



Delta County, CO



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Report Parameters

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8029 Delta County, CO

Class of Worker

QCEW Employees, Non-QCEW Employees, and Self-Employed

The information in this report pertains to the chosen geographical area.

Economy Overview

32,020

Population (2024)

Population **grew by 999** over the last 5 years and is projected to **grow by 1,000** over the next 5 years.

11,016

Total Regional Employment

Jobs **grew by 567** over the last 5 years and are projected to **grow by 856** over the next 5 years.

\$56.3K

Median Household Income (2022)

Median household income is **\$18.8K below** the national median household income of \$75.1K.

Takeaways

- As of 2024 the region's population **increased by 3.2%** since 2019, growing by 999. Population is expected to **increase by 3.1%** between 2024 and 2029, adding 1,000.
- From 2019 to 2024, jobs **increased by 5.4%** in Delta County, CO from 10,449 to **11,016**. This change **outpaced the national growth rate of 3.9% by 1.5%**. As the number of jobs increased, the **labor force participation rate decreased from 58.8% to 55.9% between 2019 and 2024**.
- Concerning educational attainment, **17.3% of Delta County, CO residents possess a Bachelor's Degree** (4.2% below the national average), and **6.3% hold an Associate's Degree** (2.6% below the national average).
- The top three industries in 2024 are Education and Hospitals (Local Government), Local Government, Excluding Education and Hospitals, and Restaurants and Other Eating Places.

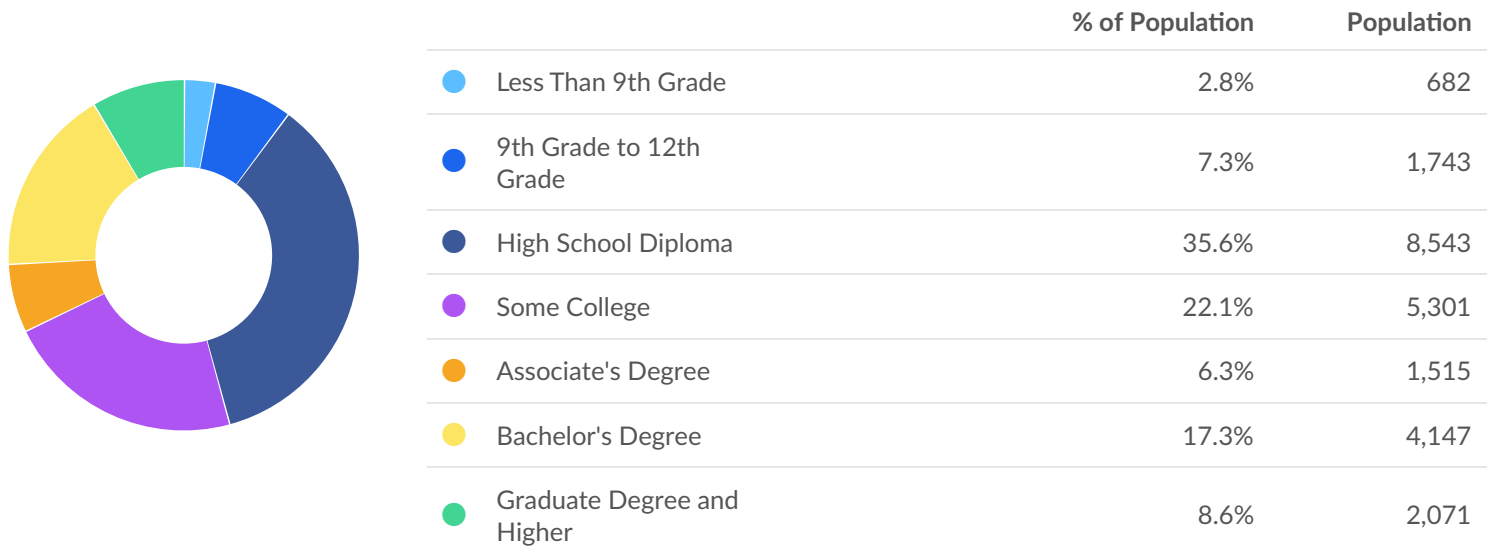
	Population (2024)	Labor Force (Oct 2024)	Jobs (2024)	Cost of Living	GRP	Imports	Exports
Region	32,020	14,422	11,016	103.1	\$1.24B	\$2.06B	\$1.45B
State	5,905,808	3,272,615	3,292,842	111.2	\$538.02B	\$363.40B	\$445.14B

Oct 2024 Labor Force Breakdown



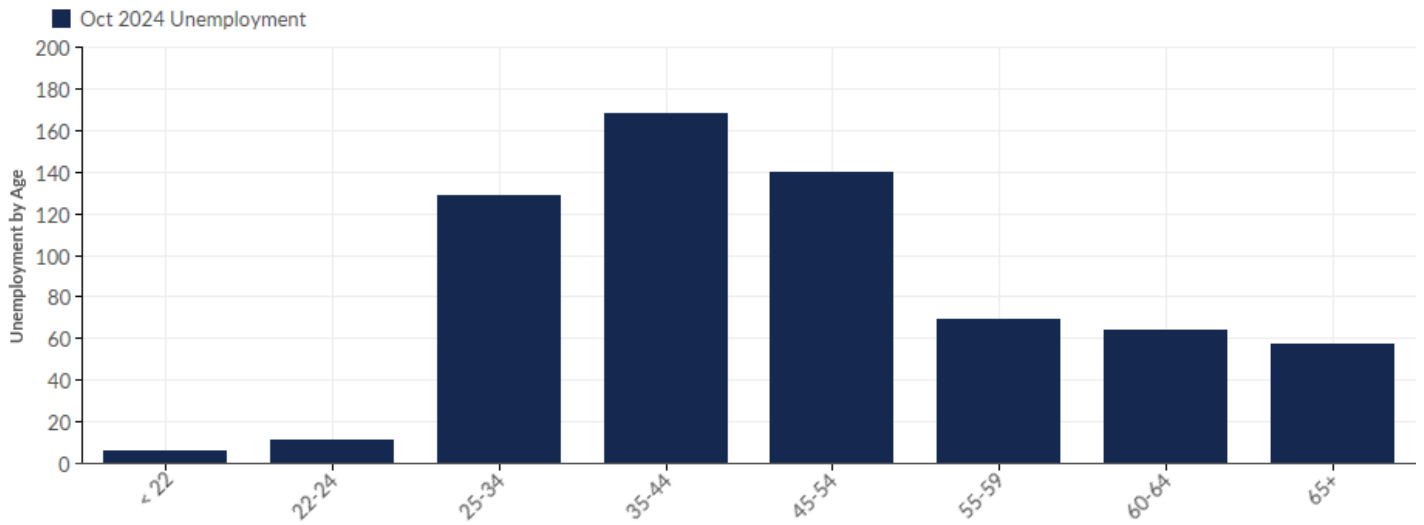
Educational Attainment

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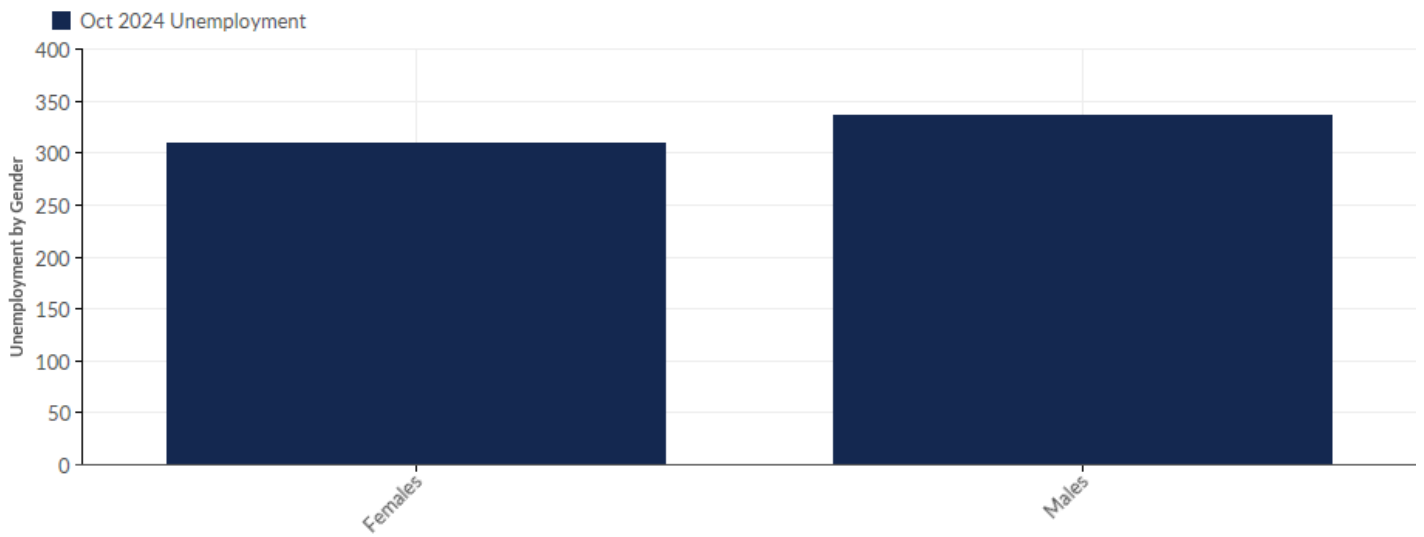
Unemployment by Demographics

Unemployment by Age



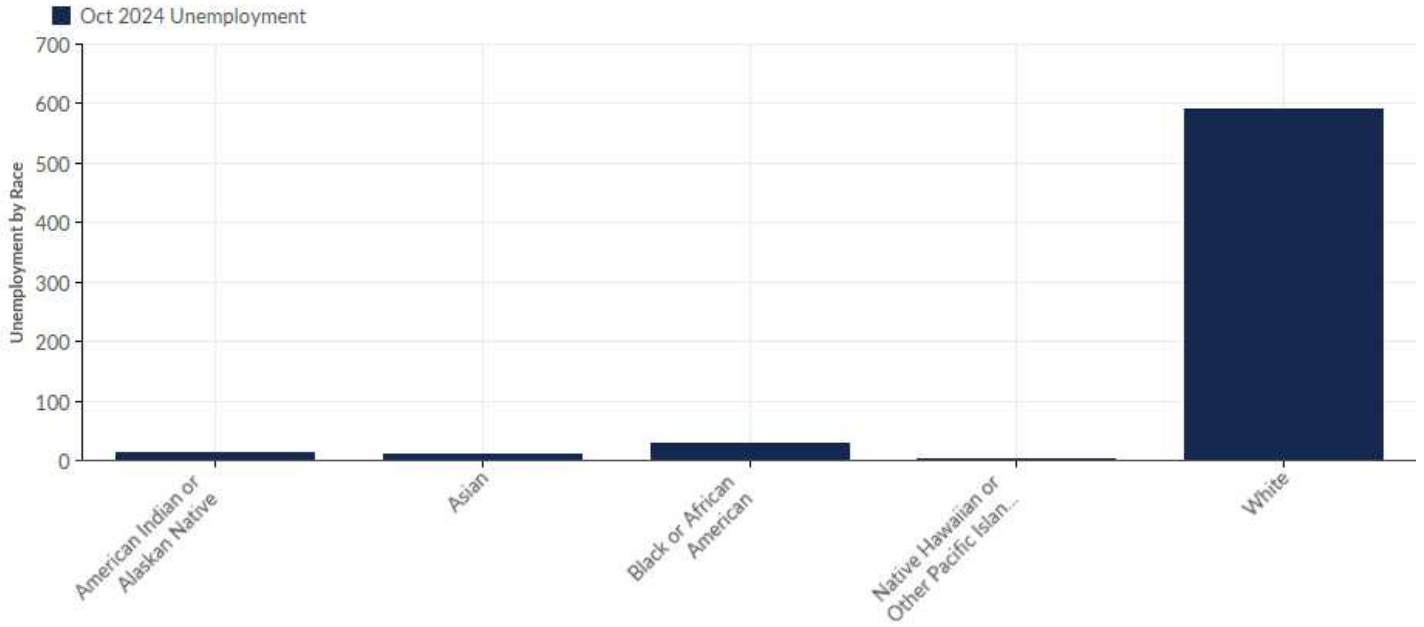
Age	Unemployment (Oct 2024)	% of Unemployed
< 22	6	0.93%
22-24	11	1.71%
25-34	128	19.84%
35-44	168	26.05%
45-54	140	21.71%
55-59	69	10.70%
60-64	64	9.92%
65+	57	8.84%
Total	645	100.00%

Unemployment by Gender



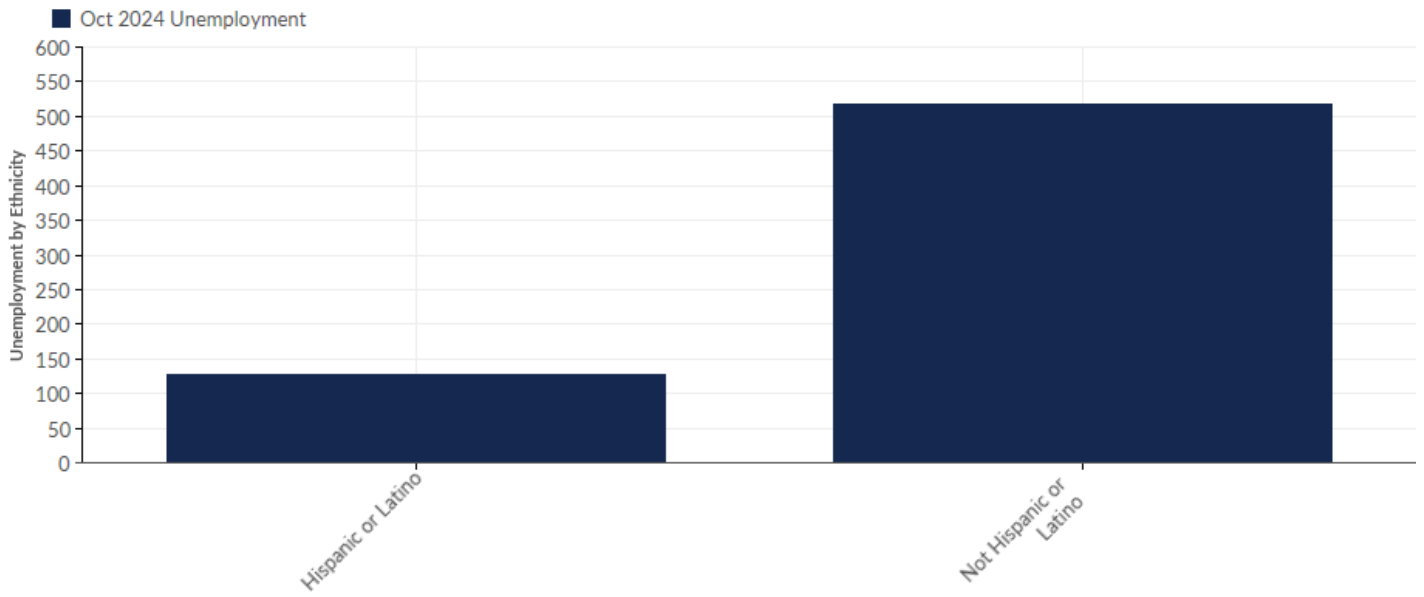
Gender	Unemployment (Oct 2024)	% of Unemployed
Females	309	47.91%
Males	336	52.09%
Total	645	100.00%

Unemployment by Race



Race	Unemployment (Oct 2024)	% of Unemployed
American Indian or Alaskan Native	13	2.02%
Asian	11	1.71%
Black or African American	28	4.34%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2	0.31%
White	591	91.63%
Total	645	100.00%

Unemployment by Ethnicity

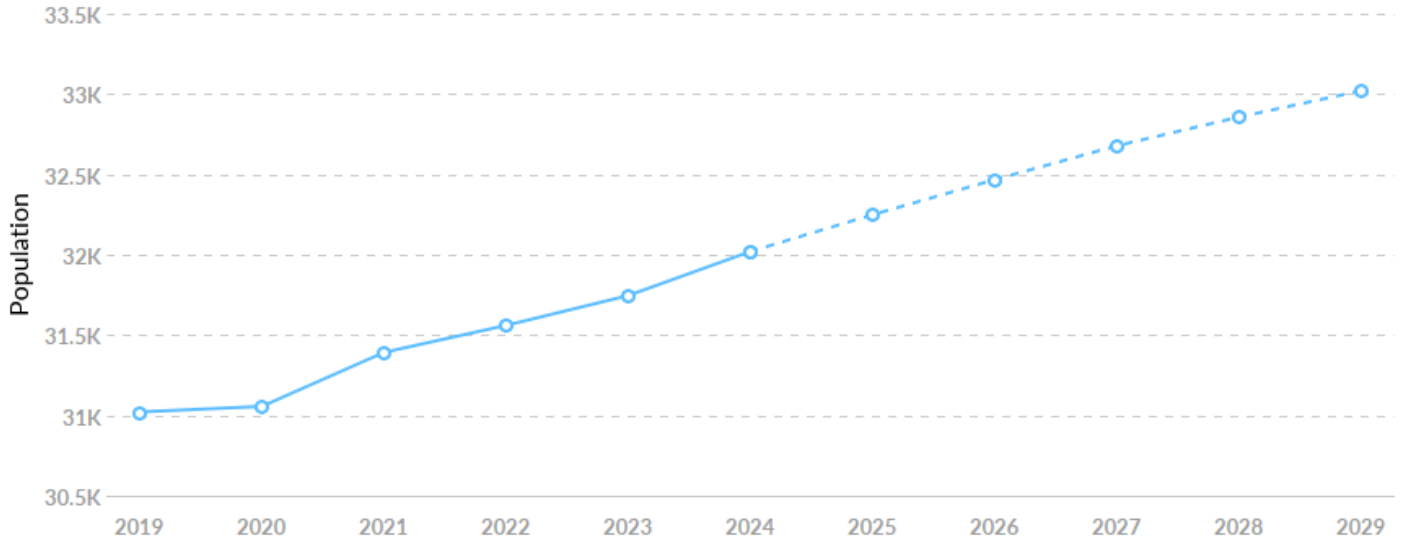


Ethnicity	Unemployment (Oct 2024)	% of Unemployed
Hispanic or Latino	126	19.53%
Not Hispanic or Latino	519	80.47%
Total	645	100.00%

Historic & Projected Trends

Population Trends

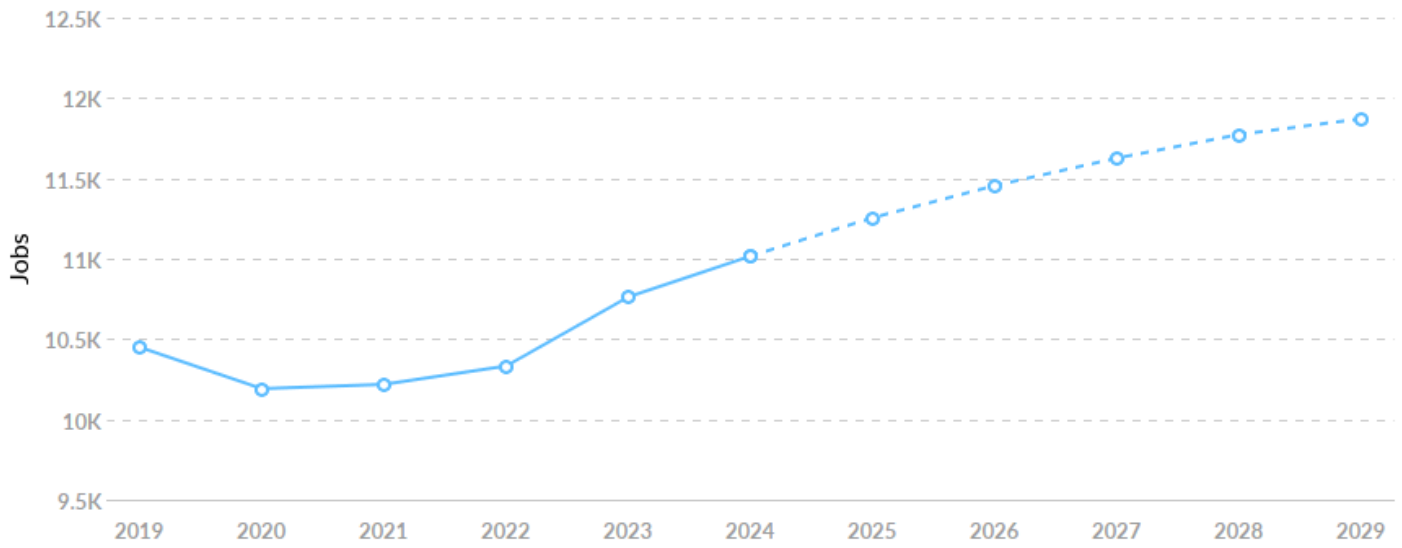
As of 2024 the region's population increased by 3.2% since 2019, growing by 999. Population is expected to increase by 3.1% between 2024 and 2029, adding 1,000.



Timeframe	Population
2019	31,021
2020	31,056
2021	31,392
2022	31,560
2023	31,746
2024	32,020
2025	32,249
2026	32,467
2027	32,678
2028	32,857
2029	33,020

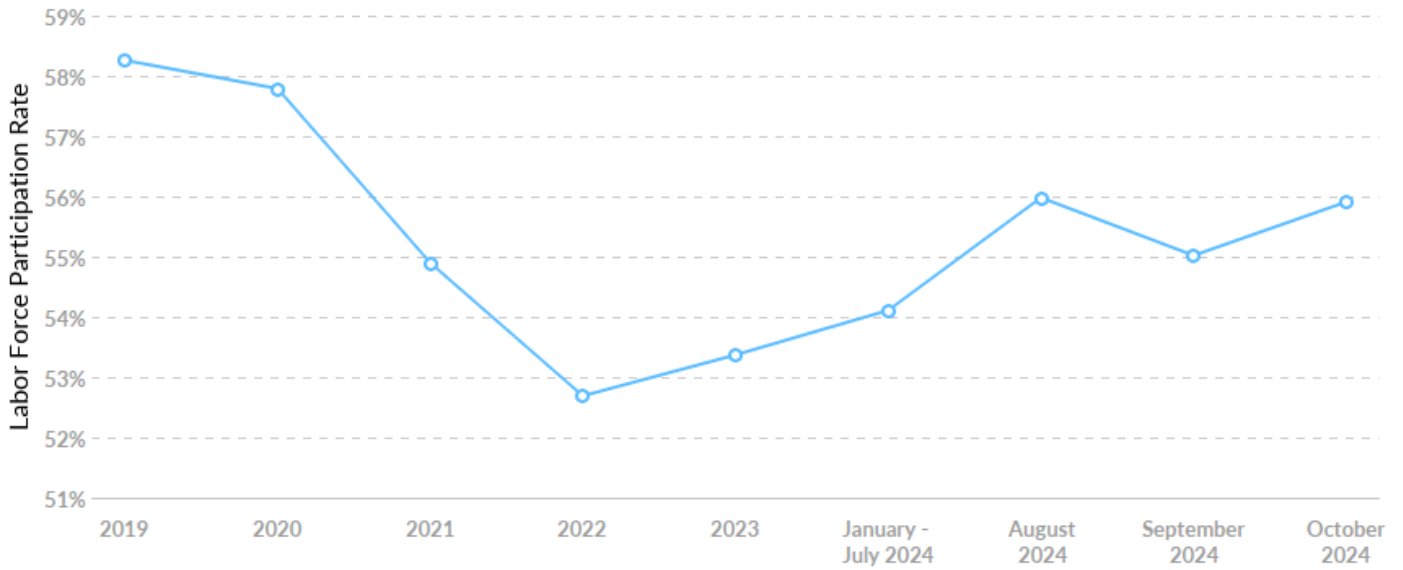
Job Trends

From 2019 to 2024, jobs increased by 5.4% in Delta County, CO from 10,449 to **11,016**. This change **outpaced the national growth rate of 3.9% by 1.5%**.



Timeframe	Jobs
2019	10,449
2020	10,191
2021	10,218
2022	10,332
2023	10,762
2024	11,016
2025	11,255
2026	11,455
2027	11,626
2028	11,773
2029	11,871

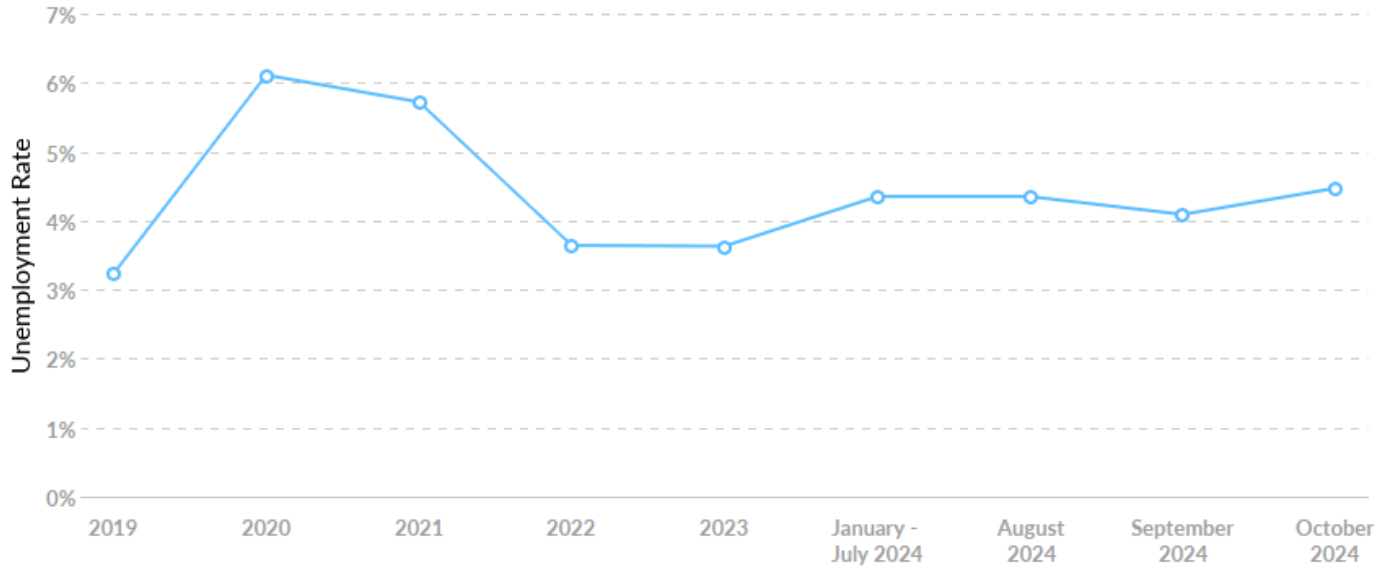
Labor Force Participation Rate Trends



Timeframe	Labor Force Participation Rate
2019	58.26%
2020	57.79%
2021	54.90%
2022	52.69%
2023	53.37%
January - July 2024	54.11%
August 2024	55.98%
September 2024	55.02%
October 2024	55.91%

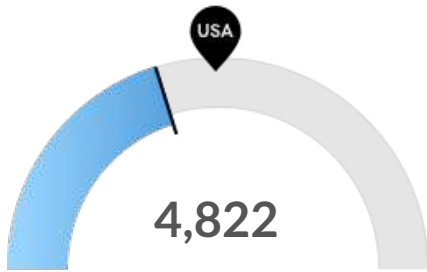
Unemployment Rate Trends

Delta County, CO had an October 2024 unemployment rate of 4.47%, **increasing from 3.23%** 5 years before.



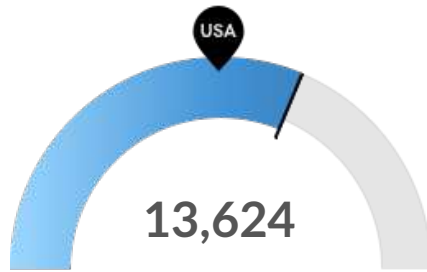
Timeframe	Unemployment Rate
2019	3.23%
2020	6.11%
2021	5.72%
2022	3.64%
2023	3.63%
January - July 2024	4.35%
August 2024	4.35%
September 2024	4.09%
October 2024	4.47%

Population Characteristics



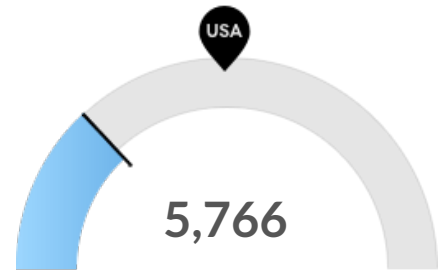
Millennials

Delta County, CO has 4,822 millennials (ages 25-39). The national average for an area this size is 6,450.



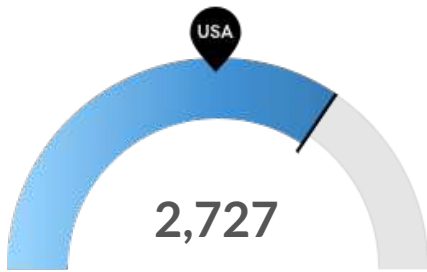
Retiring Soon

Retirement risk is high in Delta County, CO. The national average for an area this size is 9,583 people 55 or older, while there are 13,624 here.



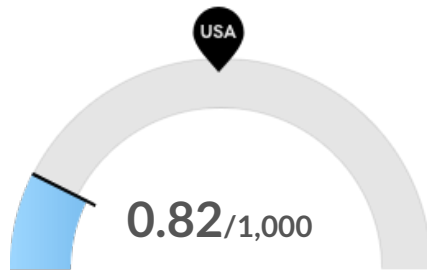
Racial Diversity

Racial diversity is low in Delta County, CO. The national average for an area this size is 13,221 racially diverse people, while there are 5,766 here.



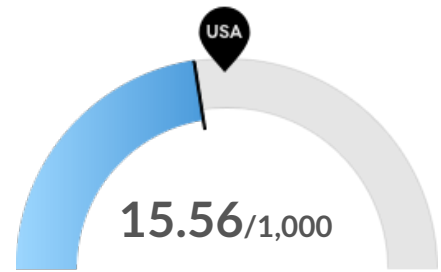
Veterans

Delta County, CO has 2,727 veterans. The national average for an area this size is 1,614.



Violent Crime

Delta County, CO has 0.82 violent crimes per 1,000 people. The national rate is 3.54 per 1,000 people.

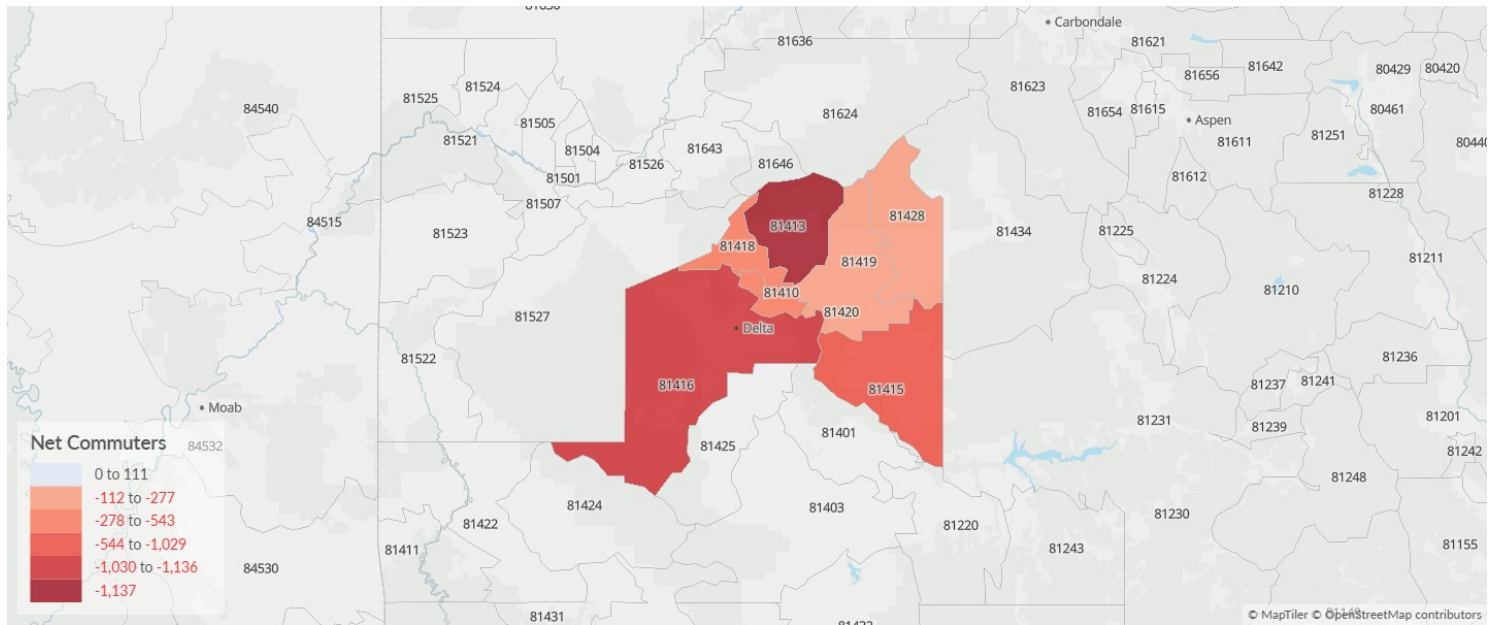


Property Crime

Delta County, CO has 15.56 property crimes per 1,000 people. The national rate is 18.02 per 1,000 people.

Place of Work vs Place of Residence

Understanding where talent in Delta County, CO currently works compared to where talent lives can help you optimize site decisions.



Where Talent Works

ZIP	Name	2024 Employment
81416	Delta, CO (in Delta cou...	5,742
81419	Hotchkiss, CO (in Delta ...	1,418
81413	Cedaredge, CO (in Delt...	1,374
81428	Paonia, CO (in Delta co...	1,245
81410	Austin, CO (in Delta cou...	489

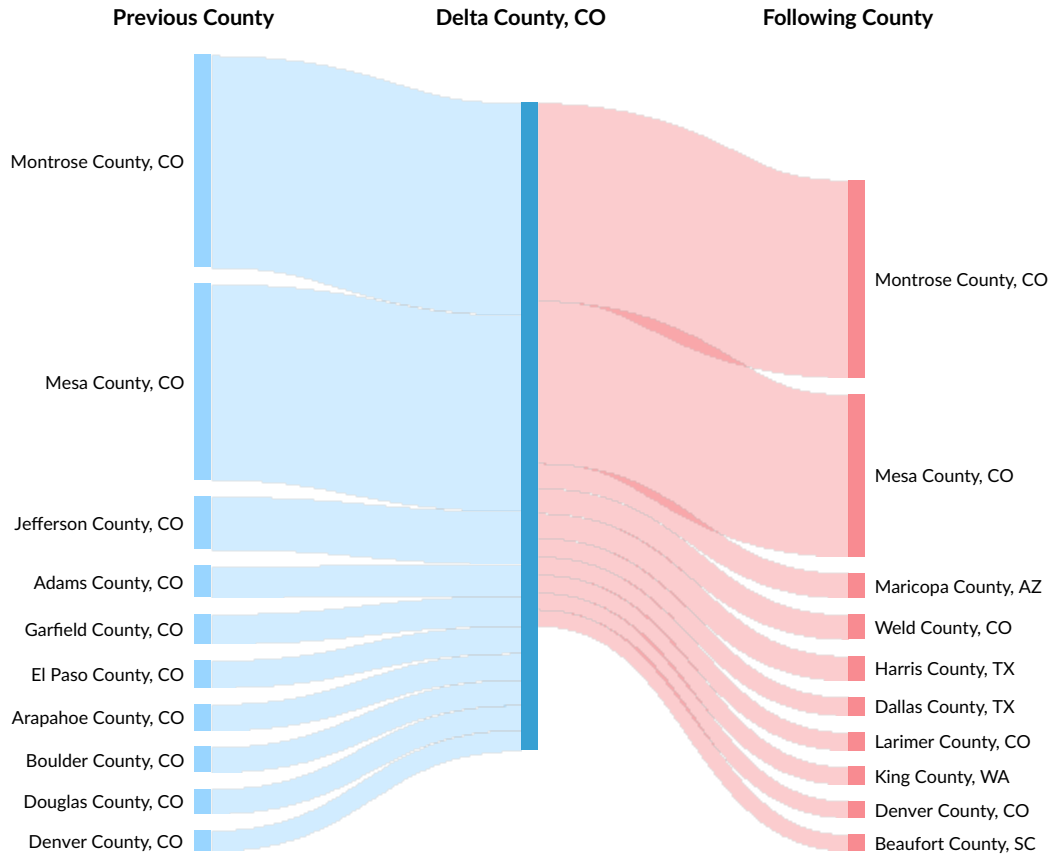
Where Talent Lives

ZIP	Name	2024 Workers
81416	Delta, CO (in Delta cou...	6,772
81413	Cedaredge, CO (in Delt...	2,511
81419	Hotchkiss, CO (in Delta ...	1,530
81428	Paonia, CO (in Delta co...	1,401
81415	Crawford, CO (in Delta ...	885

Inbound and Outbound Migration

The table below analyzes past and current residents of Delta County, CO. The left column shows residents of other counties migrating to Delta County, CO. The right column shows residents migrating from Delta County, CO to other counties.

As of 2022, 297 people have migrated from Montrose County, CO to Delta County, CO. In the same year, 277 people left Delta County, CO migrating to Montrose County, CO. The total Net Migration for Delta County, CO in 2022 was 480.

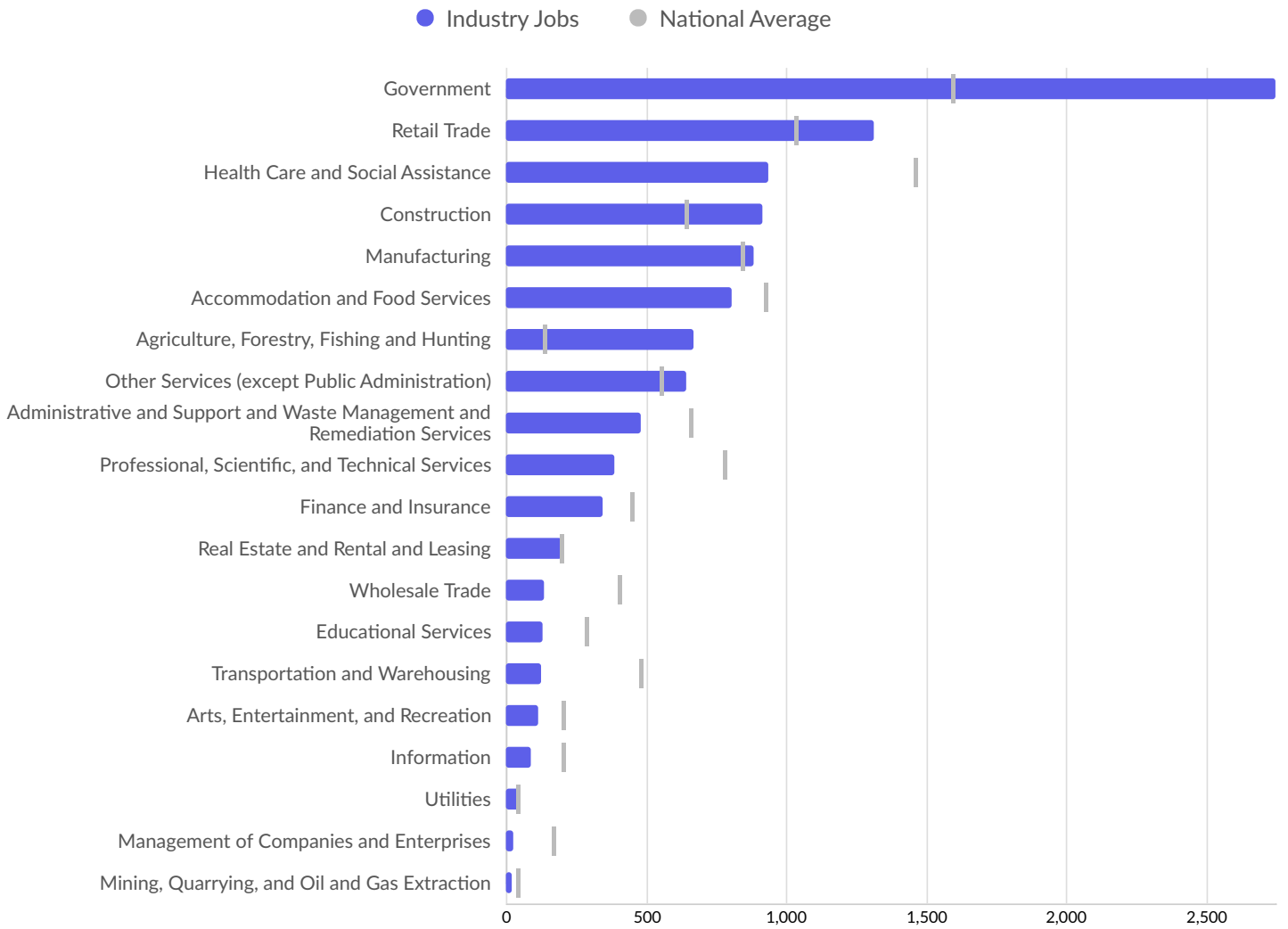


Top Previous Counties	Migrations
Montrose County, CO	297
Mesa County, CO	275
Jefferson County, CO	74
Adams County, CO	45
Garfield County, CO	42
El Paso County, CO	38

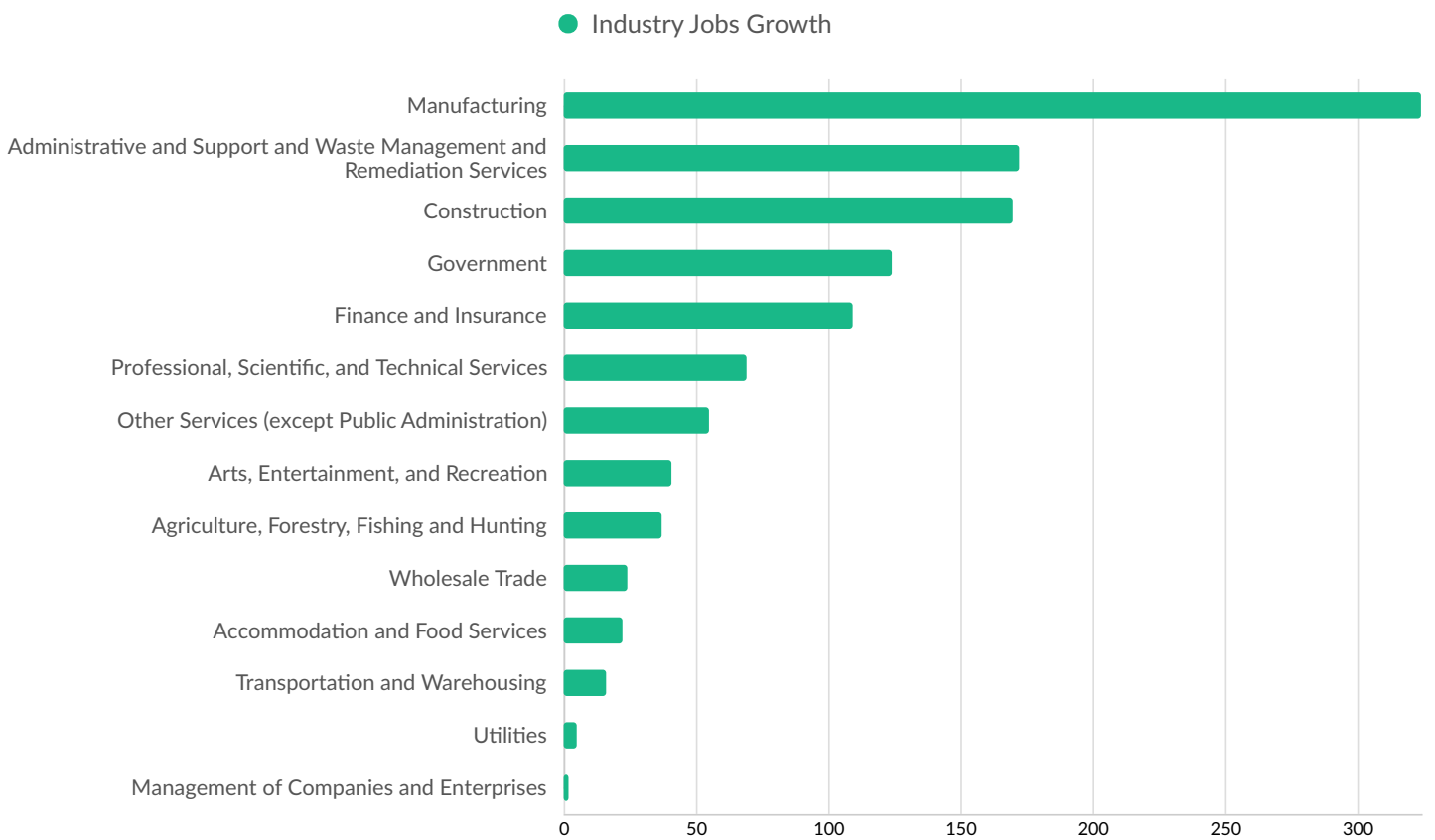
Top Previous Counties	Migrations
Arapahoe County, CO	37
Boulder County, CO	36
Douglas County, CO	35
Denver County, CO	29
Larimer County, CO	29
La Plata County, CO	28
Eagle County, CO	28
Maricopa County, AZ	28
Fremont County, CO	27
Top Following Counties	Migrations
Montrose County, CO	277
Mesa County, CO	228
Maricopa County, AZ	35
Weld County, CO	35
Harris County, TX	35
Dallas County, TX	26
Larimer County, CO	25
King County, WA	25
Denver County, CO	23
Beaufort County, SC	23
Pittsburg County, OK	22
Jefferson County, CO	21
Pima County, AZ	19
Morgan County, IN	19
Chaffee County, CO	17

Industry Characteristics

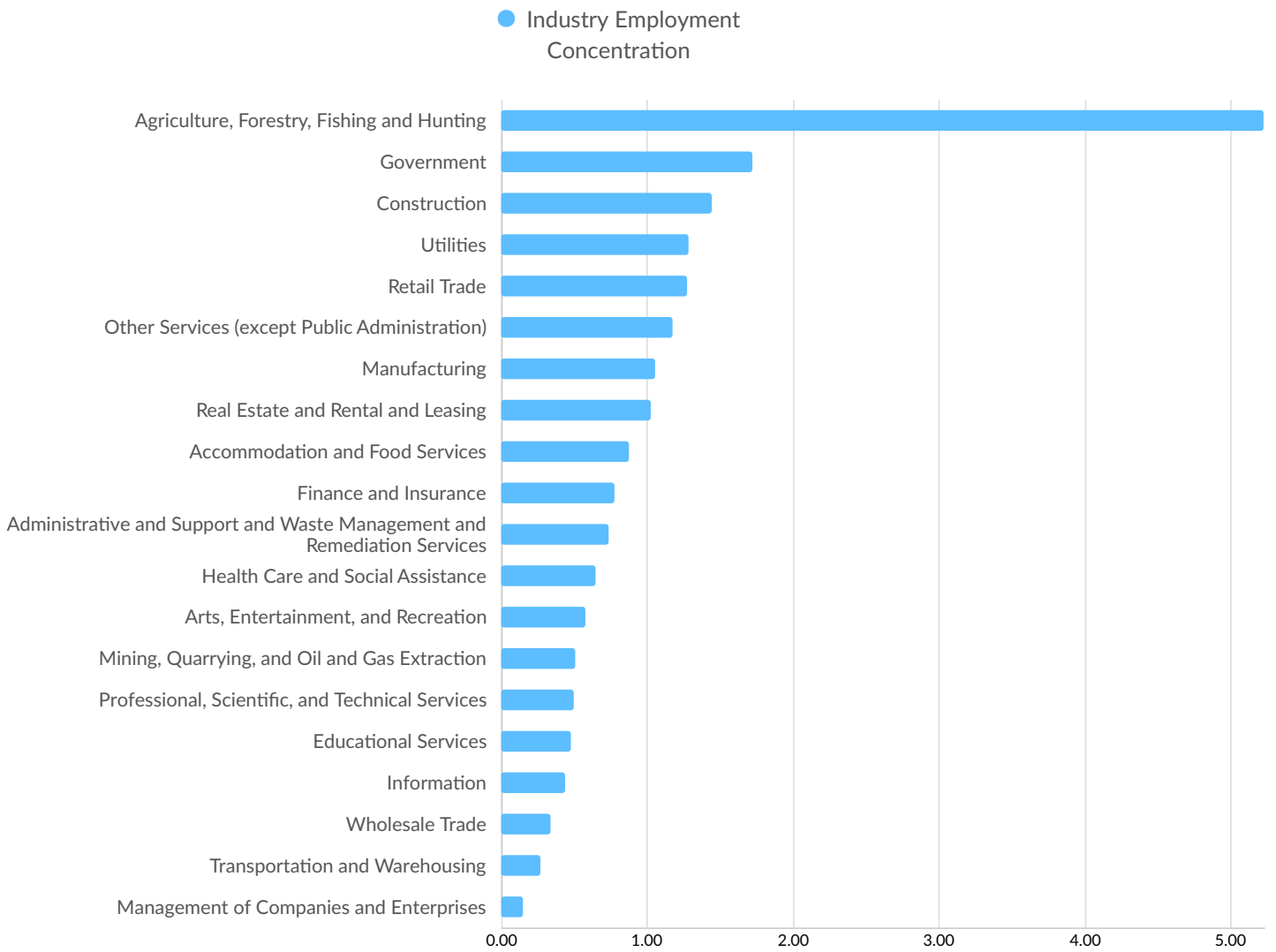
Largest Industries



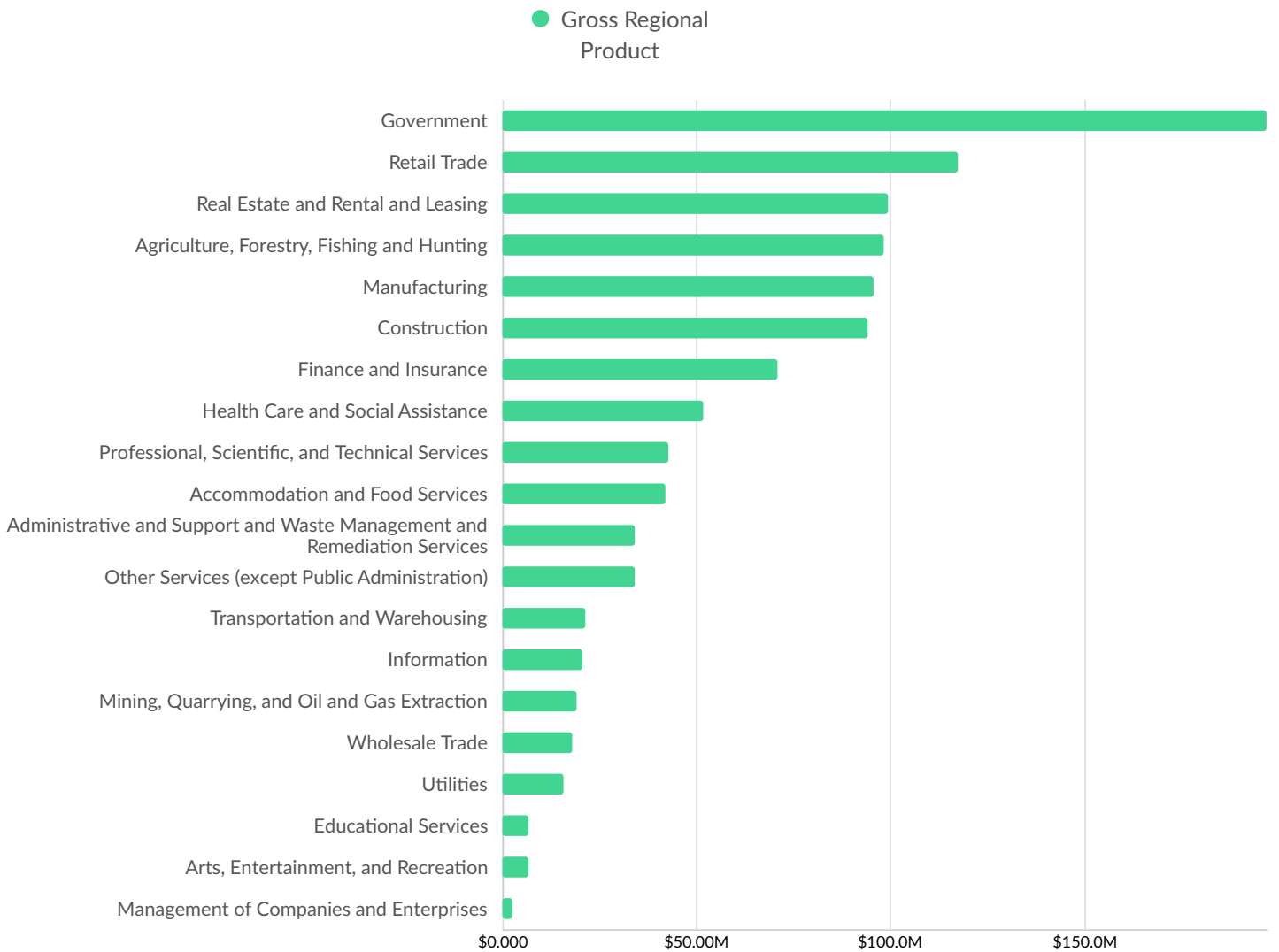
Top Growing Industries



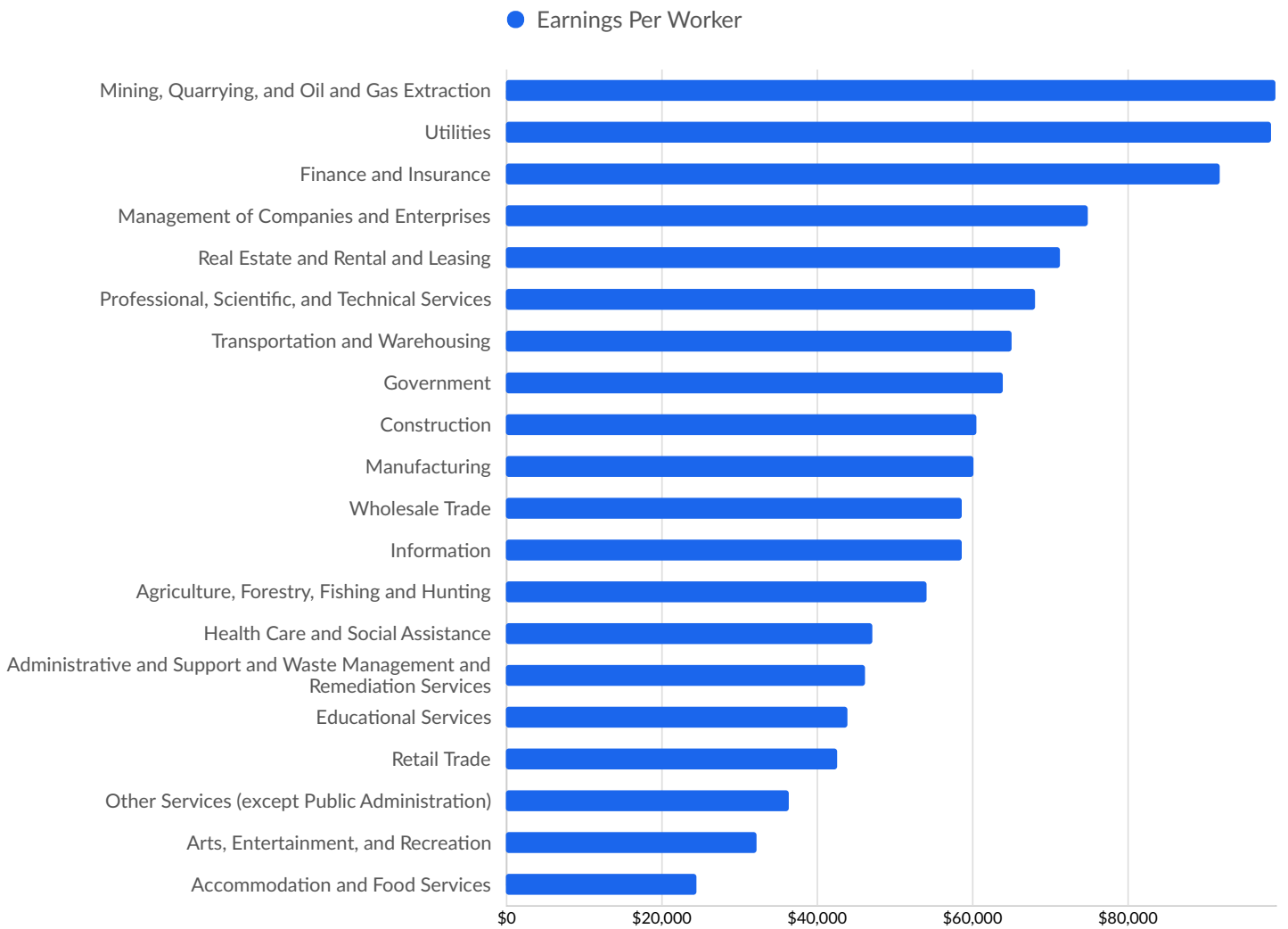
Top Industry Employment Concentration



Top Industry GRP























Top Industry Earnings



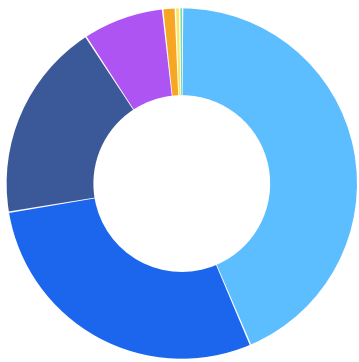
Business Characteristics

2,867 Companies Employ Your Workers

Online profiles for your workers mention 2,867 companies as employers, with the top 10 appearing below. In the last 12 months, 229 companies in Delta County, CO posted job postings, with the top 10 appearing below.

Top Companies	Profiles	Top Companies Posting	Unique Postings
Delta Health	117 	Delta Health	235 
State Of Colorado	84 	Willow Tree Care Center	201 
Delta County School District	79 	Delta-T Group	93 
Arch Resources	53 	City Market	77 
United States Forest Service	37 	La Villa Grande Care Center	60 
Walmart	25 	Walmart	57 
City Of Delta	24 	Kroger	55 
Delta-Montrose Technical Colle...	22 	Theoria Medical	54 
High Country News	17 	Volunteers of America	50 
Bowie Resources	16 	Cleary Building Corp.	26 

Business Size

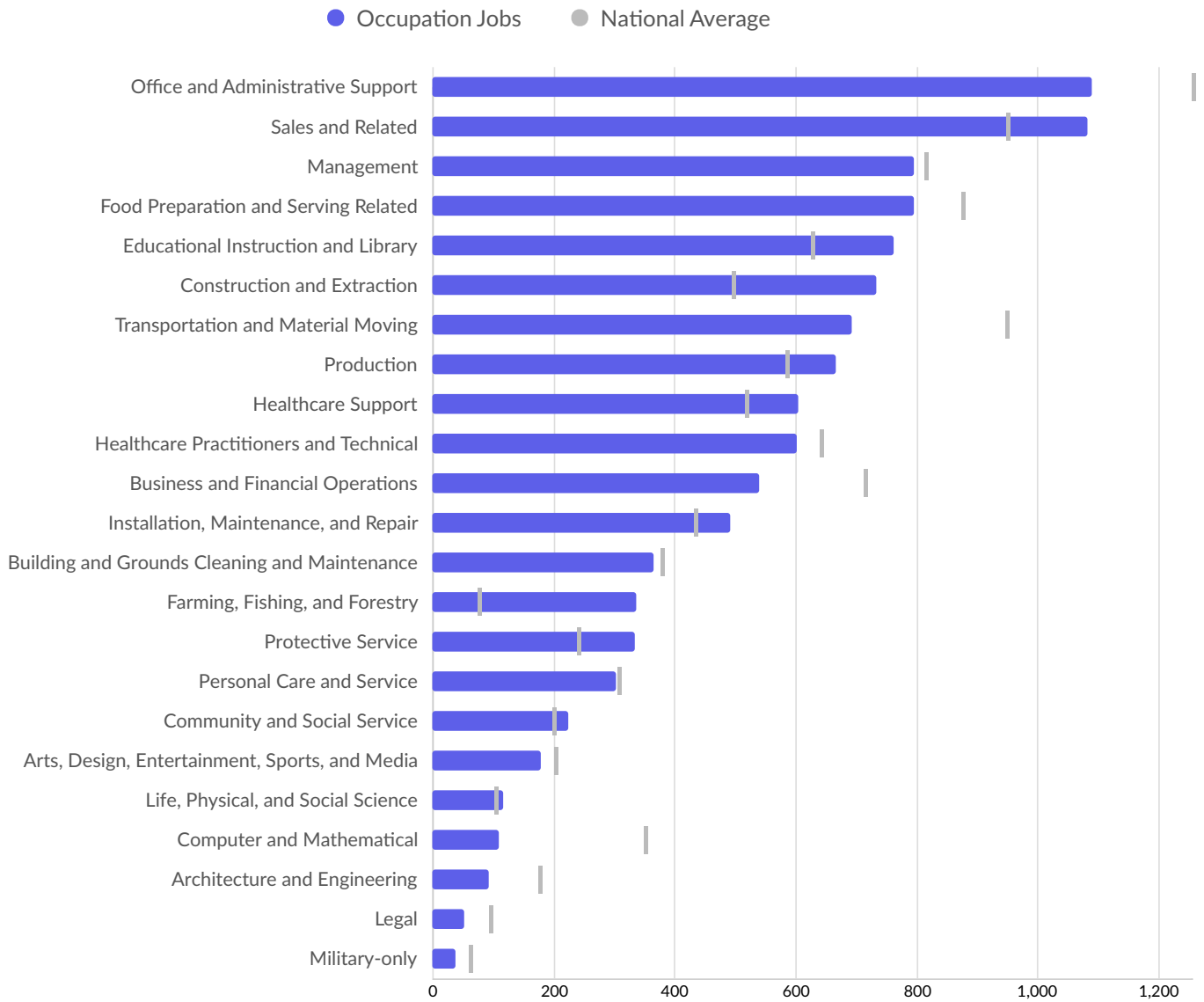


	Percentage	Business Count
● 1 to 4 employees	43.5%	863
● 5 to 9 employees	28.8%	571
● 10 to 19 employees	18.4%	365
● 20 to 49 employees	7.5%	148
● 50 to 99 employees	1.2%	23
● 100 to 249 employees	0.4%	8
● 250 to 499 employees	0.3%	5

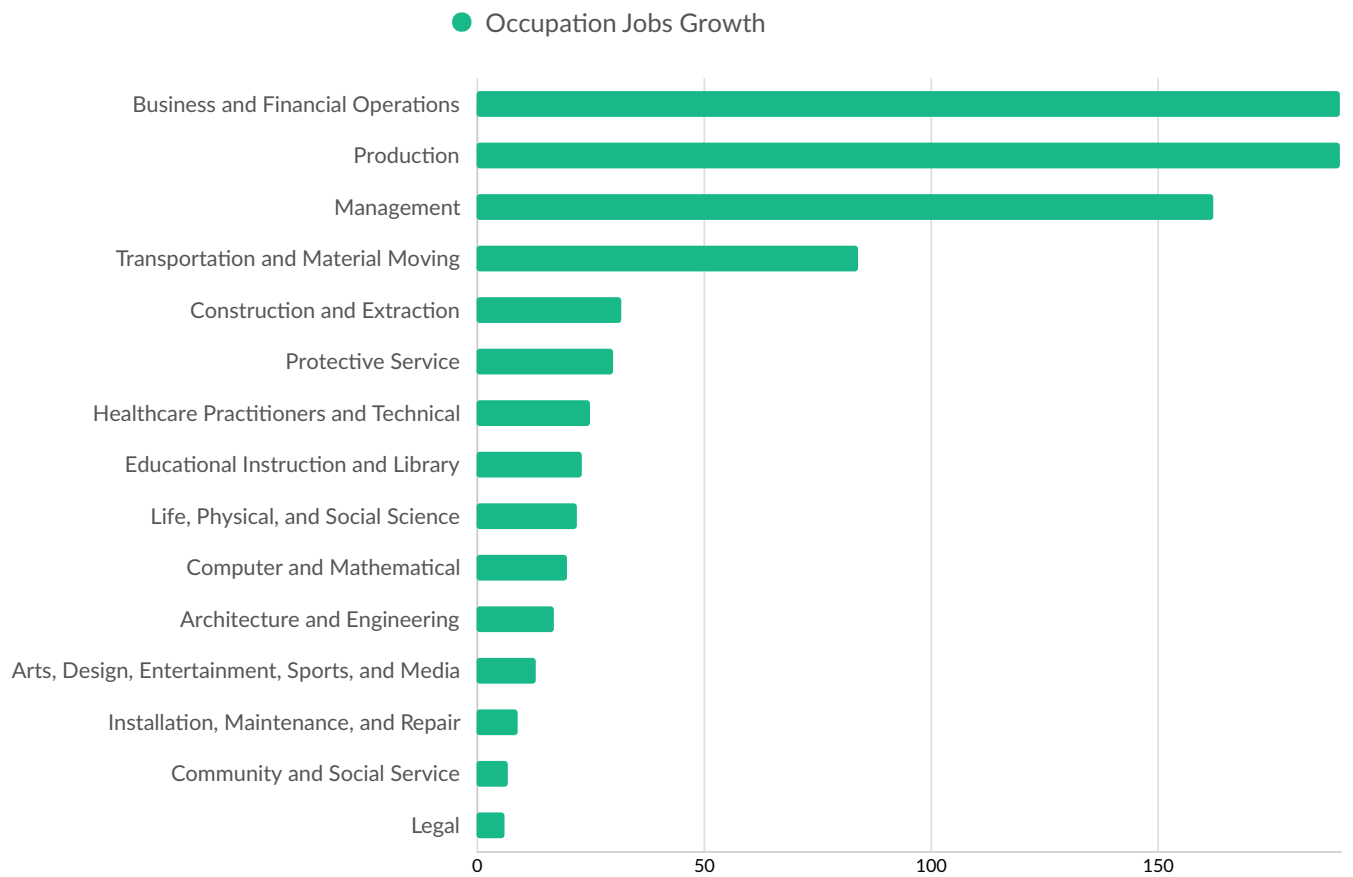
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Workforce Characteristics

Largest Occupations

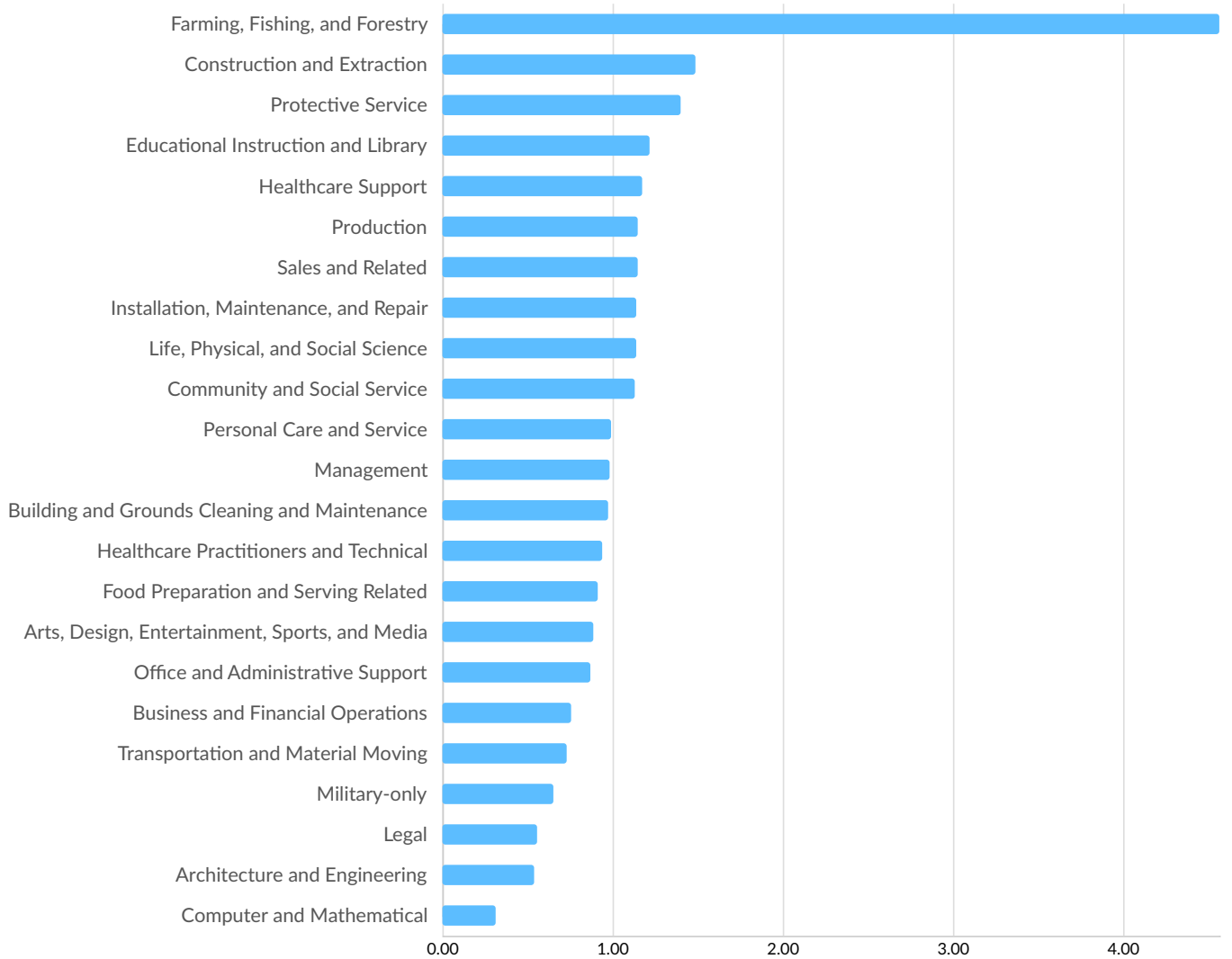


Top Growing Occupations

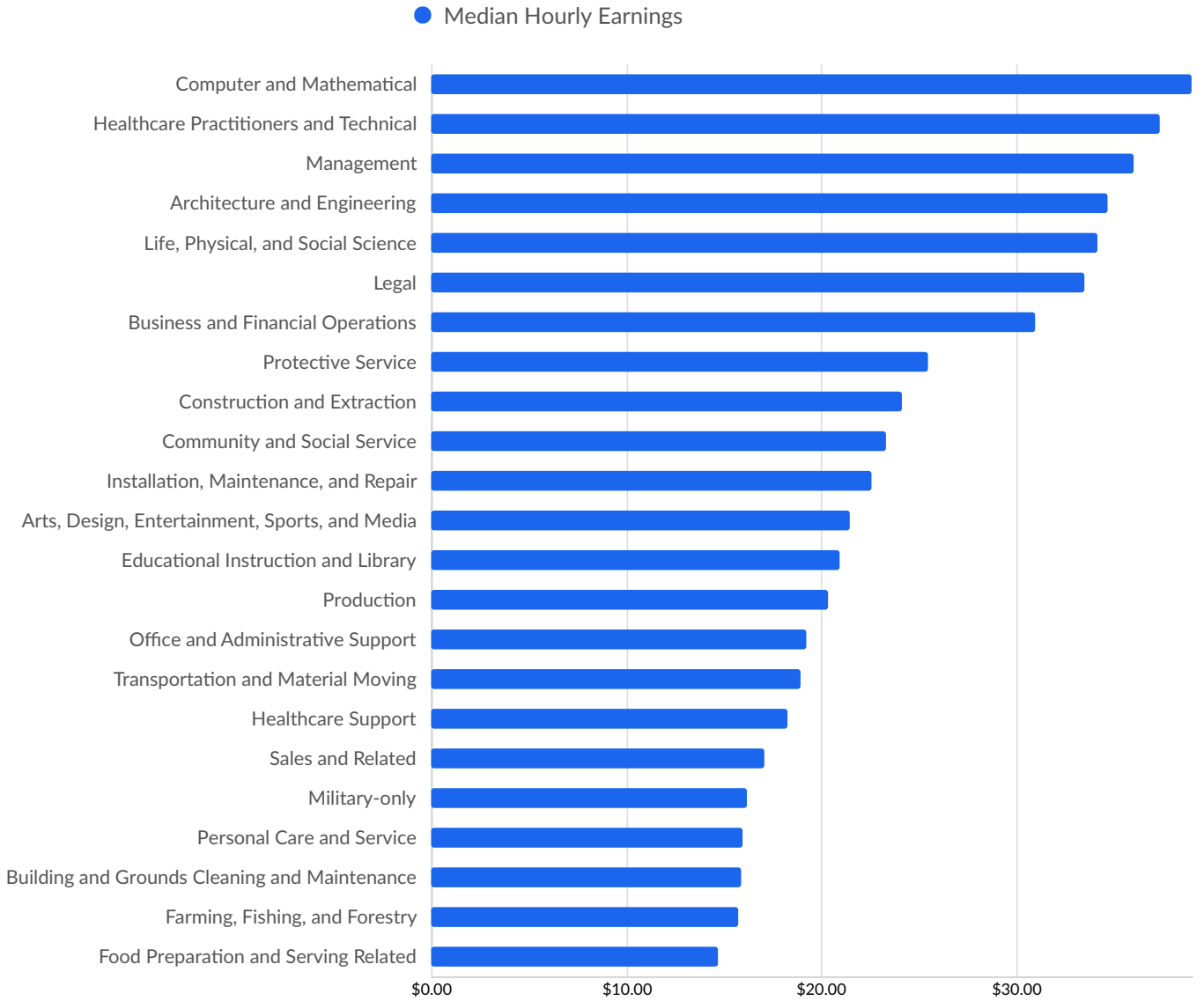


Top Occupation Employment Concentration

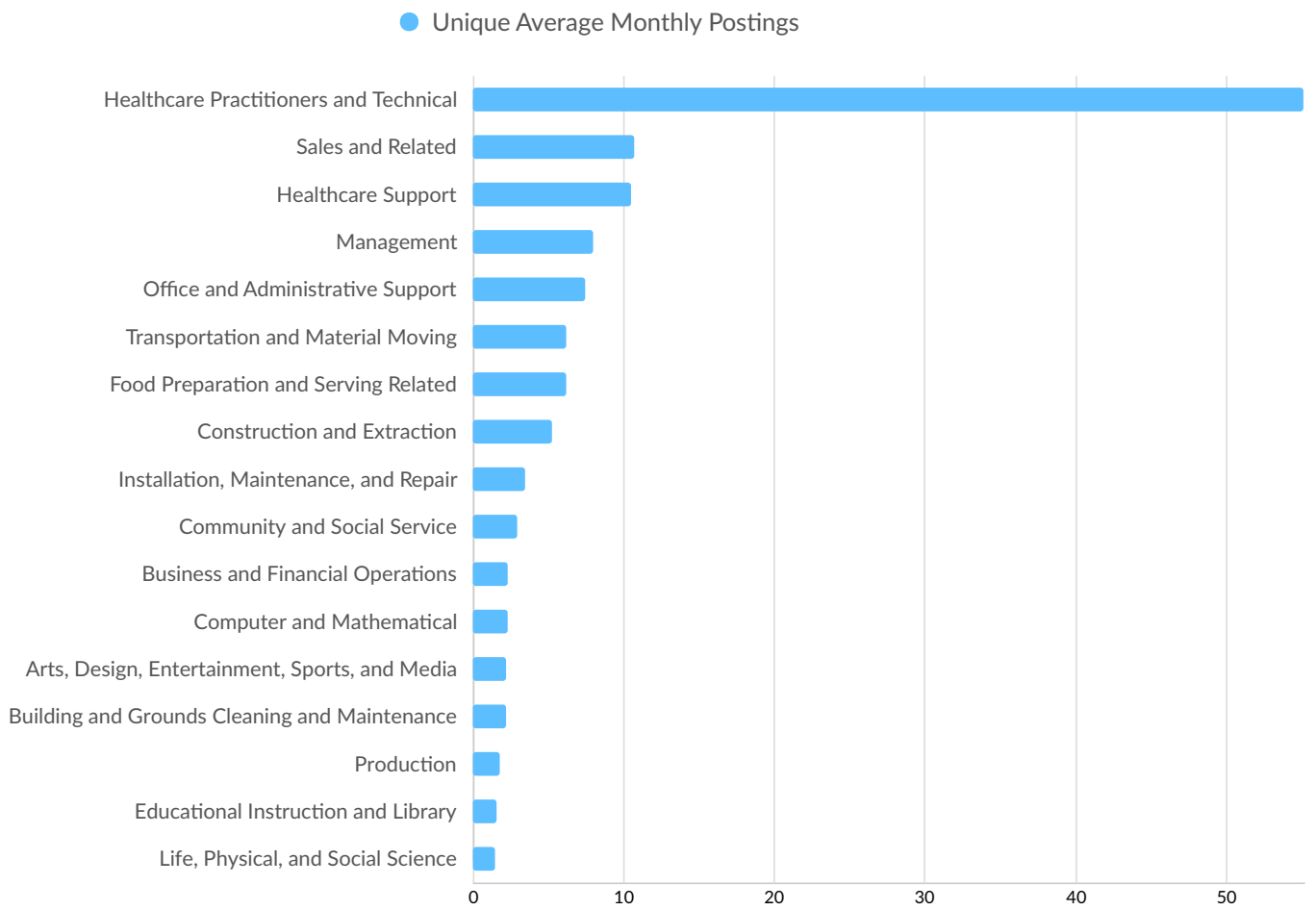
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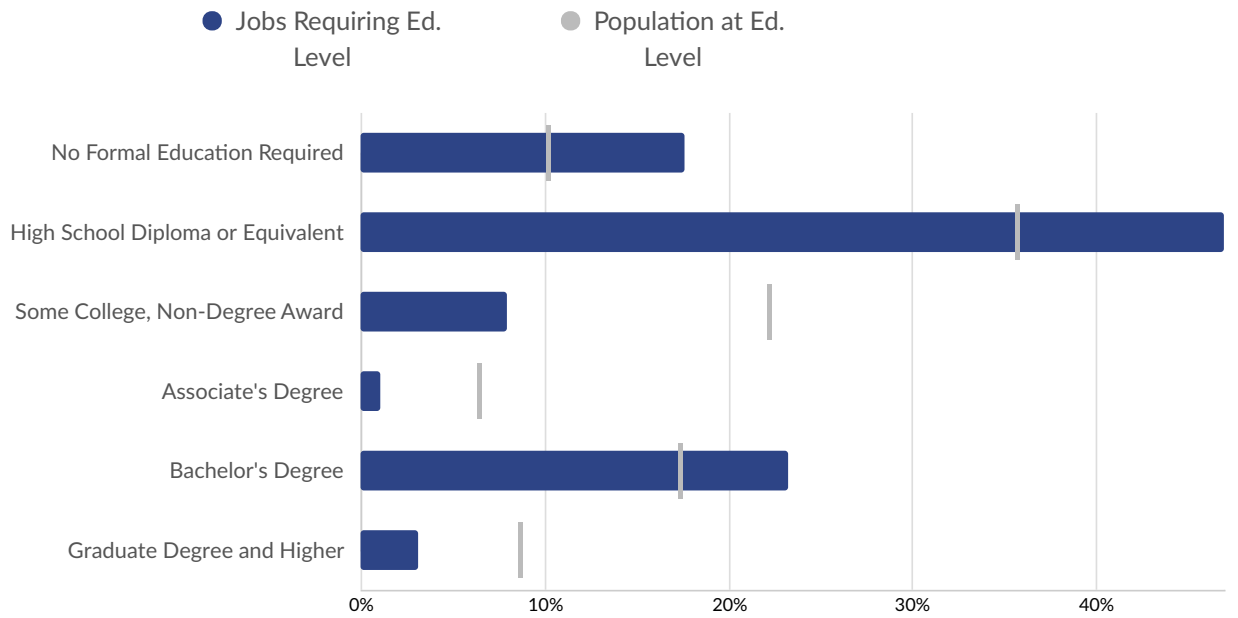
Top Occupation Earnings



Top Posted Occupations




Underemployment



Educational Pipeline

In 2023, there were 300 graduates in Delta County, CO. This pipeline has grown by 129% over the last 5 years. The highest share of these graduates come from "Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant/Aide" (Certificate), "Aesthetician/Esthetician and Skin Care Specialist" (Certificate), and "Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)" (Certificate).

School	Total Graduates (2023)	Graduate Trend (2019 - 2023)
Technical College of the Rockies	300	

- Certificate
- Associate's
- Bachelor's
- Master's or Higher

In-Demand Skills

