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Community Readiness Supports Soldier & Family Readiness at Fort Carson

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Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments

- Regional Transportation Planning Agency
- Area Agency on Aging
- Air Quality Planning Agency
- Water Quality Management Agency
- Pikes Peak RTA Administrator – Funding Authority
- Military Impact Planning Agency
- Regional Sustainability Planning

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Fort Carson Regional Growth Plan

- PPACG as “information clearinghouse”
- Quantify the impacts of Fort Carson growth
- Understand the timing and impacts of growth and deployments
- Manage community expectations regarding growth and Soldier & family off-post needs

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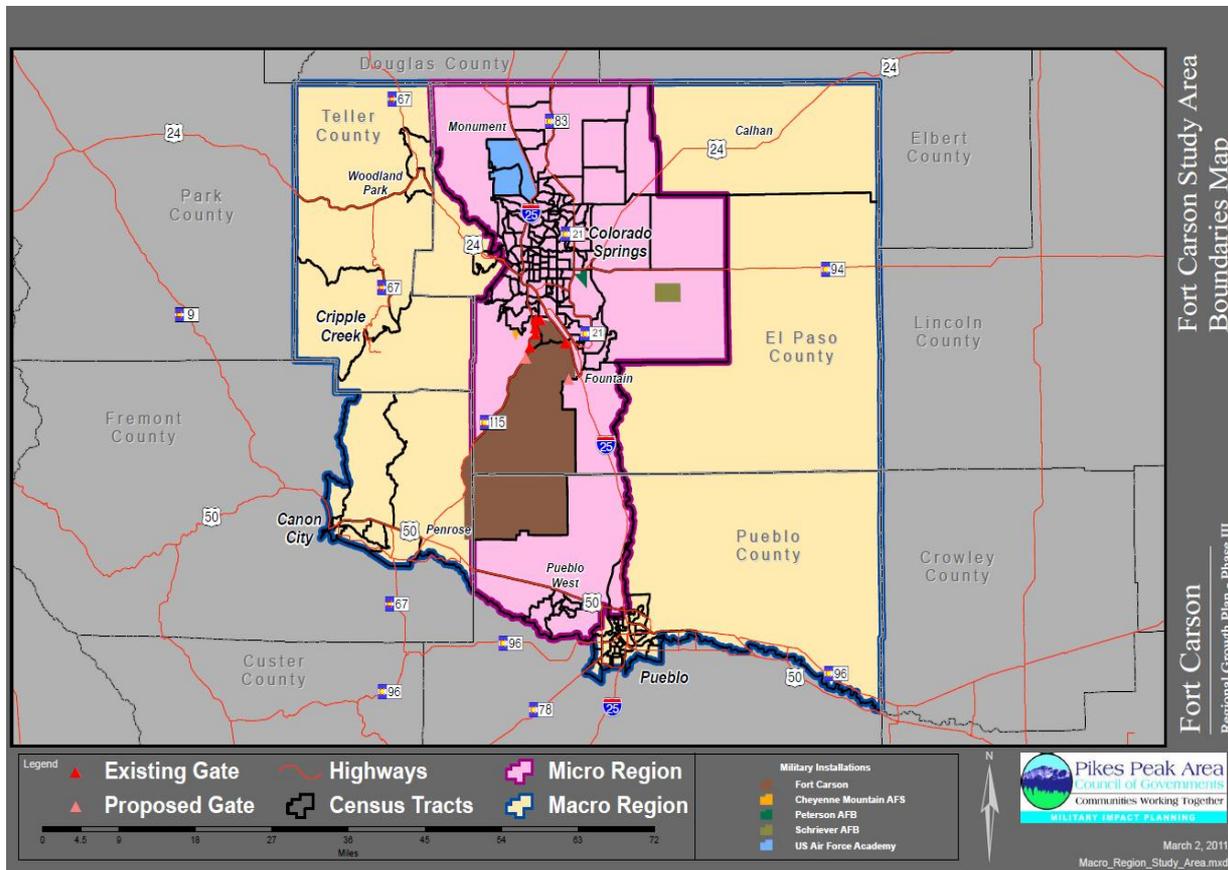
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Fort Carson Regional Growth Plan Study Area



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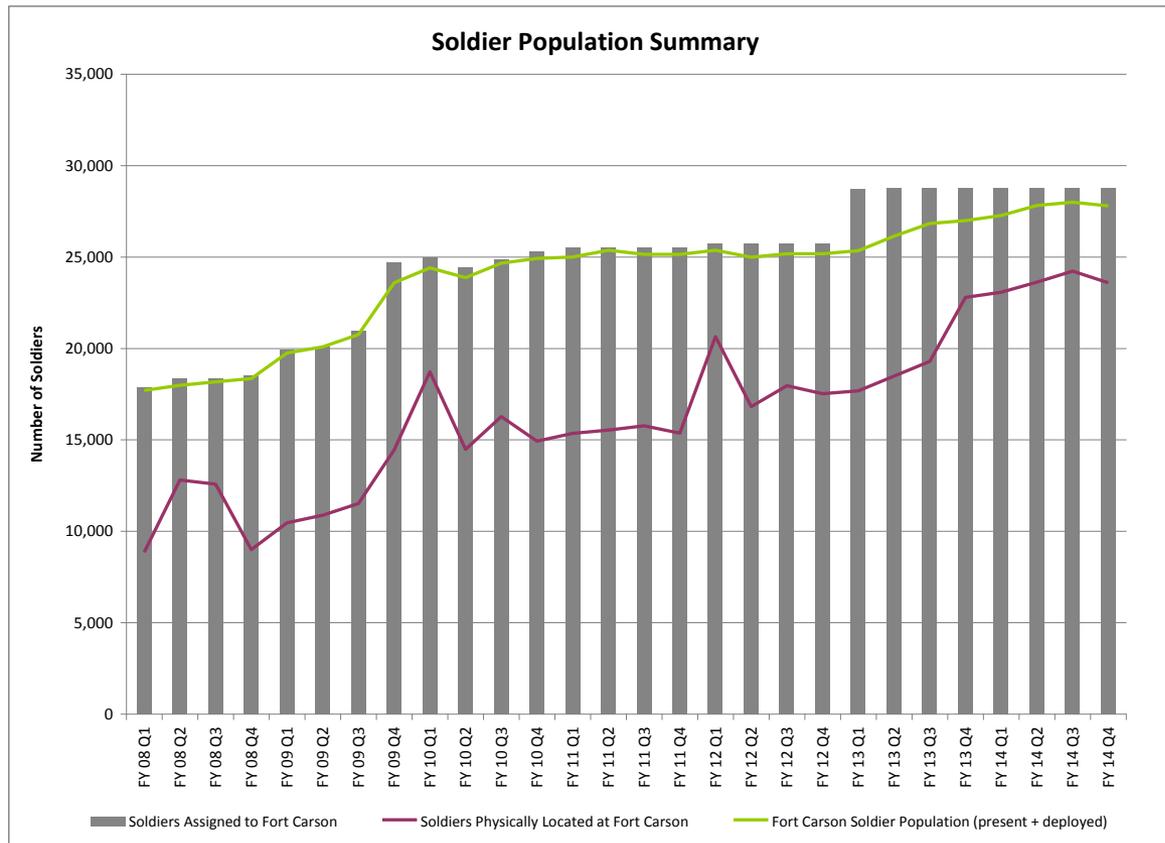


Fort Carson Demographic Model

- Greater detail on Soldier and family demographics
- Data broken down by rank, unit, other factors
- Numbers and ages of children
- Off-post locations of families
- Whether families have accompanied Soldier



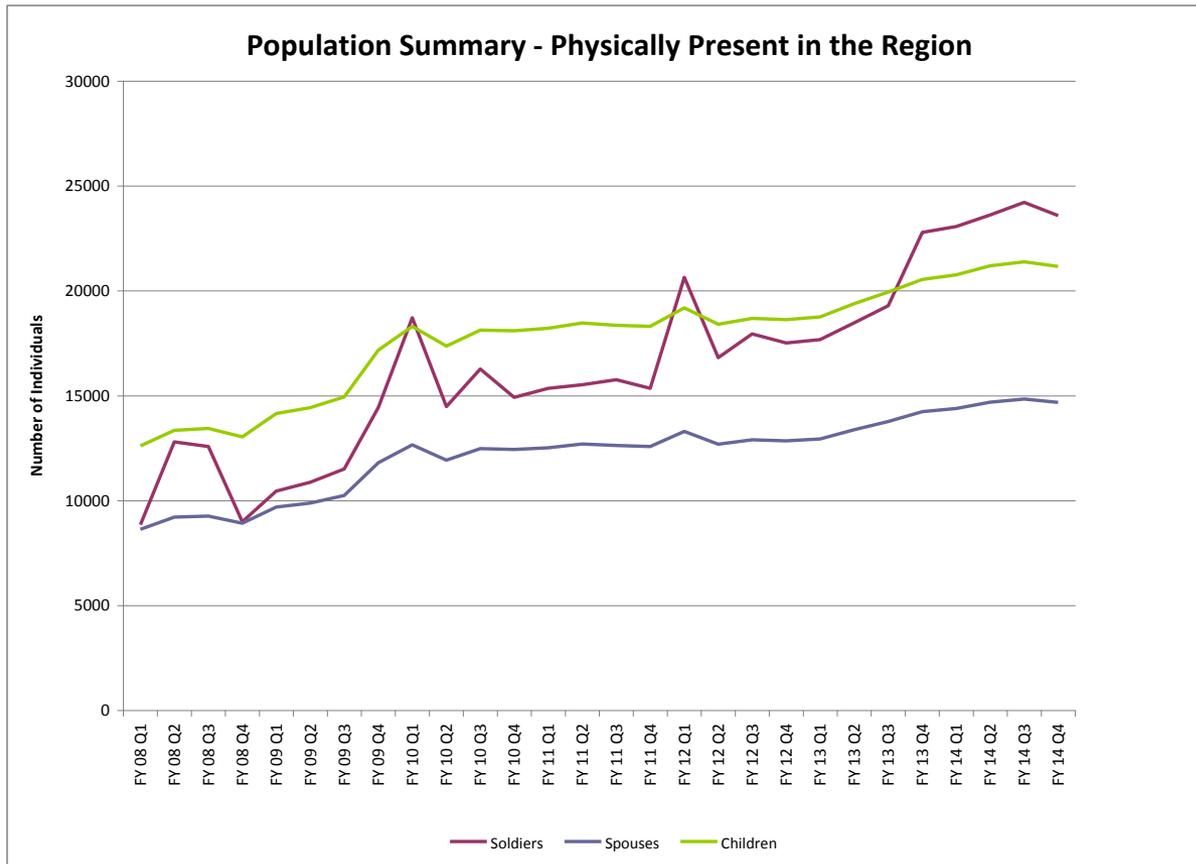
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Fort Carson Demographic Model

- Demographic analysis provides better assessment of off-post impacts regarding:
 - Housing demand
 - Transportation systems
 - K-12 schools
 - Child care providers
 - Behavioral health and social services providers
 - Other

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Community Readiness

- Data gathering and information-sharing
- Communication and coordination between Fort Carson and community
- Community-military partnerships
- Ongoing implementation of priority recommendations

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Community Readiness- Transportation

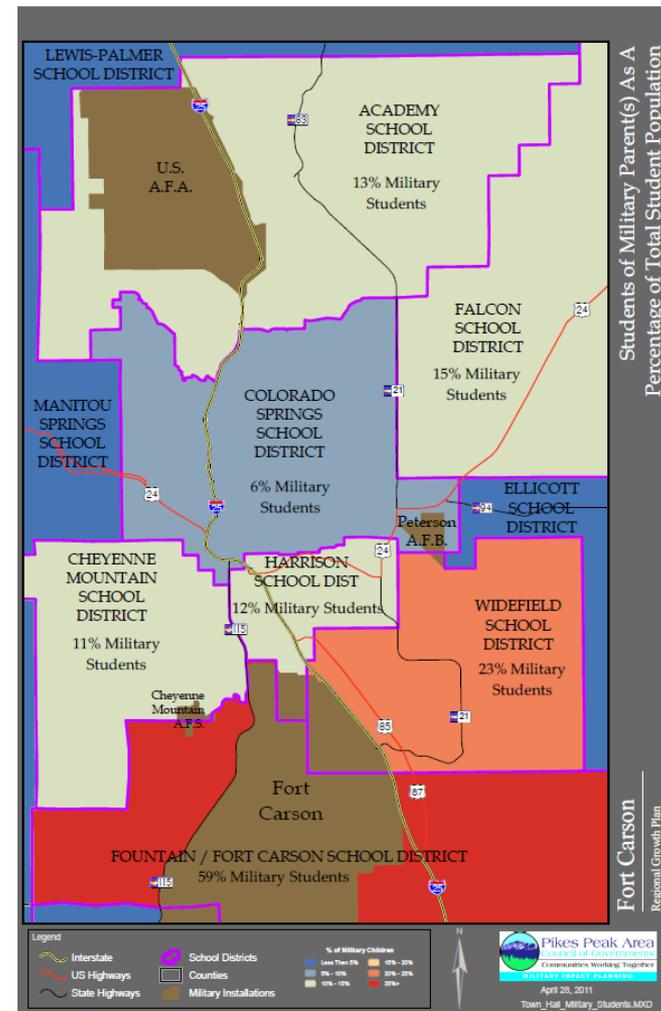
- Key roadway improvements:
 - PPRTA-funded improvements to **South Academy Blvd** (\$26+ million - completed)
 - State- and federally-funded capacity improvements to **I-25/State Highway 16/Gate 20** access (Approx. \$70 million-completed)
 - **State Highway 115** safety improvements (Approx. \$17 million – started Feb. 2011)





Community Readiness-Education

- Military students are located in districts throughout the region
- Special education needs of Fort Carson students are significant
- Autism rate in Fountain-Fort Carson District 8 is one in 40 (compared with national average of one in 110)





Community Readiness-Child Care

80817 ZIP Code Index Map



Reference Maps within this series:

- Child Care Centers
- Family Care Providers
- Preschool Programs
- School Age Programs
- School Based Programs
- YMCA / Boys & Girls Clubs
- Headstart Programs
- Schools & School Districts
- 80817 Reference Map

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Based on the most recently available data* PPACG has identified 1,725 Fort Carson Soldiers who lived in the 80817 ZIP Code.

These 1,725 Soldiers, have 1,013 children ages <1 to 5 years old, 806 children 6 to 12 years old, and 449 children ages 13 to 18 years old also in this ZIP Code.

* Please refer to the Fort Carson Regional Growth Plan demographic data sources utilized for our analysis:

[http://www.ppacg.org/files/Military_Impact/Fort_Carson_Growth/Project_Materials/Growth_Plan/Phase_II/Sec_I\(SocioeconomicModel\).pdf](http://www.ppacg.org/files/Military_Impact/Fort_Carson_Growth/Project_Materials/Growth_Plan/Phase_II/Sec_I(SocioeconomicModel).pdf)

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Community Readiness-Behavioral Health & Social Services

- Community Provider Trainings
- Network of Care
- Military System of Care



<http://pikespeak.networkofcare.org/>

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Community Readiness- Sustainability

- **Pikes Peak Regional Sustainability Project:**
 - Fort Carson sustainability goals/net-zero designation
 - Community support needed to assist Fort Carson in meeting sustainability goals
 - 20-year stretch goals
 - Benchmarking, strategy development
 - Implementation/action plan

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“Many Fort Carson families live off-post and benefit from services provided in the community. Access to quality, affordable early care and education allows our Soldiers and spouses to work with peace of mind that their children are receiving needed care, particularly when their parent(s) serve in harm’s way. We are grateful for the wonderful community we live in that works with us daily to ensure our kids have the care and nurturing they need...”

Col. Robert F. McLaughlin, Garrison Commander, Fort Carson

Source: Economic Impact of Child Care and Early Education in the Pikes Peak Region

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