

## 4.1 Assess Last 5-10 Year Growth & Change

### Instructions:

- **What:** Assess the growth and change that has occurred in your community over the past five to ten years.
- **Why:** Looking back will help your leadership see the current path that you are on to help you gauge what adjustments you need to make, and what measures you should be revising on a regular basis to keep everyone on track and to show your community's progress toward its vision.
- **Who:** Community and economic development leaders

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See our blog, [How to Assess Past Growth & Change](#), for definitions of Level 1, 2, and 3 economic development.

### Level 1 Economic Development

Fill in the following table to assess your community's Level 1 Economic Development standing. Please feel free to add additional measures that are relevant to your community.

MEASURE	PAST VALUE	CURRENT VALUE	CHANGE	COMMENT	ACTION STEP
Total Employment					
Total Unemployed					
Unemployment Rate					
Poverty Rate					

### Level 2 Economic Development

Fill in the following table to assess your community's Level 2 Economic Development standing. Please feel free to add additional measures that are relevant to your community.

MEASURE	PAST VALUE	CURRENT VALUE	CHANGE	COMMENT	ACTION STEP
Per Capita Personal Income					
Better, Higher Skills Jobs					
Diversify Economy					

