

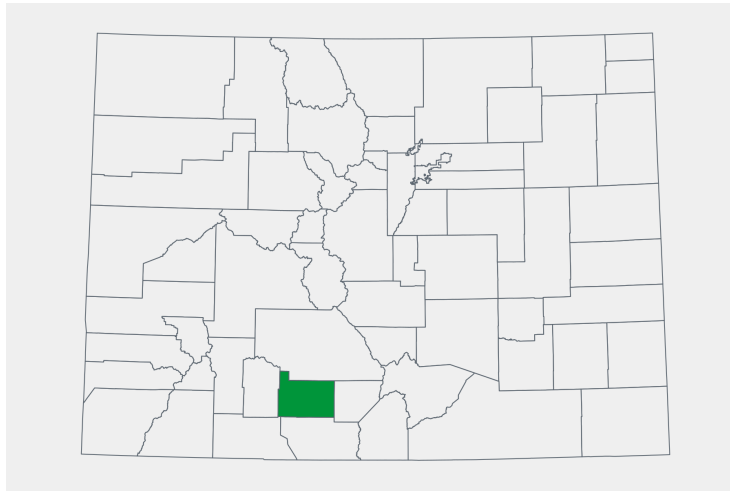


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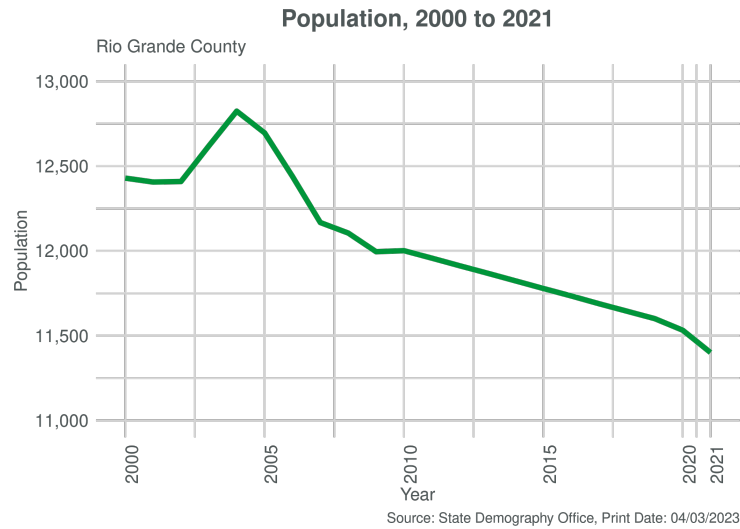
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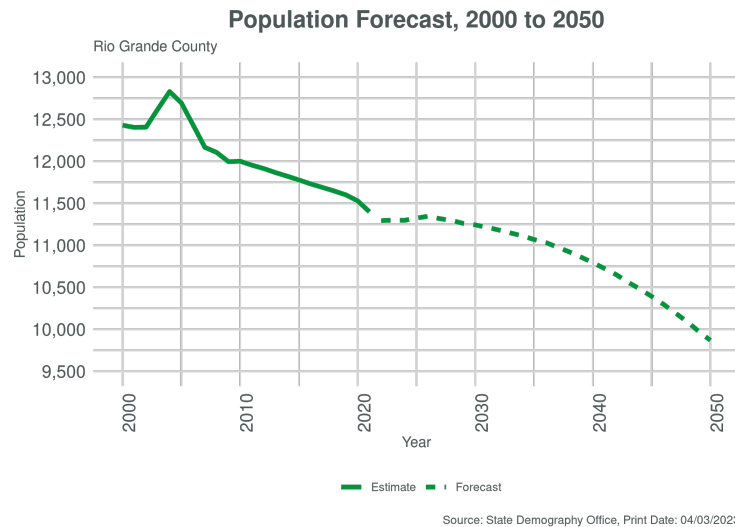
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At the end of 2021 the estimated population of Rio Grande County was 11,400, a decrease of -132 over the population in 2020. The growth rate for Rio Grande County between 2020 and 2021 was -1.1 percent compared to 0.5 percent for the State of Colorado.

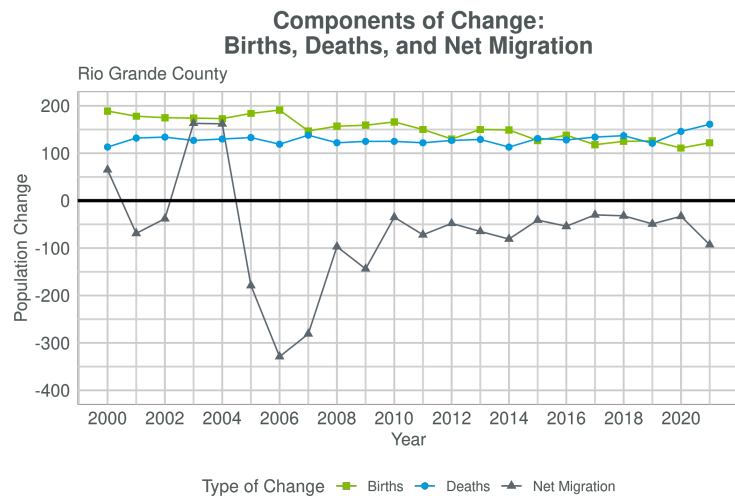


The population of Rio Grande County is forecast to reach 11,529 by 2020 and 10,794 by 2040. Overall, the growth rate for Rio Grande County is expected to decrease between 2020 and 2040. Between 2010 and 2020 the forecast growth rate was -0.4 percent, between 2020 and 2030 the forecast growth rate is -0.3 percent, while the forecast growth rate between 2030 and 2040 is -0.4 percent. The change is due in part to population aging and changes in the proportion of the population in childbearing ages. Note: Population forecasts are only provided for Colorado counties.



Components of Population Change

Births, deaths and net migration are the main components of population change. Net migration is the difference between the number of people moving into an area and the number of people moving out. Change in net migration typically causes most of the changes in population trends because migration is more likely to experience short-term fluctuations than births and deaths. Migration also tends to be highly correlated to job growth or decline in communities where most of the residents work where they live. For many counties with negative natural increase (more deaths than births), this makes migration especially important for population stability and growth.

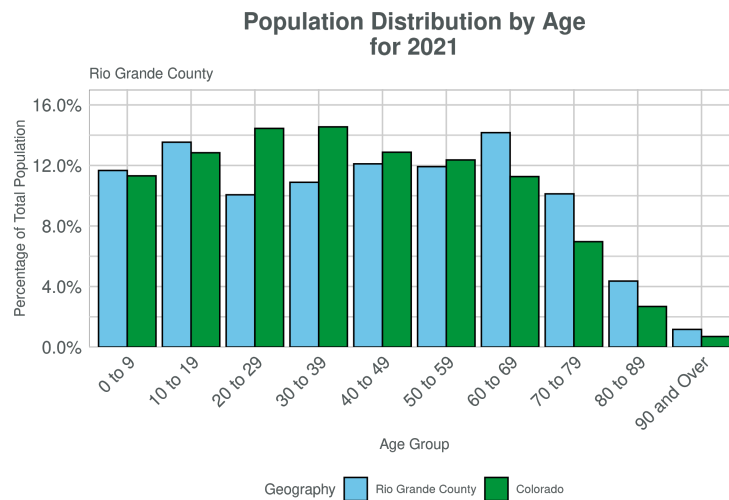


Over the past five years, between 2017 and 2021, the population of Rio Grande County has decreased by -334 people. The total natural increase (births - deaths) over this period was -87 and the total net migration (new residents who moved in minus those who moved out) was -291. Note: Components of Change data are only available for Colorado counties.

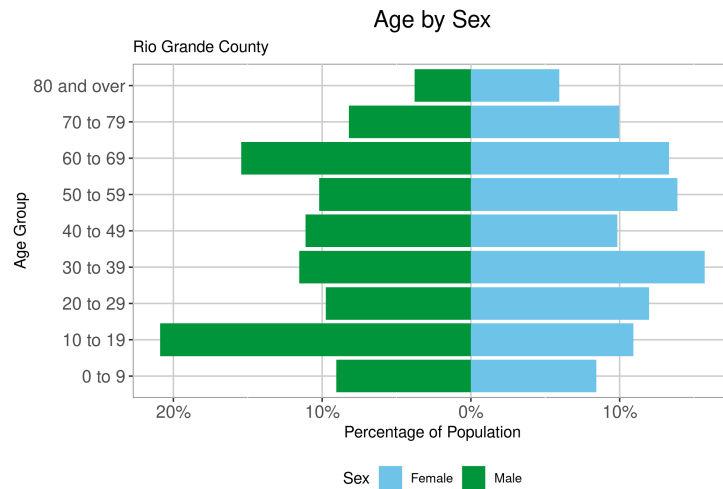
Age Characteristics

Every community has a different age profile and is aging differently. People in different age groups work, live, shop, and use resources differently and these differences will impact the economy, labor force, housing, school districts, day care facilities, health services, disability services, transportation, household income, and public finance. An aging population may put downward pressure on local government tax revenue due to changes in spending on taxable goods.

The age distribution of the population of Rio Grande County and Colorado are shown here.



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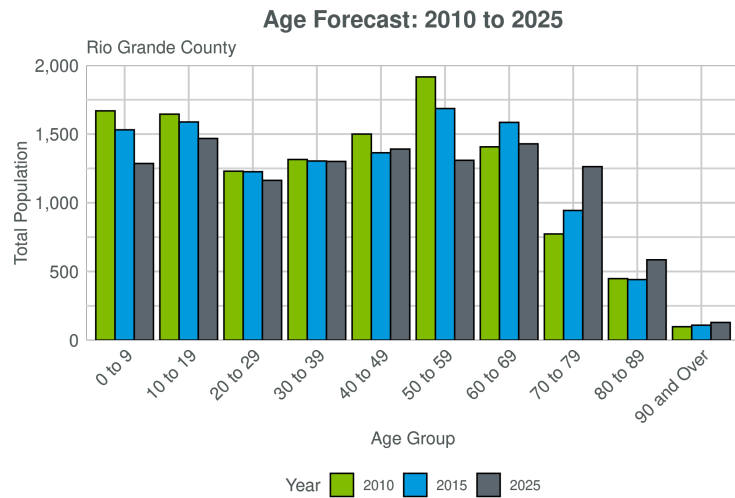
Table 3: Median Age by Sex Comparison

Sex	Rio Grande County		Colorado		Significant	Direction
	Median Age	MOE	Median Age	MOE		
Total	40.7	1.6	37.1	0.1	Yes	Older
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Female	44.1	3.2	37.9	0.1	Yes	Older

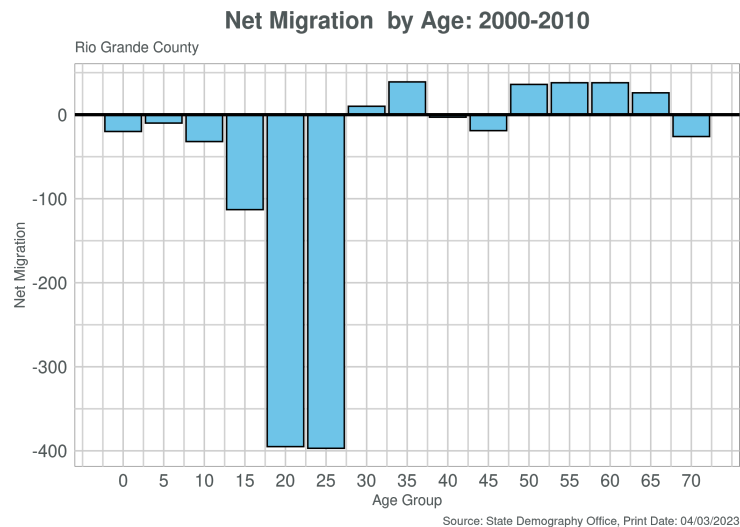
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The median age of Rio Grande County is 6.2 years older than the state. Women in Rio Grande County are significantly older than women in the state and men in Rio Grande County are significantly older than men in the state.



The changing age distribution of the population of Rio Grande County for the period from 2010 through 2025 is shown here. The changes in proportion of different groups can highlight the need for future planning and service provision. Many areas have a larger share of older adults, indicating the need to evaluate housing, transportation and other needs of the senior population.

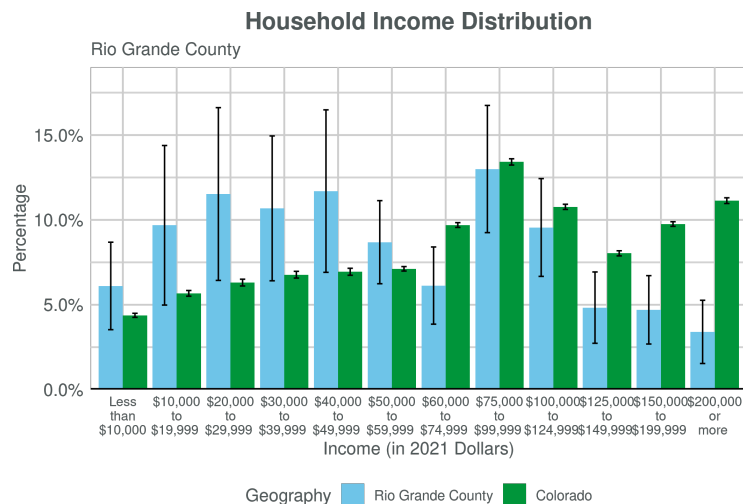


This plot shows the net migration by age in Rio Grande County. Colorado typically draws many young adults as migrants. Areas with colleges and resorts draw a number of 18 to 24 year olds. Areas with a growing economy tend to account mostly 25 to 35 year olds and areas attractive to retirees tend to draw both workers and older adults.

Population Characteristics: Income, Education and Race

The plots and tables in this section describe the general population characteristics of Rio Grande County. The bars on the plots show the width of the 90 percent confidence interval. Categories where the bars do not overlap are significantly different.

Household Income The household income distribution plot compares Rio Grande County to the statewide household incomes. Household income comes primarily from earnings at work, but government transfer payments such as Social Security and TANF and unearned income from dividends, interest and rent are also included. Income and education levels are highly correlated; areas that have lower educational attainment than the state will typically have lower household incomes.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey, Print Date: 04/03/2023

The Household Income Source(s) Table shows household income sources and amounts for households in Rio Grande County. Households will have multiple sources of income, so this table is not mutually exclusive. Mean income values reflect values from the cited source.

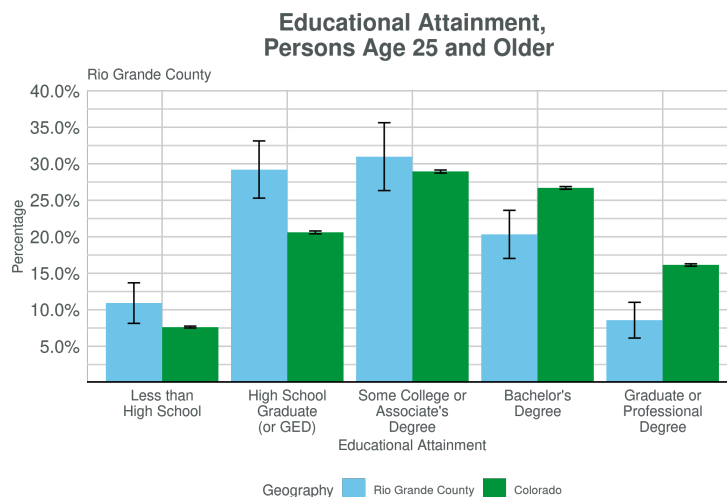
Table 4: Household Income Source(s)

Rio Grande County				
Income Source	Total Households		Mean Income	
	Estimate	MOE	Estimate	MOE
All Households	4,616	241	\$55,154	\$5,317
With earnings	71.3%	5.0%	\$70,388	\$7,305
With interest, dividends or net rental income	21.3%	3.7%	\$20,085	\$8,608
With Social Security income	36.5%	3.6%	\$19,374	\$1,997
With Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	8.0%	3.1%	\$11,118	\$4,753
With cash public assistance income	5.9%	3.1%	\$ 3,143	\$2,023
With retirement income	20.0%	4.1%	\$26,048	\$8,301

Note:

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Educational Attainment The education attainment plot is provided for persons older than Age 25, i.e., those who have likely completed their education.



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Race and Ethnicity The Race Trend table shows the changing racial and ethnic composition of Rio Grande County beginning in 2000 and continuing to the present.

Table 5: Race Trend

Race	Rio Grande County			Colorado		
	2000	2010	2021	2000	2010	2021
Hispanic	41.7%	42.4%	44.5%	17.1%	20.7%	21.9%
Non-Hispanic	58.3%	57.6%	55.5%	82.9%	79.3%	78.1%
Non-Hispanic White	56.6%	55.1%	51.2%	74.5%	70.0%	66.8%
Non-Hispanic Black	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	3.7%	3.8%	3.9%
Non-Hispanic Native American/Alaska Native	0.6%	0.9%	1.2%	0.7%	0.6%	0.5%
Non-Hispanic Asian	0.2%	0.3%	0.1%	2.2%	2.7%	3.1%
Non-Hispanic Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Non-Hispanic Other	0.1%	0.1%	0.5%	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%
Non-Hispanic, Two Races	0.7%	0.9%	2.3%	1.7%	2.0%	3.4%
Total Population	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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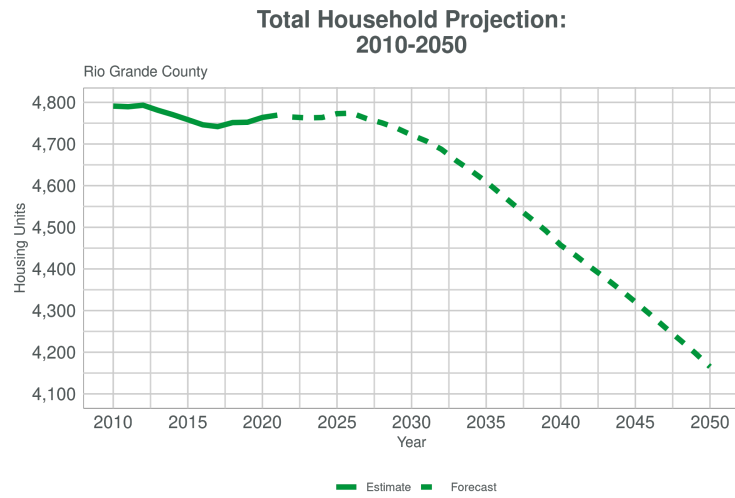
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³ 2021: Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey, Print Date: 04/03/2023

Housing and Households

Understanding the current housing stock is critical for understanding how the community can best address current and future demands. This section begins with a projection of households. The projection of households is derived by county specific headship rates for the population by age. Beyond the numbers and characteristics, understanding the value and affordability of housing units is vital. Are the housing prices prohibitive to new families? Are the housing prices at such a high price that once the current work force ages and sells, those housing units will most likely go into the vacation seasonal market? Or are housing prices reasonable and suddenly the community is experiencing growth in families with children? How many total housing units are there? What types of new units are being built - multi-family vs single family?



The Household Estimates plot shows the current and projected number of households in Rio Grande County between 2010 and 2050.

The next several tables provide an overview of the housing stock in an area. The availability of land and the cost of land can dictate whether housing is less dense, with a greater number of single family units or more dense with a number of multifamily apartments and condos. Median home values and median gross rents are often considerably lower than current market prices as the values are computed from a 5-year average that runs through 2016. The number of people per household can offer insights as to the composition of the households . Areas with a larger number of people per household often have more families with children under 18 or a number of roommates living together to share housing costs. Those with a smaller number of persons per household, likely have a larger share of single-person households.

Table 6: Housing Units: Rio Grande County, 2021

Rio Grande County	
Housing Type	Value
Total Housing Units	6,564
Occupied Housing Units	4,727
Vacant Housing Units	1,837
Vacancy Rate	28.0%
Total Population	11,400
Household Population	11,266
Group Quarters Population	134
Persons per Household	2.38

Note:

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Table 7: Characteristics of Housing Units

Housing Unit Type	Rio Grande County				
	Owner-Occupied Units		Rental Units		All Units
	Units	Percent	Units	Percent	Units
All Housing Units	3,316	71.8%	1,300	28.2%	4,616
Single Unit Buildings	2,806	80.7%	670	19.3%	3,476
Buildings with 2 to 4 Units	9	3.8%	228	96.2%	237
Buildings with 5 or More Units	14	4.3%	315	95.7%	329
Mobile Homes	483	84.7%	87	15.3%	570
RVs, Boats, Vans, Etc.	4	100.0%	0	0.0%	4
Median Year of Construction	1975		1979		1976
Average Number of Persons Per Household	2.56		2.15		2.45

Note:

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Table 8: Comparative Housing Values

Variable	Rio Grande County	Colorado
	Value	Value
Median Value of Owner-Occupied Households (Current Dollars)	\$180,600	\$397,500
Percentage of Owner-Occupied Households paying 30% or more of income on housing	17.9%	22.9%
Percentage of Owner-Occupied Households paying 30-49% of income on housing	10.3%	14.1%
Percentage of Owner-Occupied Households paying 50% or more of income on housing	7.6%	8.8%
Median Gross Rent of Rental Households (Current Dollars)	\$685	\$1,437
Percentage of Rental Households paying 30% or more of income on housing	33.2%	49.0%
Percentage of Rental Households paying 30-49% of income on housing	21.8%	25.5%
Percentage of Rental Households paying 50% or more of income on housing	11.4%	23.5%

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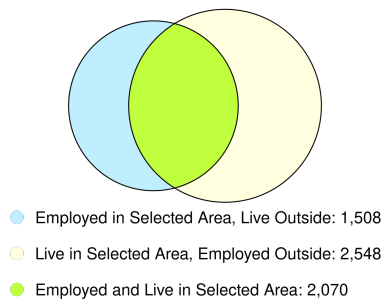
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Commuting

Commuting plays an important role in the economy of an area because not all workers live where they work. Commuting impacts local job growth, access to employees, and transportation infrastructure. The Commuting diagram identifies three groups of people:

- People who work in Rio Grande County, but live elsewhere.
- People who live in Rio Grande County, but work elsewhere.
- People who live and work in Rio Grande County.

Rio Grande County: All Jobs, 2019



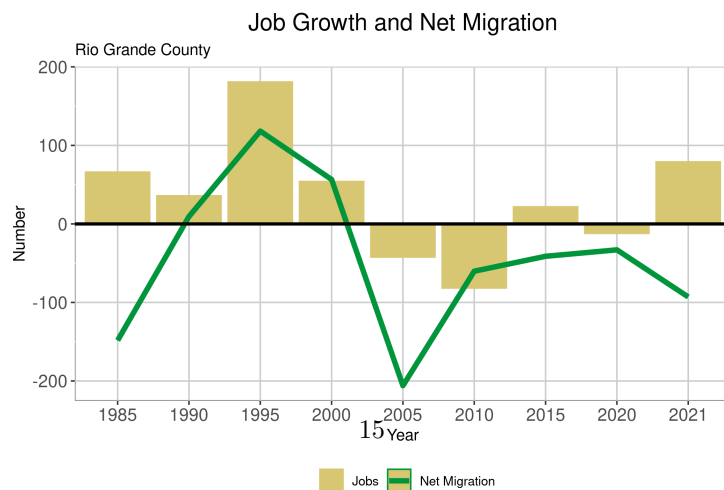
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Table 9: Commuting Patterns for Rio Grande County

Location	Count	Percent
Residents of Rio Grande County working elsewhere		
Alamosa County, CO	660	25.9%
Saguache County, CO	235	9.2%
El Paso County, CO	195	7.7%
Archuleta County, CO	156	6.1%
Denver County, CO	150	5.9%
Pueblo County, CO	113	4.4%
Jefferson County, CO	105	4.1%
Arapahoe County, CO	82	3.2%
Conejos County, CO	60	2.4%
Adams County, CO	56	2.2%
Other Counties	736	28.9%
Total	2,548	100.0%
Employees in Rio Grande County living elsewhere		
Alamosa County, CO	484	32.1%
Saguache County, CO	275	18.2%
Conejos County, CO	69	4.6%
Denver County, CO	45	3.0%
El Paso County, CO	37	2.5%
Montrose County, CO	30	2.0%
La Plata County, CO	29	1.9%
Jefferson County, CO	25	1.7%
Pueblo County, CO	25	1.7%
Fremont County, CO	22	1.5%
Other Counties	467	31.0%
Total	1,508	100.0%

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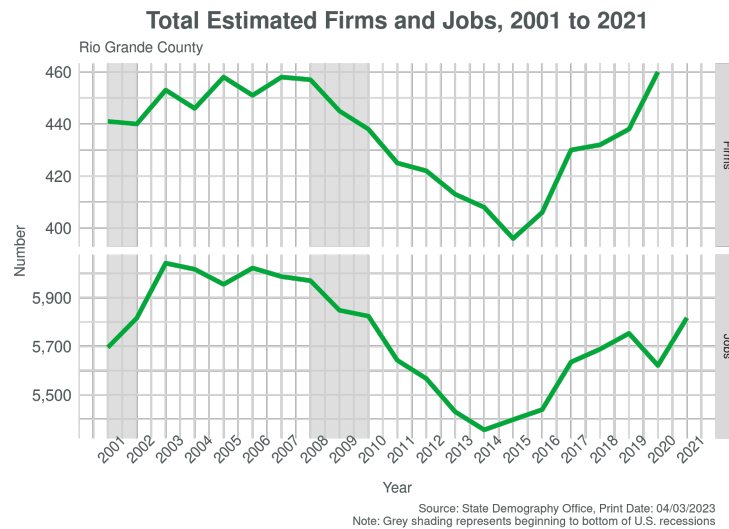


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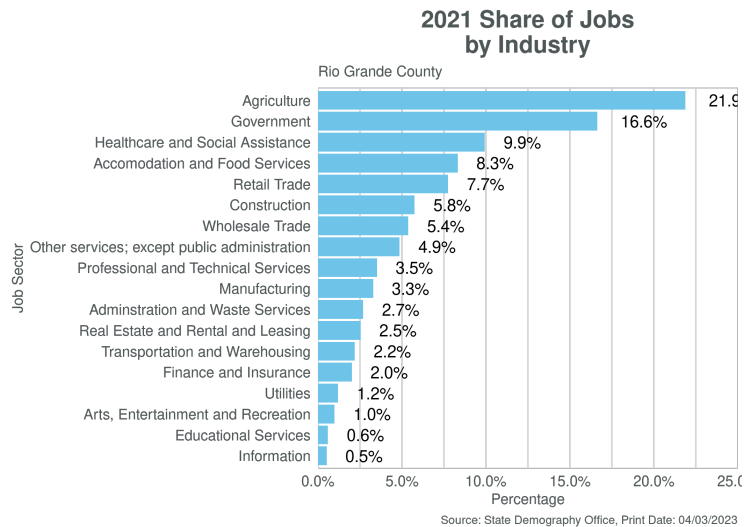
The Job Growth and Net Migration plot shows the relationship between job growth and migration in Rio Grande County. Generally, migration patterns follow changes in job growth demand.

Employment by Industry

Identifying the industries which may be driving the growth and change within a community is a vital part of understanding community dynamics. Growth in jobs often results in growth in residents from migration within a community. Identifying the trends of growth or decline of jobs and the types of jobs available within the community is important.



The Estimated Firms and Jobs series created by the SDO gives a comprehensive look at the number of firms and jobs located within Rio Grande County. It is broad in scope, capturing both wage and salary workers as well as most proprietors and agricultural workers. A more diverse economy is typically more resilient too; when looking at the employment trends recently and after a recession (shaded in gray) it is also important to look at the current share of employment by industry. Areas dependent on a single industry such as agriculture, mining or tourism can suffer from prolonged downturns due to drought, shifting demand for commodities, and the health of the national economy.



The total estimated jobs are subdivided into 3 categories:

- *Direct Basic:* jobs that bring outside dollars into the community by selling goods or services outside the county, such as manufacturing or engineering services,
- *Indirect Basic:* jobs that are created as the result of goods and services purchased by direct basic such as accounting services or raw material inputs, and
- *Local (Resident) Services:* jobs that are supported when income earned from the base industries is spent locally at retailers or are supported by local tax dollars to provide services like education and public safety.

This plot shows the jobs by industry profile for Rio Grande County. The relative rank of high-paying sectors, such as mining, information and financial and insurance services versus mid-range jobs (e.g., construction, health care and government) and lower-paying industries such as retail trade and accommodation and food services, will have an impact on a county's overall economic health.

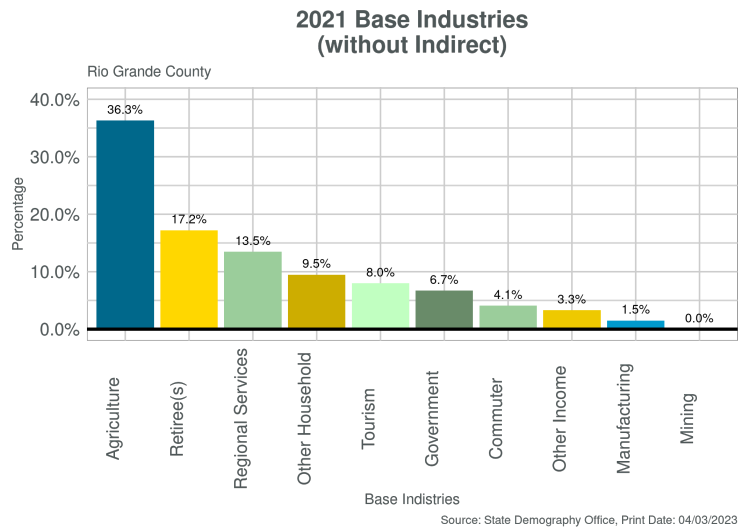


Table 10: Jobs by Sector: Rio Grande County, 2021

Employment Type	Number of Jobs	Percentage
Direct Basic Employment	4,468	79.0%
Indirect Basic Employment	541	9.6%
Local Services Employment	644	11.4%
Total Employment	5,653	100.0%
Total Population, 16+	0	

Note:

Source: State Demography Office, Print Date: 04/03/2023

Similar to the industry employment, areas with large amounts of diversity in their base industries tend to suffer less during downturns and recover more quickly. *Regional Services* is a diverse base industry that encompasses all services and goods that a region sells to those in surrounding areas; examples include specialized health care, construction, air or rail transportation, and large item retail purchases like autos or appliances. *Retirees* are considered basic since they spend money from social security or other pensions, Medicare and savings. *Government* typically only includes employment in Federal Government and State Government. *Tourism* not only includes traditional tourist services like accommodation and food, but also includes 2nd homes, property management and transportation of tourists by airlines, car rental, car sharing and shuttles.

Employment Forecast and Wage Information

Understanding the types of jobs forecast to grow in a community, if jobs are forecast to increase, will aid in further understanding potential changes in

population, labor force, housing demand, and household income. Important questions to ask include; What is the current forecast for job growth based on the current industry mix? What types of jobs are forecast to grow? What are the wages for those jobs? What are the labor force trends for the community? Is the labor force expected to grow or slow down?

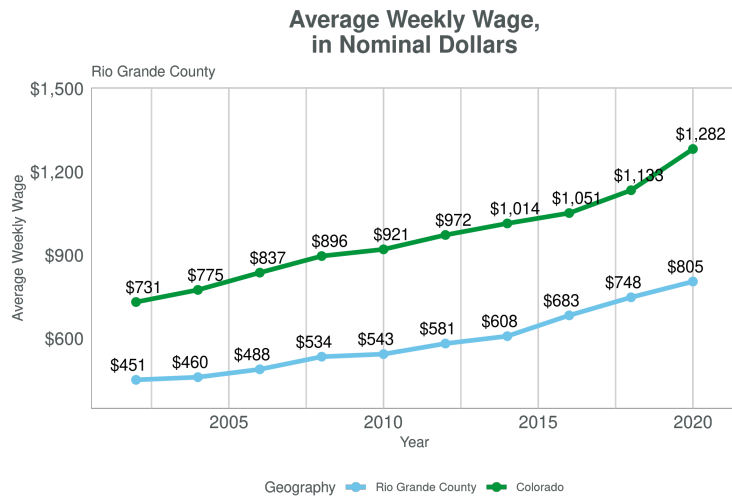
Table 11: Jobs and Population Forecast

Rio Grande County					
Year	Type	Jobs	Annual Growth Rate: Jobs	Population	Annual Growth Rate: Popula- tion
2010	Estimate	5,824		12,001	
2015	Estimate	5,398	0.8%	11,778	-0.4%
2020	Estimate	5,588	-2.9%	11,529	-0.6%
2025	Forecast	5,443	1.0%	11,324	0.2%
2030	Forecast	5,664	0.8%	11,243	-0.2%
2035	Forecast	5,540	-0.7%	11,069	-0.4%
2040	Forecast	5,191	-1.1%	10,794	-0.6%

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The total jobs forecast and population forecast are for Rio Grande County shown here. The two lines diverge over time due to the aging of our population and continued growth in our under 18 population – two segments of the population that are less likely to be employed. Growth in the 65 plus population in the labor force through 2040 compared to the universe population of those over the age of 16 since labor force participation declines with age, especially among those eligible for pensions or social security.



The unadjusted (nominal) average weekly wages for Rio Grande County and Colorado are shown here. The gain or loss of a major employer such as a mine or a hospital can have a significant impact on a county's average weekly wage. These wages are shown only for jobs located within that county and do not include most proprietors. Household income can be influenced by the average weekly wage, but in areas that have considerable amounts commuting or unearned income this relationship is not particularly strong.

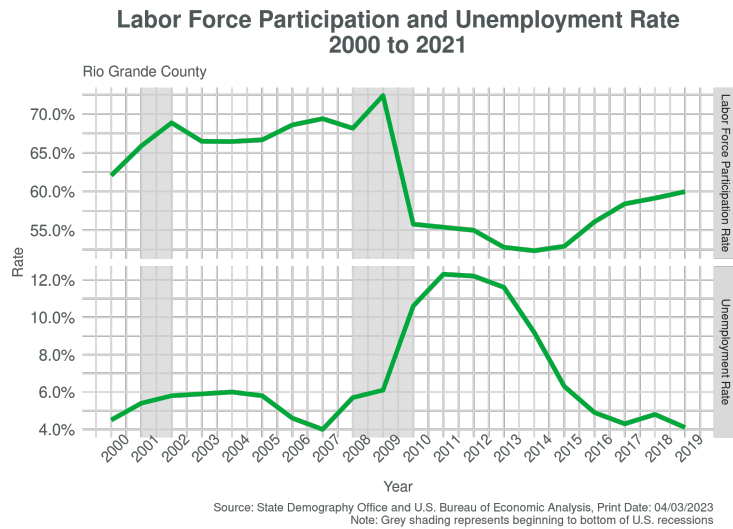
This table compares the forecast residential labor force to the forecast population of person age 16 and older for Rio Grande County.

Table 12: Forecast Resident Labor Force and Population, Age 16 +

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Year	Type	Labor Force	Annual Growth Rate: Labor Force	Persons Age 16+	Annual Growth Rate: Persons Age 16+
2010	Estimate	5,288		9,293	
2015	Estimate	4,952	1.1%	8,774	-1.3%
2025	Forecast	5,411	-0.1%	8,890	0.3%

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The labor force participation and employment plot compares the percentage of persons age 16 and older in the labor force to the unemployment rate. The pattern of labor force participation and unemployment in Rio Grande County are closely related. The downward trend in labor force participation is related to the aging patterns in the county, along with the availability and character of employment. Additionally, as unemployment falls, the incentive for people to enter the labor force increases.

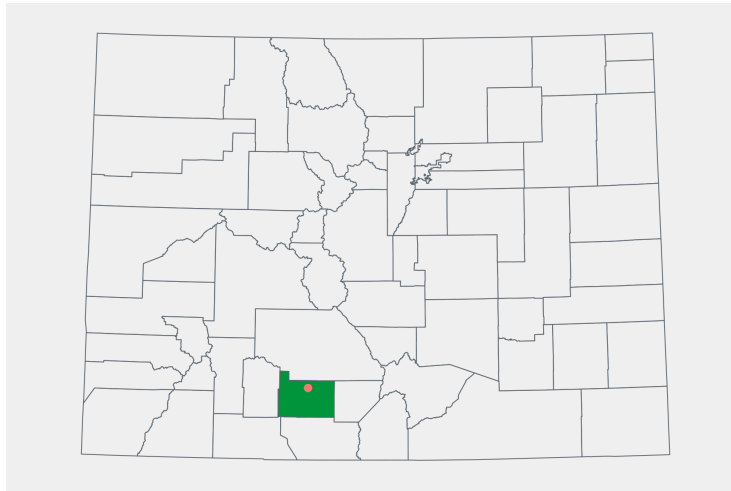


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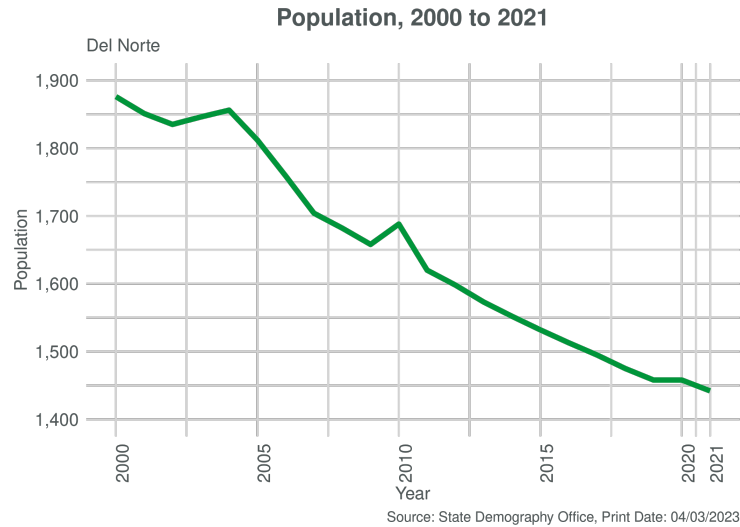
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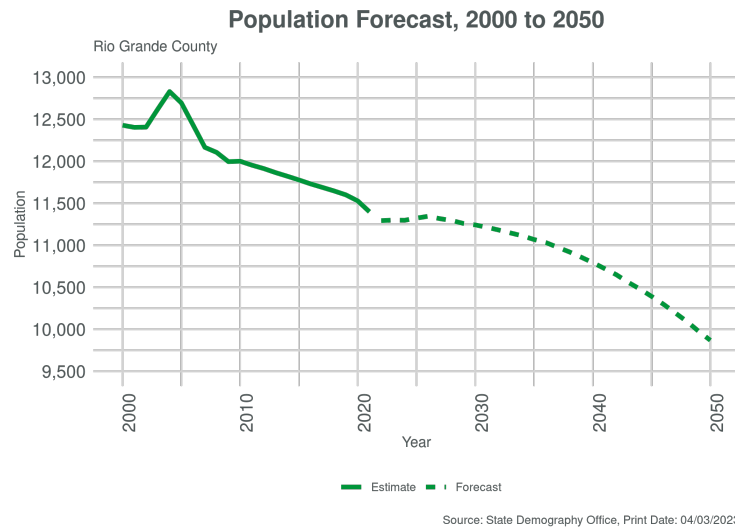
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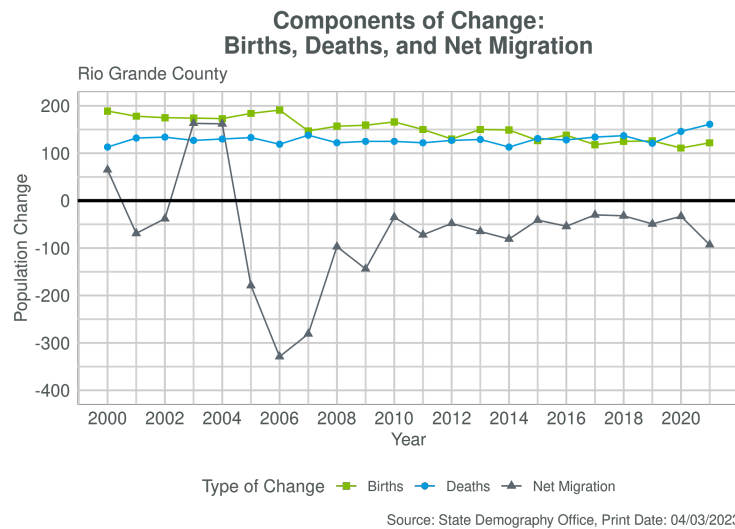


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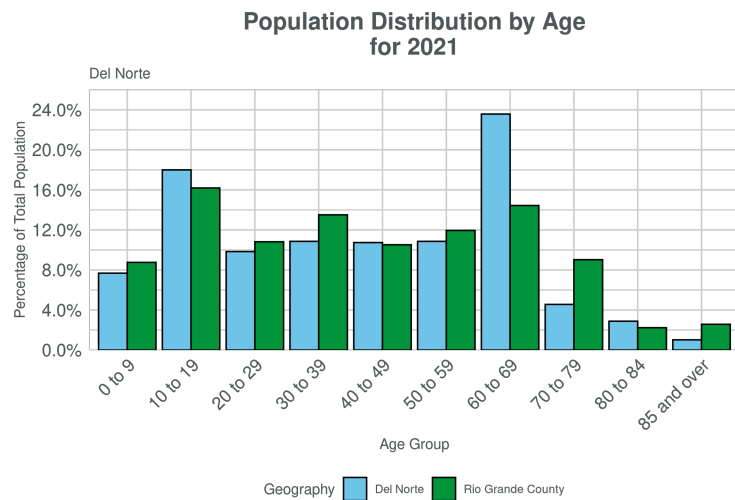


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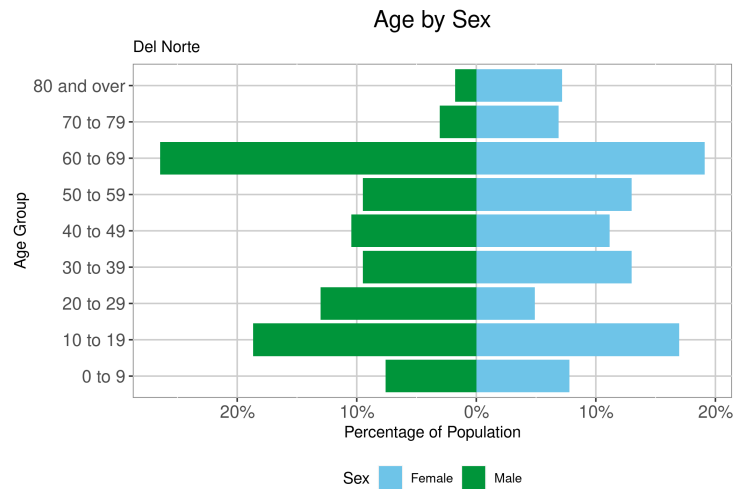
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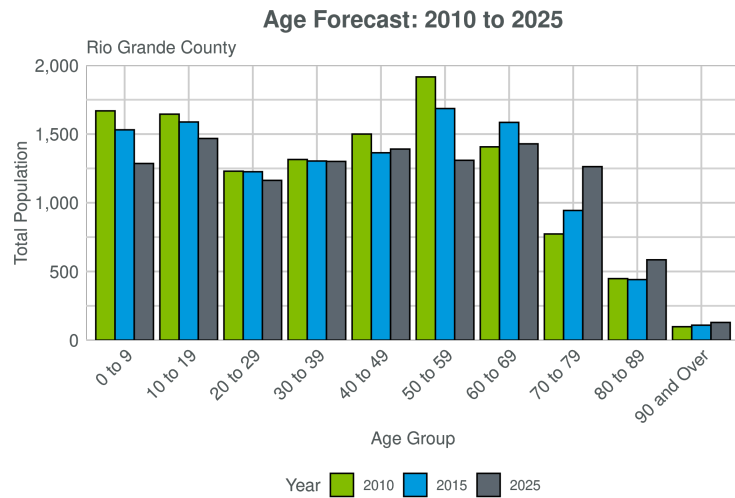
Table 3: Median Age by Sex Comparison

Sex	Del Norte		Rio Grande County		Significant	Direction
	Median Age	MOE	Median Age	MOE		
Total	43.1	7.5	40.7	1.6	No	
Male	41.6	8.4	38.8	1.5	No	
Female	45.8	11.7	44.1	3.2	No	

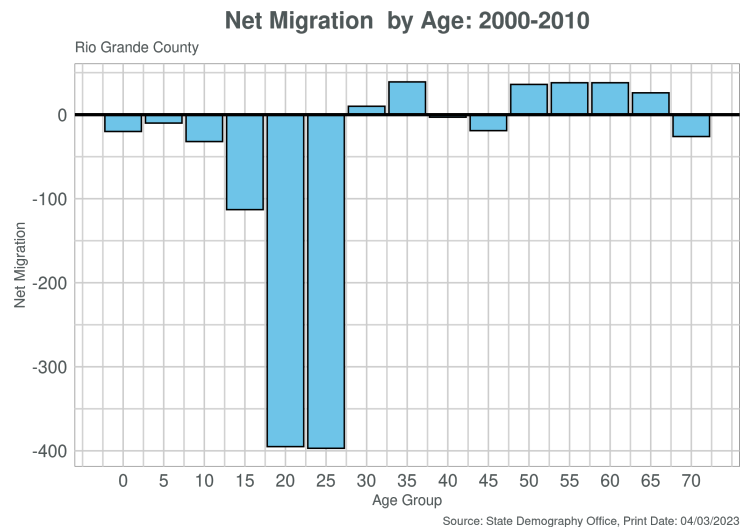
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The changing age distribution of the population of Rio Grande County for the period from 2010 through 2025 is shown here. The changes in proportion of different groups can highlight the need for future planning and service provision. Many areas have a larger share of older adults, indicating the need to evaluate housing, transportation and other needs of the senior population.

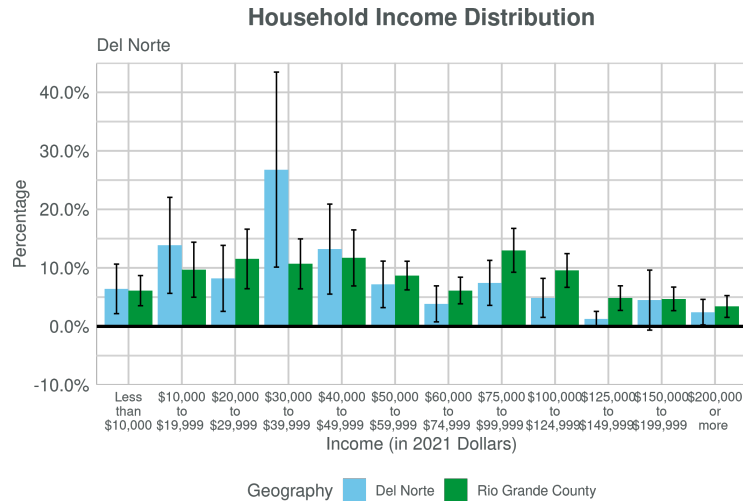


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Population Characteristics: Income, Education and Race

The plots and tables in this section describe the general population characteristics of Del Norte. The bars on the plots show the width of the 90 percent confidence interval. Categories where the bars do not overlap are significantly different.

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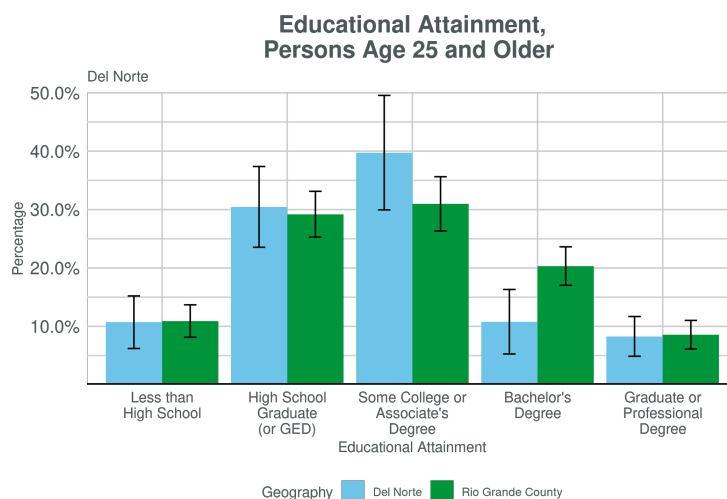
Table 4: Household Income Source(s)

Rio Grande County				
Income Source	Total Households		Mean Income	
	Estimate	MOE	Estimate	MOE
All Households	4,616	241	\$55,154	\$5,317
With earnings	71.3%	5.0%	\$70,388	\$7,305
With interest, dividends or net rental income	21.3%	3.7%	\$20,085	\$8,608
With Social Security income	36.5%	3.6%	\$19,374	\$1,997
With Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	8.0%	3.1%	\$11,118	\$4,753
With cash public assistance income	5.9%	3.1%	\$ 3,143	\$2,023
With retirement income	20.0%	4.1%	\$26,048	\$8,301

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Educational Attainment The education attainment plot is provided for persons older than Age 25, i.e., those who have likely completed their education.



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Race and Ethnicity The Race Trend table shows the changing racial and ethnic composition of Del Norte beginning in 2000 and continuing to the present.

Table 5: Race Trend

Race	Del Norte			Rio Grande County		
	2000	2010	2021	2000	2010	2021
Hispanic	57.4%	56.3%	46.9%	41.7%	42.4%	44.5%
Non-Hispanic	42.6%	43.7%	53.1%	58.3%	57.6%	55.5%
Non-Hispanic White	41.1%	41.0%	49.9%	56.6%	55.1%	51.2%
Non-Hispanic Black	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%
Non-Hispanic Native American/Alaska Native	0.6%	1.4%	0.7%	0.6%	0.9%	1.2%
Non-Hispanic Asian	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.3%	0.1%
Non-Hispanic Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Non-Hispanic Other	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.5%
Non-Hispanic, Two Races	0.4%	0.8%	2.0%	0.7%	0.9%	2.3%
Total Population	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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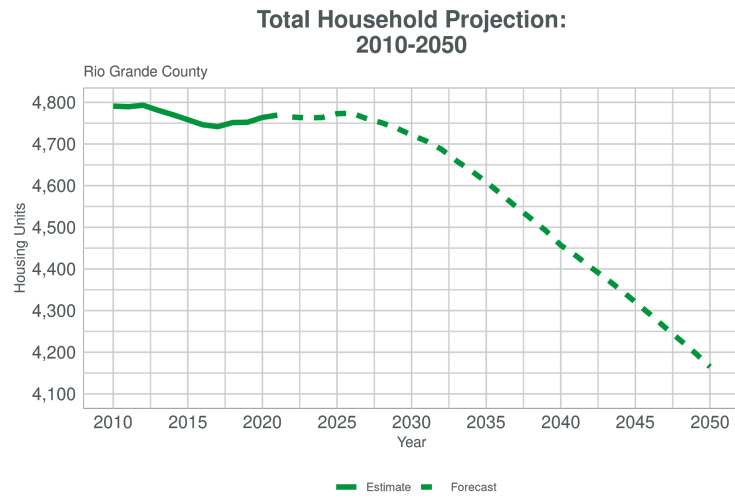
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Housing and Households

Understanding the current housing stock is critical for understanding how the community can best address current and future demands. This section begins with a projection of households. The projection of households is derived by county specific headship rates for the population by age. Beyond the numbers and characteristics, understanding the value and affordability of housing units is vital. Are the housing prices prohibitive to new families? Are the housing prices at such a high price that once the current work force ages and sells, those housing units will most likely go into the vacation seasonal market? Or are housing prices reasonable and suddenly the community is experiencing growth in families with children? How many total housing units are there? What types of new units are being built - multi-family vs single family?



The Household Estimates plot shows the current and projected number of households in Rio Grande County between 2010 and 2050.

The next several tables provide an overview of the housing stock in an area. The availability of land and the cost of land can dictate whether housing is less dense, with a greater number of single family units or more dense with a number of multifamily apartments and condos. Median home values and median gross rents are often considerably lower than current market prices as the values are computed from a 5-year average that runs through 2016. The number of people per household can offer insights as to the composition of the households . Areas with a larger number of people per household often have more families with children under 18 or a number of roommates living together to share housing costs. Those with a smaller number of persons per household, likely have a larger share of single-person households.

Table 6: Housing Units: Del Norte, 2021

Del Norte	
Housing Type	Value
Total Housing Units	817
Occupied Housing Units	626
Vacant Housing Units	191
Vacancy Rate	23.4%
Total Population	1,442
Household Population	1,396
Group Quarters Population	46
Persons per Household	2.23

Note:

Source: State Demography Office, Print Date: 04/03/2023

Table 7: Characteristics of Housing Units

Housing Unit Type	Del Norte				
	Owner-Occupied Units		Rental Units		All Units
	Units	Percent	Units	Percent	Units
All Housing Units	584	74.9%	196	25.1%	780
Single Unit Buildings	454	83.8%	88	16.2%	542
Buildings with 2 to 4 Units	4	6.0%	63	94.0%	67
Buildings with 5 or More Units	13	31.7%	28	68.3%	41
Mobile Homes	113	86.9%	17	13.1%	130
RVs, Boats, Vans, Etc.	0		0		0
Median Year of Construction	1972		1971		1972
Average Number of Persons Per Household	2.12		1.85		2.05

Note:

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Table 8: Comparative Housing Values

Variable	Del Norte	Rio Grande County
	Value	Value
Median Value of Owner-Occupied Households (Current Dollars)	\$133,300	\$180,600
Percentage of Owner-Occupied Households paying 30% or more of income on housing	34.6%	17.9%
Percentage of Owner-Occupied Households paying 30-49% of income on housing	22.9%	10.3%
Percentage of Owner-Occupied Households paying 50% or more of income on housing	11.6%	7.6%
Median Gross Rent of Rental Households (Current Dollars)	\$675	\$685
Percentage of Rental Households paying 30% or more of income on housing	35.2%	33.2%
Percentage of Rental Households paying 30-49% of income on housing	30.6%	21.8%
Percentage of Rental Households paying 50% or more of income on housing	4.6%	11.4%

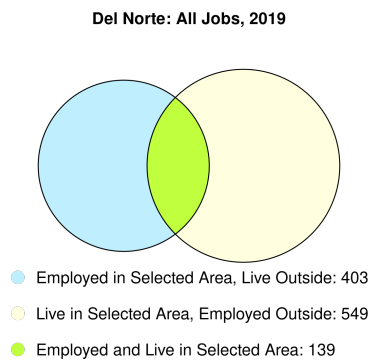
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Commuting

Commuting plays an important role in the economy of an area because not all workers live where they work. Commuting impacts local job growth, access to employees, and transportation infrastructure. The Commuting diagram identifies three groups of people:

- People who work in Del Norte, but live elsewhere.
- People who live in Del Norte, but work elsewhere.
- People who live and work in Del Norte.



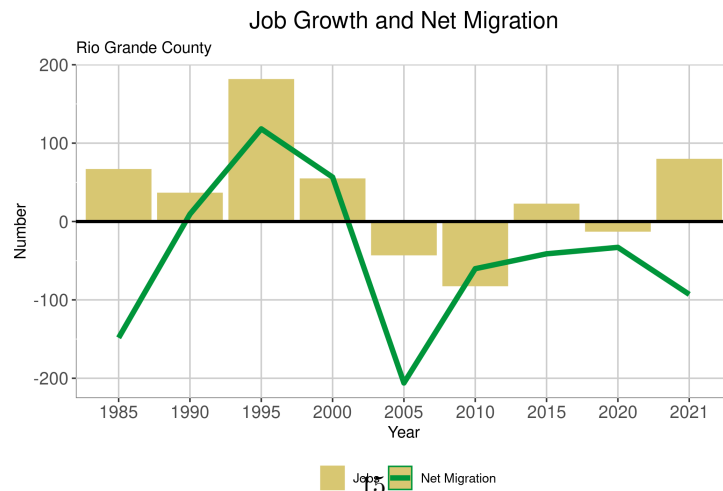
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Table 9: Commuting Patterns for Del Norte

Location	Count	Percent
Employees in Del Norte living elsewhere		
Monte Vista city CO	95	23.6%
Del Norte CCD (Rio Grande CO)	54	13.4%
Monte Vista CCD (Rio Grande CO)	44	10.9%
Sargent CCD (Rio Grande CO)	29	7.2%
Alamosa CCD (Alamosa CO)	18	4.5%
Alamosa city CO	18	4.5%
Mosca-Hooper CCD (Alamosa CO)	9	2.2%
Gerrard CDP CO	7	1.7%
Center CCD (Saguache CO)	6	1.5%
Center town CO	6	1.5%
Other Municipalities/Places	117	29.0%
Total	403	100.0%
Residents of Del Norte working elsewhere		
Del Norte CCD (Rio Grande CO)	56	10.2%
Sargent CCD (Rio Grande CO)	47	8.6%
Alamosa city CO	41	7.5%
Monte Vista city CO	36	6.6%
Monte Vista CCD (Rio Grande CO)	33	6.0%
Center town CO	26	4.7%
Denver city CO	24	4.4%
Pagosa Springs town CO	23	4.2%
Colorado Springs city CO	20	3.6%
South Fork town CO	19	3.5%
Other Municipalities/Places	224	40.8%
Total	549	100.0%

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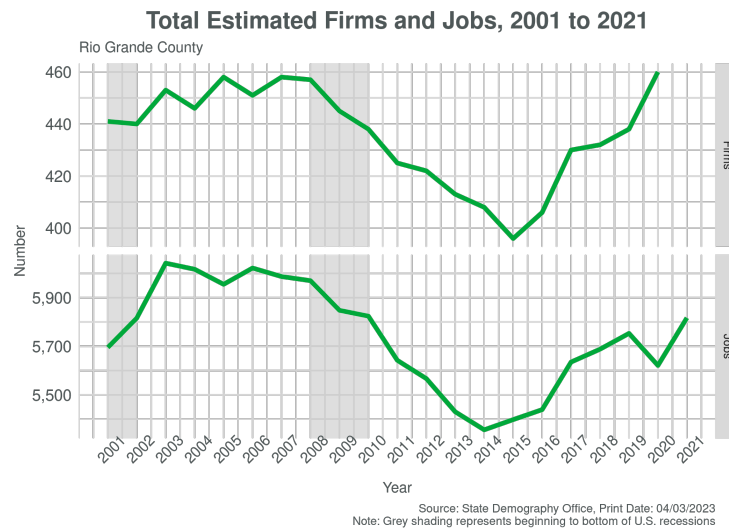
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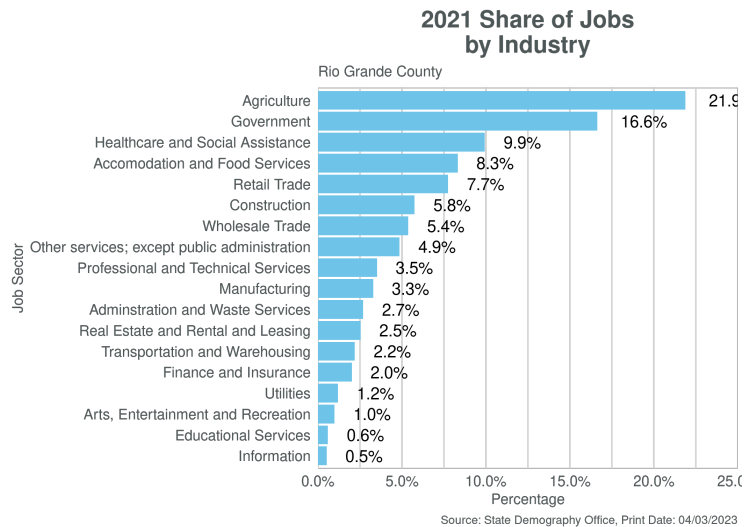
The Job Growth and Net Migration plot shows the relationship between job growth and migration in Rio Grande County. Generally, migration patterns follow changes in job growth demand.

Employment by Industry

Identifying the industries which may be driving the growth and change within a community is a vital part of understanding community dynamics. Growth in jobs often results in growth in residents from migration within a community. Identifying the trends of growth or decline of jobs and the types of jobs available within the community is important.



The Estimated Firms and Jobs series created by the SDO gives a comprehensive look at the number of firms and jobs located within Rio Grande County. It is broad in scope, capturing both wage and salary workers as well as most proprietors and agricultural workers. A more diverse economy is typically more resilient too; when looking at the employment trends recently and after a recession (shaded in gray) it is also important to look at the current share of employment by industry. Areas dependent on a single industry such as agriculture, mining or tourism can suffer from prolonged downturns due to drought, shifting demand for commodities, and the health of the national economy.



The total estimated jobs are subdivided into 3 categories:

- *Direct Basic:* jobs that bring outside dollars into the community by selling goods or services outside the county, such as manufacturing or engineering services,
- *Indirect Basic:* jobs that are created as the result of goods and services purchased by direct basic such as accounting services or raw material inputs, and
- *Local (Resident) Services:* jobs that are supported when income earned from the base industries is spent locally at retailers or are supported by local tax dollars to provide services like education and public safety.

This plot shows the jobs by industry profile for Rio Grande County. The relative rank of high-paying sectors, such as mining, information and financial and insurance services versus mid-range jobs (e.g., construction, health care and government) and lower-paying industries such as retail trade and accommodation and food services, will have an impact on a county's overall economic health.

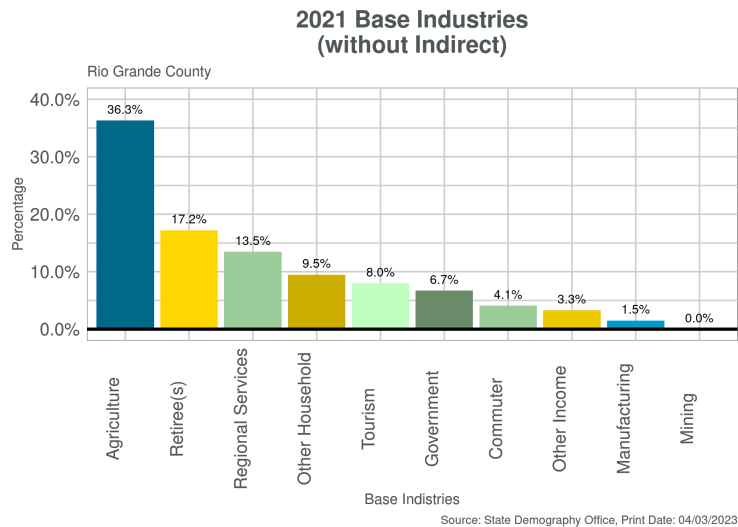


Table 10: Jobs by Sector: Rio Grande County, 2021

Employment Type	Number of Jobs	Percentage
Direct Basic Employment	4,468	79.0%
Indirect Basic Employment	541	9.6%
Local Services Employment	644	11.4%
Total Employment	5,653	100.0%
Total Population, 16+	0	

Note:

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Similar to the industry employment, areas with large amounts of diversity in their base industries tend to suffer less during downturns and recover more quickly. *Regional Services* is a diverse base industry that encompasses all services and goods that a region sells to those in surrounding areas; examples include specialized health care, construction, air or rail transportation, and large item retail purchases like autos or appliances. *Retirees* are considered basic since they spend money from social security or other pensions, Medicare and savings. *Government* typically only includes employment in Federal Government and State Government. *Tourism* not only includes traditional tourist services like accommodation and food, but also includes 2nd homes, property management and transportation of tourists by airlines, car rental, car sharing and shuttles.

Employment Forecast and Wage Information

Understanding the types of jobs forecast to grow in a community, if jobs are forecast to increase, will aid in further understanding potential changes in

population, labor force, housing demand, and household income. Important questions to ask include; What is the current forecast for job growth based on the current industry mix? What types of jobs are forecast to grow? What are the wages for those jobs? What are the labor force trends for the community? Is the labor force expected to grow or slow down?

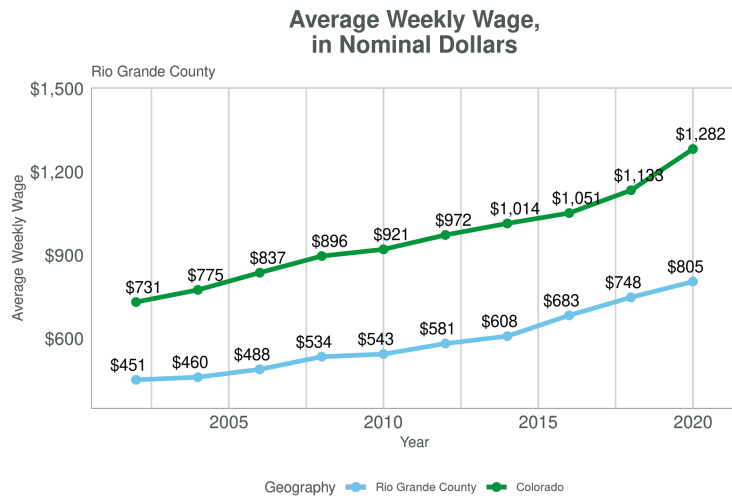
Table 11: Jobs and Population Forecast

Rio Grande County					
Year	Type	Jobs	Annual Growth Rate: Jobs	Population	Annual Growth Rate: Popula- tion
2010	Estimate	5,824		12,001	
2015	Estimate	5,398	0.8%	11,778	-0.4%
2020	Estimate	5,588	-2.9%	11,529	-0.6%
2025	Forecast	5,443	1.0%	11,324	0.2%
2030	Forecast	5,664	0.8%	11,243	-0.2%
2035	Forecast	5,540	-0.7%	11,069	-0.4%
2040	Forecast	5,191	-1.1%	10,794	-0.6%

Note:

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The total jobs forecast and population forecast are for Rio Grande County shown here. The two lines diverge over time due to the aging of our population and continued growth in our under 18 population – two segments of the population that are less likely to be employed. Growth in the 65 plus population in the labor force through 2040 compared to the universe population of those over the age of 16 since labor force participation declines with age, especially among those eligible for pensions or social security.



The unadjusted (nominal) average weekly wages for Rio Grande County and Colorado are shown here. The gain or loss of a major employer such as a mine or a hospital can have a significant impact on a county's average weekly wage. These wages are shown only for jobs located within that county and do not include most proprietors. Household income can be influenced by the average weekly wage, but in areas that have considerable amounts commuting or unearned income this relationship is not particularly strong.

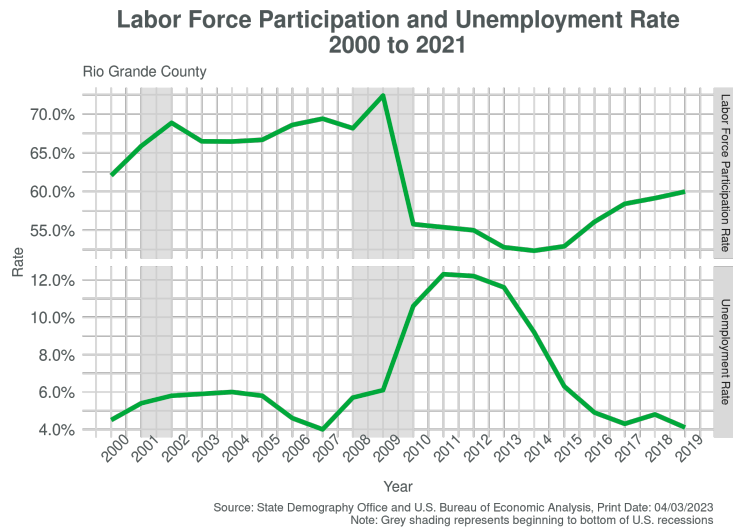
This table compares the forecast residential labor force to the forecast population of person age 16 and older for Rio Grande County.

Table 12: Forecast Resident Labor Force and Population, Age 16 +

Rio Grande County					
Year	Type	Labor Force	Annual Growth Rate: Labor Force	Persons Age 16+	Annual Growth Rate: Persons Age 16+
2010	Estimate	5,288		9,293	
2015	Estimate	4,952	1.1%	8,774	-1.3%
2025	Forecast	5,411	-0.1%	8,890	0.3%

Note:

Source: State Demography Office, Print Date: 04/03/2023



The labor force participation and employment plot compares the percentage of persons age 16 and older in the labor force to the unemployment rate. The pattern of labor force participation and unemployment in Rio Grande County are closely related. The downward trend in labor force participation is related to the aging patterns in the county, along with the availability and character of employment. Additionally, as unemployment falls, the incentive for people to enter the labor force increases.

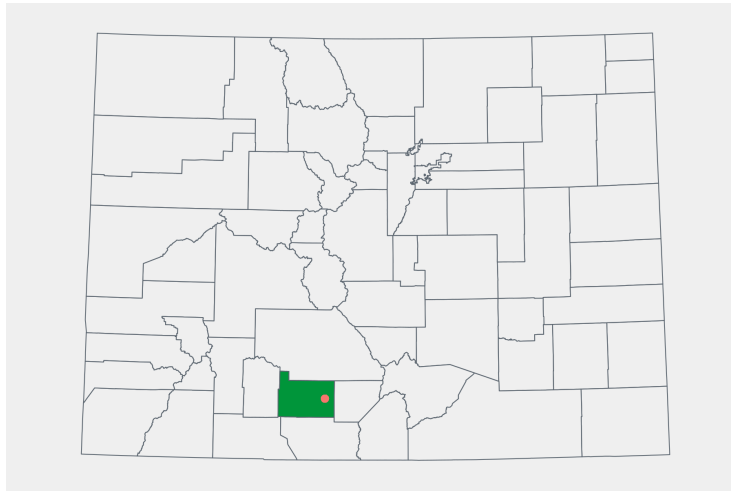


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Community Profile for Monte Vista

Demographic information is critical for making informed decisions at the local, state and national level. This demographic profile is a summary of trends in a community. The dashboard provides charts, text, data and additional links to assist in the exploration and understanding of demographic trends for counties and municipalities in Colorado. The following collection of tables and charts establishes the context for assessing potential impacts and for decision-making.



Basic Statistics

The population base and trends of an area determine the needs for housing, schools, roads and other services. The age, income, race and ethnicity, and migration of the population of a community are all vital in planning for service

provision. The most significant demographic transitions for Colorado and its communities are related to disparate growth, aging, downward pressure on income, and growing racial and ethnic diversity.

Table 1: Community Quick Facts

	Monte Vista	Rio Grande County	Colorado
Population (2021)+	4,195	11,400	5,814,707
Population Change (2010 to 2021)+	-256	-601	764,375
Total Employment (2021)+			
Median Household Income [^]	\$44,982	\$50,287	\$80,184
Median House Value [^]	\$138,300	\$180,600	\$397,500
Percentage of Population with Incomes lower than the Poverty Line [^]	19.4%	13.9%	9.6%
Percentage of Population Born in Colorado [^]	65.7%	61.9%	41.9%
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Population Trends

The tables and plots in this section highlight trends and forecasts for the total population in Monte Vista. The table shows the overall population growth rate for Monte Vista, Rio Grande County and the State of Colorado. Additional plots show the overall population trends, forecasts for along with the overall components of change for Monte Vista.

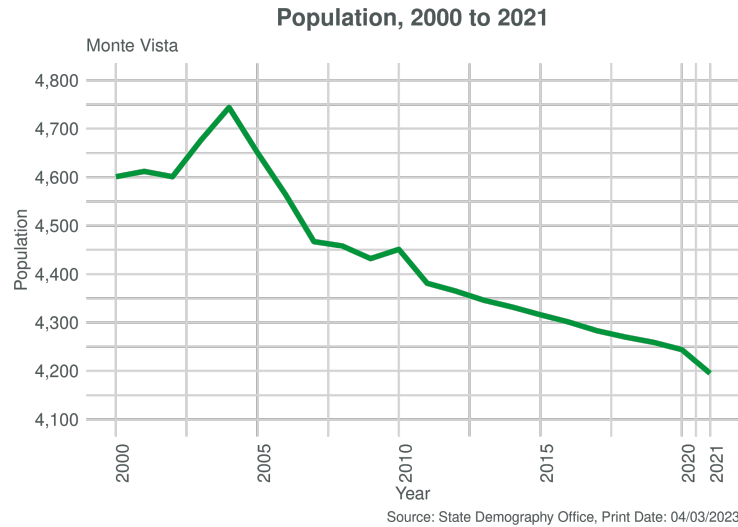
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Year	Monte Vista		Rio Grande County		Colorado	
	Population	Growth Rate	Population	Growth Rate	Population	Growth Rate
1990	4,324		10,770		3,294,473	
1995	4,557	1.1%	11,698	1.7%	3,811,074	3.0%
2000	4,601	0.2%	12,429	1.2%	4,338,801	2.6%
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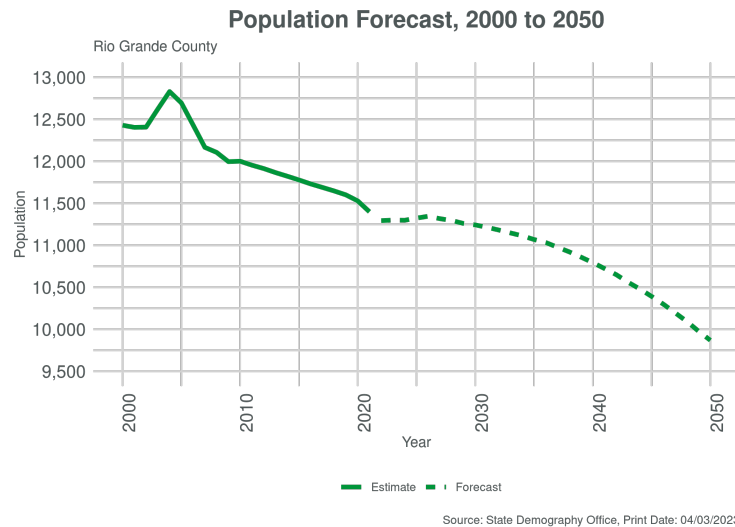
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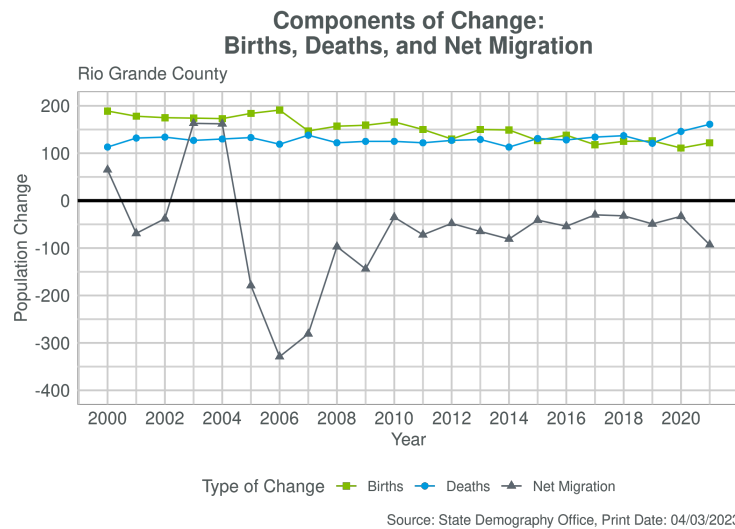


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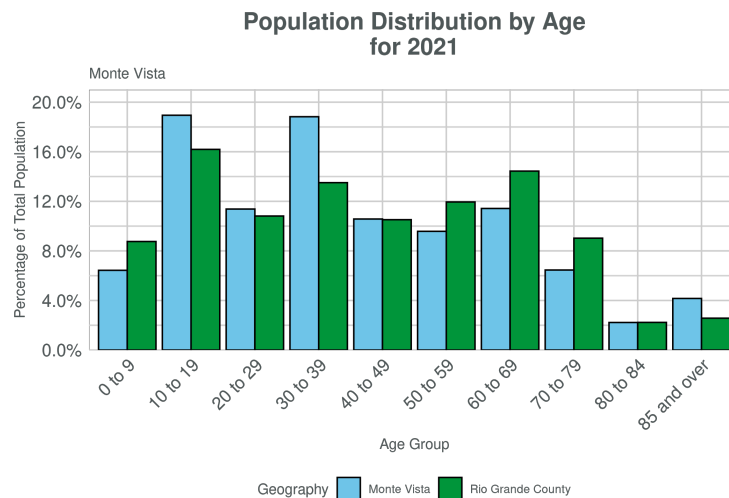


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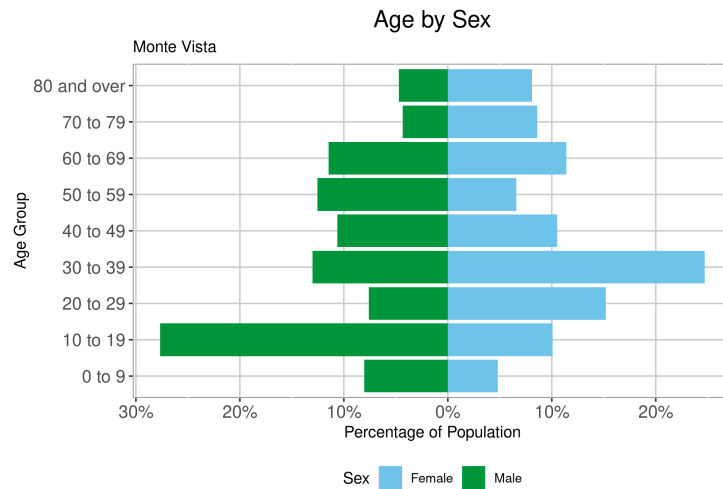
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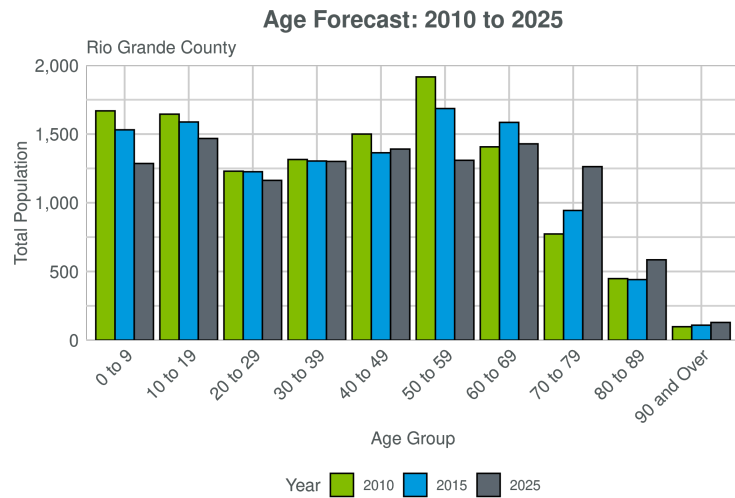
Table 3: Median Age by Sex Comparison

Sex	Monte Vista		Rio Grande County		Significant	Direction
	Median Age	MOE	Median Age	MOE		
Total	38.4	1.7	40.7	1.6	No	
Male	37.4	3.4	38.8	1.5	No	
Female	38.9	1.8	44.1	3.2	Yes	Younger

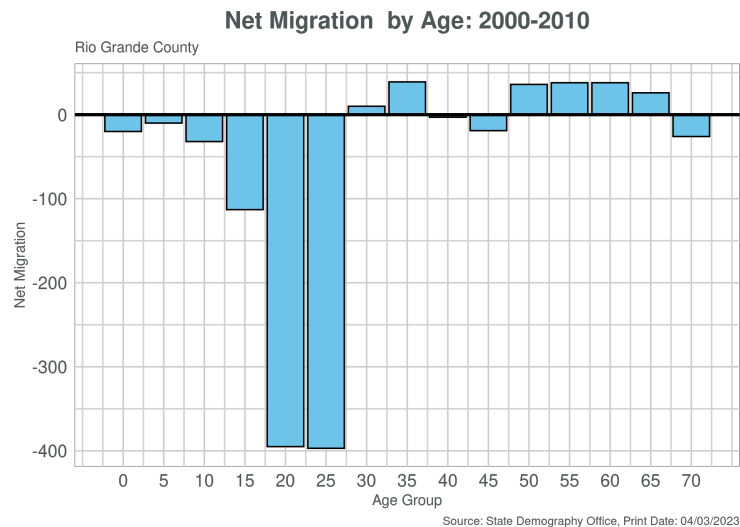
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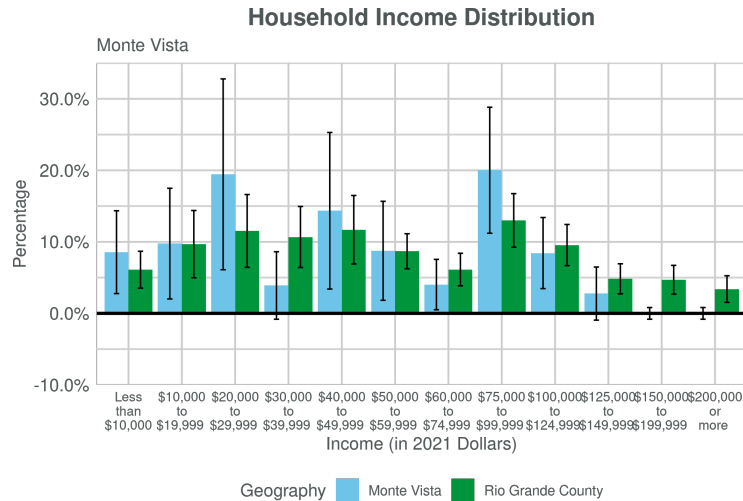


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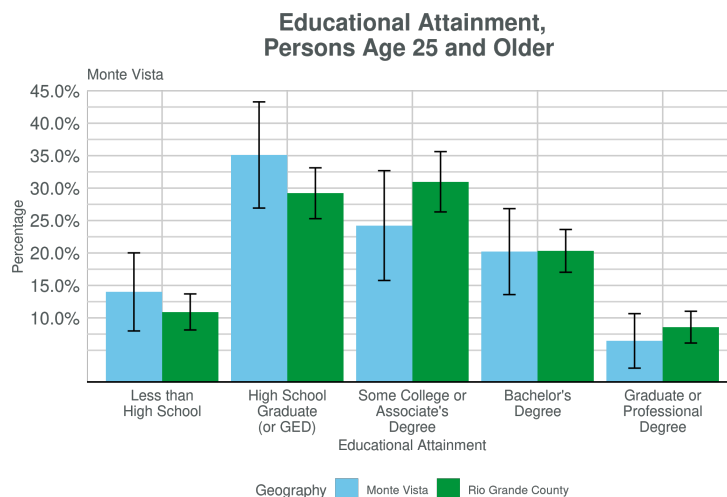
Table 4: Household Income Source(s)

Rio Grande County				
Income Source	Total Households		Mean Income	
	Estimate	MOE	Estimate	MOE
All Households	4,616	241	\$55,154	\$5,317
With earnings	71.3%	5.0%	\$70,388	\$7,305
With interest, dividends or net rental income	21.3%	3.7%	\$20,085	\$8,608
With Social Security income	36.5%	3.6%	\$19,374	\$1,997
With Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	8.0%	3.1%	\$11,118	\$4,753
With cash public assistance income	5.9%	3.1%	\$ 3,143	\$2,023
With retirement income	20.0%	4.1%	\$26,048	\$8,301

Note:

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Educational Attainment The education attainment plot is provided for persons older than Age 25, i.e., those who have likely completed their education.



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Race and Ethnicity The Race Trend table shows the changing racial and ethnic composition of Monte Vista beginning in 2000 and continuing to the present.

Table 5: Race Trend

Race	Monte Vista			Rio Grande County		
	2000	2010	2021	2000	2010	2021
Hispanic	58.2%	61.3%	65.8%	41.7%	42.4%	44.5%
Non-Hispanic	41.8%	38.7%	34.2%	58.3%	57.6%	55.5%
Non-Hispanic White	40.1%	36.2%	31.4%	56.6%	55.1%	51.2%
Non-Hispanic Black	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%
Non-Hispanic Native American/Alaska Native	0.7%	0.8%	0.0%	0.6%	0.9%	1.2%
Non-Hispanic Asian	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%	0.2%	0.3%	0.1%
Non-Hispanic Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Non-Hispanic Other	0.0%	0.2%	1.3%	0.1%	0.1%	0.5%
Non-Hispanic, Two Races	0.6%	1.0%	1.2%	0.7%	0.9%	2.3%
Total Population	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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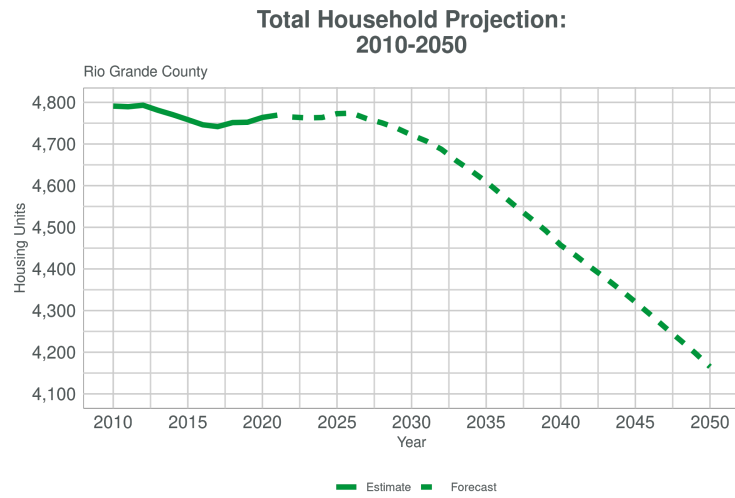
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Housing and Households

Understanding the current housing stock is critical for understanding how the community can best address current and future demands. This section begins with a projection of households. The projection of households is derived by county specific headship rates for the population by age. Beyond the numbers and characteristics, understanding the value and affordability of housing units is vital. Are the housing prices prohibitive to new families? Are the housing prices at such a high price that once the current work force ages and sells, those housing units will most likely go into the vacation seasonal market? Or are housing prices reasonable and suddenly the community is experiencing growth in families with children? How many total housing units are there? What types of new units are being built - multi-family vs single family?



The Household Estimates plot shows the current and projected number of households in Rio Grande County between 2010 and 2050.

The next several tables provide an overview of the housing stock in an area. The availability of land and the cost of land can dictate whether housing is less dense, with a greater number of single family units or more dense with a number of multifamily apartments and condos. Median home values and median gross rents are often considerably lower than current market prices as the values are computed from a 5-year average that runs through 2016. The number of people per household can offer insights as to the composition of the households. Areas with a larger number of people per household often have more families with children under 18 or a number of roommates living together to share housing costs. Those with a smaller number of persons per household, likely have a larger share of single-person households.

Table 6: Housing Units: Monte Vista, 2021

Monte Vista	
Housing Type	Value
Total Housing Units	1,964
Occupied Housing Units	1,748
Vacant Housing Units	216
Vacancy Rate	11.0%
Total Population	4,195
Household Population	4,158
Group Quarters Population	37
Persons per Household	2.38

Note:

Source: State Demography Office, Print Date: 04/03/2023

Table 7: Characteristics of Housing Units

Housing Unit Type	Monte Vista				
	Owner-Occupied Units		Rental Units		All Units
	Units	Percent	Units	Percent	Units
All Housing Units	992	62.4%	597	37.6%	1,589
Single Unit Buildings	875	79.5%	226	20.5%	1,101
Buildings with 2 to 4 Units	0	0.0%	151	100.0%	151
Buildings with 5 or More Units	0	0.0%	220	100.0%	220
Mobile Homes	117	100.0%	0	0.0%	117
RVs, Boats, Vans, Etc.	0		0		0
Median Year of Construction	1960		1969		1966
Average Number of Persons Per Household	3.02		1.96		2.62

Note:

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Table 8: Comparative Housing Values

Variable	Monte Vista	Rio Grande County
	Value	Value
Median Value of Owner-Occupied Households (Current Dollars)	\$138,300	\$180,600
Percentage of Owner-Occupied Households paying 30% or more of income on housing	6.9%	17.9%
Percentage of Owner-Occupied Households paying 30-49% of income on housing	1.9%	10.3%
Percentage of Owner-Occupied Households paying 50% or more of income on housing	4.9%	7.6%
Median Gross Rent of Rental Households (Current Dollars)	\$518	\$685
Percentage of Rental Households paying 30% or more of income on housing	40.0%	33.2%
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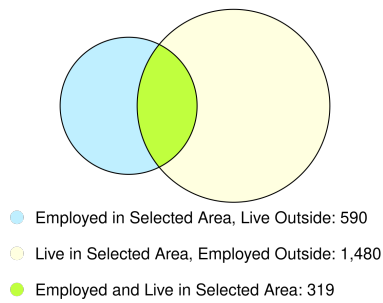
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Commuting

Commuting plays an important role in the economy of an area because not all workers live where they work. Commuting impacts local job growth, access to employees, and transportation infrastructure. The Commuting diagram identifies three groups of people:

- People who work in Monte Vista, but live elsewhere.
- People who live in Monte Vista, but work elsewhere.
- People who live and work in Monte Vista.

Monte Vista: All Jobs, 2019



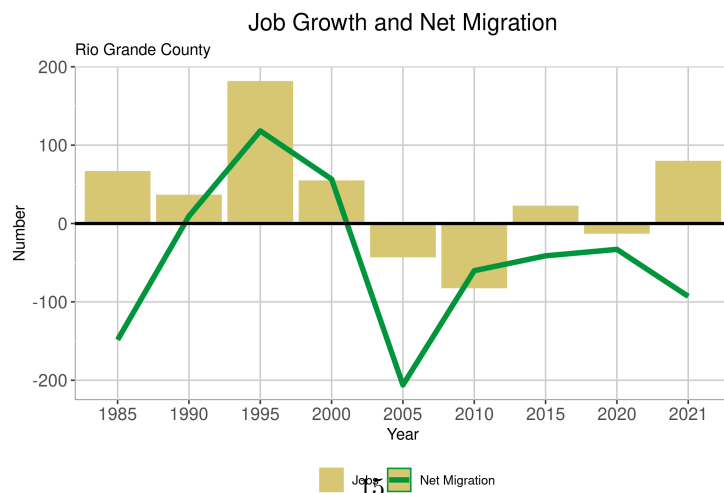
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Table 9: Commuting Patterns for Monte Vista

Location	Count	Percent
Employees in Monte Vista living elsewhere		
Monte Vista CCD (Rio Grande CO)	85	14.4%
Alamosa city CO	68	11.5%
Alamosa CCD (Alamosa CO)	42	7.1%
Del Norte town CO	36	6.1%
Sargent CCD (Rio Grande CO)	30	5.1%
Del Norte CCD (Rio Grande CO)	29	4.9%
Center town CO	23	3.9%
Alamosa East CDP CO	13	2.2%
Center CCD (Saguache CO)	13	2.2%
Colorado Springs city CO	10	1.7%
Other Municipalities/Places	241	40.8%
Total	590	100.0%
Residents of Monte Vista working elsewhere		
Alamosa city CO	236	15.9%
Monte Vista CCD (Rio Grande CO)	207	14.0%
Sargent CCD (Rio Grande CO)	103	7.0%
Del Norte town CO	95	6.4%
Center town CO	68	4.6%
Colorado Springs city CO	64	4.3%
Denver city CO	59	4.0%
Pueblo city CO	51	3.4%
Alamosa CCD (Alamosa CO)	50	3.4%
Del Norte CCD (Rio Grande CO)	31	2.1%
Other Municipalities/Places	516	34.9%
Total	1,480	100.0%

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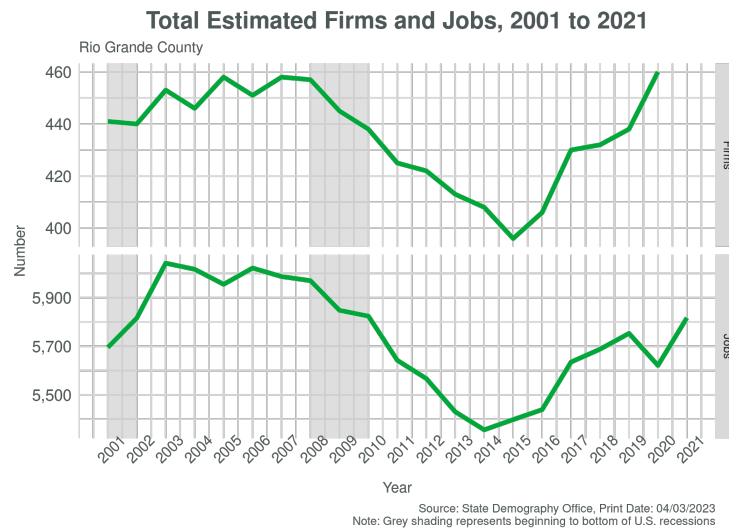


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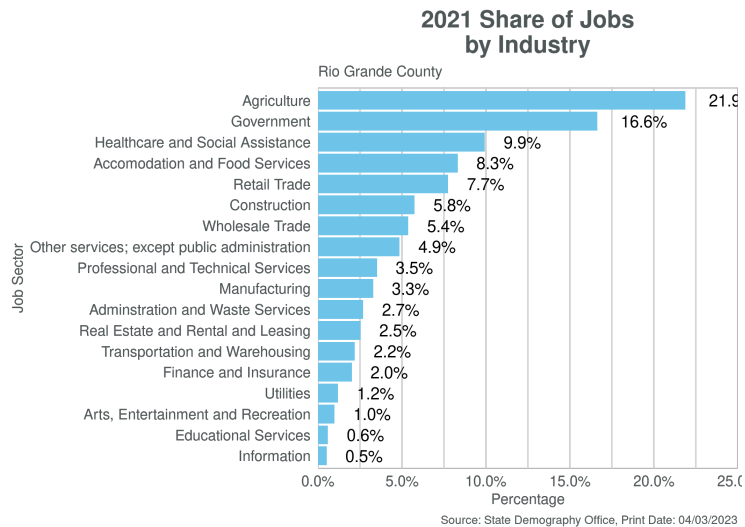
The Job Growth and Net Migration plot shows the relationship between job growth and migration in Rio Grande County. Generally, migration patterns follow changes in job growth demand.

Employment by Industry

Identifying the industries which may be driving the growth and change within a community is a vital part of understanding community dynamics. Growth in jobs often results in growth in residents from migration within a community. Identifying the trends of growth or decline of jobs and the types of jobs available within the community is important.



The Estimated Firms and Jobs series created by the SDO gives a comprehensive look at the number of firms and jobs located within Rio Grande County. It is broad in scope, capturing both wage and salary workers as well as most proprietors and agricultural workers. A more diverse economy is typically more resilient too; when looking at the employment trends recently and after a recession (shaded in gray) it is also important to look at the current share of employment by industry. Areas dependent on a single industry such as agriculture, mining or tourism can suffer from prolonged downturns due to drought, shifting demand for commodities, and the health of the national economy.



The total estimated jobs are subdivided into 3 categories:

- *Direct Basic:* jobs that bring outside dollars into the community by selling goods or services outside the county, such as manufacturing or engineering services,
- *Indirect Basic:* jobs that are created as the result of goods and services purchased by direct basic such as accounting services or raw material inputs, and
- *Local (Resident) Services:* jobs that are supported when income earned from the base industries is spent locally at retailers or are supported by local tax dollars to provide services like education and public safety.

This plot shows the jobs by industry profile for Rio Grande County. The relative rank of high-paying sectors, such as mining, information and financial and insurance services versus mid-range jobs (e.g., construction, health care and government) and lower-paying industries such as retail trade and accommodation and food services, will have an impact on a county's overall economic health.

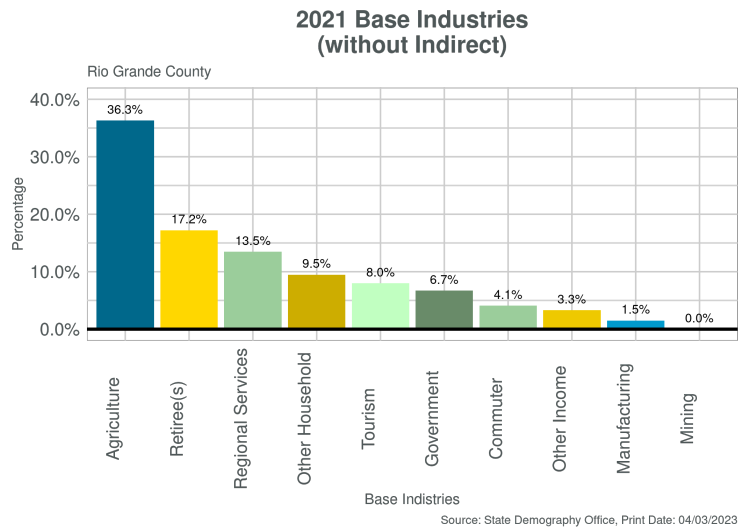


Table 10: Jobs by Sector: Rio Grande County, 2021

Employment Type	Number of Jobs	Percentage
Direct Basic Employment	4,468	79.0%
Indirect Basic Employment	541	9.6%
Local Services Employment	644	11.4%
Total Employment	5,653	100.0%
Total Population, 16+	0	

Note:

Source: State Demography Office, Print Date: 04/03/2023

Similar to the industry employment, areas with large amounts of diversity in their base industries tend to suffer less during downturns and recover more quickly. *Regional Services* is a diverse base industry that encompasses all services and goods that a region sells to those in surrounding areas; examples include specialized health care, construction, air or rail transportation, and large item retail purchases like autos or appliances. *Retirees* are considered basic since they spend money from social security or other pensions, Medicare and savings. *Government* typically only includes employment in Federal Government and State Government. *Tourism* not only includes traditional tourist services like accommodation and food, but also includes 2nd homes, property management and transportation of tourists by airlines, car rental, car sharing and shuttles.

Employment Forecast and Wage Information

Understanding the types of jobs forecast to grow in a community, if jobs are forecast to increase, will aid in further understanding potential changes in

population, labor force, housing demand, and household income. Important questions to ask include; What is the current forecast for job growth based on the current industry mix? What types of jobs are forecast to grow? What are the wages for those jobs? What are the labor force trends for the community? Is the labor force expected to grow or slow down?

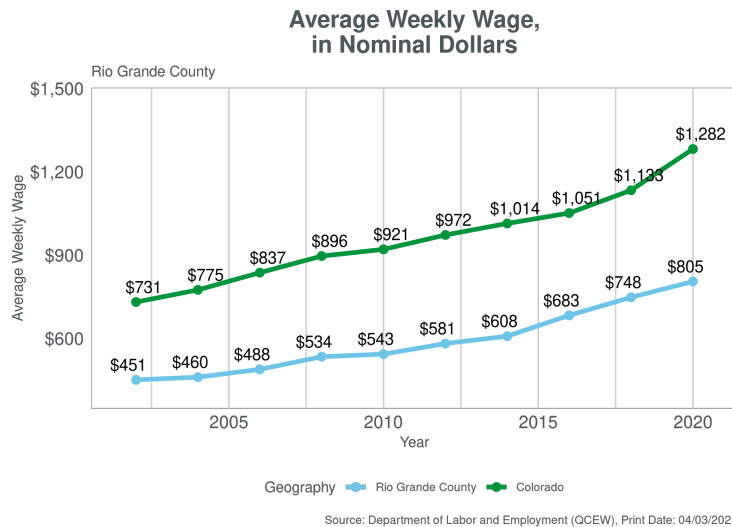
Table 11: Jobs and Population Forecast

Rio Grande County					
Year	Type	Jobs	Annual Growth Rate: Jobs	Population	Annual Growth Rate: Popula- tion
2010	Estimate	5,824		12,001	
2015	Estimate	5,398	0.8%	11,778	-0.4%
2020	Estimate	5,588	-2.9%	11,529	-0.6%
2025	Forecast	5,443	1.0%	11,324	0.2%
2030	Forecast	5,664	0.8%	11,243	-0.2%
2035	Forecast	5,540	-0.7%	11,069	-0.4%
2040	Forecast	5,191	-1.1%	10,794	-0.6%

Note:

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The total jobs forecast and population forecast are for Rio Grande County shown here. The two lines diverge over time due to the aging of our population and continued growth in our under 18 population – two segments of the population that are less likely to be employed. Growth in the 65 plus population in the labor force through 2040 compared to the universe population of those over the age of 16 since labor force participation declines with age, especially among those eligible for pensions or social security.



The unadjusted (nominal) average weekly wages for Rio Grande County and Colorado are shown here. The gain or loss of a major employer such as a mine or a hospital can have a significant impact on a county's average weekly wage. These wages are shown only for jobs located within that county and do not include most proprietors. Household income can be influenced by the average weekly wage, but in areas that have considerable amounts commuting or unearned income this relationship is not particularly strong.

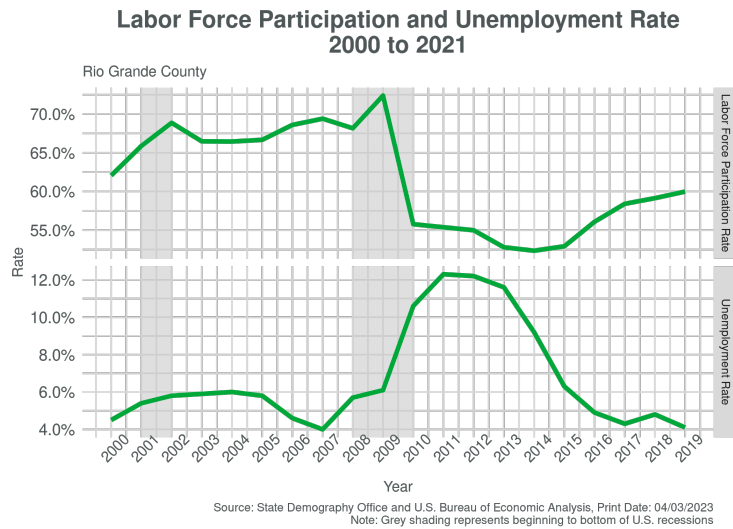
This table compares the forecast residential labor force to the forecast population of person age 16 and older for Rio Grande County.

Table 12: Forecast Resident Labor Force and Population, Age 16 +

Rio Grande County					
Year	Type	Labor Force	Annual Growth Rate: Labor Force	Persons Age 16+	Annual Growth Rate: Persons Age 16+
2010	Estimate	5,288		9,293	
2015	Estimate	4,952	1.1%	8,774	-1.3%
2025	Forecast	5,411	-0.1%	8,890	0.3%

Note:

Source: State Demography Office, Print Date: 04/03/2023



The labor force participation and employment plot compares the percentage of persons age 16 and older in the labor force to the unemployment rate. The pattern of labor force participation and unemployment in Rio Grande County are closely related. The downward trend in labor force participation is related to the aging patterns in the county, along with the availability and character of employment. Additionally, as unemployment falls, the incentive for people to enter the labor force increases.

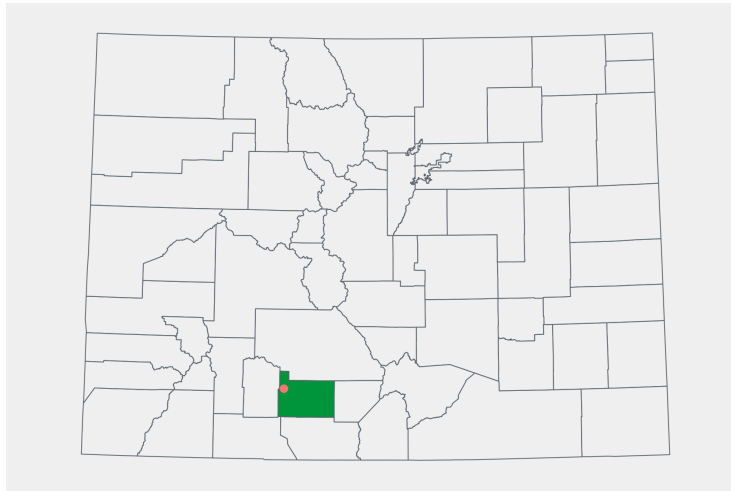


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Community Profile for South Fork

Demographic information is critical for making informed decisions at the local, state and national level. This demographic profile is a summary of trends in a community. The dashboard provides charts, text, data and additional links to assist in the exploration and understanding of demographic trends for counties and municipalities in Colorado. The following collection of tables and charts establishes the context for assessing potential impacts and for decision-making.



Basic Statistics

The population base and trends of an area determine the needs for housing, schools, roads and other services. The age, income, race and ethnicity, and migration of the population of a community are all vital in planning for service

provision. The most significant demographic transitions for Colorado and its communities are related to disparate growth, aging, downward pressure on income, and growing racial and ethnic diversity.

Table 1: Community Quick Facts

	South Fork	Rio Grande County	Colorado
Population (2021)+	504	11,400	5,814,707
Population Change (2010 to 2021)+	118	-601	764,375
Total Employment (2021)+			
Median Household Income [^]	\$56,875	\$50,287	\$80,184
Median House Value [^]	\$288,000	\$180,600	\$397,500
Percentage of Population with Incomes lower than the Poverty Line [^]	9.8%	13.9%	9.6%
Percentage of Population Born in Colorado [^]	30.0%	61.9%	41.9%
+Source: State Demography Office			
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Population Trends

The tables and plots in this section highlight trends and forecasts for the total population in South Fork. The table shows the overall population growth rate for South Fork, Rio Grande County and the State of Colorado. Additional plots show the overall population trends, forecasts for along with the overall components of change for South Fork.

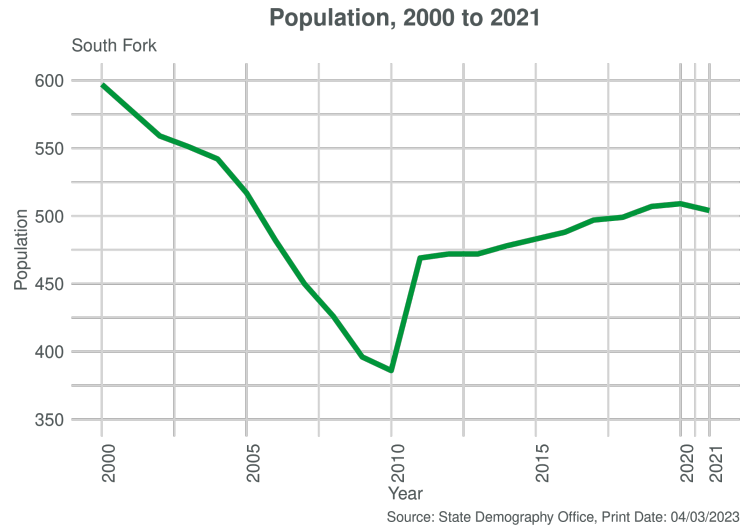
Table 2: Population Growth Rate

Year	South Fork		Rio Grande County		Colorado	
	Population	Growth Rate	Population	Growth Rate	Population	Growth Rate
1990			10,770		3,294,473	
1995	380		11,698	1.7%	3,811,074	3.0%
2000	597	9.5%	12,429	1.2%	4,338,801	2.6%
2005	517	-2.8%	12,696	0.4%	4,662,534	1.4%
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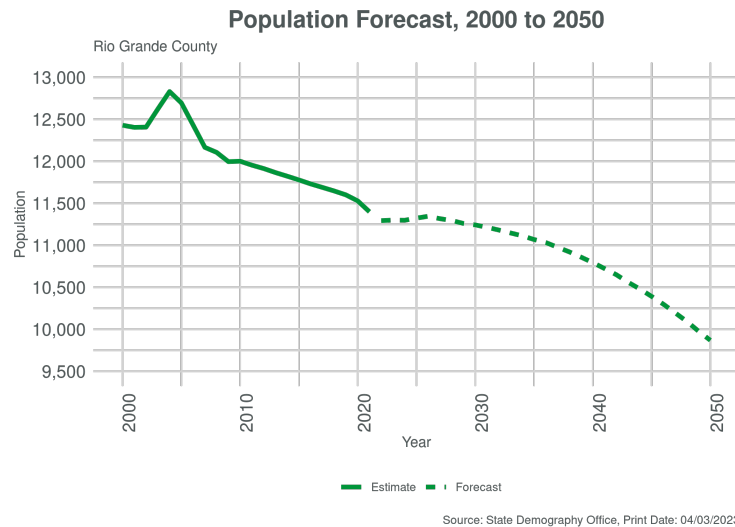
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At the end of 2021 the estimated population of South Fork was 504, a decrease of -5 over the population in 2020. The growth rate for South Fork between 2020 and 2021 was -1.0 percent compared to -1.1 percent for Rio Grande County and 0.5 percent for the State of Colorado.

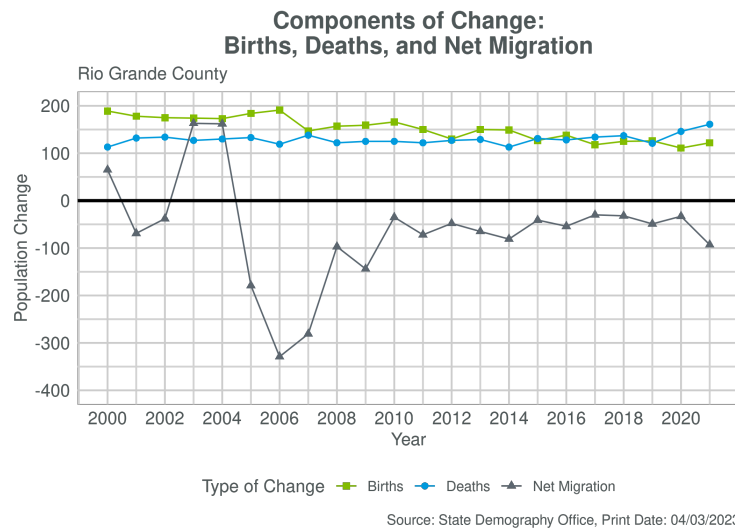


The population of Rio Grande County is forecast to reach 11,529 by 2020 and 10,794 by 2040. Overall, the growth rate for Rio Grande County is expected to decrease between 2020 and 2040. Between 2010 and 2020 the forecast growth rate was -0.4 percent, between 2020 and 2030 the forecast growth rate is -0.3 percent, while the forecast growth rate between 2030 and 2040 is -0.4 percent. The change is due in part to population aging and changes in the proportion of the population in childbearing ages. Note: Population forecasts are only provided for Colorado counties.



Components of Population Change

Births, deaths and net migration are the main components of population change. Net migration is the difference between the number of people moving into an area and the number of people moving out. Change in net migration typically causes most of the changes in population trends because migration is more likely to experience short-term fluctuations than births and deaths. Migration also tends to be highly correlated to job growth or decline in communities where most of the residents work where they live. For many counties with negative natural increase (more deaths than births), this makes migration especially important for population stability and growth.

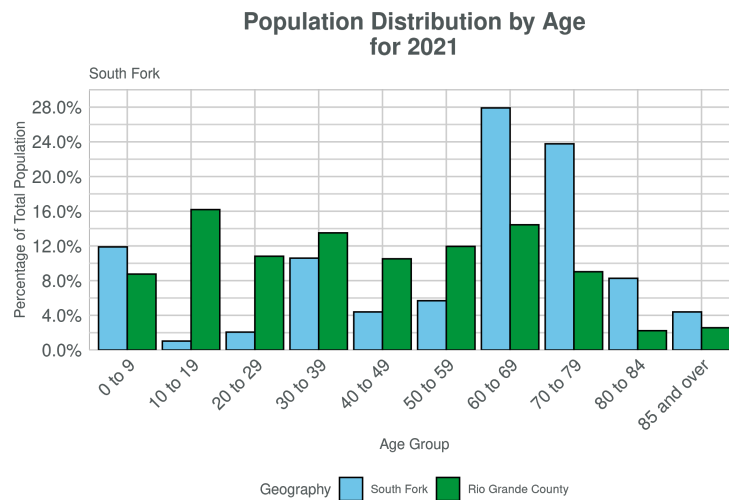


Over the past five years, between 2017 and 2021, the population of Rio Grande County has decreased by -334 people. The total natural increase (births - deaths) over this period was -87 and the total net migration (new residents who moved in minus those who moved out) was -291. Note: Components of Change data are only available for Colorado counties.

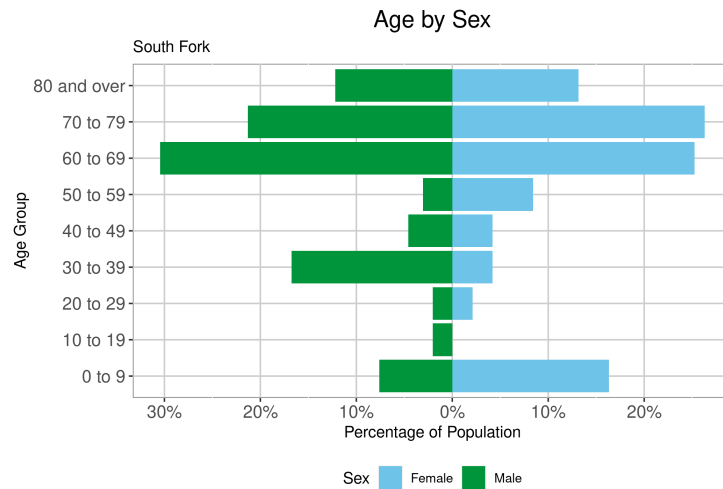
Age Characteristics

Every community has a different age profile and is aging differently. People in different age groups work, live, shop, and use resources differently and these differences will impact the economy, labor force, housing, school districts, day care facilities, health services, disability services, transportation, household income, and public finance. An aging population may put downward pressure on local government tax revenue due to changes in spending on taxable goods.

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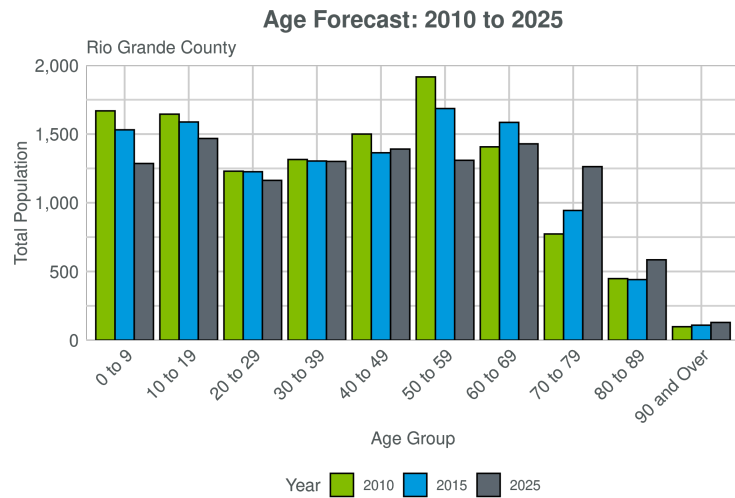
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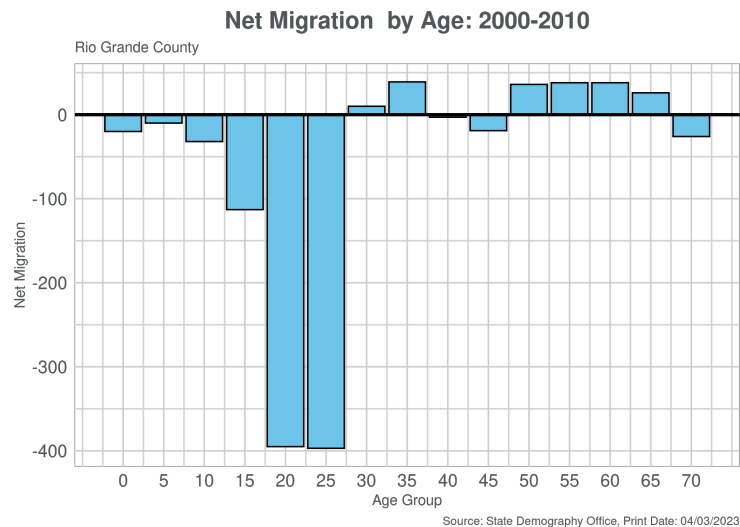
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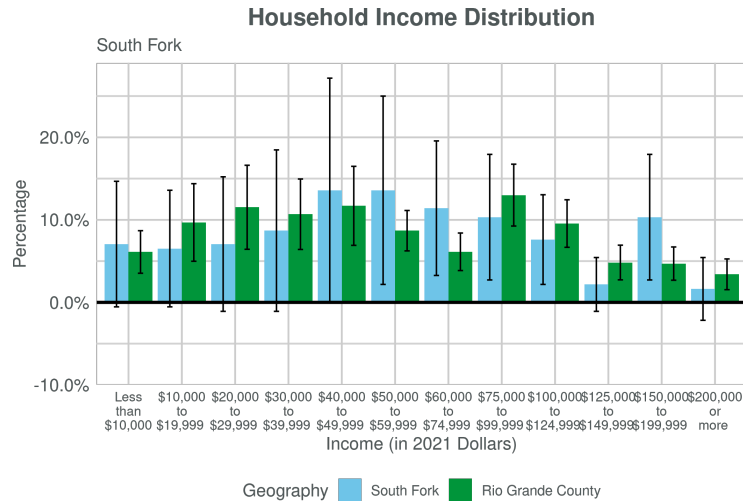


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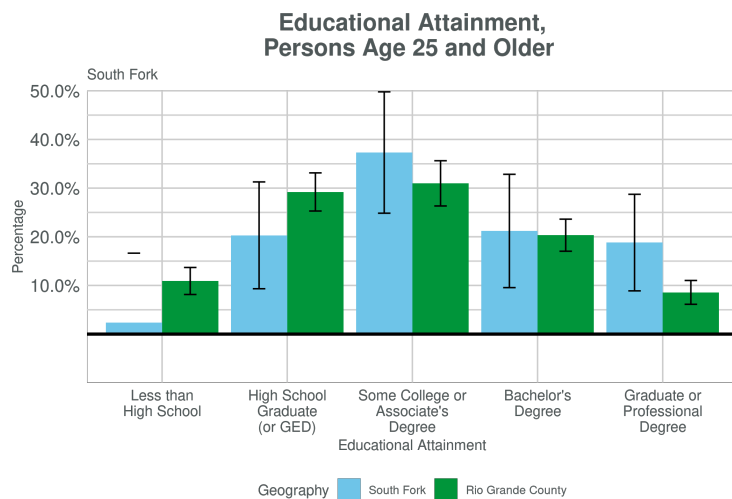
Table 4: Household Income Source(s)

Rio Grande County				
Income Source	Total Households		Mean Income	
	Estimate	MOE	Estimate	MOE
All Households	4,616	241	\$55,154	\$5,317
With earnings	71.3%	5.0%	\$70,388	\$7,305
With interest, dividends or net rental income	21.3%	3.7%	\$20,085	\$8,608
With Social Security income	36.5%	3.6%	\$19,374	\$1,997
With Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	8.0%	3.1%	\$11,118	\$4,753
With cash public assistance income	5.9%	3.1%	\$ 3,143	\$2,023
With retirement income	20.0%	4.1%	\$26,048	\$8,301

Note:

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey, Print Date: 04/03/2023

Educational Attainment The education attainment plot is provided for persons older than Age 25, i.e., those who have likely completed their education.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey, Print Date: 04/03/2023

Race and Ethnicity The Race Trend table shows the changing racial and ethnic composition of South Fork beginning in 2000 and continuing to the present.

Table 5: Race Trend

Race	South Fork			Rio Grande County		
	2000	2010	2021	2000	2010	2021
Hispanic	12.4%	7.8%	5.7%	41.7%	42.4%	44.5%
Non-Hispanic	87.6%	92.2%	94.3%	58.3%	57.6%	55.5%
Non-Hispanic White	84.8%	89.4%	90.2%	56.6%	55.1%	51.2%
Non-Hispanic Black	0.2%	0.5%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%
Non-Hispanic Native American/Alaska Native	0.3%	0.5%	0.8%	0.6%	0.9%	1.2%
Non-Hispanic Asian	0.2%	0.5%	0.0%	0.2%	0.3%	0.1%
Non-Hispanic Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
Non-Hispanic Other	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.5%
Non-Hispanic, Two Races	2.2%	1.0%	3.4%	0.7%	0.9%	2.3%
Total Population	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Note:

Sources

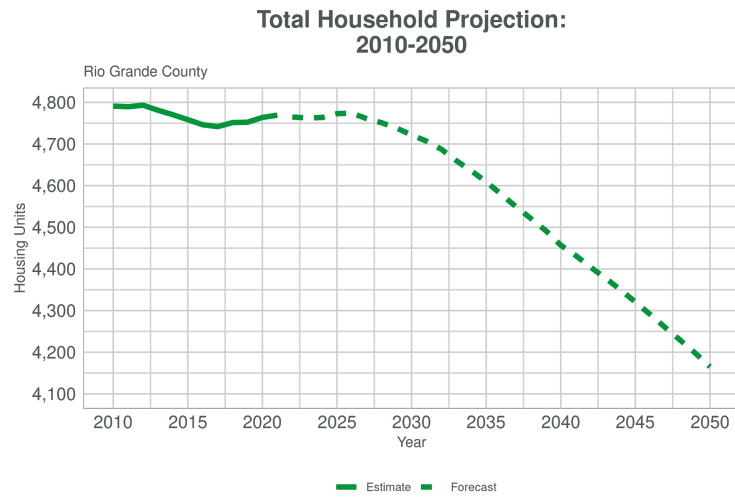
¹ 2000: 2000 Census

² 2010: 2010 Census

³ 2021: Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey, Print Date: 04/03/2023

Housing and Households

Understanding the current housing stock is critical for understanding how the community can best address current and future demands. This section begins with a projection of households. The projection of households is derived by county specific headship rates for the population by age. Beyond the numbers and characteristics, understanding the value and affordability of housing units is vital. Are the housing prices prohibitive to new families? Are the housing prices at such a high price that once the current work force ages and sells, those housing units will most likely go into the vacation seasonal market? Or are housing prices reasonable and suddenly the community is experiencing growth in families with children? How many total housing units are there? What types of new units are being built - multi-family vs single family?



The Household Estimates plot shows the current and projected number of households in Rio Grande County between 2010 and 2050.

The next several tables provide an overview of the housing stock in an area. The availability of land and the cost of land can dictate whether housing is less dense, with a greater number of single family units or more dense with a number of multifamily apartments and condos. Median home values and median gross rents are often considerably lower than current market prices as the values are computed from a 5-year average that runs through 2016. The number of people per household can offer insights as to the composition of the households . Areas with a larger number of people per household often have more families with children under 18 or a number of roommates living together to share housing costs. Those with a smaller number of persons per household, likely have a larger share of single-person households.

Table 6: Housing Units: South Fork, 2021

South Fork	
Housing Type	Value
Total Housing Units	554
Occupied Housing Units	245
Vacant Housing Units	309
Vacancy Rate	55.8%
Total Population	504
Household Population	504
Group Quarters Population	0
Persons per Household	2.06

Note:

Source: State Demography Office, Print Date: 04/03/2023

Table 7: Characteristics of Housing Units

Housing Unit Type	South Fork				
	Owner-Occupied Units		Rental Units		All Units
	Units	Percent	Units	Percent	Units
All Housing Units	150	81.5%	34	18.5%	184
Single Unit Buildings	118	92.9%	9	7.1%	127
Buildings with 2 to 4 Units	5	26.3%	14	73.7%	19
Buildings with 5 or More Units	1	8.3%	11	91.7%	12
Mobile Homes	22	100.0%	0	0.0%	22
RVs, Boats, Vans, Etc.	4	100.0%	0	0.0%	4
Median Year of Construction	1985		1988		1986
Average Number of Persons Per Household	2.09		2.15		2.10

Note:

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey, Print Date: 04/03/2023

Table 8: Comparative Housing Values

Variable	South Fork	Rio Grande County
	Value	Value
Median Value of Owner-Occupied Households (Current Dollars)	\$288,000	\$180,600
Percentage of Owner-Occupied Households paying 30% or more of income on housing	24.7%	17.9%
Percentage of Owner-Occupied Households paying 30-49% of income on housing	14.7%	10.3%
Percentage of Owner-Occupied Households paying 50% or more of income on housing	10.0%	7.6%
Median Gross Rent of Rental Households (Current Dollars)	\$779	\$685
Percentage of Rental Households paying 30% or more of income on housing	47.1%	33.2%
Percentage of Rental Households paying 30-49% of income on housing	47.1%	21.8%
Percentage of Rental Households paying 50% or more of income on housing	0.0%	11.4%

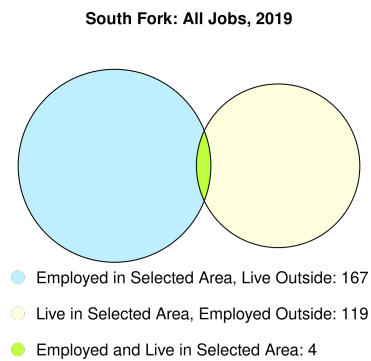
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Commuting

Commuting plays an important role in the economy of an area because not all workers live where they work. Commuting impacts local job growth, access to employees, and transportation infrastructure. The Commuting diagram identifies three groups of people:

- People who work in South Fork, but live elsewhere.
- People who live in South Fork, but work elsewhere.
- People who live and work in South Fork.



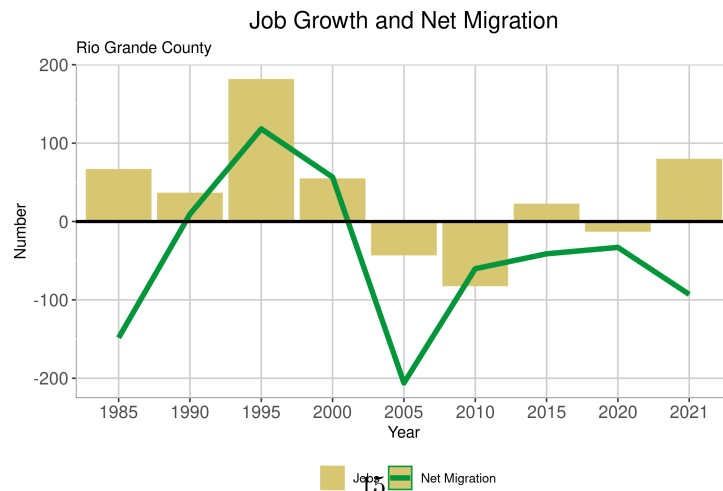
Source: U.S. Census Bureau On the Map, Print Date: 04/03/2023

Table 9: Commuting Patterns for South Fork

Location	Count	Percent
Employees in South Fork living elsewhere		
Del Norte CCD (Rio Grande CO)	29	17.4%
Sargent CCD (Rio Grande CO)	28	16.8%
Del Norte town CO	19	11.4%
Monte Vista CCD (Rio Grande CO)	17	10.2%
Monte Vista city CO	10	6.0%
Gerrard CDP CO	8	4.8%
Alamosa CCD (Alamosa CO)	5	3.0%
Alamosa city CO	5	3.0%
Aurora city CO	2	1.2%
Center town CO	2	1.2%
Other Municipalities/Places	42	25.1%
Total	167	100.0%
Residents of South Fork working elsewhere		
Alamosa city CO	16	13.4%
Sargent CCD (Rio Grande CO)	16	13.4%
Monte Vista CCD (Rio Grande CO)	9	7.6%
Pagosa Springs town CO	9	7.6%
Denver city CO	8	6.7%
Monte Vista city CO	7	5.9%
Colorado Springs city CO	6	5.0%
Del Norte town CO	6	5.0%
Del Norte CCD (Rio Grande CO)	5	4.2%
City of Creede town CO	3	2.5%
Other Municipalities/Places	34	28.6%
Total	119	100.0%

Note:

Source: U.S. Census Bureau On the Map, Print Date: 04/03/2023

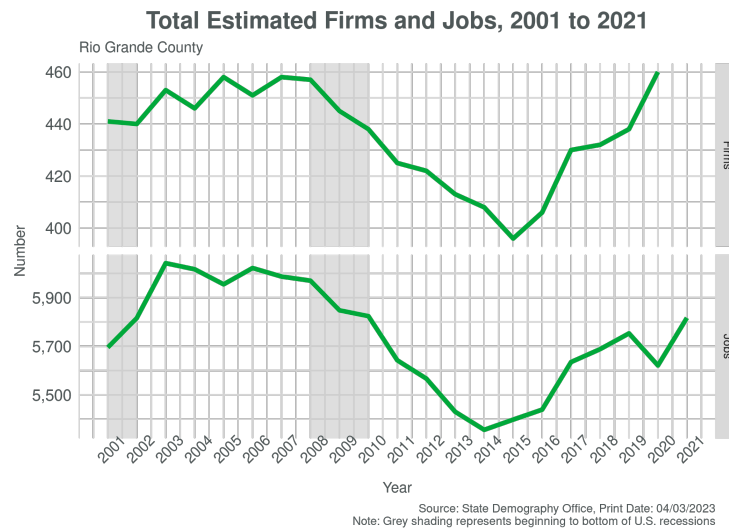


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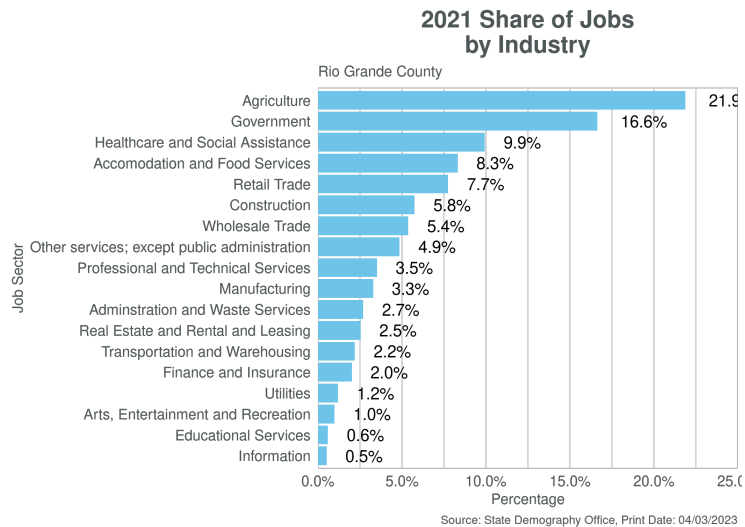
The Job Growth and Net Migration plot shows the relationship between job growth and migration in Rio Grande County. Generally, migration patterns follow changes in job growth demand.

Employment by Industry

Identifying the industries which may be driving the growth and change within a community is a vital part of understanding community dynamics. Growth in jobs often results in growth in residents from migration within a community. Identifying the trends of growth or decline of jobs and the types of jobs available within the community is important.



The Estimated Firms and Jobs series created by the SDO gives a comprehensive look at the number of firms and jobs located within Rio Grande County. It is broad in scope, capturing both wage and salary workers as well as most proprietors and agricultural workers. A more diverse economy is typically more resilient too; when looking at the employment trends recently and after a recession (shaded in gray) it is also important to look at the current share of employment by industry. Areas dependent on a single industry such as agriculture, mining or tourism can suffer from prolonged downturns due to drought, shifting demand for commodities, and the health of the national economy.



The total estimated jobs are subdivided into 3 categories:

- *Direct Basic:* jobs that bring outside dollars into the community by selling goods or services outside the county, such as manufacturing or engineering services,
- *Indirect Basic:* jobs that are created as the result of goods and services purchased by direct basic such as accounting services or raw material inputs, and
- *Local (Resident) Services:* jobs that are supported when income earned from the base industries is spent locally at retailers or are supported by local tax dollars to provide services like education and public safety.

This plot shows the jobs by industry profile for Rio Grande County. The relative rank of high-paying sectors, such as mining, information and financial and insurance services versus mid-range jobs (e.g., construction, health care and government) and lower-paying industries such as retail trade and accommodation and food services, will have an impact on a county's overall economic health.

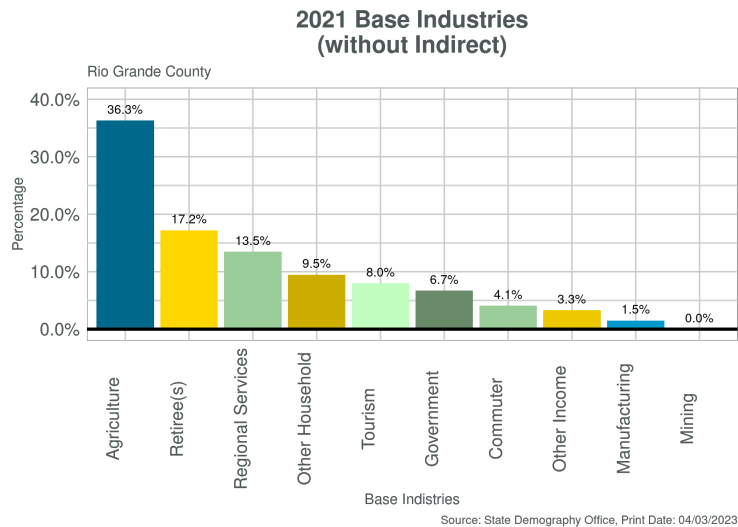


Table 10: Jobs by Sector: Rio Grande County, 2021

Employment Type	Number of Jobs	Percentage
Direct Basic Employment	4,468	79.0%
Indirect Basic Employment	541	9.6%
Local Services Employment	644	11.4%
Total Employment	5,653	100.0%
Total Population, 16+	0	

Note:

Source: State Demography Office, Print Date: 04/03/2023

Similar to the industry employment, areas with large amounts of diversity in their base industries tend to suffer less during downturns and recover more quickly. *Regional Services* is a diverse base industry that encompasses all services and goods that a region sells to those in surrounding areas; examples include specialized health care, construction, air or rail transportation, and large item retail purchases like autos or appliances. *Retirees* are considered basic since they spend money from social security or other pensions, Medicare and savings. *Government* typically only includes employment in Federal Government and State Government. *Tourism* not only includes traditional tourist services like accommodation and food, but also includes 2nd homes, property management and transportation of tourists by airlines, car rental, car sharing and shuttles.

Employment Forecast and Wage Information

Understanding the types of jobs forecast to grow in a community, if jobs are forecast to increase, will aid in further understanding potential changes in

population, labor force, housing demand, and household income. Important questions to ask include; What is the current forecast for job growth based on the current industry mix? What types of jobs are forecast to grow? What are the wages for those jobs? What are the labor force trends for the community? Is the labor force expected to grow or slow down?

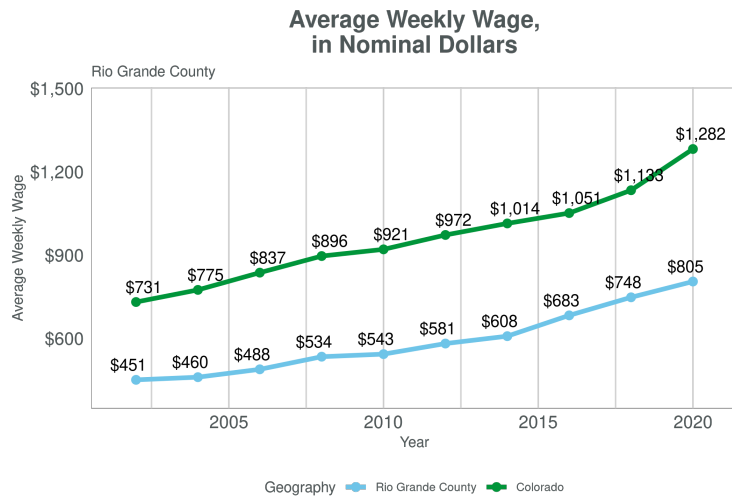
Table 11: Jobs and Population Forecast

Rio Grande County					
Year	Type	Jobs	Annual Growth Rate: Jobs	Population	Annual Growth Rate: Popula- tion
2010	Estimate	5,824		12,001	
2015	Estimate	5,398	0.8%	11,778	-0.4%
2020	Estimate	5,588	-2.9%	11,529	-0.6%
2025	Forecast	5,443	1.0%	11,324	0.2%
2030	Forecast	5,664	0.8%	11,243	-0.2%
2035	Forecast	5,540	-0.7%	11,069	-0.4%
2040	Forecast	5,191	-1.1%	10,794	-0.6%

Note:

Source: State Demography Office, Print Date: 04/03/2023

The total jobs forecast and population forecast are for Rio Grande County shown here. The two lines diverge over time due to the aging of our population and continued growth in our under 18 population – two segments of the population that are less likely to be employed. Growth in the 65 plus population in the labor force through 2040 compared to the universe population of those over the age of 16 since labor force participation declines with age, especially among those eligible for pensions or social security.



The unadjusted (nominal) average weekly wages for Rio Grande County and Colorado are shown here. The gain or loss of a major employer such as a mine or a hospital can have a significant impact on a county's average weekly wage. These wages are shown only for jobs located within that county and do not include most proprietors. Household income can be influenced by the average weekly wage, but in areas that have considerable amounts commuting or unearned income this relationship is not particularly strong.

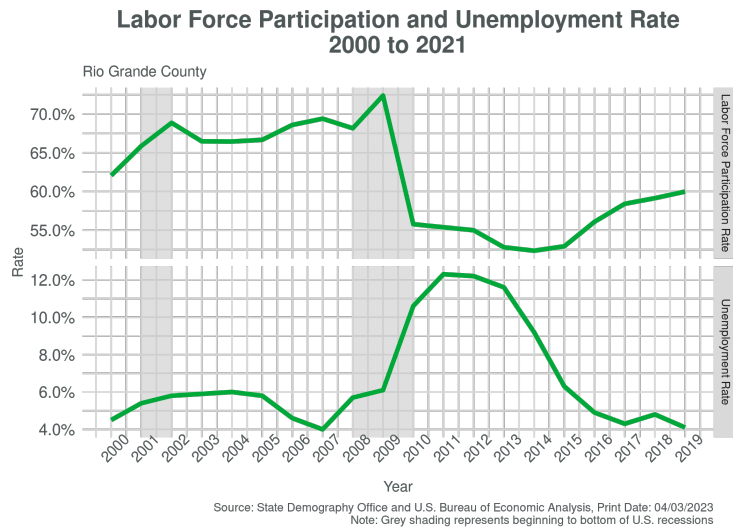
This table compares the forecast residential labor force to the forecast population of person age 16 and older for Rio Grande County.

Table 12: Forecast Resident Labor Force and Population, Age 16 +

Rio Grande County					
Year	Type	Labor Force	Annual Growth Rate: Labor Force	Persons Age 16+	Annual Growth Rate: Persons Age 16+
2010	Estimate	5,288		9,293	
2015	Estimate	4,952	1.1%	8,774	-1.3%
2025	Forecast	5,411	-0.1%	8,890	0.3%

Note:

Source: State Demography Office, Print Date: 04/03/2023



The labor force participation and employment plot compares the percentage of persons age 16 and older in the labor force to the unemployment rate. The pattern of labor force participation and unemployment in Rio Grande County are closely related. The downward trend in labor force participation is related to the aging patterns in the county, along with the availability and character of employment. Additionally, as unemployment falls, the incentive for people to enter the labor force increases.