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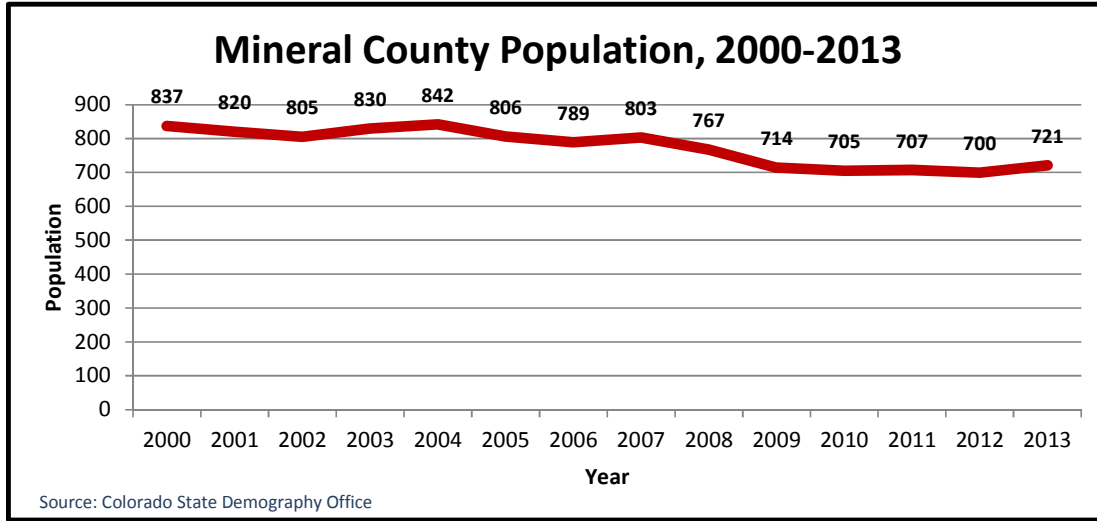
Mineral County

Mineral County At A Glance

2013 Population (SDO)	721
Pop. Growth 2000-2013 (SDO)	-13.9%
Median Household Income (ACS 09-13)	\$47,083
County Employment 2014 (SDO)	633

Source: Colorado State Demography Office; ACS 2009-2013, U.S. Census Bureau

Population



Median Age
53.1

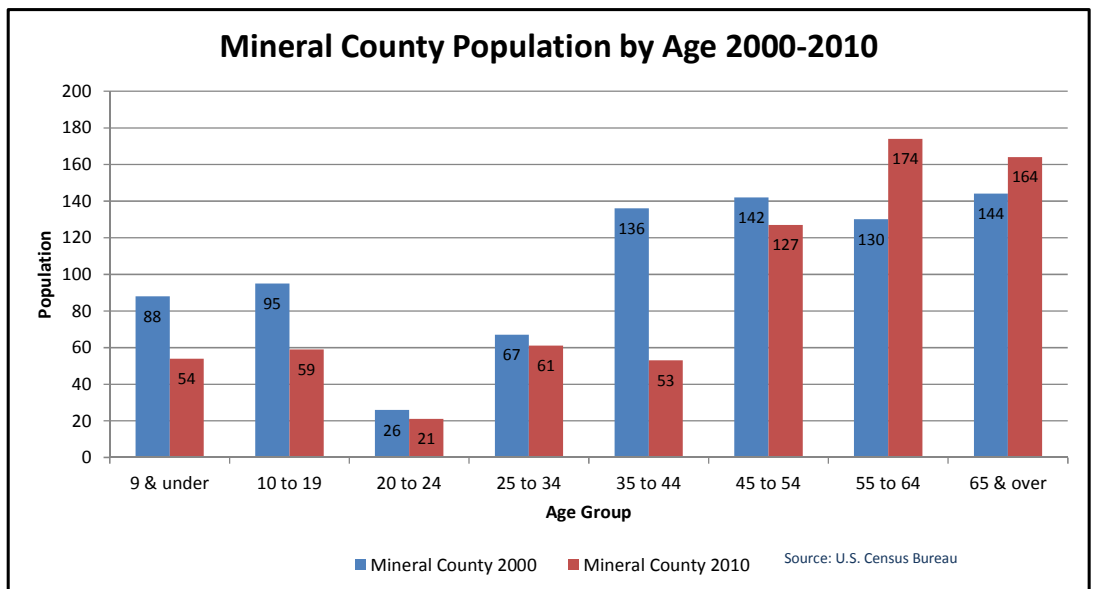
Per Capita Income
\$42,255

60.2%
Homes with no Mortgage

No health insurance
10.6%

- Mineral County’s population declined 13.8 percent between 2000 and 2013 – from 837 in 2000 to 721 in 2013.
- Most recently, the county gained 16 people in the period from 2010 to 2013.
- Residents living in unincorporated Mineral County (429) account for over half (59.5%) of the county’s population.
- Colorado grew by 4.26 percent during the period of 2010 to 2013.

Since 2000, Mineral County has seen decreases in all age groups under 55. Most significant is the decrease in the age group 35 to 44, which fell 83, or 61%. Notable declines were in groups under 20. Older residents, over 55, increased 23.3% and make up nearly half the population.



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Housing & Households

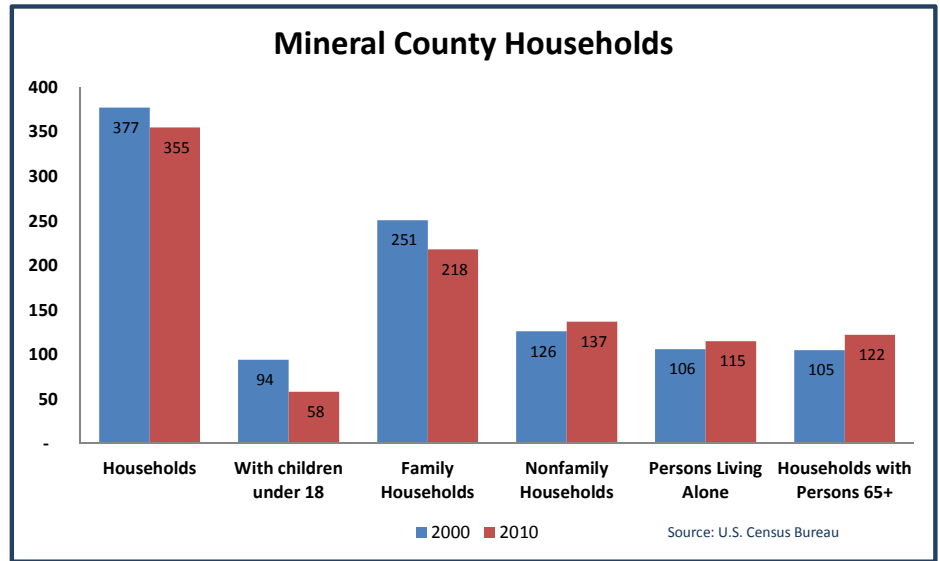
Mineral County Housing Units

	2000	2010
Total Housing Units	1,119	1,201
Occupied Units	377	355
Owner-Occupied	279	294
Renter-Occupied	98	61
Vacant Units	742	846
Seasonal	672	793
Other Vacant	70	53

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

- The vacancy rate was 70.4% in 2010, excluding seasonal housing it was 4.4%.
- Owner-occupied units are 82.8% of occupied units.
- Only 17.1% of occupied units are rental units.
- Occupied units account for only 29.5% of total units.
- Total housing units grew by 82 from 2000 to 2010.

- The number of households in Mineral County fell by 22 from 2000 to 2010.
- Nonfamily households increased by 11, while family households fell by 33.
- About 34.3% of households are persons 65 and older.
- Persons living alone account for 32.3% of households.
- The number of households with children dropped 36, or 38.2%.



Race & Ethnicity

Mineral County Pop. by Race/Ethnicity

	2000	2010	2010%
Total	831	712	100
White	791	693	97.3
Afro-American	0	2	0.3
Native	4	4	0.6
Asian	0	1	0.1
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Other Race	20	2	0.3
Two or More Races	16	10	1.4
Hispanic*	17	21	2.9

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

- In Mineral County, only 2.7% identify as a race other than White. That diversity is less than the state as a whole, where 20.9% identify racially as other than White.
- Only 2.9% in Mineral County identify as Hispanic, which compares to 20.8% in Colorado.
- The number of Mineral County residents that identify as Hispanic increased from 2000 to 2010.

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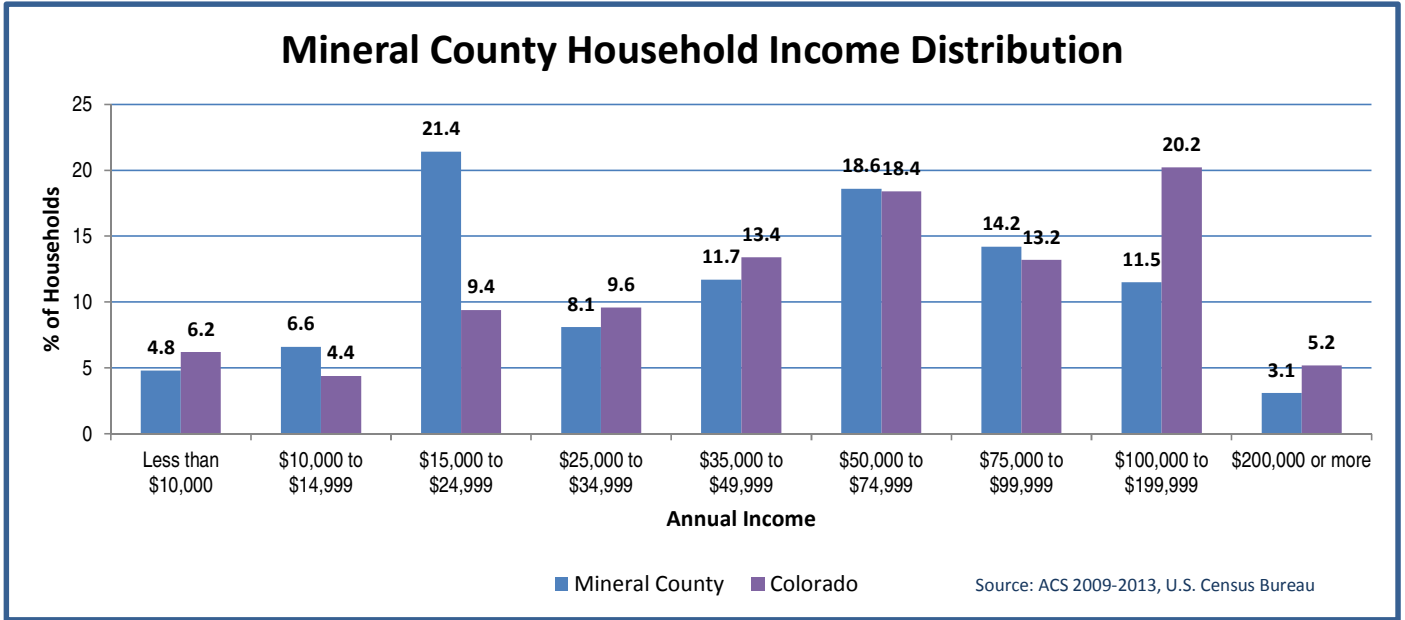


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Income

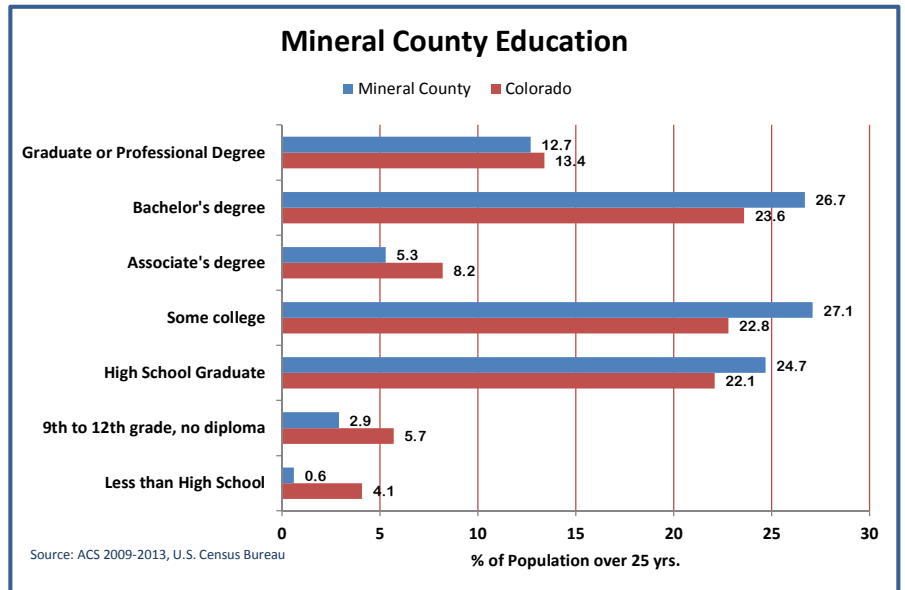
The chart below shows the distribution of income in Mineral County compared to the rest of Colorado. Mineral County has 32.8% of residents making less than \$25,000 annually. That compares to 20% statewide making less than \$25,000 per year. Over 38% of Mineral County residents make \$25,000 to \$75,000 annually. In the category of incomes between \$75,000 and \$99,999, Mineral County is higher than the state rate with 14.2% falling in that category. The greatest contrast is with incomes over \$100,000 where 14.6% in Mineral County are above that income level. Statewide, 25.4% have an annual income above \$100,000.

The Median Household Income (MHI) for Mineral County is \$47,083, lower than the state MHI of \$58,433.



Education

Mineral County ranks higher than the state in percentage of residents who have graduated high school, 24.7%. Only 3.5% in Mineral County have less than a high school education. Over 44% in Mineral County have a college degree while 27.1% have some college. Statewide, 45.2% hold a college degree and 22.8% have some college



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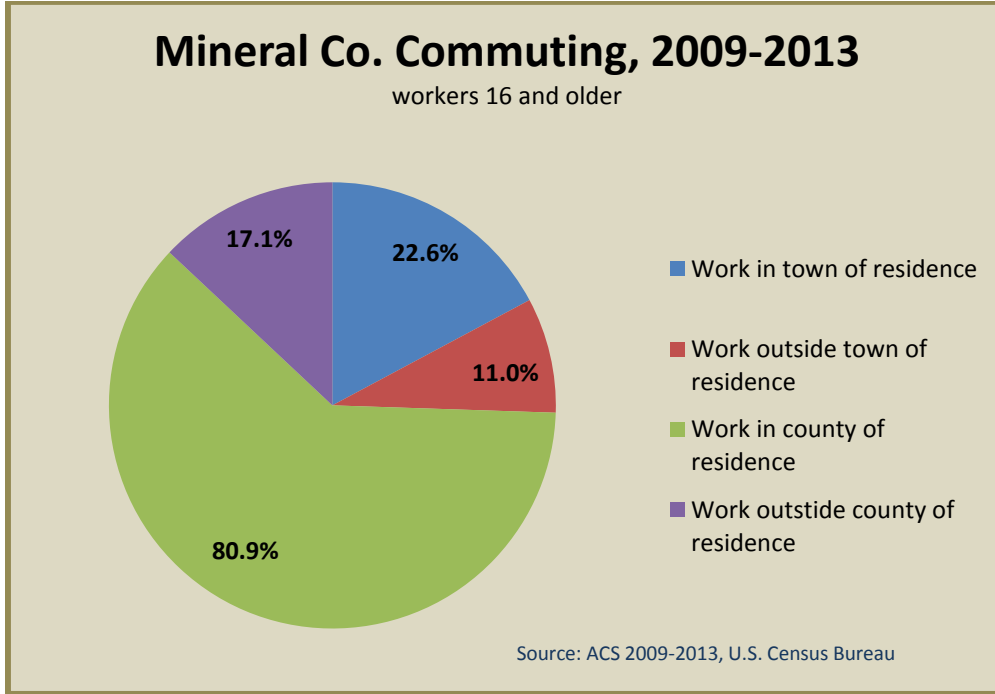
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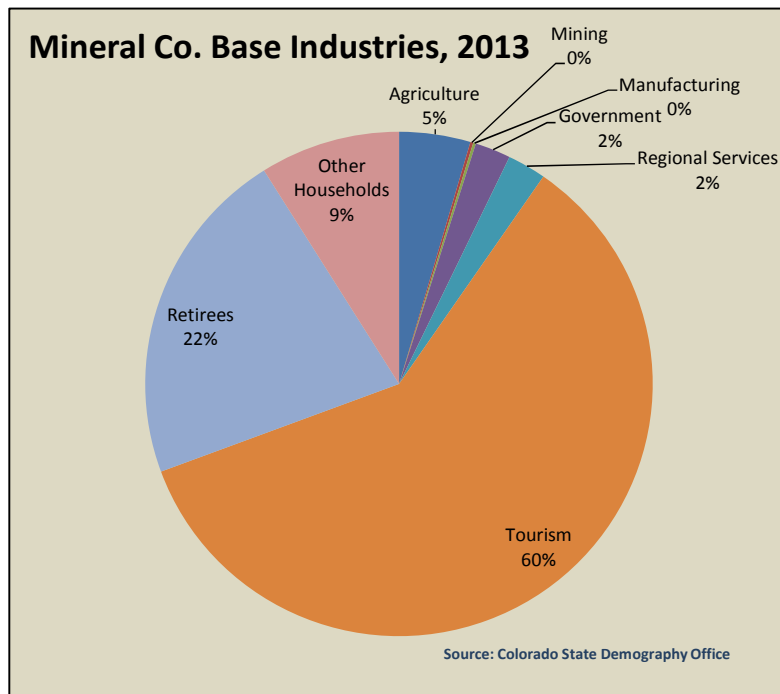
Commuting

Where workers live and where they work tells us where jobs are located. Commuting affects roads and access to employees. According to the graph below, 80.9% of workers who live in Mineral County, work in Mineral County. Of workers living in Mineral County, 17.1% work outside the county



Jobs & the Economy

An analysis of Base Industries in Mineral County shows the importance of Tourism to the county's economy, accounting for 60%. Retirees (22%), Other Households (9%) and Agriculture (5%) also account for large segments of the county's economy. Tourism represents Regional Services 2% and Government 2%. Base Industries are those that bring new dollars to the region.



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A look at jobs by industry, below, indicates where the jobs are in the local economy. The top job sectors in Mineral County are:

- Arts
- Accommodation & Food Services
- Government
- Retail Trade

Total average employment for Mineral County in 2014 is 633.

Mineral County Jobs by Sector, 2014	
Accommodation and food	125
Admin and waste	27
Agriculture	5
Arts	177
Construction	39
Education	5
Finance activities	5
Government	91
Health Services	5
Information	5
Management of companies and enterprise	5
Manufacturing	5
Mining	5
Other services, except public administration	5
Professional and business services	5
Real estate	5
Retail Trade	64
Transportation and warehousing	5
Utilities	5
Wholesale trade	5
Total	633

Source: Colorado State Demography Office

Industry mix

Share of Jobs by Industry	Creede	Mineral
Agriculture	0%	4%
Mining	1%	1%
Utilities	0%	0%
Construction	5%	6%
Manufacturing	0%	0%
Wholesale trade	0%	0%
Retail Trade	16%	10%
Transportation and warehousing	0%	0%
Information	0%	0%
Finance activities	2%	1%
Real estate	1%	3%
Professional and business services	1%	3%
Management of companies and enterprise	0%	0%
Admin and waste	3%	4%
Education	0%	0%
Health Services	2%	1%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	10%	28%
Accommodation and food	33%	20%
Other services, except public administration	1%	5%
Government	24%	14%

Source: Colorado State Demography Office

In Mineral County, the total population is forecast to increase by 1.7% per year from 2015 through 2020 while the population over age 65 is forecast to grow by 3.6% per year - the majority of change from aging. Total jobs are forecast to grow by 2% per year from 2015 through 2020. In 2014, employment fell 1% due largely to a decrease in proprietor employment.

Mineral County Population & Job Forecast

	Population	Total Jobs
2010	728	583
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2020	823	726
2025	880	757
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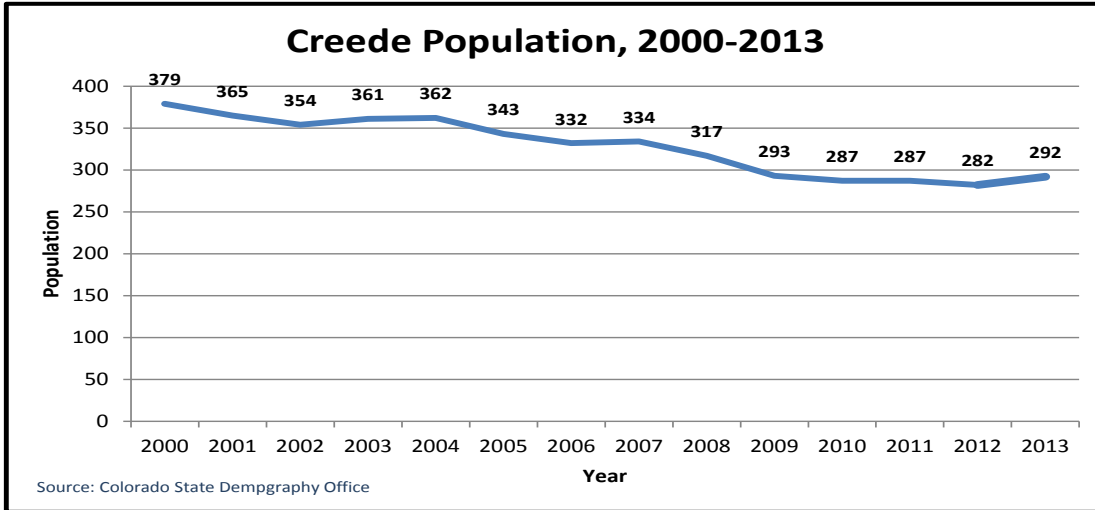
Creede

Creede At A Glance

2013 Population (SDO)	292
Pop. Growth 2000-2013 (SDO)	-23.0%
Median Household Income (ACS 09-13)	\$30,000
County Employment 2014 (SDO)	633

Source: Colorado State Demography Office; ACS 2009-2013, U.S. Census Bureau

Population



Median Age
52

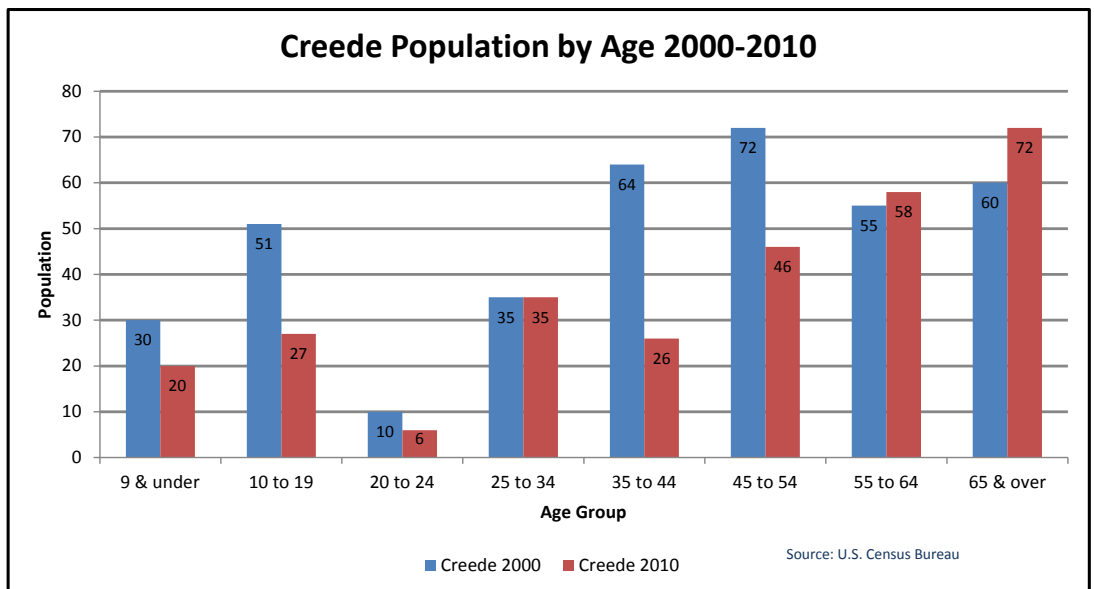
Per Capita Income
\$24,008

71.8%
Homes with no Mortgage

No health insurance
22%

- Creede’s population declined 23 percent between 2000 and 2013 – from 379 in 2000 to 292 in 2013.
- Most recently, the town gained 5 people in the period from 2010 to 2013.
- The population drop in the Creede accounts for about two-thirds of the decline in Mineral County, which fell by 116 during 2000 to 2013.
- Creede accounts for 40% of the population of Mineral County.
- Colorado grew by 4.26 percent during the period of 2010 to 2013.

Since 2000, Creede has seen an increase in older age groups. Ages 55 and over grew 13% and make up 44.5% of the population. decreases occurred in ages 35 to 54 falling from 136 to 72. There was also a decline in residents under 25 dropping from 91 to 51. Only 17.4% of the population was under 25 years old in the 2010 Census.



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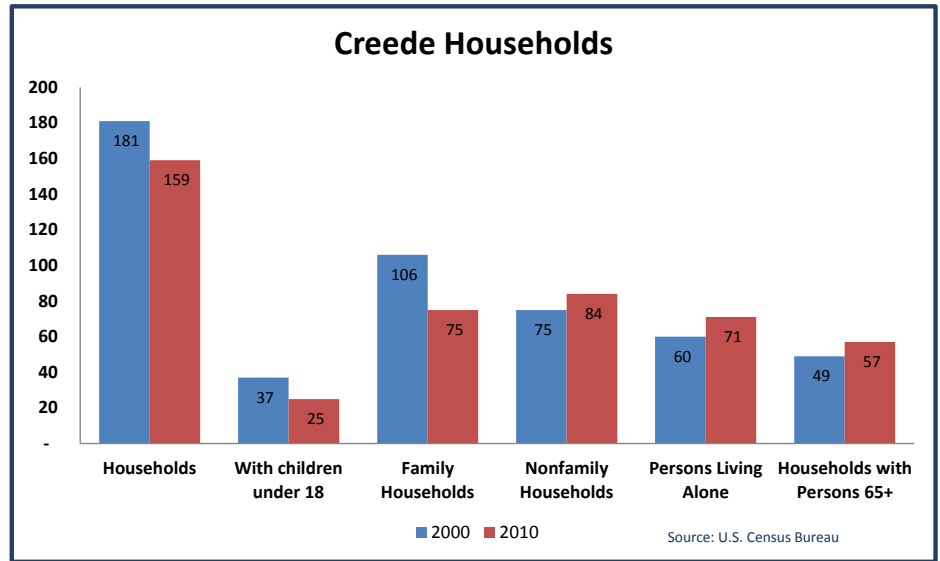
Creede Housing Units

	2000	2010
Total Housing Units	275	270
Occupied Units	181	159
Owner-Occupied	125	126
Renter-Occupied	56	33
Vacant Units	94	111
Seasonal	73	83
Other Vacant	21	28

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

- The vacancy rate was 41% in 2010, excluding seasonal housing it was 10.3%.
- Owner-occupied units are 72.9% of occupied units.
- Rental units are 20.7% of occupied units.
- Occupied units account for 58.8% of total units.
- Total housing units dropped by 5 from 2000 to 2010.

- The number of households in Creede fell by 22 from 2000 to 2010.
- Nonfamily households increased by 9, while family households fell by 31.
- About 35.8% of households are persons 65 and older.
- Persons living alone account for 44.6% of households.
- The number of households with children dropped one-third, by 12.



Race & Ethnicity

Creede Pop. by Race/Ethnicity

	2000	2010	2010%
Total	377	290	100
White	365	282	97.2
Afro-American	-	2	0.7
Native	5	1	0.3
Asian	-	-	0
Pacific Islander	-	-	0
Other Race	3	-	0
Two or More Races	7	5	1.7
Hispanic*	6	6	2.1

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- Only 2.1% in Creede identify as Hispanic, which compares to 20.8% in Colorado.
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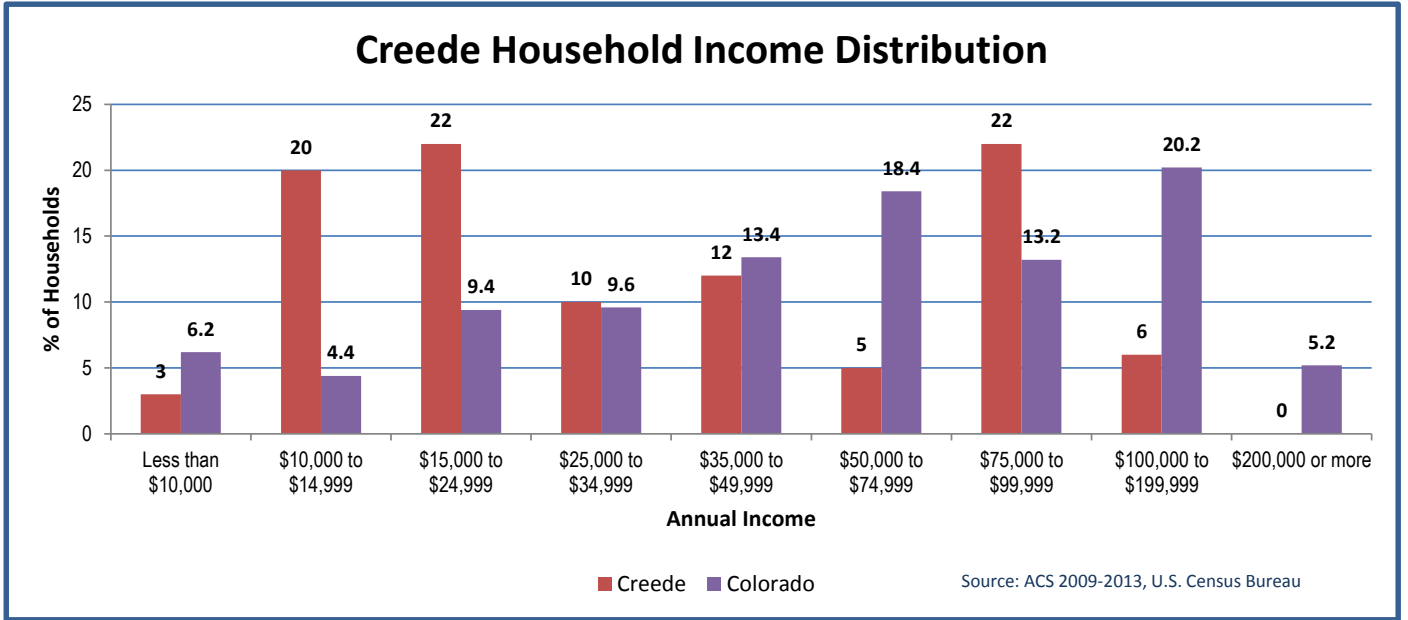


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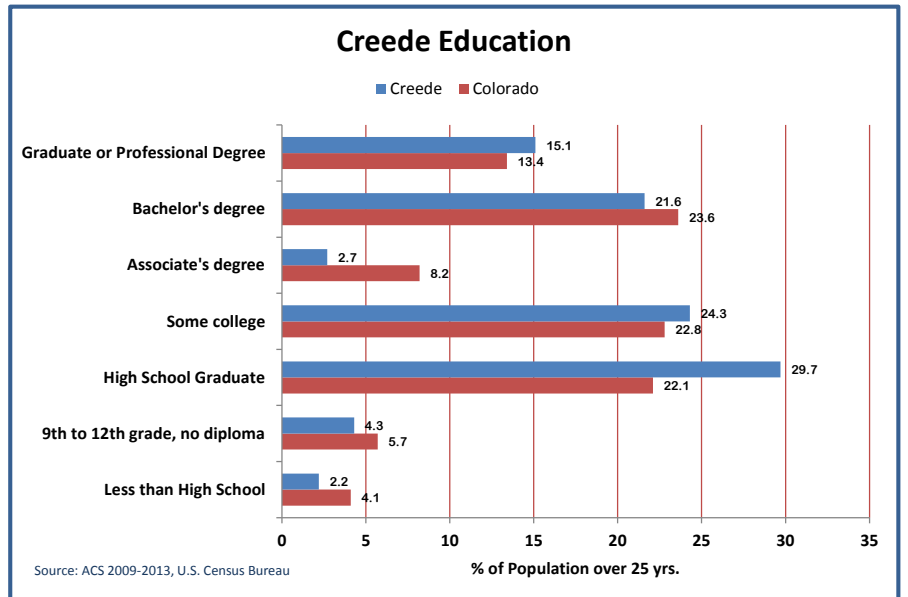
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Education

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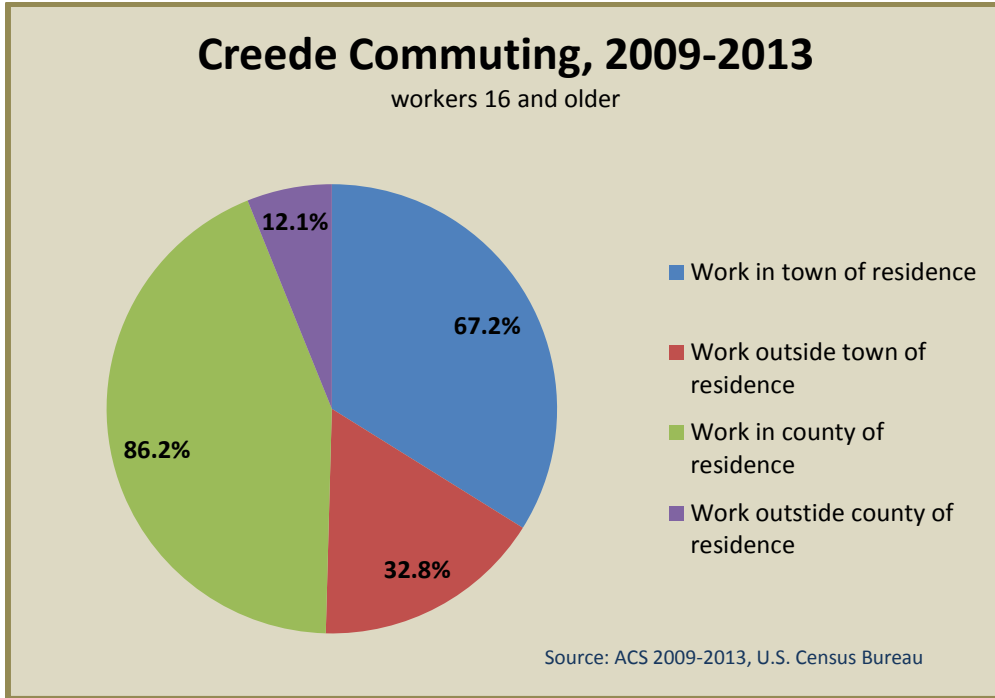
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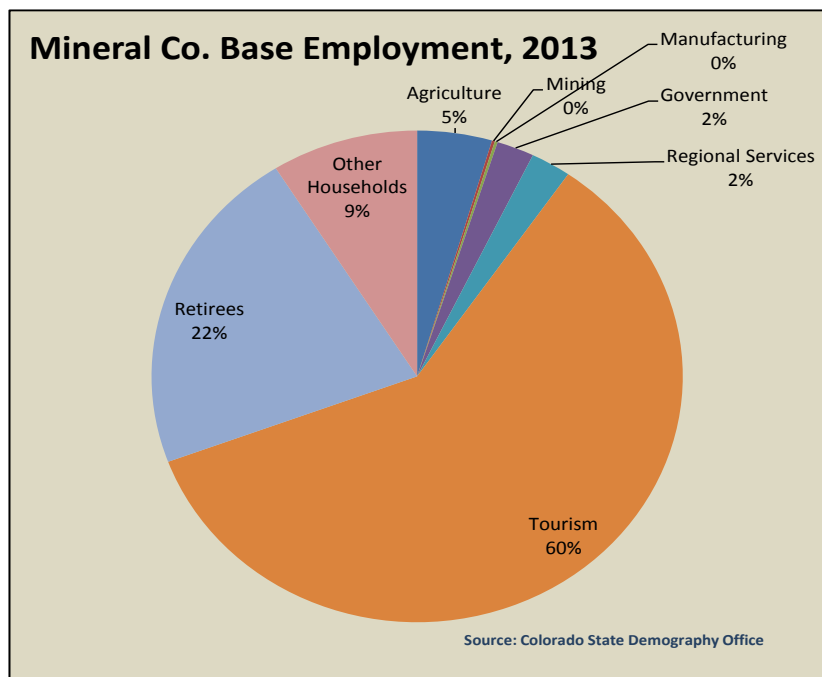
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Total employment for Mineral County in 2014 is estimated at over 633. Due to the small number of employers and employees, some sectors are suppressed.

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Admin and waste	27
Agriculture	S
Arts	177
Construction	39
Education	S
Finance activities	S
Government	91
Health Services	S
Information	S
Management of companies and enterprise	S
Manufacturing	S
Mining	S
Other services, except public administration	S
Professional and business services	S
Real estate	S
Retail Trade	64
Transportation and warehousing	S
Utilities	S
Wholesale trade	S
Total	633

Source: Colorado State Demography Office

Creede has an industry mix similar to Mineral County and reflects a tourism economy. Accommodation and Food account for 33% of the jobs in the town, which compares to 20% for the county. Retail Trade makes up 16% of jobs. Government accounts for 24% of jobs in Creede.

Industry mix

Share of Jobs by Industry	Creede	Mineral
Agriculture	0%	4%
Mining	1%	1%
Utilities	0%	0%
Construction	5%	6%
Manufacturing	0%	0%
Wholesale trade	0%	0%
Retail Trade	16%	10%
Transportation and warehousing	0%	0%
Information	0%	0%
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