springs	16,482	8,219	14,373	4,884	1,989	43,740	45,947	5.0%	43,497	45,577	4.8%
	Routt South Routt	10,497	8,189	14,182	4,884	3,937	41,096	41,689	1.4%	41,625	42,334	1.7%
	Saguache Mountain Valley	7,392	7,506	13,024	4,884	4,319	36,826	37,125	0.8%	37,140	37,125	-0.0%
	Saguache Moffat 2	8,483	7,468	12,887	4,884	4,319	37,557	38,041	1.3%	37,379	37,634	0.7%
	Saguache Center	7,198	7,568	12,898	4,884	4,319	36,761	36,867	0.3%	37,417	37,141	-0.7%

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	San Juan Silverton	9,841	7,916	13,386	4,884	4,226	40,286	40,253	-0.1%	40,279	40,253	-0.1%
	San Miguel Telluride	20,093	8,014	15,351	4,884	1,130	48,277	49,472	2.5%	47,586	48,368	1.6%
	San Miguel Norwood	10,660	7,916	13,760	4,884	4,008	41,259	41,228	-0.1%	41,283	41,228	-0.1%
	Sedgwick Julesburg	7,211	7,458	13,299	4,884	4,319	37,938	37,171	-2.0%	37,989	37,172	-2.2%
	Sedgwick Platte Valley RE-3	7,531	7,458	13,009	4,884	4,319	38,308	37,201	-2.9%	38,257	37,229	-2.7%
	Summit Summit	16,683	8,205	14,435	4,884	2,051	43,485	46,258	6.4%	43,391	46,102	6.2%
	Teller Cripple Creek	10,435	8,029	13,120	4,884	3,746	39,402	40,214	2.1%	39,771	40,656	2.2%
	Teller Woodland Park	12,478	7,920	13,105	4,884	3,344	40,570	41,731	2.9%	40,681	41,682	2.5%
	Washington Akron	8,510	7,716	13,156	4,884	4,319	38,878	38,585	-0.8%	38,755	38,548	-0.5%
	Washington Arickaree	7,753	7,638	13,034	4,884	4,319	37,650	37,628	-0.1%	37,906	37,635	-0.7%
	Washington Otis	7,553	7,768	12,910	4,884	4,319	37,415	37,434	0.1%	37,620	37,469	-0.4%
	Washington Lone Star	7,466	7,768	12,937	4,884	4,319	37,665	37,374	-0.8%	37,875	37,657	-0.6%
	Washington Woodlin	7,740	7,682	13,272	4,884	4,319	37,900	37,897	-0.0%	37,900	37,897	-0.0%
	Weld Gilcrest	11,244	7,666	13,110	4,884	3,641	39,748	40,545	2.0%	39,610	40,572	2.4%
	Weld Eaton	11,220	7,666	13,227	4,884	3,548	39,684	40,545	2.2%	39,544	40,525	2.5%
	Weld Keenesburg	11,029	7,737	13,181	4,884	3,649	39,501	40,480	2.5%	39,788	40,600	2.0%
	Weld Windsor	11,495	7,668	13,508	4,884	3,454	39,853	41,009	2.9%	39,757	40,806	2.6%
	Weld Johnstown	11,402	7,627	13,195	4,884	3,457	39,659	40,565	2.3%	39,649	40,564	2.3%
	Weld Greeley	11,145	7,666	13,166	4,884	3,582	39,258	40,443	3.0%	39,341	40,421	2.7%
	Weld Platte Valley RE-7	11,438	7,666	13,198	4,884	3,577	39,584	40,763	3.0%	39,424	40,609	3.0%
	Weld Fort Lupton	11,746	7,737	13,108	4,884	3,558	41,036	41,033	-0.0%	40,678	41,127	1.1%
	Weld Ault-Highland	10,638	7,662	13,305	4,884	3,720	39,059	40,209	2.9%	39,456	40,432	2.5%
	Weld Briggsdale	9,798	7,550	13,192	4,884	4,157	37,676	39,581	5.1%	38,068	39,919	4.9%
	Weld Prairie	9,166	7,529	13,220	4,884	4,277	38,058	39,076	2.7%	38,391	39,283	2.3%
	Weld Grover	9,620	7,550	13,153	4,884	4,263	37,257	39,470	5.9%	37,629	39,610	5.3%

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Yuma	West Yuma	7,687	7,857	12,446	4,884	4,319	37,563	37,193	-1.0%	37,589	37,224	-1.0%
Yuma	East Yuma	7,339	7,944	12,771	4,884	4,319	38,396	37,257	-3.0%	38,362	37,260	-2.9%
Yuma	Idalia	6,960	7,865	12,771	4,884	4,319	38,396	36,799	-4.2%	38,362	37,020	-3.5%
Yuma	Liberty	6,835	7,778	12,446	4,884	4,319	37,563	36,262	-3.5%	37,589	36,373	-3.2%

/1 Housing costs include principal, interest, taxes, and insurance (PITI), plus utilities, maintenance, supplies, and furnishings.

/2 Transportation includes the costs for two vehicles, such as gas, oil, insurance, and maintenance.

/3 Goods and services include food, clothing, health care, entertainment, etc. as well as applicable sales taxes.

/4 Miscellaneous costs include long term savings, investments, charitable donations, life insurance, etc.

/5 Income taxes include state and federal income taxes and local occupation taxes.