



Freestanding Community Town Center Viability

Goal: Maintain Boulder, Brighton, Castle Rock and Longmont as distinct and self-sufficient communities, separate from the larger urban area.

Policy: Each freestanding community will maintain a viable mixed-use town center to preserve community identity. A truly mixed-use town center allows a freestanding community to act more independently. The ideal mix, which is different for each community, requires absorption of both jobs and population.

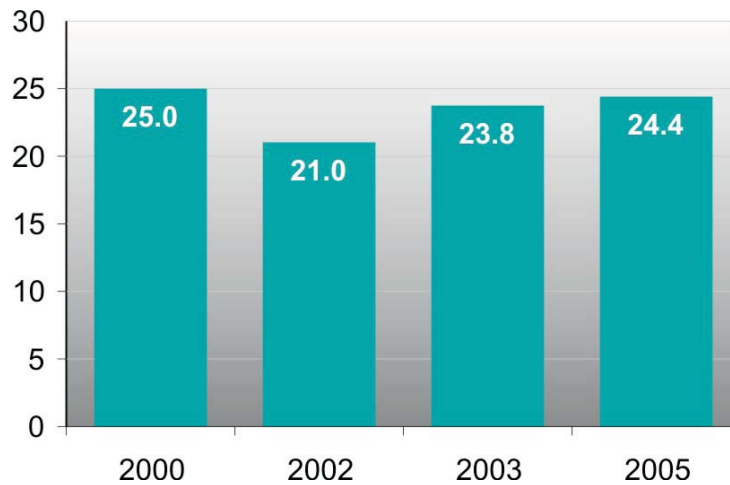
Measure: Housing and employment growth in each freestanding community's town center.

Conclusion: Like urban centers, employment in freestanding community town centers increased between 2002 and 2005 after a decrease between 2000 and 2002. Housing units increased throughout the entire time period. In 2005, however, freestanding community town centers still account for only 2 percent of total regional employment and 1 percent of total regional housing units.

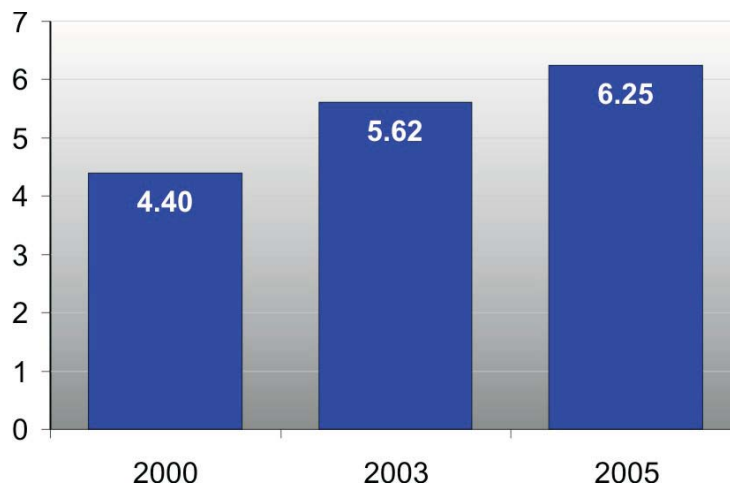
Action Steps: To ensure the continued viability of their town centers, freestanding communities can take the following actions:

- Review development plans to ensure the further mixing of uses in town centers.
- Strive for economic stability and unique identity through increased and balanced job and housing growth.

Freestanding Community Town Center Employment (Thousands)



Freestanding Community Town Center Housing Units (Thousands)



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