DEMOGRAPHIC OVERVIEW – BENCHMARK CITIES

The Colorado Springs MSA consists of El Paso County and Teller County, with El Paso County residents comprising 97% and Teller County residents comprising 3% of MSA population.

COS vs Colorado Benchmarks
(MSAs – 2019 ACS 1-Year Data)

	COS	FC	BOU	COS DIFFERENCES vs. Ft. Collins & Boulder
Population Size	745,791	356,899	326,196	COS has larger population
Median Age	35.0	36.4	37.0	COS is younger
% of Pop under 18	23%	19%	19%	COS has more residents under 18 years old
% of Pop 65+	14%	16%	15%	COS has lower % of residents who are 65+ year old
% of Pop Bachelor's Degree or higher	39%	49%	65%	COS is less educated/degreed
Median Household Income	$72,633	$75,186	$88,535	COS has lower income
Median Value of Owner-Occupied Housing Units	$324,100	$420,100	$592,000	COS home values are lower Boulder home values are higher
Ratio of Home Price to Income	4.5	5.6	6.7	COS residents spend proportionally less income on homes
Geo Mobility - Movement (% moved houses in past year)	21.3%	20.6%	23.3%	Boulder residents are more likely to change residences
Veterans as % of Population	16.1%	6.7%	4.3%	Veterans comprise 4X more of COS population than Boulder
Residents with Disabilities as % of Population	11.9%	9.2%	8.5%	Greater proportion of COS residents are living with disabilities
Race/Ethnicity *Hispanic includes residents of any race.	1% Native 3% Asian 5% Two+ Races 6% Black 17% Hispanic 69% White	1% Native 1% Black 2% Asian 2% Two+ Races 12% Hispanic 82% White	1% Black 2% Two+ Races 5% Asian 14% Hispanic 77% White	COS is more racially diverse than Colorado benchmarks

COS vs Other Benchmarks
(MSAs – 2019 ACS 1-Year Data)

	COS	BOISE	ABQ	AUSTIN	DIFFERENCES
Population Size	745,791	749,057	914,480	2,227,083	Austin is more populated COS is less populated
Median Age	35.0	37.0	38.8	35.2	COS and Austin are younger; Albuquerque is older
% of Pop under 18	23%	25%	22%	23%	Boise has larger proportion of residents under 18
% of Pop 65+	14%	15%	17%	11%	Albuquerque has larger proportion of 65+ year old residents
% of Pop Bachelor's Degree or higher	39%	33%	33%	46%	Austin is more educated, followed by COS
Median Household Income	$72,633	$66,466	$58,512	$80,954	Austin has higher income Albuquerque has lower income
Median Value of Owner-Occupied Housing Units	$324,100	$293,700	$206,000	$318,400	COS median home value is higher
Ratio of Home Price to Income	4.5	4.4	3.5	3.9	Albuquerque residents spend less of their income on homes.
Geo Mobility - Movement (% moved houses in past year)	21.3%	16.9%	13.4%	18.5%	More COS residents are likely to change houses in a year
Veterans as % of Population	16.1%	9.1%	8.8%	6.3%	COS has higher % Veterans; Austin has lower % Veterans
Residents with Disabilities as % of Population	11.9%	12.9%	15.4%	9.5%	Albuquerque has higher rates of people with disabilities
Race/Ethnicity *Hispanic includes residents of any race.	1% Native 3% Asian 5% Two+ Races 6% Black 17% Hispanic 69% White	1% Native 1% Black 2% Asian 3% Two+ Races 14% Hispanic 80% White	2% Black 2% Asian 2% Two+ Races 5% Native 38% White 50% Hispanic	3% Two+ Races 52% White 6% Asian 7% Black 33% Hispanic	Significant differences between benchmarks Albuquerque is more diverse Boise is less diverse