

# Water Planning, Population Growth and Land Use in Larimer County



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# Concerns and Observations

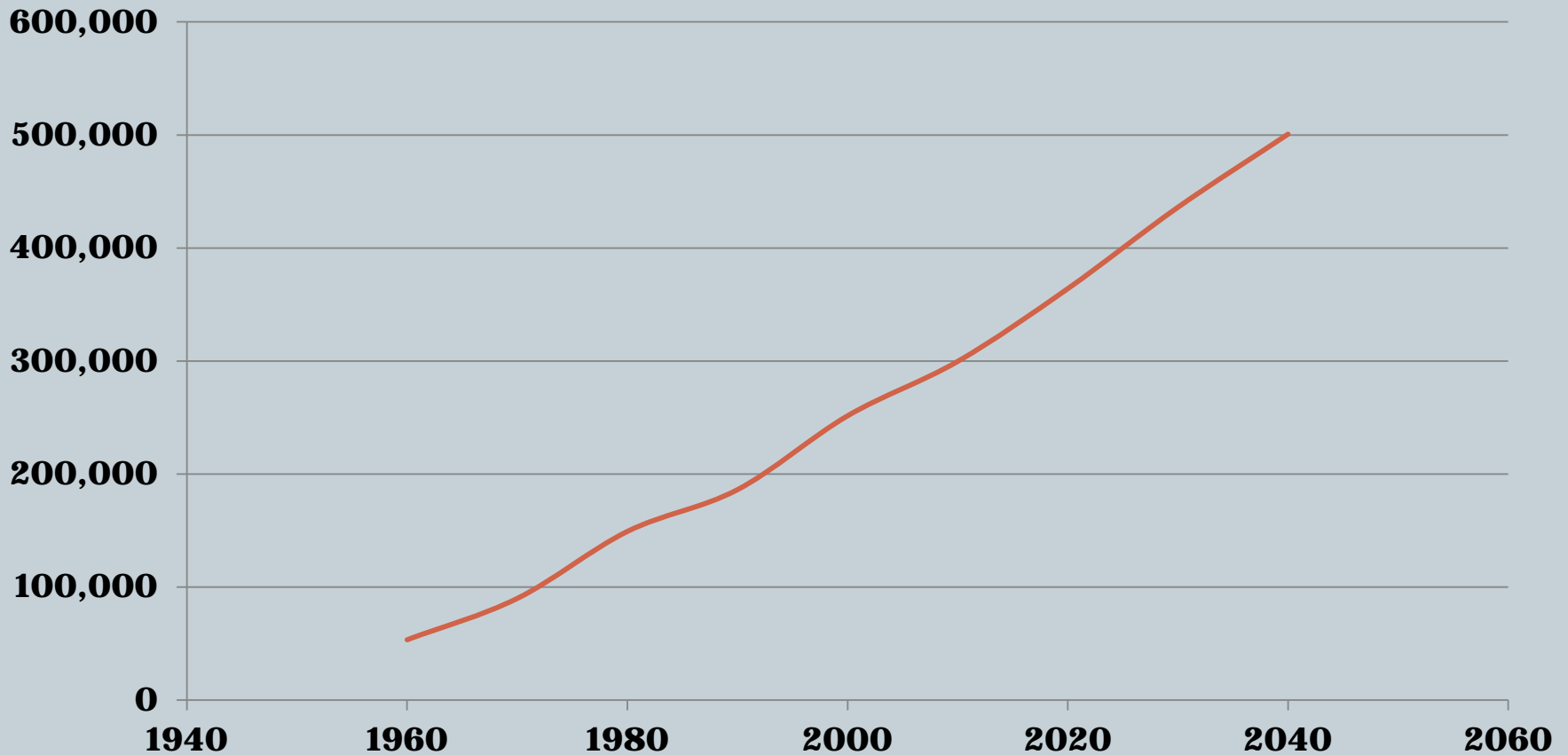


- **I am concerned that ...**”growth restrictions will be imposed and that will negatively impact the value of farmers’ water rights”.
- **One question I have is...** “ Is population increasing from people within the state or people coming to the area? ‘  
.....’When we talk about water for the future, why we are ignoring the elephant in the room--unrestrained population growth? “

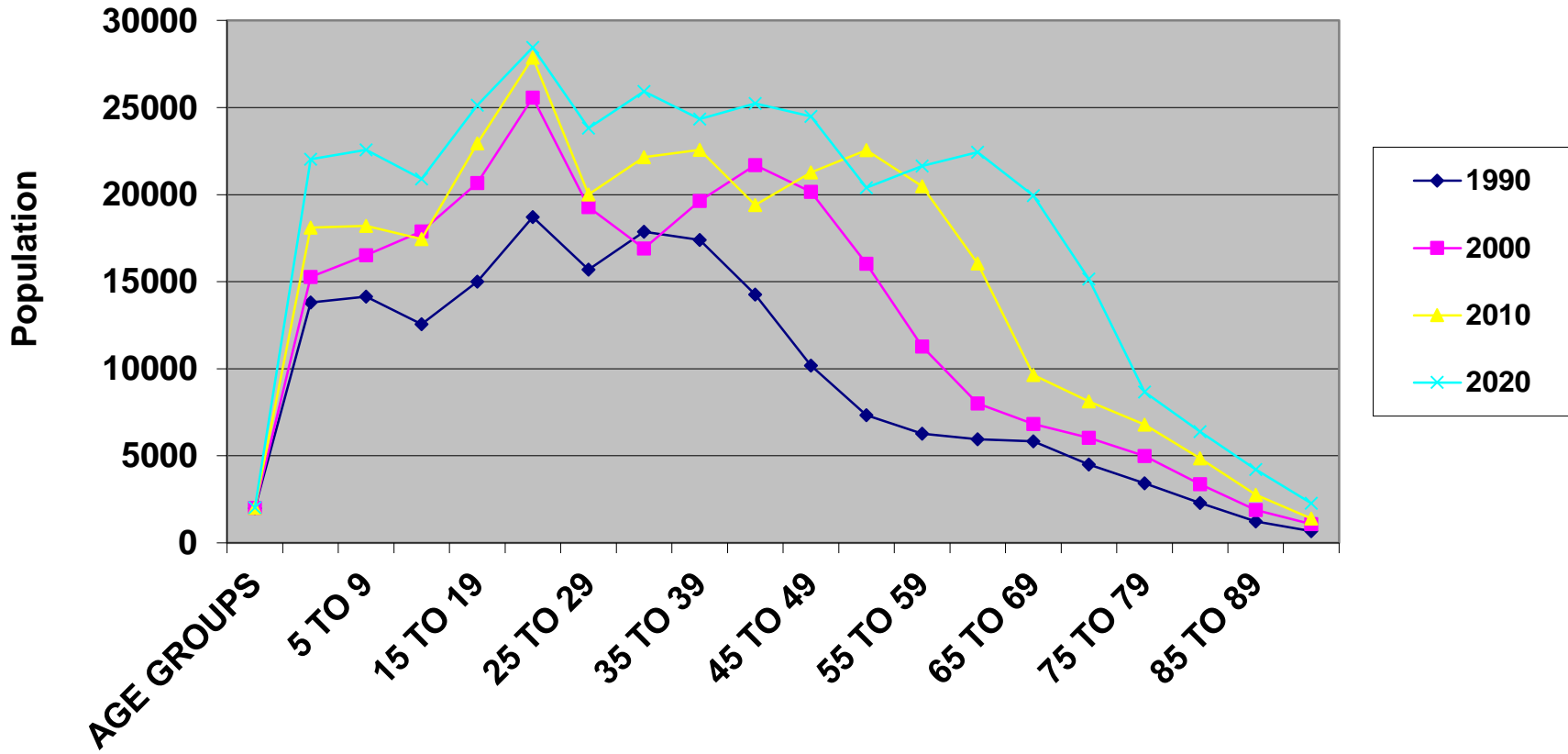
# Population Growth in Larimer County 1960-2040



## Population - Larimer County



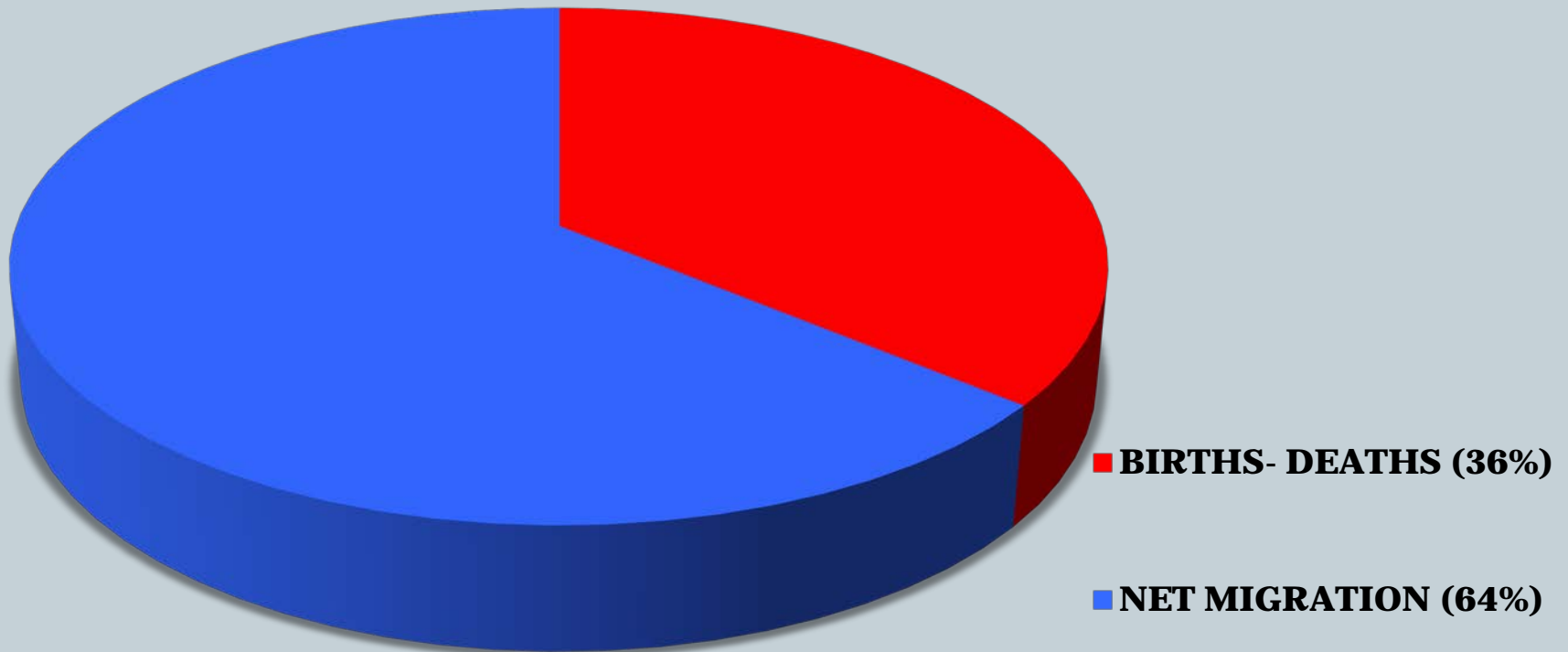
# Attributes of Growth in Larimer County: An Aging Population 1990-2020



# Attributes of Growth: Births, Deaths and Net migration



## 2000-2010 Average Components of Growth



# Controlling Growth vs Controlling How We Grow



## Strategies to limit growth in Larimer County

Infrastructure/water tap or building permit restrictions

Cost of development disincentives



# Controlling Growth vs Controlling How We Grow



- Increase population density, particularly for our aging residents
- Enhance mobility options in existing urban areas – walking, biking, transit
- Create incentives for redevelopment versus green field development
- Explore sales tax revenue sharing among Larimer County jurisdictions



# New and Noteworthy

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