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One Delta County: An Economic Alliance Primary Employer Report 2025 SURVEY

Executive Summary

This report provides an overview of the data received from primary employers within Delta County gathered in an August, 2025 survey. It highlights key data on employee counts, where employees work and where they live, municipal contributions, and geographic distribution. The goal is to present a comprehensive snapshot of the economic landscape to inform strategic initiatives and assist decision making.

Key Primary Employers and Employee Counts

This table lists the specific primary employers that were included in the August, 2025 survey within Delta County. It outlines their respective total employee numbers, providing insight into their contribution to the local workforce.

Employer	Total Employees	Delta County Employees	Colorado Employees	Other State Employees
ASK Industries (formerly Weatherport)	40	31	40	0
Colorado Stone Quarry	44	34	42	2
Delta Building Center	138	69	105	33
Delta Health	639	444	636	3
DTS Fluid Power	32	22	28	4
Lightworks	104	84	100	4
Look Buildings	6	4	6	0
Mesa Overland	6	4	5	1
West Elk Mine	280	242	277	3
Western Skyways	59	20	58	1

Employer	Total Employees	Delta County Employees	Colorado Employees	Other State Employees
Whiting Farms	27	25	27	0
Vegetation Management West	117	56	84	33
Total:	1492	1035	1407	85

Distribution of Employees by Employer

The number of Employees by Employer and where they live for those who live within Delta County.

Employer	Town/Location	Count Town	Colorado County	County Count	Other State	Other State Count	Count Total
ASK Industries (formerly Weatherport)- Delta	Crawford	1	Delta	31	NA	0	
	Delta	25	Montrose	9			
	Eckert (Orchard City)	4	Mesa	0			
	Hotchkiss	1	Other	0			

Totals				40	(0)	0	40
Colorado Stone Quarry - Delta	Austin (Orchard City)	2	Delta	34	MO	1	
	Cedaredge	3	Montrose	5	TX	1	
	Crawford	2	Mesa	2			
Employer	Town/Location	Count Town	Colorado County	County Count	Other State	Other State Count	Count Total
	Delta	17	Other	1			
	Hotchkiss	9					
	Paonia	1					
Totals				42	(2)	2	44

Delta Building Center - Delta	Austin (Orchard City)	2	Delta	69	IA	2	
	Cedaredge	9	Montrose	19	PA	4	
	Delta	53	Mesa	9	UT	26	
	Eckert (Orchard City)	1	Other	8	OH	1	
	Hotchkiss	3					
	Paonia	1					
	Steam Boat Springs	1					
Totals				105	(4)	33	138
Employer	Town/Location	Count Town	Colorado County	County Count	Other State	Other State Count	Count Total
Delta Health - Delta			Delta	444	IL	1	
	Austin (Orchard City)	25	Mesa	40	TX	1	

	Cedaredge	70	Montrose	142	TN	1	
	Crawford	12	Other	10			
	Delta	245					
	Eckert (Orchard City)	19					
	Hotchkiss	42					
	Paonia	31					
Totals				636	(3)	3	639
DTS Fluid Power - Delta	Cedaredge	2	Delta	22	NV	2	
	Delta	18	Montrose	5	WY	1	
	Paonia	2	Mesa	1	UT	1	
Totals				28	(3)	4	32
Employer	Town/Location	Count	Colorado	County	Other State	Other	Count

		Town	County	Count		State Count	Total
Lightworks - Delta	Austin(Orchard City)	10	Delta	84	KY	2	
	Cedaredge	6	Montrose	5	OK	2	
	Crawford	2	Mesa	9			
	Delta	41	Other	2			
	Eckert (Orchard City)	2					
	Hotchkiss	13					
	Paonia	10					
Totals				100	(2)	4	104
LOOK Buildings - Delta	Crawford	2	Delta	4			
	Cedaredge	2	Mesa	2			
Totals				6	(0)	0	6

Mesa Overland - Delta	Delta	1	Delta	4	ML	1	
	Hotchkiss	1	Montrose	1			
	Paonia	2					
Totals				5	(1)	1	6
Employer	Town/Location	Count Town	Colorado County	County Count	Other State	Other State Count	Count Total
Vegetation Management West - Delta	Delta	13	Delta	56	AZ	4	
	Crawford	11	Mesa	1	CA	3	
	Cedaredge	5	Montrose	4	IA	1	
	Orchard City	8	Other	23	MN	1	
	Hotchkiss	16			MT	1	
	Paonia	3			NV	15	

					TX	1	
					UT	2	
					VA	1	
					WA	1	
					WI	1	
					WY	2	
Total				84	(12)	33	117
Employer	Town/Location	Count Town	Colorado County	County Count	Other State	Other State Count	Count Total
West Elk Mine - Paonia	Delta	93	Delta	242	NM	2	
	Crawford	13	Mesa	12	MT	1	
	Cedaredge	20	Montrose	18			

	Orchard City	28	Other	5			
	Hotchkiss	48					
	Paonia	40					
Totals				277	(2)	3	280
Western Sky Ways - Delta	Delta	12	Delta	20	UT	1	
	Cedaredge	3	Montrose	30			
	Orchard City	5					
Totals				58	(1)	1	59
Whiting Farms - Delta	Delta	23	Delta	25			
	Cedaredge	1	Montrose	1			
	Orchard City	1	Mesa	1			
Totals				27	(0)	0	27

Employee Distribution by Colorado Towns

The following table details the number of primary employees who live in Colorado by the town they live in and their respective counties, providing a granular view of the geographical spread of employment.

Town	Employees	County/CO	Final Employees
Alamosa	1	Alamosa	1
Aurora	2	Adams	2
Austin	66	Delta	66
Brighton	1	Adams	1
Cedaredge	121	Delta	121
Clifton	3	Mesa	3

Town	Employees	County/CO	Final Employees
Cortez	1	Montezuma	1
Craig	6	Moffat	6
Colorado Springs	2	El Paso	2
Crawford	43	Delta	43
Crested Butte	1	Gunnison	1
Delta	544	Delta	544
Denver	1	Arapahoe	1
Dolores	1	Montezuma	1
Durango	3	La Plata	3
Eckert	41	Delta	41

Town	Employees	County/CO	Final Employees
Fairplay	1	Park	1
Fort Collins	3	Larimer	3
Fruita	4	Mesa	4
Glade Park	1	Mesa	1
Grand Junction	62	Mesa	62
Glenwood Springs	2	Garfield	2
Henderson	1	Adams	1
Hayden	1	Routt	1
Hotchkiss	132	Delta	132
Ignacio	3	La Plata	3

Town	Employees	County/CO	Final Employees
Kiowa	1	Elbert	1
Leadville	2	Lake	2
Littleton	1	Arapahoe	1
Loma	2	Mesa	2
Loveland	1	Larimer	1
Meeker	1	Rio Blanca	1
Monte Vista	1	Rio Grande	1
Montrose	182	Montrose	182
Olathe	65	Montrose	65
Ophir	1	San Miguel	1

Town	Employees	County/CO	Final Employees
Palisade	1	Mesa	1
Paonia	88	Delta	88
Pine	1	Jefferson	1
Ridgway	1	Ouray	1
Salida	2	Chaffee	2
Somerset	3	Gunnison	3
Steam Boat Springs	1	Routt	1
Westcliffe	1	Custer	1
White Water	4	Mesa	4
Woodland Park	1	Teller	1

Town	Employees	County/CO	Final Employees
Total	1407		1407

Primary Employee Breakdown by States Other than Colorado and Counties Other than Delta

This section details the distribution of primary employees living outside of Colorado but contributing to the local economy.

State- Other	Employees
AZ	4
CA	3
IA	3
IL	1

KY	2
MD	1
MN	1
MO	1
NM	2
MT	2
NV	17
OK	2
PA	4
TN	1
TX	3
UT	31
VA	1

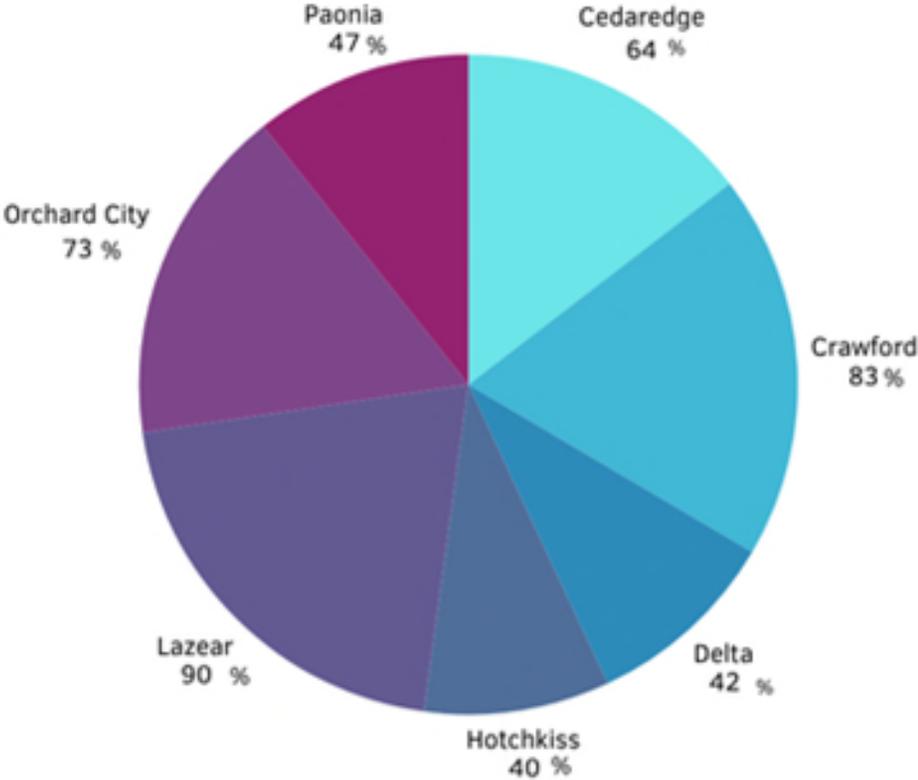
WA	1
WI	1
WY	4
Total Other States 20	85

Census American Community Survey (ACS) Commuting Data

Data Year -2023		Workforce Population	Work Outside of Place of Residence	
		Count	Count	Percentage
Geographic Location	Population Count	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
Cedaredge	2394	749	478	64 %
Crawford	407	212	175	83 %
Delta	9688	3256	1352	42 %
Hotchkiss	942	433	171	40 %
Lazear	168	82	74	90 %
Orchard City	3276	1442	1046	73 %
Paonia	1464	630	294	47 %

Source: Census ACS Commuting Data for Delta provided by Colorado Mesa University. Percentages are rounded.

Percentage of Workforce Commuters Delta County-Residence



Source: Census ACS Commuting Data for Delta provided by Colorado Mesa University. Percentages are rounded.

Distribution of Employees By Municipal Members

This section details the distribution of Employees by Municipal Members, outlining the percentage of employees living in their community and comparing it to the percentage of the Director's Salary each municipality pays as portioned by the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to Support Economic Development.

All communities have a greater percentage of employees living within their community than the percentage of Directors Salary they pay.

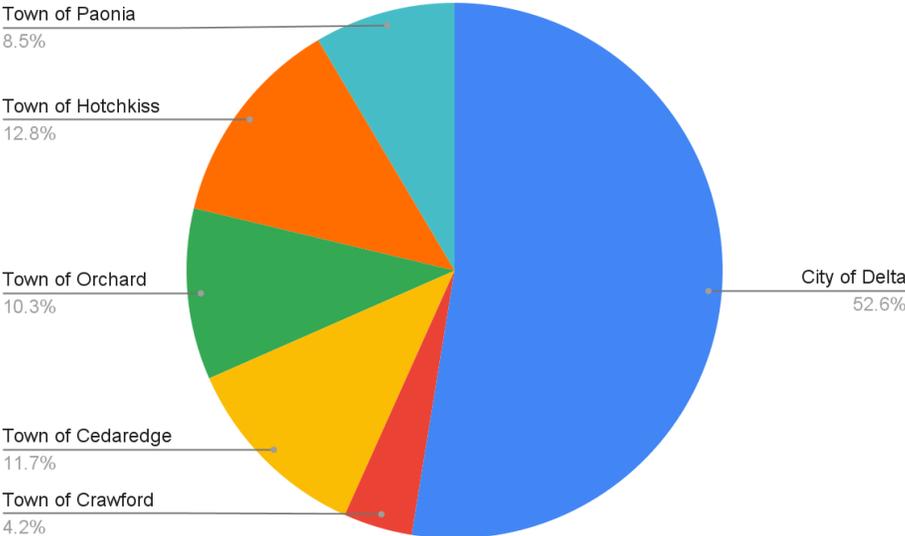
Municipal Members	% Employees	% Directors Salary
Delta County		59.90 %
City of Delta	52.6 %	21.00 %
Town of Orchard City	10.3 %	7.30 %
Town of Cedaredge	11.7 %	5.30 %
Town of Paonia	8.5 %	3.40 %
Town of Hotchkiss	12.8 %	2.10 %
Town of Crawford	4.2 %	1.00 %

Conclusion

This report highlights the diversity of where employees who reside in Delta County live. The significant employee numbers disbursed across each of the towns and the support of municipal members, underscore the collaborative spirit of One Delta County: An Economic Alliance. This data will be a helpful asset for future planning, discussion and initiatives aimed at fostering sustained economic growth and stability in the county.

The towns in Delta County have the following number of primary employees living in them:

- Delta 544
- Hotchkiss 132
- Cedaredge 121
- Orchard City 107
- Paonia 88
- Crawford 43



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