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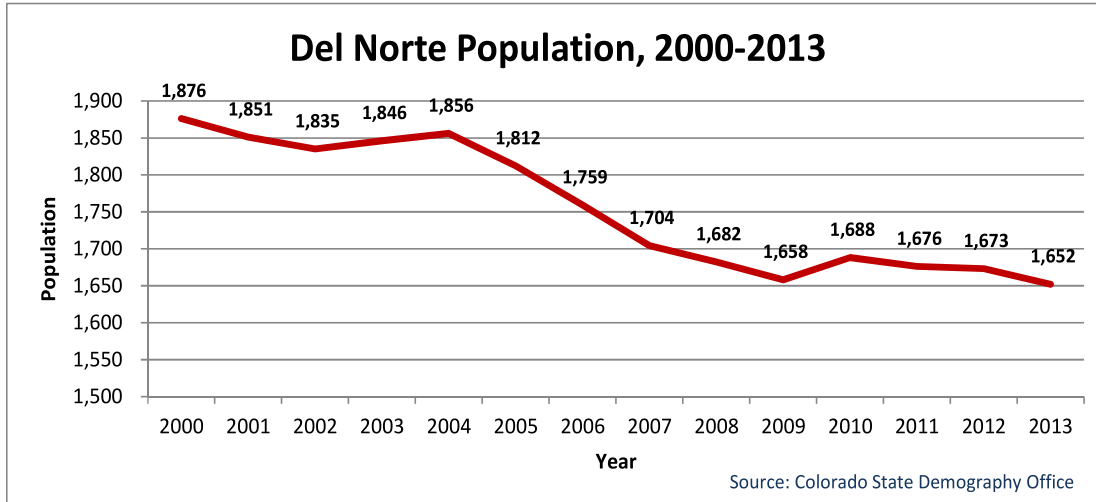
Del Norte

Del Norte At A Glance

2013 Population (SDO)	1,652
Pop. Growth 2000-2013 (SDO)	-11.9%
Median Household Income (ACS 09-13)	\$25,787
County Employment 2014 (SDO)	5,347

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

Population



- Del Norte’s population declined 11.9 percent between 2000 and 2013 – from 1,876 in 2000 to 1,652 in 2013.
- The sharpest decline in population occurred between 2004 and 2009, dropping by 200.
- The population drop in Del Norte accounts for about one-third of the decline in Rio Grande County, which fell by 693 during 2000 to 2013.
- Del Norte accounts for 14 percent of the population of Rio Grande County.
- Colorado grew by 4.26 percent during the period of 2010 to 2013.

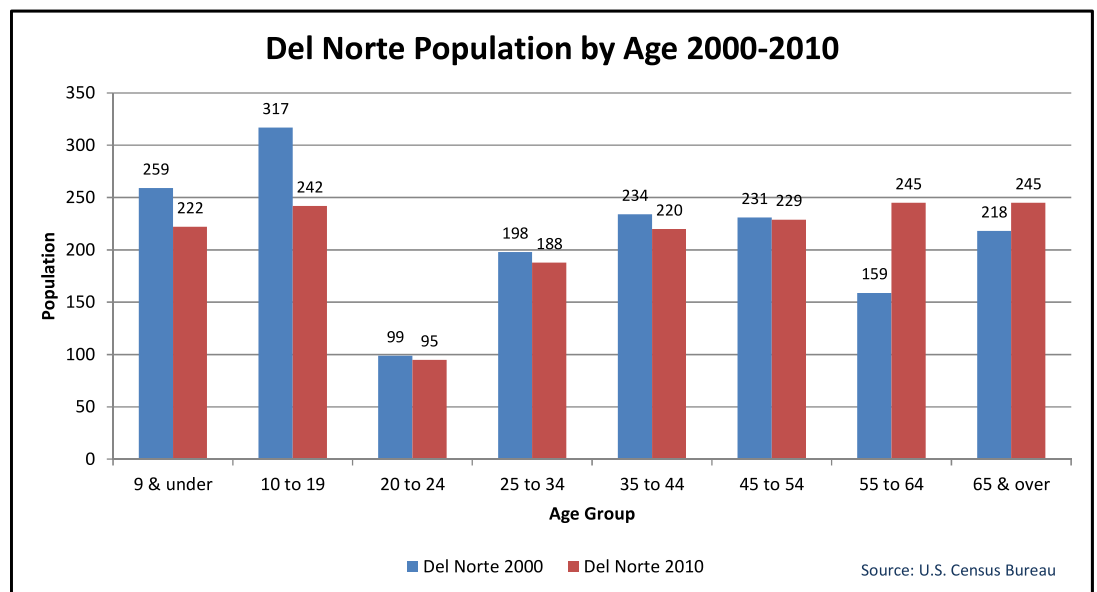
Median Age
39.2

Per Capita Income
\$13,804

47.8 %
Homes with no Mortgage

No health insurance
22%

Since 2000, Del Norte has seen declines in all age groups but those over 55, which grew. The most significant declines have been in children 19 and under. There was significant growth in the group 55 to 64.



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Housing & Households

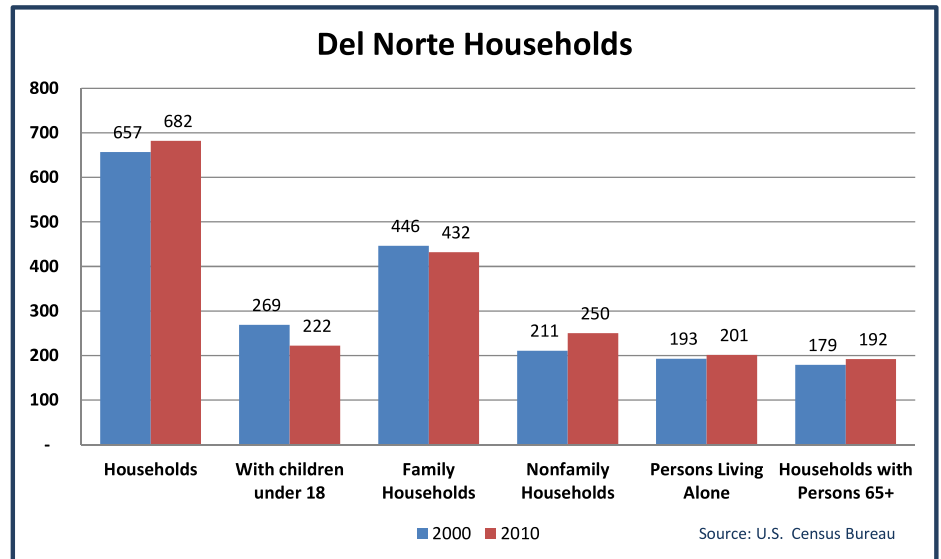
Del Norte Housing Units

	2000	2010
Total Housing Units	736	851
Occupied Units	657	682
Owner-Occupied	464	423
Renter-Occupied	193	259
Vacant Units	79	169
Seasonal	7	60
Other Vacant	72	109

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

- The vacancy rate was 19.8% in 2010; excluding seasonal housing, it was 12.8%.
- Owner-occupied units are 62% of occupied units.
- About 38% of occupied units are rental units.
- Occupied units account for 80.1% of total units.
- Total housing units grew by 115 from 2000 to 2010.

- The number of households in Del Norte increased 25 from 2000 to 2010.
- Nonfamily households increased 39, while family households decreased 14.
- About 28% of households are persons 65 and older.
- Persons living alone account for 29% of households.



Race & Ethnicity

Del Norte Pop. by Race/Ethnicity

	2000	2010	2010%
Total	1705	1686	100
White	1140	1233	73.1
Afro-American	2	5	0.3
Native	18	62	3.7
Asian	7	2	0.1
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Other Race	472	327	19.4
Two or More	66	57	3.4
Hispanic*	978	949	56.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

- In Del Norte, about 27% identify as a race other than White. That reflects a greater diversity than the state as a whole, where 20.9% identify racially as other than White.
- Over half in Del Norte identify as Hispanic (56.3%), which compares to 20.8% in Colorado.
- The share of Del Norte residents that identify as Hispanic dropped slightly from 2000 to 2010. In 2000, 57.4% identified as Hispanic.

* Hispanic origin is considered an ethnicity, not a race by the U.S. Census Bureau. Hispanics may be of any race.

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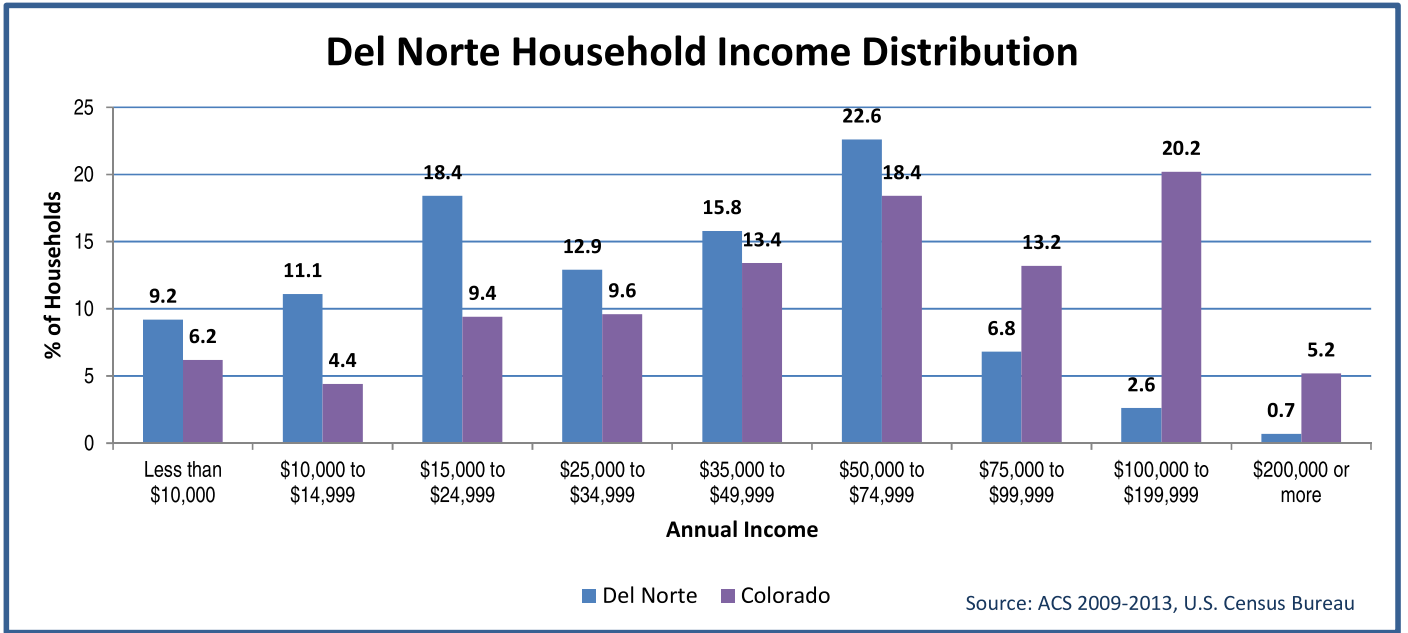
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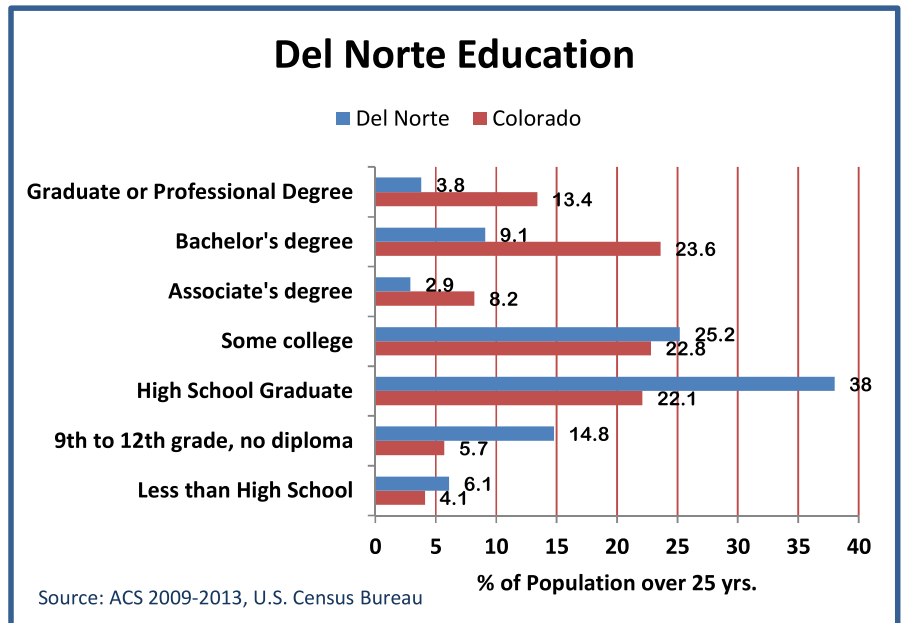
Income

The chart below shows the distribution of income in Del Norte compared to the rest of Colorado. Del Norte has a large percentage of residents making less than \$25,000 annually, 38.7%. That compares to 20% statewide making less than \$25,000 per year. Del Norte has a slightly higher percentage than the rest of the state with an annual income \$35,000 to \$49,999, and a higher percentage than the state of residents making \$50,000 to \$74,999. At higher incomes levels, Del Norte lags far behind state. The greatest contrast is with incomes over \$100,000 where 3.3% in Del Norte are above that income level. Statewide, 25.4% have an annual income above \$100,000. The Median Household Income (MHI) for Del Norte is \$25,787, less than half the state MHI of \$58,433.



Education

Del Norte is behind the state in the percentage of residents with college degrees with 15.8% holding Associate's, Bachelor's or advanced degrees. Statewide, 45.2% have college degrees. However, 38% in Del Norte are high school graduates, compared to only 22.1% in Colorado. Del Norte has a higher percentage – 20.9% - of those who have not finished high school, compared to 9.8% statewide.



Commuting

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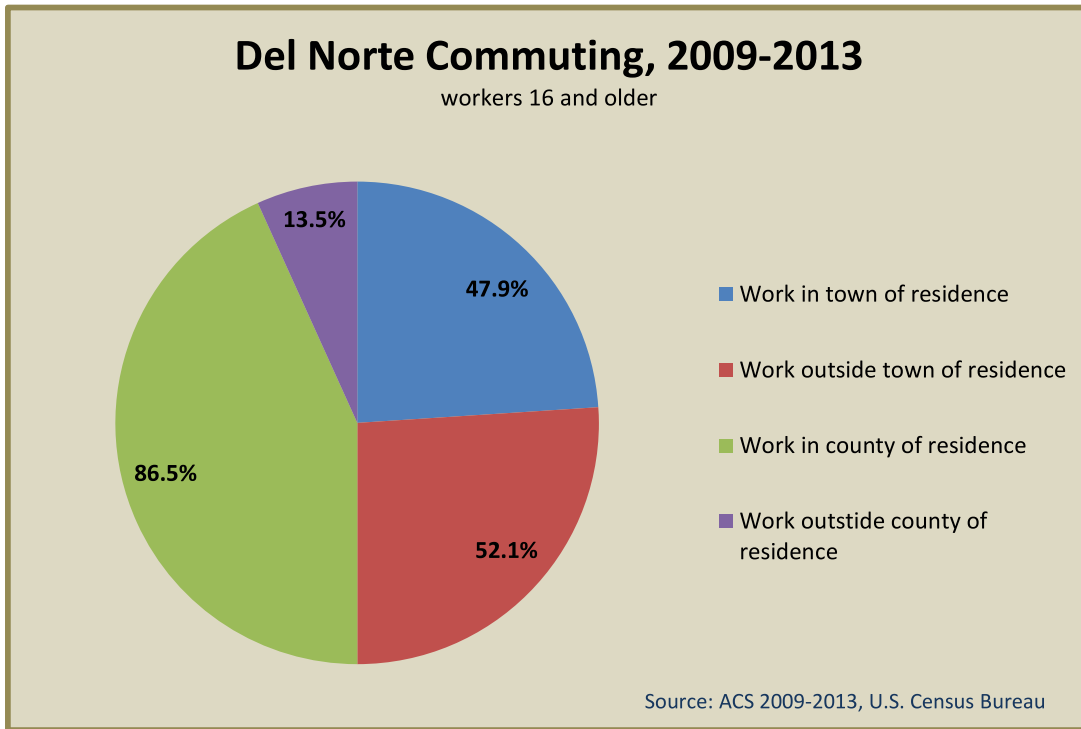


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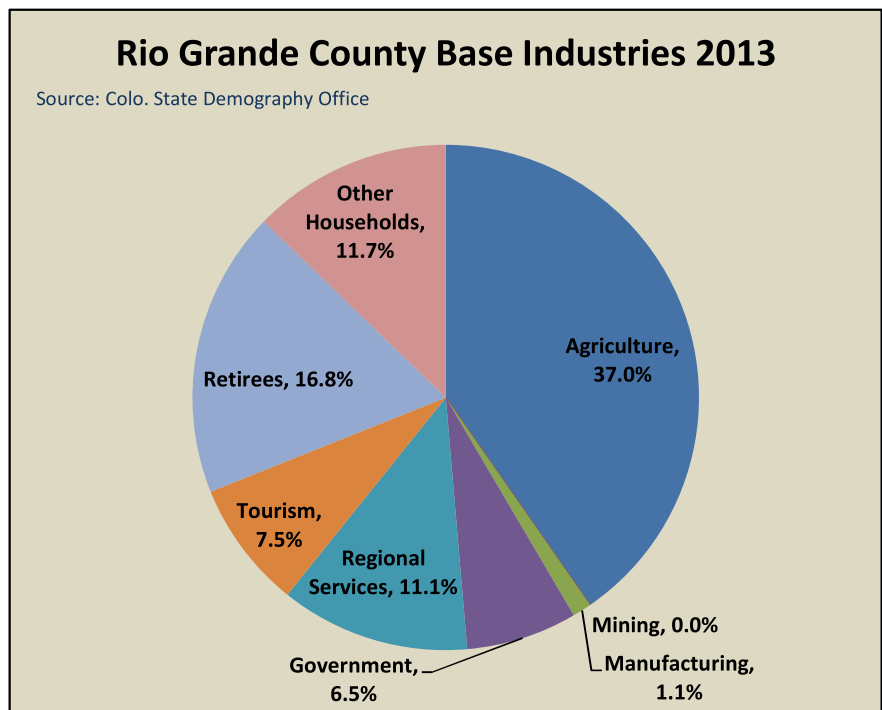
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Where workers live and where they work tells us where jobs are located. Commuting affects roads and access to employees. According to the graph below, 86.5% of workers who live in Del Norte work in Rio Grande County; 47.9% who live in Del Norte, work in Del Norte. Only 13.5% of those living in Del Norte work outside the county. Over one-half, 52.1%, of those living in Del Norte work outside the city.



Jobs & the Economy

An analysis of Base Industries in Rio Grande County shows the importance of Agriculture to the county's economy, accounting for 37%. Retirees (16.8%), Other Households (11.7%) and Regional Services (11.1%) also account for large segments of the county's economy. Tourism represents 7.5% and Government 6.5%. Base Industries are those that bring new dollars to the region.



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

- Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting
- Government
- Health Services
- Retail Trade
- Accommodation & Food Services

Total average employment for Rio Grande County in 2014 is 5,347.

Rio Grande County Jobs by Sector, 2014	
Accommodation and food	381
Admin and waste	114
Agriculture	1,303
Arts	73
Construction	300
Education	23
Finance activities	140
Government	959
Health Services	453
Information	16
Management of companies and enterprise	-
Manufacturing	140
Mining	-
Other services, except public administration	334
Professional and business services	159
Real estate	95
Retail Trade	416
Transportation and warehousing	96
Utilities	65
Wholesale trade	282
Total Jobs	5,347

Source: Colorado State Demography Office

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Economic Industry Mix

Share of Jobs by Industry	Rio Grande	
	County	Del Norte
Agriculture	24%	6%
Mining	0%	0%
Utilities	1%	0%
Construction	6%	5%
Manufacturing	3%	3%
Wholesale trade	5%	0%
Retail Trade	8%	13%
Transportation and warehousing	2%	1%
Information	0%	0%
Finance activities	3%	3%
Real estate	2%	1%
Professional and business services	3%	1%
Management of companies and enterprise	0%	0%
Admin and waste	2%	1%
Education	0%	0%
Health Services	8%	21%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1%	0%
Accommodation and food	7%	4%
Other services, except public administration	6%	1%
Government	23%	40%

Source: Colorado State Demography Office

Del Norte has a different industry mix than Rio Grande County. As the county seat, government accounts for 40% of the jobs in the town, which compares to 23% for the county. With Rio Grande Hospital located in Del Norte, health services account for about one-fifth of jobs. Retail trade makes up 13% of jobs. Although agriculture is the main economic driver for the county, only 6% of jobs in Del Norte relate to agriculture. Countywide, jobs in agriculture make up nearly a quarter of all jobs – 24%.

Rio Grande County Job & Population Forecast

	Population	Total Jobs
2010	12,001	5,879
2015	12,124	5,694
2020	13,165	6,205
2025	13,892	6,647
2030	14,777	6,955

Source: Colorado State Demography Office

Forecasting job and population growth to 2030, the State Demography Office projects population will grow at an annual rate of 1.7% to 1.1%. The population over 65 years of age will continue to grow as a percentage of the total population, which could drive job growth in service industries and indicate a migration of workers to replace those retiring from the labor force over the next 10 years.

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