

## DEMOGRAPHICS

### Workforce and Industry

Montezuma County has been an agriculturally based economy since the Mesa Verde Ancestral Puebloans made their home here 2000 years ago. Agriculture has been predominately alfalfa, hay, and pinto beans. Recently the wine industry has made grapes a viable crop. The biodiesel industry has created a market for sunflower and canola. This creates a trained agricultural workforce base, with a significant percentage of county residents having been raised on family farms. The county's labor force size and average wages are as follows:

Montezuma County 2005 Total Employment	# of Jobs	% of Jobs	Income (\$000)	% of Increase	Avg. Annual Wage
Agriculture	839	7%	7,098	2%	8,460
Mining & Utilities	217	2%	14,983	4%	69046
Construction	1116	9%	48,389	13%	43,359
Manufacturing	493	4%	14,504	4%	29,420
Transportation & Warehousing	239	2%	11,714	3%	49,013
Trade	1,900	15%	47,025	12%	24,750
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	613	5%	19,254	5%	31,409
Services	4,051	32%	93,190	25%	29,076
Government	3,205	25%	120,498	32%	37,597
Total	12673	101%	376,655	100%	

### Population of county, region, and by age

Population of Montezuma and surrounding counties, with percentage of residents 65 years of age or younger and percentage younger than 18 years of age, along with total population in the age group 18 to 64 is as follows:

County	2006 Estimated Population	Percent <66	Percent <18	Population 18 - 64 yrs.
Montezuma, CO	25,217	14.90%	25.5	15,029
Dolores, CO	1,911	17.10%	22	1164
La Plata, CO	47,936	10.50%	20.4	33,124
San Juan, NM	126,473	9.60%	29.1	77,528
San Juan, UT	14,265	9.40%	33.7	8,117
Apache, AZ	71,118	9.70%	35	39,328
Total Population	286,920			174,290

Population of county by age

Age	Number			Percent			Males per 100 females
	Both sexes	Male	Female	Both sexes	Male	Female	
<b>Total population</b>	<b>23,830</b>	<b>11,716</b>	<b>12,114</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>96.7</b>
<b>5 Year Brackets</b>							
Under 5 years	1,645	834	811	6.9	7.1	6.7	102.8
5 to 9 years	1,767	930	837	7.4	7.9	6.9	111.1
10 to 14 years	1,950	1,027	923	8.2	8.8	7.6	111.3
15 to 19 years	1,751	920	831	7.3	7.9	6.9	110.7
20 to 24 years	1,136	547	589	4.8	4.7	4.9	92.9
25 to 29 years	1,215	598	617	5.1	5.1	5.1	96.9
30 to 34 years	1,454	718	736	6.1	6.1	6.1	97.6
35 to 39 years	1,695	817	878	7.1	7	7.2	93.1
40 to 44 years	1,898	905	993	8	7.7	8.2	91.1
45 to 49 years	1,919	975	944	8.1	8.3	7.8	103.3
50 to 54 years	1,649	809	840	6.9	6.9	6.9	96.3
55 to 59 years	1,353	639	714	5.7	5.5	5.9	89.5
60 to 64 years	1,099	548	551	4.6	4.7	4.5	99.5
65 to 69 years	982	500	482	4.1	4.3	4	103.7
70 to 74 years	841	396	445	3.5	3.4	3.7	89
75 to 79 years	650	274	376	2.7	2.3	3.1	72.9
80 to 84 years	470	184	286	2	1.6	2.4	64.3
85 to 89 years	243	65	178	1	0.6	1.5	36.5
90 years and over	113	30	83	0.5	0.3	0.7	36.1
<b>10- and 20-Year Brackets</b>							
<b>Under 18 years</b>	<b>6,556</b>	<b>3,430</b>	<b>3,126</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>109.7</b>
<b>18 to 64 years</b>	<b>13,975</b>	<b>6,837</b>	<b>7,138</b>	<b>58.6</b>	<b>58.4</b>	<b>58.9</b>	<b>95.8</b>
18 to 24 years	1,693	828	865	7.1	7.1	7.1	95.7
<b>25 to 44 years</b>	<b>6,262</b>	<b>3,038</b>	<b>3,224</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>94.2</b>
25 to 34 years	2,669	1,316	1,353	11.2	11.2	11.2	97.3
35 to 44 years	3,593	1,722	1,871	15.1	14.7	15.4	92
<b>45 to 64 years</b>	<b>6,020</b>	<b>2,971</b>	<b>3,049</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>25.4</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>97.4</b>
45 to 54 years	3,568	1,784	1,784	15	15.2	14.7	100
55 to 64 years	2,452	1,187	1,265	10.3	10.1	10.4	93.8
<b>65 years and over</b>	<b>3,299</b>	<b>1,449</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>78.3</b>
<b>65 to 74 years</b>	<b>1,823</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>96.7</b>
<b>75 to 84 years</b>	<b>1,120</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>69.2</b>
<b>85 years and over</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>36.4</b>
<b>Threshold Ages</b>							
16 years and over	18,054	8,699	9,355	75.8	74.2	77.2	93
18 years and over	17,274	8,286	8,988	72.5	70.7	74.2	92.2
21 years and over	16,489	7,896	8,593	69.2	67.4	70.9	91.9
60 years and over	4,398	1,997	2,401	18.5	17	19.8	83.2
62 years and over	3,952	1,784	2,168	16.6	15.2	17.9	82.3
67 years and over	2,900	1,240	1,660	12.2	10.6	13.7	74.7
75 years and over	1,476	553	923	6.2	4.7	7.6	59.9
<b>Median age (years)</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>36.8</b>	<b>39</b>				