



## Goal 4: Sustainable Community Development

**Desired Community Condition: The downtown area is vital, safe, and accessible.**



### Indicator: Proportion of Downtown Housing Units to Jobs

**Progress Rating: Local Trend: STABLE National Comparison: NOT APPLICABLE**

### Indicator Description

This indicator measures the proportion of housing units to jobs in the downtown area of Albuquerque, the City's largest center of business and government. This is the area defined by Census Tract 21; bounded roughly by Broadway Boulevard, 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Coal Avenue, and Lomas Blvd, as shown on the map. The number of Housing Units is obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau and the number of jobs is obtained from the Mid Region Council of Governments (MRCOG).

### Why are these indicators important?

Downtowns are more likely to be viable when a significant number of people reside there. The appropriate proportion varies from city to city depending upon many different market factors. Increasing the number of residents living downtown could attract more broad-based services, such as grocery markets and other neighborhood-oriented shops and, eventually, regional shopping. A multi-use urban environment should attract tourists and shoppers as well. The City of Albuquerque and the Downtown Action Team, the planning group for Albuquerque's downtown, are therefore seeking to expand the amount of downtown housing.

### Data Sources

City of Albuquerque Planning Department; U.S. Census Bureau; Mid-Region Council of Governments

### What can we tell from the data?

- The number of housing units has decreased 4.1% and the number of jobs has decreased 10.2% in the past four years; changing the ratio of number of housing units to jobs from 1:45 to 1:42.
- This ratio does not include new housing units, built after the 2000 Census was taken, like those at Coal Ave/5<sup>th</sup> Street, Gold Street/1<sup>st</sup> Street, and the housing units at the old Albuquerque High School.

| Year | Number of Jobs | Number of Housing Units | Number of Housing Units to Jobs |
|------|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1990 | 18,754         | 417                     | 1:45                            |
| 2000 | 16,842         | 400                     | 1:42                            |

## Number of Housing Units in Downtown Albuquerque: 1990 and 2000

