

Delta County

Demographic and Economic Profile

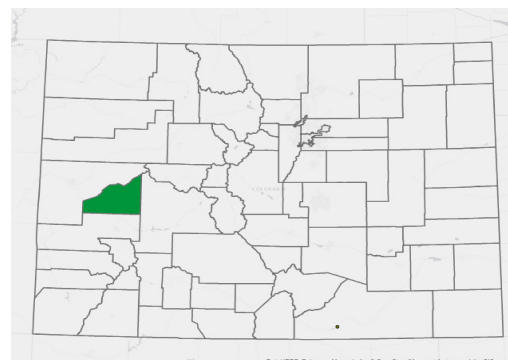


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Community Quick Facts

Population (2013)	30,299
Ann. Population Growth (2010 to 2013)	-0.60%
Median HH Income(ACS 08-12)	\$42,786
Employment (2013)	12,490

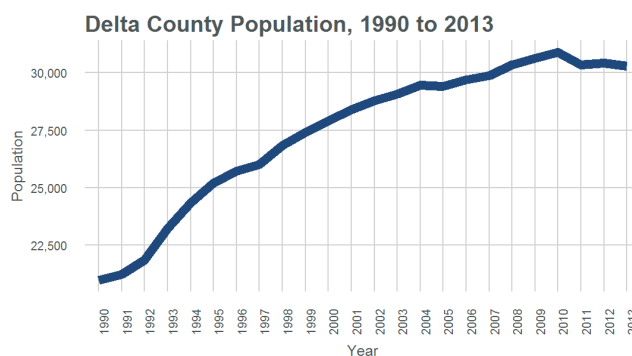
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U.S. Census Bureau



Population

Population Estimates and Forecasts for the resident population are produced by the State Demography Office.

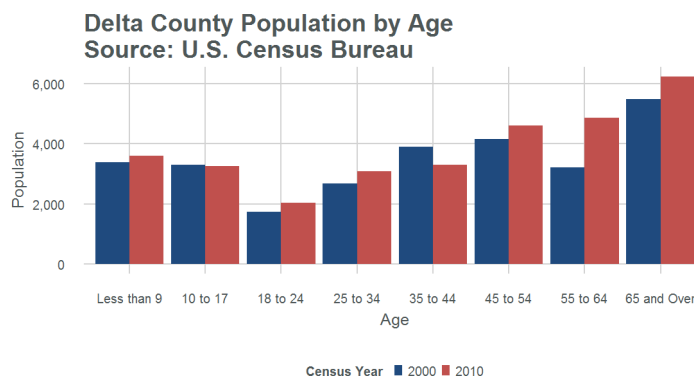
- Delta experienced fast growth between 1990-2000, slowing to around 1% during the 2000s and experiencing slight declines since 2010.
- Since 2010 both the city and county have plateaued due to challenges with economic development.
- Paonia is the only area showing growth since 2010. (See Appendix A for full list of municipalities and population).



	Population		Annual Average Growth Rate (%)	
	Delta County	Colorado	Delta County	Colorado
1990	20,980	3,294,473		
1995	25,193	3,811,074	3.70%	3.00%
2000	27,909	4,338,801	2.10%	2.60%
2010	30,889	5,049,717	1.00%	1.60%
2013	30,299	5,264,890	-0.60%	1.40%

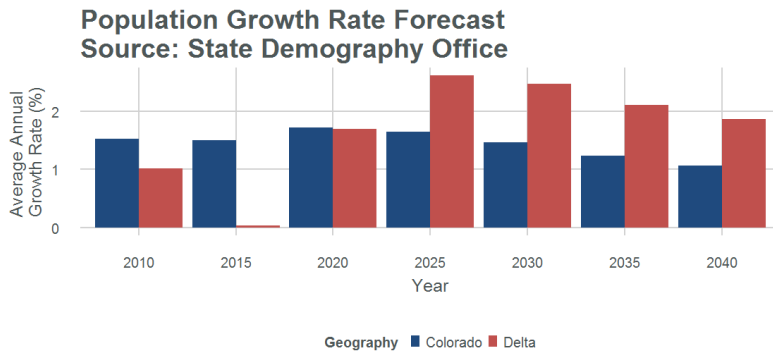
Population By Age

Delta's population by age is shown in the chart to the right for both 2000 (darker bar) and 2010 (lighter bar). The largest increase was the 55 to 64 year old age group, followed by 25 to 34 and Less than 9. The growth in the 55+ could indicate a need to evaluate aging services in the city. Growth in ages under 10 reflects growth in families with children as seen in the household chart on page 2.



Population Forecast

The State Demography Office only produces forecasts at the state and county level and updates them annually in November.



	Delta County	Colorado
2010	30,899	5,049,717
2015	30,937	5,439,290
2020	33,664	5,924,692
2025	38,304	6,429,532
2030	43,277	6,915,379
2035	48,027	7,352,327
2040	52,669	7,752,887

Source: State Demography Office

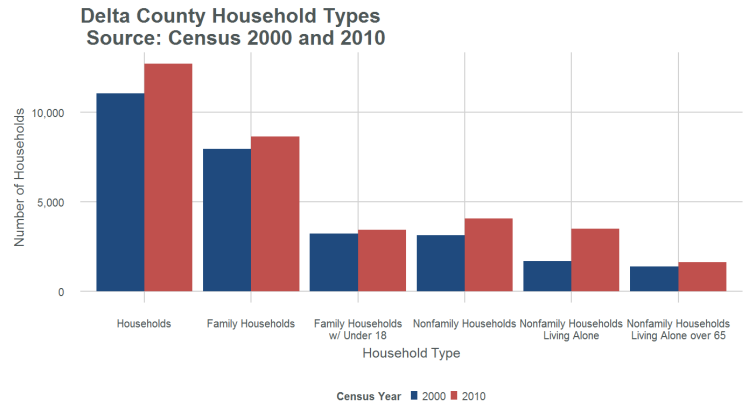
- Delta has recently had much slower growth 2010-2013 than the state.
- Over the next few decades its population is forecast to increase from 30,900 in 2010 to 52,700 in 2040.
- Some of the growth is driven by growth in retirees (see age distribution). Not only will the retiree spending add to growth in the county but as residents retire, people will be needed to fill jobs.

Housing & Households

Delta city Housing Units	2000	2010	2010 %
Total Housing Units	12,374	14,572	
Occupied Housing Units	11,058	12,703	87.20%
Owner-Occupied Units	8,575	9,569	75.30%
Renter-Occupied Units	2,483	3,134	24.70%
Vacant Housing Units	1,316	1,869	12.80%
For Seasonal	463	756	40.40%
All Other Vacant	853	1,113	59.60%

- Delta's housing market is dominated by occupied units (87%).
- The vacancy rate for non-seasonal was about 7.6% in 2010.
- Most of the units are owner occupied (75%) but an active rental market exists as well.

- Between 2000 and 2010 households continued to increase.
- The fastest growth in household types was non family households and households living alone. There also is significant growth in the households over 65 living alone.



Race & Ethnicity

Delta city Population by Race/Ethnicity

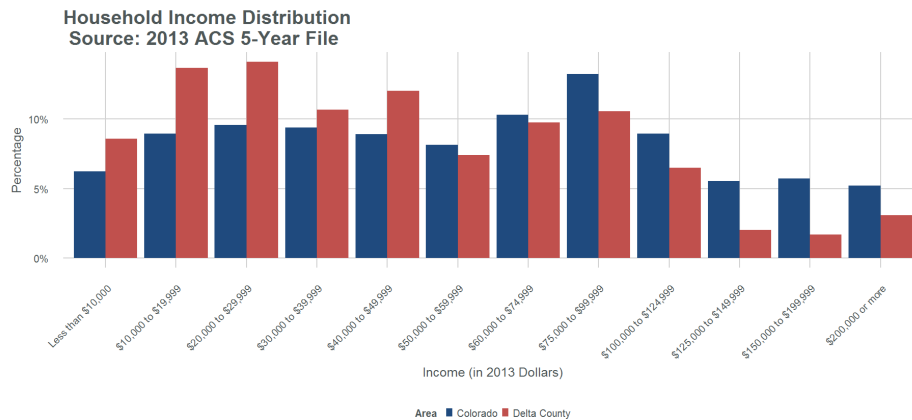
	2000	2010	2010 %
Total	27,834	30,952	
White	23,945	25,685	83.00%
Black or African American	135	137	0.44%
American Indian or Alaska Native	150	190	0.61%
Asian	83	146	0.47%
Native Hawaiian and Other	7	12	0.04%
Some Other Race	24	41	0.13%
Two or More	319	396	1.28%
Hispanic	3,171	4,345	14.00%

Source: U.S. Census 2000, 2010

- Delta is slightly less diverse than the state as a whole but is becoming more diverse over time. The largest growth was in the Hispanic population increasing by over 1,000 between 2000 and 2010.

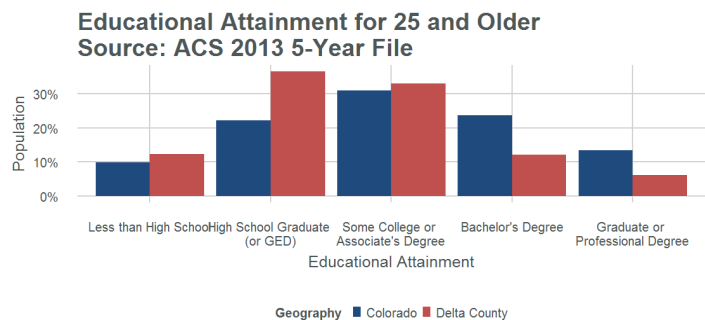
Income

The Median Household Income (MHI) for Delta County is \$42,786 (ranks 45th among counties), which is lower than the state MHI of \$58,433.



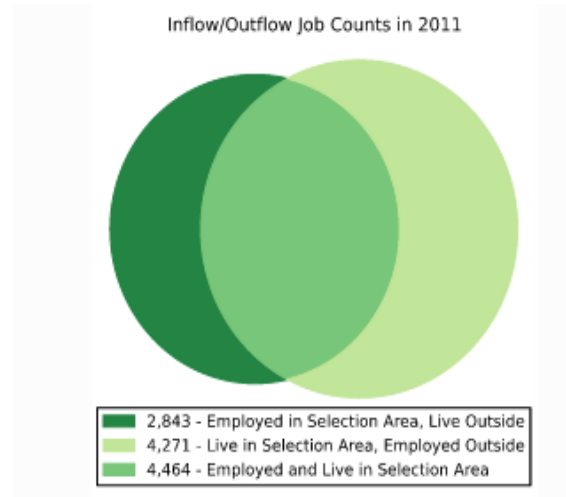
Education

Delta has a lower share of its population with a bachelor's degree or higher compared to the state. Delta has a much higher share of high school graduates than the state.



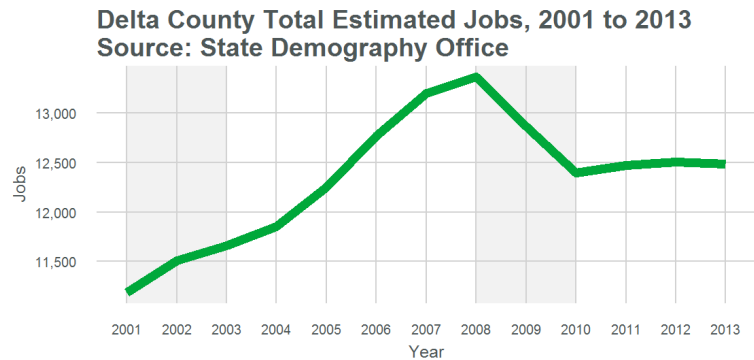
Commuting

Commuting plays an important role in the economy of an area because not all workers live where they work. Commuting impacts roads and access to employees. The table to the side breaks the data by job and by resident worker. Residents hold 61% of the jobs and 39% of the jobs are held by people who live outside the county. 51% of the residents work in Delta but 49% are employed outside of the county. The chart indicates that there are fewer jobs than workers in Delta.



Jobs & the Economy

Delta has a more Agriculture and Mining based economy than Colorado as shown in the chart below. The largest industries by employment are Government, Retail, Agriculture, and Health Care. Total employment in the county was estimated to be 12,490 in 2013. Delta has gained approximately 90 since 2010.



Note: Grey Bars refer to Recessions from beginning to trough.

2013 Share of Jobs by Industry

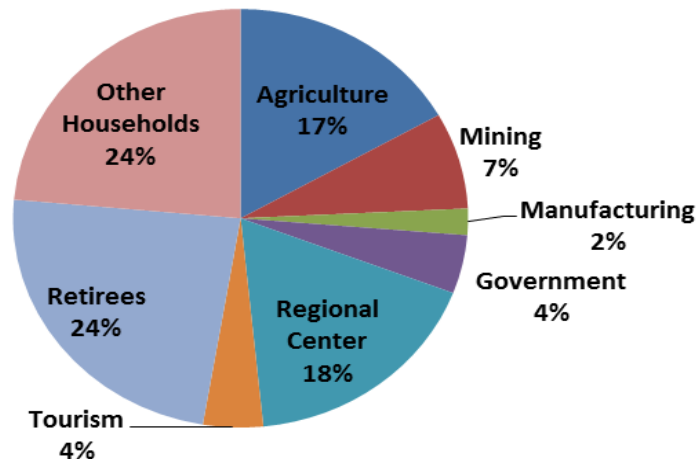
Sector Name	Delta	Colorado
Agriculture	11.5%	1.5%
Mining	5.7%	1.1%
Utilities	0.4%	0.3%
Construction	5.9%	6.1%
Manufacturing	4.5%	4.7%
Wholesale Trade	1.5%	3.5%
Retail Trade	11.5%	9.7%
Transportation & Warehousing	1.1%	2.7%
Information	1.4%	2.6%
Finance and Insurance	2.3%	4.2%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	2.8%	3.4%
Professional and Technical Services	3.5%	9.0%
Management of Companies	0.2%	1.2%
Administrative and Waste Services	2.9%	6.1%
Educational Services	0.5%	1.9%
Health Care and Social Assistance	10.6%	9.6%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1.3%	2.5%
Accommodation and Food Services	6.0%	8.3%
Other Services	7.0%	6.0%
Government	19.3%	15.7%

Source: State Demography Office

Economic Base Industry Analysis

The industry mix in the prior chart is indicative of the importance of household and retiree spending as economic drivers (shown in the pie chart below). The base analysis pie chart also shows that Delta county is a regional hub for an agricultural county.

Delta Economic Drivers



Appendix A: Population of Municipalities within County

Areaname	SDO July 2010	SDO July 2011	SDO July 2012	SDO July 2013	ABS Change 2010-2013	Ann. Avg Pct Change 2010-13	Share of County in 2013
DELTA COUNTY	30,889	30,335	30,431	30,299	(590)	-0.6%	
Cedaredge	2,248	2,209	2,206	2,202	(46)	-0.7%	7.3%
Crawford	430	422	422	420	(10)	-0.8%	1.4%
Delta	8,897	8,755	8,832	8,804	(93)	-0.3%	29.1%
Hotchkiss	942	925	924	920	(22)	-0.8%	3.0%
Orchard City	3,114	3,063	3,067	3,056	(58)	-0.6%	10.1%
Paonia	1,450	1,424	1,420	1,565	115	2.6%	5.2%
Unincorp. Area	13,808	13,537	13,560	13,332	(476)	-1.2%	44.0%