

Mesa County, Colorado

CEDS

Mesa County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Original Date of Publication: September 27, 2002
Date of Last Revision: October 21, 2002

**Mesa County CEDS
Appendix A**

Detailed Demographic Information for Mesa County

Table 1A**Age Groups and Gender as a Percentage of Population: 2000 Census**

County Area	Population	<15	15-24	25-44	45-64	>65	Median Age	% Male	% Female
Grand Junction City	41,986	17.3%	15.8%	26.4%	22.8%	17.9%	38.8	48.7%	51.3%
Clifton Area	17,345	26.7%	15.7%	30.6%	17.5%	9.8%	30.0	48.2%	51.8%
Redlands Area	8,043	17.7%	9.9%	20.7%	32.0%	19.7%	45.9	49.7%	50.3%
Fruitvale Area	6,936	20.8%	12.5%	41.5%	9.7%	17.3%	40.4	49.0%	51.0%
Fruita City	6,478	23.1%	12.5%	27.4%	20.9%	16.1%	36.5	47.3%	52.7%
Orchard Mesa Area	6,456	22.4%	12.0%	29.3%	24.2%	12.1%	37.0	48.7%	51.3%
Palisade Town	2,579	20.3%	11.4%	26.5%	21.5%	20.2%	39.5	46.8%	53.2%
De Beque Town	451	25.9%	12.9%	26.6%	21.2%	13.9%	33.9	49.9%	50.1%
Collbran Town	388	24.0%	9.2%	26.9%	23.5%	16.6%	38.5	46.6%	53.4%
Mesa County	116,255	20.4%	14.0%	26.8%	23.7%	15.1%	38.1	49.0%	51.0%
State of Colorado	4,301,261	21.3%	14.3%	32.6%	22.2%	9.7%	34.3	50.4%	49.6%

Table 2A

Race and Ethnic Origin as a Percentage of Population: 2000 Census

County Area	Population	% White	% African American	% American Indian	% Asian	% Pacific Islander	% Other	% Hispanic
Grand Junction City	116,255	91.8%	0.6%	0.9%	0.8%	0.1%	5.8%	10.0%
Clifton Area	17,345	89.1%	0.6%	1.4%	0.4%	-	8.5%	14.1%
Redlands Area	8,043	95.9%	0.1%	0.4%	0.5%	-	3.1%	5.2%
Fruitvale Area	6,936	93.4%	0.2%	0.7%	0.6%	-	5.0%	6.8%
Fruita City	6,478	90.6%	0.4%	1.2%	0.3%	-	7.5%	11.9%
Orchard Mesa Area	6,456	93.5%	0.4%	0.9%	0.3%	0.1%	4.8%	8.7%
Palisade Town	2,579	93.9%	0.2%	1.0%	0.1%	0.3%	4.1%	6.2%
De Beque Town	451	98.4%	-	0.7%	-	-	0.9%	2.0%
Collbran Town	388	98.2%	-	0.3%	-	-	1.6%	4.1%
Mesa County	116,255	92.3%	0.5%	0.9%	0.5%	0.1%	5.7%	10.0%
State of Colorado	4,301,261	82.8%	3.83%	1.0%	2.2%	0.1%	10.4%	17.1%

Table 3A**Educational Attainment for Population 25 Years and Over: 2000 Census**

County Area	Population	< 9th Grade	9th – 12th No Diploma	H.S. Graduate	Some College	A.A. Degree	B.A. Degree	Graduate Professional
Grand Junction City	28,158	5.0%	10.0%	26.7%	24.9%	7.1%	17.3%	8.9%
Clifton Area	10,021	4.5%	14.6%	37.7%	25.7%	7.1%	8.2%	2.2%
Redlands Area	5,817	2.7%	5.9%	21.3%	28.0%	6.7%	21.1%	14.3%
Fruitvale Area	4,685	3.4%	9.1%	33.8%	26.9%	7.2%	12.9%	6.7%
Fruita City	4,242	6.3%	12.6%	35.6%	23.4%	6.2%	11.1%	4.8%
Orchard Mesa Area	4,199	4.4%	8.4%	35.2%	27.3%	5.6%	13.3%	5.8%
Palisade Town	1,765	4.8%	9.6%	29.9%	31.3%	5.2%	16.1%	3.1%
De Beque Town	310	3.5%	14.2%	41.6%	32.9%	1.3%	4.2%	2.3%
Collbran Town	281	5.7%	13.9%	31.0%	35.2%	5.7%	4.6%	3.9%
Mesa County	76,358	4.6%	10.4%	30.3%	25.7%	7.0%	14.6%	7.3%
State of Colorado	2,776,632	4.8%	8.2%	23.2%	24.0%	7.0%	21.6%	11.1%

Table 4A**Total Employment by Economic Sector: Mesa County (1991-1996-2000)**

Economic Sector	Number (1991)	Number (1996)	Number (2000)	Percent (1991)	Percent (1996)	Percent (2000)
Agriculture	2,602	2,969	3,419	5.23%	4.89%	4.87%
• Crops and Livestock	2,197	2,472	2,685			
• Agricultural Services	405	497	734			
Mining & Extractive	849	570	534	1.70%	0.94%	0.76%
• Metals Mining	97	75	41			
• Coal Mining	--	--	40			
• Oil and Gas Extraction	639	361	439			
• Non-Metallic Minerals	--	--	14			
Construction	2,798	4,453	6,051	5.63%	7.32%	8.62%
• Building Construction	545	745	1,189			
• Maintenance and Special Trades	1,688	2,895	4,007			
• Heavy Construction, other	565	813	855			
Manufacturing	3,604	3,927	4,639	7.25%	6.46%	6.61%
Transportation, Communications & Utilities	2,791	2,875	3,505	5.61%	4.73%	5.00%
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	2,716	3,553	4,257	5.46%	5.84%	6.07%
• Finance	832	898	1,159			
• Insurance	555	816	1,024			
• Real Estate	1,329	1,839	2,074			

Economic Sector	Number (1991)	Number (1996)	Number (2000)	Percent (1991)	Percent (1996)	Percent (2000)
Wholesale and Retail Trade	11,690	15,036	16,511	23.51%	24.72%	23.54%
• Wholesale Trade	1,936	2,159	2,531			
• Building Materials, Hardware, Garden	364	735	992			
• Furniture, Apparel, General Mercantile	1,903	2,445	2,474			
• Food Stores	2,037	2,164	2,029			
• Auto Dealers and Service Stations	1,031	1,276	1,575			
• Eating and Drinking Places	3,132	4,414	4,873			
• Miscellaneous Retail Trade	1,287	1,843	2,037			
Services	15,887	19,619	22,735	31.96%	32.25%	32.41%
• Lodging Places	1,074	1,016	1,112			
• Personal Services	781	1,105	1,213			
• Business Services	2,072	3,234	4,877			
• Repair Services, parking	687	987	1,141			
• Amusement and Recreation	542	987	978			
• Health Services	4,382	5,406	6,111			
• Legal Services	411	475	525			
• Private Education Services	--	187	134			
• Social Services, including day care	963	1,484	1,658			
• Membership Organizations	693	851	1,069			
• Engineering and Management	1,936	1,858	1,311			
• Private Household Services	--	2,306	2,606			
Government	6,778	7,829	8,489	13.63%	12.87%	12.10%
• Federal Government, civilian	1,180	1,179	886			
• Military	382	344	301			
• State Government	1,631	1,956	2,369			
• Local Government	3,585	4,350	4,933			
Total Employment	49,715	60,831	70,140	100.00%	100.00	100.00

Table 5A**Percentage of Employed Persons by Occupation Group and Area: 2000 Census**

County Area	Employed Population	MANG	SVCS	SALE	FARM	CONS	PROD
Grand Junction City	19,892	32.4	17.9	27.6	0.6	10.0	11.5
Clifton Area	7,898	18.2	21.7	28.0	0.2	15.0	16.8
Redlands Area	3,798	42.7	14.5	28.0	-	7.8	7.0
Fruitvale Area	3,344	31.1	13.3	29.7	-	11.8	14.1
Fruita City	2,902	24.8	16.8	28.1	1.1	11.9	17.3
Orchard Mesa	3,011	28.6	14.6	30.6	-	13.5	12.7
Palisade	1,261	23.1	28.5	23.6	1.1	7.4	16.3
De Beque	220	22.7	11.8	20.0	2.7	29.5	13.2
Collbran Town	165	34.5	12.7	24.8	-	10.9	17.0
Mesa County	55,046	29.3	17.2	27.9	0.9	11.8	12.9
State of Colorado	2,205,194	37.4	13.9	27.1	0.6	10.5	10.5

KEY: MANG = Management, professional and related occupations
SVCS = Service Occupations
SALE = Sales and Office Occupations
FARM = Farming, Fishing and Forestry Occupations
CONS = Construction, Extraction and Maintenance Occupations
PROD = Production, Transportation and Material Moving Occupations

Table 6A

Personal Income: Earnings by Industry for Mesa County 1990 and 1999

Industry	Total Value 1990 (000)	Total Value 1999 (000)	Percent of Total 1990	Percent of Total 1999	Percent Change 1990-1999
Farm Earnings	\$3,899	\$4,468	0.43	0.26	14.59
Agriculture-Forestry-Fish	\$4,609	\$9,836	0.50	0.56	113.41
• Agriculture Service	\$4,415	\$9,774			
• Forestry-Fishing	\$194	\$62			
Mining	\$22,514	\$27,599	2.46	1.58	22.59
• Metal Mining	\$4,016	\$2,287			
• Coal Mining	\$5,277	\$9,625			
• Oil and Gas Extraction	\$13,221	\$15,687			
Construction	\$75,816	\$177,674	8.28	10.21	134.35
• General Building	\$12,839	\$30,651			
• Heavy Construction	\$19,270	\$35,469			
• Special Trade Cont.	\$43,707	\$111,554			
Manufacturing	\$78,797	\$140,327	8.61	8.05	78.00
• Lumb/Wood Products	\$886	\$3,077			
• Furniture/Fixtures	--	\$2,439			
• Stone/Clay/Glass	\$12,788	\$24,933			
• Primary Metal	--	--			
• Fabricated Metal	--	\$9,235			
• Industrial Machinery	\$8,580	\$19,245			
• Instruments & Related	\$6,648	\$16,260			
• Electronic	--	--			
• Motor Vehicle	--	--			
• Miscellaneous	\$2,020	\$899			
• Food/Kindred	\$12,398	\$13,026			
• Textile Mill Products	--	\$1,882			
• Apparel & Other Text	\$1,719	\$1,882			
• Printing/Publishing	\$6,814	\$14,152			
• Chemicals	\$737	--			
• Petroleum/Coal	\$3,158	--			
• Rubber & Misc.	\$1,387	\$9,106			

Earnings by Industry (continued)

Item	Total Value 1990 (000)	Total Value 1999 (000)	Percent of Total 1990	Percent of Total 1999	Percent Change 1990-1999
Trans and Public Utilities	\$72,459	\$137,953	7.92	7.92	90.39
• Railroad Transport	\$16,218	\$23,063			
• Trucking/Warehouse	\$15,578	\$30,718			
• Local Transportation	\$2,578	\$3,154			
• Air Transportation	\$5,582	\$21,204			
• Transport Services	\$1,432	--			
• Communications	\$17,907	\$31,610			
• Elec, Gas, Sanit. Svcs.	\$13,164	\$26,524			
Wholesale Trade	\$43,020	\$76,389	4.70	4.38	77.57
Retail Trade	\$128,783	\$246,252	14.07	14.13	91.21
• Building Materials	\$5,718	\$23,010			
• General Merchandise	\$10,923	\$20,969			
• Food Stores	\$37,638	\$53,336			
• Automotive Dealers	\$21,831	\$47,505			
• Apparel & Accessory	\$3,471	\$3,497			
• Home Furnishing	\$8,553	\$12,953			
• Eating & Drinking	\$24,320	\$52,884			
• Miscellaneous	\$16,329	\$32,098			
Finance-Insurance-Real Est.	\$36,265	\$121,359	3.96	6.96	234.64
• Depository	\$15,169	\$28,926			
• Security/Commodity	\$1,527	\$7,707			
• Insurance Carriers	\$6,918	\$20,606			
• Insurance Agents	\$5,326	\$10,161			
• Real Estate	\$6,009	\$50,623			
• Holding & Other Inv.	\$1,316	\$3,336			
Services	\$263,133	\$494,399	28.75	28.37	87.88
• Hotels & Lodging	\$9,595	\$14,452			
• Personal Services	\$7,885	\$14,837			
• Private Households	\$2,658	\$3,531			
• Business Services	\$41,199	\$98,979			
• Auto Repair-Services	\$10,012	\$21,975			
• Miscellaneous Repair	\$4,446	\$10,355			
• Amusement/Recreation	\$2,545	\$9,909			
• Motion Pictures	\$1,048	\$1,196			
• Health Services	\$100,541	\$198,835			
• Legal Services	\$13,294	\$19,052			
• Educational Services	\$1,266	\$2,703			
• Social Services	\$8,560	\$27,146			

Earnings by Industry (continued)

Item	Total Value 1990 (000)	Total Value 1999 (000)	Percent of Total 1990	Percent of Total 1999	Percent Change 1990-1999
• Museums/Botanical	--	\$456			
• Membership Organiz.	\$9,954	\$20,129			
• Engineering/Management	\$48,189	\$43,444			
• Miscellaneous	--	\$7,400			
Government	\$185,803	\$306,159	20.31	17.57	64.78
• Federal-Civilian	\$50,224	\$69,745			
• Military	\$3,676	\$4,263			
• State Government	\$46,627	\$73,470			
• Local Government	\$85,276	\$158,681			
Earnings by Place of Work	\$915,098	\$1,742,415	100.00%	100.00%	

Table 7A

Distribution of Family Income in Mesa County: 2000 Census

Income Group	Grand Junction	Clifton	Redlands	Fruitvale	Fruita	Orchard Mesa	Palisade	De Beque	Collbran	Mesa County	Colorado
Number of Families	10,675	4,746	2,446	2,165	1,796	1,828	699	145	101	31,729	1,092,352
Percent < \$10,000	5.5	6.1	0.7	1.8	3.2	2.7	5.2	4.1	-	4.4	3.8
Percent \$10-\$14,999	4.8	7.5	3.6	2.8	6.9	3.5	8.0	8.3	9.9	5.0	3.1
Percent \$15-\$24,999	12.9	17.5	6.7	9.5	12.4	10.9	21.6	21.4	14.9	12.4	8.6
Percent \$25-\$34,999	14.6	19.8	10.9	16.2	19.3	15.0	19.9	21.4	18.8	16.2	10.9
Percent \$35-\$49,999	20.2	22.9	15.2	22.8	24.8	24.7	18.2	17.2	23.8	20.9	16.9
Percent \$50-\$74,999	20.8	20.3	24.2	28.6	22.8	28.6	15.5	20.7	20.8	22.6	24.0
Percent \$75-\$99,999	9.6	5.2	17.6	11.8	6.9	10.6	7.2	3.4	5.0	9.3	14.6
Percent \$100-\$149,999	6.5	0.5	11.5	5.2	3.2	2.0	2.7	2.1	5.0	5.5	11.5
Percent \$150-\$199,999	2.6	0.2	3.7	0.2	0.6	1.4	1.4	1.4	-	1.9	3.3
Percent > \$200,000	2.5	-	5.9	1.1	-	0.4	0.4	-	2.0	1.8	3.4
Median Family Income	\$43,851	\$34,542	\$60,667	\$48,920	\$38,487	\$45,802	\$31,797	\$31,042	\$36,016	\$43,309	\$55,883
Per Capita Income	\$19,692	\$12,968	\$29,232	\$19,044	\$16,024	\$17,293	\$15,539	\$14,181	\$17,080	\$18,715	\$24,049