

# Social

## INDICATORS IN THE YAMPA VALLEY

### Our Vision

*The health and happiness of each Yampa Valley Community member is a reflection of the overall social health of this community. We will promote the physical, mental and social well being of our region.*

*Arts and culture will make a valuable contribution to a diverse culture and economy.*

*Education will be lifelong, high quality and accessible to everyone living and working in our valley.*

*We will work to plan proactive, preventative health programs and social services for citizens in a continuous cycle from birth to death.*

### Introduction

Community indicators about our regional social system address a broad category of issues – physical and mental health, social services, arts and culture, education for all ages, and public safety.

Social indicators help us measure our com-

munity's ability to provide citizens with the basic human needs of shelter, food, health-care, and safety. Education and culture indicators reflect the ability of a community member to achieve personal growth in the region.

### Key Findings and Trends

- The Yampa Valley has seen an increase in the percentage of people of early retire and retiree age. This change is due to aging of the Baby Boomer generation, an influx of persons retiring to the Valley, and a number of former second homeowners who are now living here full-time.
- The Yampa Valley is becoming more ethnically diverse. Hispanics are expected to comprise 10.5% of the population of Moffat County by 2005.
- The percentage of persons in Routt County who hold a bachelor's degree or more is one of the highest in the state, nearly 10% greater than the state average.
- While the number of persons at or below the federal poverty level is between 6% to 10%, this reflects only a portion of the

population struggling economically. Cost of living/living wage figures versus actual wages paid point to a percentage of between one-quarter to one-third of the population in the Yampa Valley who may be "working poor" and/or struggling economically.

- A higher percentage of persons living at or below the poverty line in Moffat County has implications for social service programs and is directly related to unemployment.
- Figures on the numbers of persons served by domestic violence organizations indicate a rising incidence of domestic violence in the Yampa Valley.
- Historic site designation tracks our heritage and is an important measure throughout the Yampa Valley.

# Social Census Data

The Yampa Valley population has grown 152% in the last 30 years with a 196% increase in Routt County and 102% increase in Moffat County. In 2000, 60% of the population resided in Routt County. This represents a declining share for Moffat County which had 50% of the population in 1980.

Increases in the working age population (age 25 to 64), particularly in Routt County, are due in large part to in-migration of new workers and correspond to the expansion of

the tourism and service industry as well as a growth in 'location neutral' businesses and employees. (see the Economy section of this report)

Decreases in the population between 1990 and 2000 of children under the age of 14 and adults between 25-34 in Moffat County could correlate to economic changes and higher unemployment rates that may have forced residents to seek employment and residence outside the County. (see the Economy section of this

report)

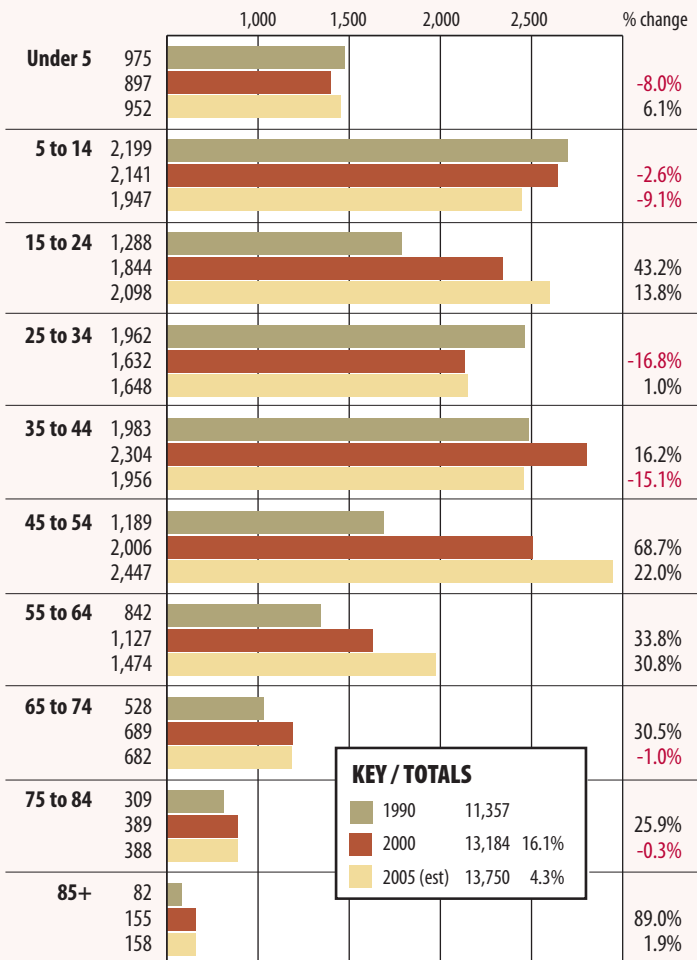
The median age of residents in both counties changed significantly between 1990 and 2000 and is projected to continue to grow older in 2005. Natural aging of the population is part of the explanation as is a growth in the number of persons retiring to the Yampa Valley. Many of these people may have been second homeowners who are now residing full-time in the Valley, particularly Routt County. (See the Economy: Housing section of this report)

## Population by Age and Gender

	MOFFAT COUNTY						ROUTT COUNTY					
	1990	% of Total	2000	% of Total	2005 (est.)	% of Total	1990	% of Total	2000	% of Total	2005 (est.)	% of Total
<b>Population</b>	<b>11,357</b>		<b>13,184</b>		<b>13,750</b>		<b>14,088</b>		<b>19,690</b>		<b>21,521</b>	
Males	5,747	50.6%	6,836	51.9%	7,150	52.0%	7,535	53.5%	10,599	53.8%	11,643	54.1%
Females	5,610	49.4%	6,348	48.1%	6,600	48.0%	6,553	46.5%	9,091	46.2%	9,878	45.9%
Under 25	4,462	39.3%	4,882	37.0%	5,129	37.3%	4,969	35.3%	6,449	32.8%	6,564	30.5%
Age 25 to 64	5,976	52.6%	7,069	53.6%	7,370	53.6%	8,331	59.0%	12,249	62.2%	13,838	64.3%
65 Years and Older	919	8.1%	1,233	9.4%	1,251	9.2%	808	5.7%	992	5.0%	1,119	5.2%
Median Age	31.8		35.4		36.4		32.4		35		36.5	

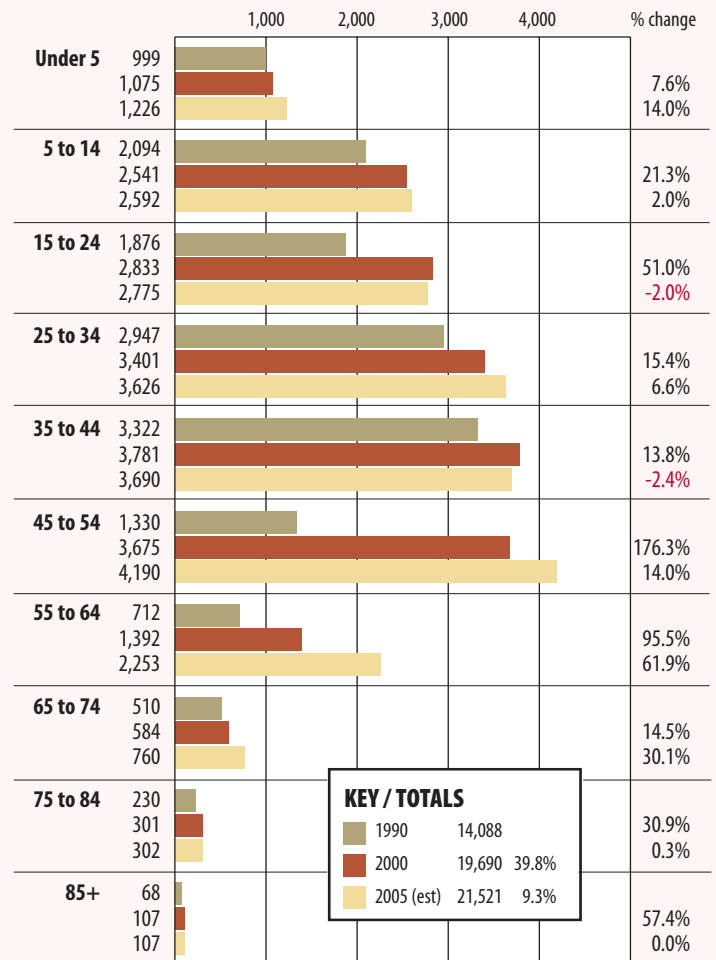
Source: U.S. Census

### Population Age Breakout — Moffat County

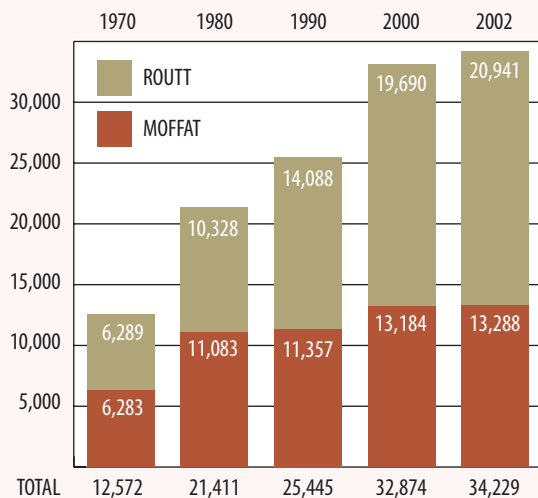


Source: U.S. Census

### Population Age Breakout — Routt County



## Yampa Valley Population



Source: U.S. Census

U.S. Census data shows the Yampa Valley is becoming more ethnically diverse. Moffat County will see a 4% growth in the Hispanic population (projected to 2005). Hispanics are expected to comprise 10.5% of the population in Moffat County in 2005 and 3.5% of the population in Routt County in 2005. The increase in the Hispanic population and other communities of color is also reflected in the increase in English Language Learners (ELL) in the Moffat County and Steamboat Springs Schools and in the number of students who speak a language other than English at home. (see the Social: Education section of this report)

According to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, the population of the Yampa Valley is projected to increase by 48% in the next 25 years. This increase in population will mean 15,867 more people will reside in the region, approaching a total of 49,000 valley wide. During the same time period, Colorado's population is expected to grow 50%.

## Population Projections, 2000 to 2030

Year	Moffat	Routt	Yampa Valley	Colorado
2000	13,184	19,690	32,874	4,335,540
2005	13,750	21,521	35,271	4,691,258
2010	14,526	24,390	38,916	5,137,928
2015	15,378	27,151	42,529	5,632,645
2020	16,324	30,039	46,363	6,133,491
2025	17,268	32,560	49,828	6,652,082
2030	18,186	34,842	53,028	7,156,422

Source: Department of Local Affairs

## Population by Race, Ethnicity

	MOFFAT COUNTY						ROUTT COUNTY					
	1990	% of Total	2000	% of Total	2005 est.	% of Total	1990	% of Total	2000	% of Total	2005 est.	% of Total
White	10,923	96.2%	12,341	93.6%	13,365	97.2%	13,913	98.8%	19,079	96.9%	21,096	97.9%
Non-Hispanic					11,989						20,397	
Hispanic					1,386						699	
Black/African American	11	0.1%	28	0.2%	31	0.2%	8	0.1%	25	0.1%	50	0.2%
Non-Hispanic					18						47	
Hispanic					13						3	
American Indian	87	0.8%	116	0.9%	131	1.0%	64	0.5%	96	0.5%	103	0.5%
Non-Hispanic					106						76	
Hispanic					25						27	
Asian	37	0.3%	44	0.3%	59	0.4%	41	0.3%	94	0.5%	91	0.4%
Non-Hispanic					54						90	
Hispanic					5						1	
Pacific Islander	3	0.0%	3	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	12	0.1%
Non-Hispanic					0						11	
Hispanic					0						1	
Two or More Races(Other)	296	2.6%	652	4.9%	152	1.1%	62	0.4%	396	2.0%	169	0.8%
Non-Hispanic					139						158	
Hispanic					13						11	
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>11,357</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>13,184</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>13,750</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>14,088</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>19,690</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>21,521</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: U.S. Census

## Population Age 5+ Who Speak a Language other than English at Home

Source: U.S. Census

MOFFAT COUNTY			ROUTT COUNTY		
<b>Population 5 years and over</b>	<b>12,318</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>Population 5 years and over</b>	<b>18,605</b>	<b>100%</b>
English only	11,287	91.6%	English only	17,471	93.9%
Language other than English	1,031	8.4%	Language other than English	1,134	6.1%
Speak English less than "very well"	473	3.8%	Speak English less than "very well"	393	2.1%
Spanish	876	7.1%	Spanish	523	2.8%
Speak English less than "very well"	439	3.6%	Speak English less than "very well"	233	1.3%
Other Indo-European languages	131	1.1%	Other Indo-European languages	496	2.7%
Speak English less than "very well"	34	0.3%	Speak English less than "very well"	110	0.6%
Asian and Pacific Island languages	24	0.2%	Asian and Pacific Island languages	115	0.6%
Speak English less than "very well"	0	0%	Speak English less than "very well"	50	0.3%

Over the past ten years, the number of housing units available in both counties saw an increase. Moffat County has 7.6% more housing units than it did in 1990, and Routt County has 21.2% more. Both counties also have experienced growth in owner occupied housing, while the percentage of homes classified as “occasional use” has declined. This drop in seasonal and/or recreational housing has been particularly dramatic in Routt County, where “occasional use” homes dropped from 31% in 1990 to 18% in 2000. This means that housing in Routt County is being more fully utilized.

## Household Type

	MOFFAT	ROUTT
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>5,003</b>	<b>7,980</b>
1 Person	1,184	1,945
2 Person	1,689	2,853
3 Person	829	1,481
4 Person	788	1,189
5 Person	399	379
6 Person	129	118
7 or more Person	45	15
<b>Average Household Size</b>	<b>2.57</b>	<b>2.44</b>
<b>Total Household Types</b>	<b>5,003</b>	<b>7,980</b>
Family Households	3,614	4,878
Male	2,989	3,884
Female	625	994
Non-Family Households	1,389	3,102
Male	871	1,874
Female	518	1,228
<b>Average Family Size</b>	<b>3.05</b>	<b>2.89</b>
Living Alone	1,184	1,945
Male	731	1,135
Female	453	810

Source: U.S. Census

## Housing Occupancy

	1990	% of Total	2000	% of Total	Jul-02	% of Total
<b>MOFFAT COUNTY</b>						
<b>Total Housing Units</b>	<b>5,235</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>5,635</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>5,720</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Occupied	4,178	79.8%	4,983	88.4%	5,021	87.8%
Owner Occupied	2,785	66.7%	3,593	72.1%	N/A	N/A
Rental Occupied	1,393	33.3%	1,390	27.9%	N/A	N/A
Vacant	1,057	20.2%	614	10.9%	699	12.2%
Occasional Use	228	21.6%	225	36.6%	N/A	N/A
Other	829	78.4%	389	63.4%	N/A	N/A
<b>Avg. Household Size</b>					<b>2.6</b>	
Owner Occupied	2.84		2.68		N/A	
Renter Occupied	2.38		2.34		N/A	
Vacancy Rate		20.2%		10.9%		12.2%
<b>ROUTT COUNTY</b>						
<b>Total Housing Units</b>	<b>9,252</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>11,217</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>12,855</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Occupied	5,483	59.3%	7,953	70.9%	8,469	65.9%
Owner Occupied	3,353	61.2%	5,505	69.2%	N/A	N/A
Rental Occupied	2,130	38.8%	2,448	30.8%	N/A	N/A
Vacant	3,769	10.1%	3,264	29.1%	4,386	34.1%
Occasional Use	2,839	75.3%	1,977	60.6%	N/A	N/A
Other	930	24.7%	1,287	39.4%	N/A	N/A
<b>Avg. Household Size</b>					<b>2.4</b>	
Owner Occupied	2.7		2.5		N/A	
Renter Occupied	2.3		2.3		N/A	
Vacancy Rate		40.7%		29.1%		34.1%
<b>STATE OF COLORADO</b>						
<b>Total Housing Units</b>	<b>1,477,349</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,808,037</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,935,630</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Occupied	1,282,489	86.8%	1,658,238	91.7%	1,737,966	89.8%
Owner Occupied	798,277	62.2%	1,116,137	67.3%	N/A	N/A
Rental Occupied	484,212	37.8%	542,101	32.7%	N/A	N/A
Vacant	194,860	8.9%	149,799	8.3%	197,644	10.2%
Occasional Use	63,814	32.7%	72,263	48.2%	N/A	N/A
Other	131,046	67.3%	77,536	51.8%	N/A	N/A
<b>Avg. Household Size</b>					<b>2.54</b>	
Owner Occupied	2.66		2.64		N/A	
Renter Occupied	2.25		2.3		N/A	
Vacancy Rate	13.2%		8.3%		10.2%	

Source: U.S. Census

## Highest Education Attainment Population Age 25 and Over

	MOFFAT COUNTY		ROUTT COUNTY		COLORADO		NATIONAL
<b>Population 25 years and over</b>	<b>8,404</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>13,267</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,776,632</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>182,211,639</b>
Less than 9th grade	567	6.7%	175	1.3%	134,348	4.8%	7.5%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	1,146	13.6%	452	3.4%	228,691	8.2%	12.1%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	2,812	33.5%	2,347	17.7%	644,360	23.2%	28.6%
Some college, no degree	2,348	27.9%	3,563	26.9%	667,610	24%	21.0%
Associate degree	484	5.8%	1,090	8.2%	193,868	7%	6.3%
Bachelor's degree	708	8.4%	4,121	31.1%	599,028	21.6%	15.5%
Graduate or professional degree	339	4%	1,519	11.4%	308,727	11.1%	8.9%
<b>Percent high school graduate or higher</b>	<b>79.6%</b>		<b>95.3%</b>		<b>86.9%</b>		<b>80.4%</b>
<b>Percent bachelor's degree or higher</b>	<b>12.5%</b>		<b>42.5%</b>		<b>32.7%</b>		<b>24.4%</b>

Source: U.S. Census

# Social Poverty Data

Data on the numbers of people living in poverty is an important indicator of the economic well-being and needs of people in our region. Qualification for federal and state assistance programs such as Medicaid, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Colorado's Child Health Plan Plus program, Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) and sub-

sidized housing programs are based upon income and the federal poverty line. The federal poverty line is adjusted annually and applied across the contiguous U.S. and District of Columbia regardless of municipal and state economies to establish one measurement of poverty. In 2004, the federal poverty line for an individual was \$9,310 and for a family of four, \$18,850.

## Poverty Data - Based on Income 12/31/2000

	INCOME YEAR ENDING 12/31/95				INCOME YEAR ENDING 12/31/00			
	Moffat	Routt	Colorado	US	Moffat	Routt	Colorado	US
Total Population Est.	12,187	17,254	3,811,074	263,946,442	13,184	19,690	4,301,261	281,421,906
Percent @ or Below Poverty	10.6%	6.6%	10.3%	13.8%	9.8%	6.3%	8.9%	11.2%
Population at Poverty Level or Below	1,297	1,137	392,938	36,424,609	1,293	1,250	384,830	31,581,086
Children Under 17 at Poverty Level	508	349	143,390	14,665,019	438	345	136,826	11,587,118
Medium Family Income	\$40,331	\$38,825	\$37,235	\$34,076	\$43,186	\$53,966	\$47,505	\$41,990

Source: U.S. Census

## Federal Programs Targeted to Low Income Individuals & Families

FEDERAL PROGRAMS	MOFFAT COUNTY					ROUTT COUNTY				
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Food Stamps	\$451,067	\$394,876	\$408,283	\$516,087	\$634,221	\$188,707	\$165,199	\$170,807	\$215,908	\$265,330
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	436,582	447,088	457,856	518,512	518,512	111,286	113,963	116,708	132,169	132,169
Low Income Home Energy Assistance	115,518	166,209	194,931	162,000	198,823	57,190	82,286	96,506	80,000	98,432
Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children	256,560	239,660	241,676	268,750	286,963	145,401	135,824	136,966	152,310	162,632
State Children's Insurance Program (CHIP)	N/A	89,758	107,531	91,417	100,523	N/A	71,808	86,027	73,135	80,420
Medical Assistance Program	1,817,337	2,122,572	2,217,814	2,366,544	2,718,155	1,453,908	1,698,102	1,774,298	1,893,285	2,174,581
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,077,064</b>	<b>\$3,460,163</b>	<b>\$3,628,091</b>	<b>\$3,923,310</b>	<b>\$4,457,197</b>	<b>\$1,956,492</b>	<b>\$2,267,182</b>	<b>\$2,381,312</b>	<b>\$2,546,807</b>	<b>\$2,913,564</b>
Population	13,025	13,184	13,190	13,288	13,450	19,224	19,690	20,941	20,683	20,767
Per Capita Assistance Program Spending Index	\$236.24	\$262.45	\$275.06	\$295.25	\$331.39	\$101.77	\$115.14	\$113.72	\$123.14	\$140.30

Source: U.S. Census

## Poverty

Poverty is inextricably linked to employment, income and area economy. Consequently, if the job market changes through a decreased number of jobs and/or full-time jobs with benefits, poverty increases.

Similarly, if income does not keep pace with the cost of living, the amount of income needed to cover basic needs, people strain to pay for food, shelter, clothing and health care.

Unemployment statistics and the percentage of people living at or below the federal poverty line provide only a partial picture of economic hardship in the Yampa Valley. In order to capture broader

figures on "working poor" people in the Yampa Valley, persons who work but fight economically to meet basic needs, and persons who live on fixed incomes and struggle economically, we compared three different sections in this report.

In the Economy: Housing section, we find 25% of renters in Moffat County and 36% of renters in Routt Co. pay more than 30% of their income on rent. The federal government defines "affordable" housing as that which comprises no more than 30% of individual or family income. Cost of living in the Yampa Valley is described in this report as the "living wage." The living wage for an

individual in Moffat County is \$12.08 an hour and \$13.17 an hour in Routt County and, for a family of four, \$29.83 an hour in Moffat County and \$36.04 an hour in Routt County. Most service sector jobs, the largest growing industry sector in the Yampa Valley and nationally, pay less than the living wage.

Conservatively, based upon employment, industry and housing statistics, between one quarter to one third of the households in the Yampa Valley (based upon the county) struggle to meet basic needs, a figure 18% to 26% greater than just the percentage of those living at or below the poverty line.

## Birth Statistics

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
<b>Number of Births</b>							
Moffat County	144	159	178	167	178	217	182
Routt County	192	175	196	206	215	223	201
<b>Birth Rate Per 1,000 Women</b>							
Moffat County	11.7	12.6	13.9	12.8	13.4	16.5	13.7
Routt County	10.8	9.7	10.5	10.7	10.9	10.8	9.7
Colorado	14.3	14.1	14.5	14.7	15.1	15.1	15.2
<b>Percent Prenatal Care Later than 1st Trimester</b>							
Moffat County	21.4%	18.2%	19.2%	19.9%	13.0%	16.3%	18.7%
Routt County	11.2%	4.7%	9.7%	6.8%	4.2%	5.9%	6.0%
Colorado	18.6%	17.1%	17.8%	18.3%	19.3%	20.2%	20.9%
<b>Percent of Low Birth-Weight Babies</b>							
Moffat County	8.3%	13.2%	6.2%	10.2%	10.7%	7.8%	7.7%
Routt County	9.9%	10.9%	7.1%	11.2%	7.4%	8.1%	7.0%
Colorado	8.8%	8.9%	8.7%	8.4%	8.5%	8.6%	8.9%
<b>Percent of Mothers Less than 18 Years of Age</b>							
Moffat County	5.6%	5.7%	3.4%	4.8%	3.4%	2.3%	3.3%
Routt County	1.6%	*****	2.0%	*****	4.2%	*****	*****
Colorado	4.6%	4.6%	4.5%	4.3%	4.2%	3.7%	3.7%

Source: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

Low birth-weight babies (less than 5 pounds, 8 ounces) are more likely to develop neurological, respiratory, and behavioral problems. Low birth-weight is attributed to the age of the mother, smoking, and inadequate or delayed prenatal care. Because of the relationship to inadequate prenatal care, low-birth weight is also linked to whether the family or individual has health insurance (see health insurance data in this section) and the availability of health care.

Immunization against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTP), measles, mumps, rubella (MMR), haemophilus B influenza (Hib), oral polio vaccine (OPV), hepatitis A (Hep A) and meningococcal have effectively reduced health risks. Moffat and Routt

Counties had no cases of diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella, polio, or haemophilus influenza between 1998 and 2001. By age five, the majority of children are immunized as a requirement for admission to public schools.

## Health Immunizations by Age Two

Kids Count 2002, a project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, showed an immunization coverage rate for two year old children in Colorado of 65%. Nationally, that figure is 79%. A central data registry does not exist in Colorado to collect local statistics.

## Incidence of Vaccine Preventable Disease

Moffat and Routt Counties	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Hepatitis B	0	1	0	3	1	3	3	2	5	1	3
Hepatitis A	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	2	2	0	0	2	1
Meningococcal disease	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	1	0	1	2	1	1

Source: Northwest Colorado Visiting Nurse Association

## Body Mass Index Survey

### Moffat County Healthy People 2010

Age	Female	Male
70+	26	26
60-69	27	32
50-59	29	32
40-49	28	30
30-39	29	32
20-29	27	32
10-19	22	23
1-9	22	24

Source: Moffat County Healthy People 2010

Body Mass Index (BMI) is a ratio between your height and weight. A BMI of over 25 is overweight and a BMI of over 30 is obese. National data shows that 34% of U.S. adults are considered overweight and an additional 31% are obese.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY NOTES: *The Memorial Hospital in Craig surveyed 580 people between September 2002 and December 2003 to arrive at the above statistics. Specific Routt County data is not available.*

The numbers of people without health insurance is an important indicator of community health, the economy and also poverty. Health insurance costs are often sacrificed in favor of other basic needs such as housing and food for low and moderate income families when health insurance is not included as a part of employment. The numbers of uninsured people in rural areas exceeds that in urban areas because of a smaller number of providers who may be more selective.

Colorado children under the age of 18 must be living at 185% of the poverty line or lower to qualify for the Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+), Colorado's health insurance program for children. CHP+ is administered by the state on a regional basis. Routt County is in Region 2 along with Summit, Eagle, Grand, Jackson and Pitkin Counties and Moffat County is in Region 1 with Garfield and Rio Blanco Counties. Region 2 estimates indicate 34% of those children eligible for CHP+ are enrolled in the program; in Region 1, an estimated 51% of eligible children are enrolled in CHP+.

## Leading Causes of Death

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>Population</b>														
Moffat	11,357	11,449	11,692	11,797	11,996	12,187	12,291	12,572	12,812	13,025	13,184	13,190	13,288	13,450
Routt	14,088	14,731	15,149	15,924	16,617	17,254	17,718	18,117	18,606	19,224	19,690	20,551	20,941	20,767
<b>Death Rate</b>														
Moffat	4.9	7.2	6.1	5.3	5.7	7.4	6.7	6.7	4.8	6.8	8.0	6.9	7.3	8.1
Routt	3.5	3.5	4.4	3.6	4.0	3.1	4.2	3.3	3.4	3.1	3.3	3.8	3.2	3.0
<b>All Causes</b>	106	134	137	119	135	143	157	144	125	149	170	169	164	171
Moffat	56	82	71	62	68	90	82	84	62	89	105	91	97	109
Routt	50	52	66	57	67	53	75	60	63	60	65	78	67	62
<b>Cancer</b>	26	24	32	25	31	38	36	33	29	28	40	31	37	34
Moffat	11	17	16	14	16	25	15	15	13	15	21	19	17	23
Routt	15	7	16	11	15	13	21	18	16	13	19	12	20	11
<b>Cardiovascular Disease</b>	41	46	44	50	47	52	61	45	39	54	41	50	52	50
Moffat	28	29	20	25	27	34	34	29	19	37	28	30	33	33
Routt	13	17	24	25	20	18	27	16	20	17	13	20	19	17
<b>Unintentional Injuries</b>	7	17	10	6	8	6	13	16	10	20	14	17	15	14
Moffat	3	10	5	3	5	3	7	9	7	10	9	5	8	10
Motor Vehicle	0	5	3	0	0	3	4	3	3	5	4	3	5	5
Other	3	5	2	3	5	0	3	6	4	5	5	2	3	5
Routt	4	7	5	3	3	3	6	7	3	10	5	12	7	4
Motor Vehicle	3	4	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	5	0	5	3	0
Other	1	3	5	3	0	3	6	4	3	5	5	7	4	4
<b>Suicide*</b>	0	4	0	0	3	0	7	4	5	7	7	10	8	5
Moffat	0	0	0	0	3	0	4	0	0	2	4	5	4	3
Routt	0	4	0	0	0	0	3	4	5	5	3	5	4	2
<b>Other Causes</b>	32	43	51	38	46	47	40	46	42	44	71	67	51	70
Moffat	14	26	30	20	17	28	22	31	23	27	43	33	34	40
Routt	18	17	21	18	29	19	18	15	19	17	28	34	17	30

\*Note: Suicide data year 1999 forward collected from Routt and Moffat county coroners.

Source: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

## Alcohol and Drug Use 7th and 8th Grade Students

Grand Futures Prevention Coalition of Routt and Moffat Counties helps prepare and uses this data to direct their collaborative prevention efforts in the tri-county region. The data shows decreases between 5-8% in early initiation of drug use, favorable attitudes towards drug use and cigarette and alcohol usage in the three years between 1999 and 2002. Schools surveyed were Craig Middle School (7/8 grade), South Routt 7/8 grades and Grand County 7/8 grades.

### Time One 1999 DATA - 7 and 8th grades surveyed

Early Initiation of Drug Use	37.82%
Attitudes Favorable to Drug Use	29.62%
Low Perceived Risk of Drug Use	37.98%
Cigarette Use within past 30 days	12.00%
Alcohol Use within past 30 days	26.75%
Marijuana Use within past 30 days	2.76%

### Time One 2002 DATA - 7th and 8th grades surveyed

Early Initiation of Drug Use	32.59%
Attitudes Favorable to Drug Use	25.28%
Low Perceived Risk of Drug Use	39.67%
Cigarette Use within past 30 days	4.78%
Alcohol Use within past 30 days	18.06%
Marijuana Use within past 30 days	5.83%

Source: Grand Futures Prevention Coalition

## Smoking and smokeless tobacco users

		Moffat	Routt	All Colorado Rural Counties	Colorado
<b>Tobacco Smokers</b>					
Adults	2001	15.30%	11.20%	na	20.50%
High School Students	2001	na	na	26.40%	24.70%
High School Students	2003	na	na	na	26.70%
<b>Smokeless Tobacco Users</b>					
Adults	2001	16.70%	9.70%	na	8.00%
High School Males	2001	na	na	17.20%	12%

Source: 2001 Tobacco Attitudes and Behaviors Survey (TABS)% Colo. Tobacco Research Program at Colo. Health Sciences Center.

Adults and high school students smoke less than the state average and use smokeless tobacco at a rate higher than the state average. Correlating data for 7th and 8th Grade students in Routt and Moffat Counties shows a 7 % decrease in cigarette use between 1999 and 2002.

### RESEARCH METHODOLOGY NOTES:

*Adults: over age 18 who smoke at least 100 cigarettes in their lives and at least one in last 30 days.*

*High School Students: English and spanish speaking students in grades 9-12 who report they smoked at least one cigarette in their lives and also within the last 30 days. The data show adults in Moffat and Routt are less than State average and high school students in all Colorado rural counties are higher than state average.*

## Five Year Trends in Yampa Valley Student Enrollment K-12

As of 2003, approximately 93% of K-12 students were enrolled in public schools. About 5% were enrolled in private schools and 2% were in home schooling programs. Although the population in the Yampa Valley is growing, enrollment in Yampa Valley Schools has shown a decline of 4% over the past 5 years. One of the factors likely influencing this trend is an aging local population that no longer has children living at home.

	1999		2000		2001		2002		2003	
	Pupil Count	% of Total	Pupil Count	% of Total	Pupil Count	% of Total	Pupil Count	% of Total	Pupil Count	% of Total
<b>Public Schools</b>										
Moffat County	2,632	43.9%	2,575	44.1%	2,548	44.3%	2,585	44.4%	2,512	43.7%
Hayden RE-1	553	9.2%	511	8.8%	498	8.7%	503	8.6%	499	8.7%
Steamboat Springs RE-2	1,944	32.4%	1,947	33.4%	1,911	33.2%	1,933	33.2%	1,912	33.2%
South Rout RE-3	457	7.6%	432	7.4%	430	7.5%	452	7.8%	435	7.6%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>5,586</b>	<b>93.2%</b>	<b>5,465</b>	<b>93.6%</b>	<b>5,387</b>	<b>93.7%</b>	<b>5,473</b>	<b>93.9%</b>	<b>5,358</b>	<b>93.2%</b>
<b>Non-Public School</b>										
Moffat County										
Hayden RE-1										
Steamboat Springs RE-2	244	4.1%	261	4.5%	270	4.7%	282	4.8%	290	5.0%
South Rout RE-3										
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>5.0%</b>
<b>Home School</b>										
Moffat County	95	1.6%	87	1.5%	69	1.2%	50	0.9%	56	1.0%
Hayden RE-1	65	1.1%	4	0.1%	5	0.1%	9	0.2%	10	0.2%
Steamboat Springs RE-2	6	0.1%	21	0.4%	20	0.3%	14	0.2%	20	0.3%
South Rout RE-3									17	0.3%
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>1.8%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,996</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>5,838</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>5,751</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>5,828</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>5,751</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Colorado Department of Education

## Yampa Valley School District Suspensions, Grades K-12

	2001-2002			2002-2003			
	Pupil Count	Students Suspended	Rate as a % of pupil count	Pupil Count	Students Suspended	Rate as a % of pupil count	
<b>Moffat Co</b>	<b>2496</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>12.58%</b>	<b>Moffat Co</b>	<b>2517</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>10.37%</b>
Drugs / Alcohol/ Tobacco		39	1.56%	Drugs / Alcohol/ Tobacco		21	0.83%
Behavior		26	1.04%	Behavior		2	0.08%
Weapons		2	0.08%	Weapons		5	0.20%
Conduct Code Violations		244	9.78%	Conduct Code Violations		232	9.22%
<b>Hayden -RE1</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>6.16%</b>	<b>Hayden -RE1</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>5.88%</b>
Drugs / Alcohol/ Tobacco		4	0.82%	Drugs / Alcohol/ Tobacco		1	0.20%
Behavior		4	0.82%	Behavior		9	1.83%
Weapons		0	0.00%	Weapons		0	0.00%
Conduct Code Violations		22	4.52%	Conduct Code Violations		19	3.85%
<b>Steamboat Springs -RE2</b>	<b>1894</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>8.82%</b>	<b>Steamboat Springs -RE2</b>	<b>1946</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>5.91%</b>
Drugs / Alcohol/ Tobacco		31	1.64%	Drugs / Alcohol/ Tobacco		7	0.36%
Behavior		12	0.63%	Behavior		10	0.51%
Weapons		2	0.11%	Weapons		0	0.00%
Conduct Code Violations		109	5.76%	Conduct Code Violations		57	2.93%
<b>South Routt -RE3</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>20.44%</b>	<b>South Routt -RE3</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>15.90%</b>
Drugs / Alcohol/ Tobacco		4	0.97%	Drugs / Alcohol/ Tobacco		2	0.46%
Behavior		22	5.35%	Behavior		19	4.38%
Weapons		0	0.00%	Weapons		0	0.00%
Conduct Code Violations		58	14.11%	Conduct Code Violations		48	11.06%
<b>State of Colorado</b>	<b>717,894</b>	<b>120,831</b>	<b>16.83%</b>	<b>State of Colorado</b>	<b>726,452</b>	<b>113,270</b>	<b>15.59%</b>
Drugs / Alcohol/ Tobacco		6,718	0.94%	Drugs / Alcohol/ Tobacco		6,519	0.90%
Behavior		9,557	1.33%	Behavior		4,137	0.57%
Weapons		966	0.13%	Weapons		785	0.11%
Conduct Code Violations		95,185	13.26%	Conduct Code Violations		93,697	12.90%

Source: Colorado Department of Education

## English Language Learners

2001/02	2002/03	2003/04
<b>Moffat County</b>		
106	74	129
<b>Routt RE-1 Hayden</b>		
5	4	3
<b>Routt RE-2 Steamboat Springs</b>		
20	12	26
<b>Routt RE-3 South Routt</b>		
3	5	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		
<b>134</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>161</b>

Source: Moffat and Routt School Districts



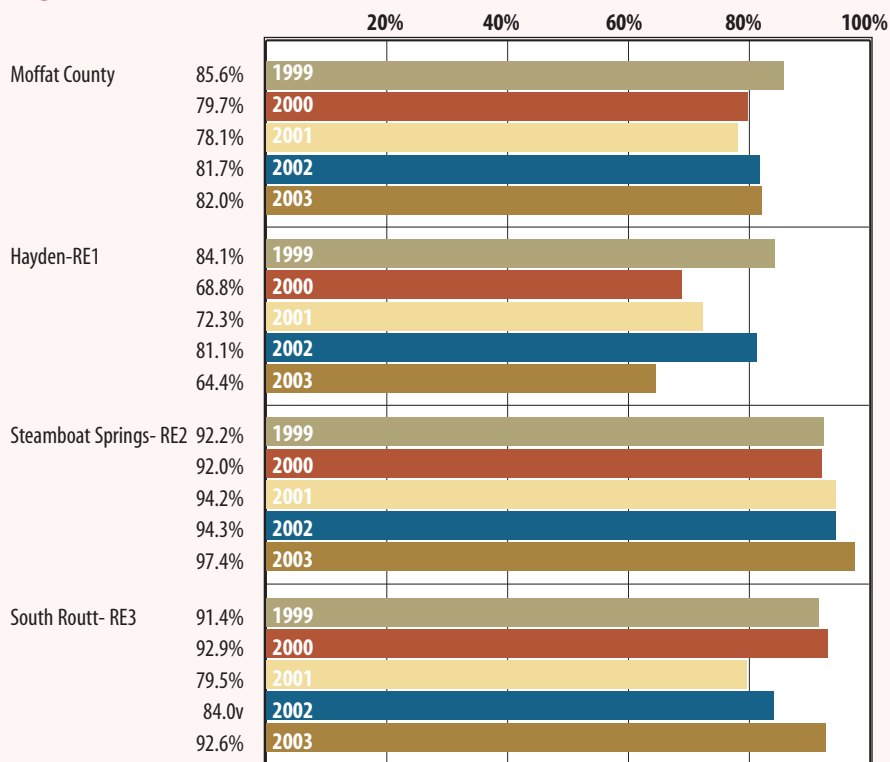
The high school graduation rate is the number of students in grades 9-12 who graduate from high school as a percentage of those who were enrolled. The dropout rate is the percentage of students who did not complete high school. Both graduation and dropout rates are standard measures of success of the educational system.

## High School Graduation by Gender

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>Moffat County</b>					
Male	76	102	83	92	79
Female	84	75	70	73	90
<b>Hayden-RE1</b>					
Male	24	11	22	21	11
Female	13	22	12	9	17
<b>Steamboat Springs- RE2</b>					
Male	55	48	69	71	81
Female	64	54	76	61	66
<b>South Routt- RE3</b>					
Male	16	13	11	4	11
Female	16	13	20	17	14

Source: Colorado Department of Education

## High School Graduation Rates



Source: Colorado Department of Education

## ACT Test Results

	2003	2004
Moffat Co -RE1	17.6	16
Hayden- RE-1	19	18.5
Steamboat Springs -RE2	20.9	21
South Routt -RE3	18.9	18.5
Colorado	19	18.8

Source: Colorado Department of Education

The American College Testing Exam (ACT) tests high school students in English, math, reading and scientific reasoning. Colleges and universities use ACT scores to gauge a student's potential to succeed in post-secondary education. The highest score possible on the ACT is 36.

Since 2001, Colorado has required all 11th grade students take the ACT test.

## Population of 16- to 19-Year-Olds Not Enrolled in School or High School Graduates - 2000

Moffat County	8.4%
Routt County	6.1%
Colorado	15.1%

Source: U.S. Census

## CSAP (Colorado Student Assessment Program) Results for 2004 Proficient and Advanced

	3rd Grade Reading	4th Grade Reading	4th Grade Writing	5th Grade Math	7th Grade Reading	7th Grade Writing	8th Grade Math	8th Grade Science
Moffat County	79%	72%	58%	56%	57%	36%	37%	54%
Hayden - RE1	91%	69%	35%	63%	63%	53%	53%	63%
Steamboat Springs - RE2	92%	85%	78%	75%	82%	76%	57%	70%
South Routt - RE3	100%	77%	73%	67%	62%	62%	14%	28%

Source: Colorado Department of Education

## School Dropout Rate

	2001-2002			2002-2003				
	Grades 9-12	pupil count	No. students that dropout	Rate as a % of pupil count	Grades 9-12	pupil count	No. students that dropout	Rate as a % of pupil count
<b>Moffat County</b>								
Males	910	494	59	6.50%	888	447	31	3.50%
Females	416	416	17	4.10%	441	441	13	2.90%
<b>Hayden -RE1</b>								
Males	148	79	10	6.80%	157	78	10	6.40%
Females	69	69	5	7.20%	79	79	5	6.30%
<b>Steamboat Springs -RE2</b>								
Males	710	396	5	0.70%	736	410	2	3.00%
Females	314	314	2	0.60%	326	326	0	0.00%
<b>Sout Routt -RE3</b>								
Males	138	60	0	0.00%	132	66	0	0.00%
Females	78	78	0	0%	66	66	0	0%
<b>State of Colorado</b>								
Males	373,210	191,169	9,722	2.60%	382,670	196,153	9,068	2.60%
Females	182,041	182,041	4,149	2.30%	186,517	186,517	3,912	2.10%

Source: Colorado Department of Education

Tracking the number of arrests provides a profile of a community's challenges with crime. Arrest rates do not correlate directly to criminal offenses, however. One individual may be arrested on multiple charges and an arrest may not be made even though a crime has been committed.

**MOFFAT COUNTY**

	1998		1999		2000		2001		2002		2003	
	Adult	Juv.	Adult	Juv.	Adult	Juv.	Adult	Juv.	Adult	Juv.	Adult	Juv.
<b>Property Crimes</b>												
Theft-Larceny	43	19	15	28	28	19	26	12	31	30	34	14
Theft-Vehicle	1	1	6	2	4	4	-	1	1	-	6	-
Burglary	11	-	9	1	13	18	11	-	4	1	7	4
Vandalism	7	9	27	-	19	6	15	2	20	2	15	4
<b>Violent Crimes</b>												
Assault-Other	92	22	63	14	92	27	51	16	73	37	76	25
Aggravated Assault	18	4	14	3	10	1	7	2	10	4	20	2
Domestic Violence	10	1	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rape	2	-	2	1	3	4	2	-	3	-	2	-
Robbery	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Murder	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Substance Abuse</b>												
Drug Violations	39	7	23	13	26	15	15	5	22	18	45	4
DUI	111	3	58	5	56	2	37	3	33	6	34	1
Liquor Law Violations	37	26	60	22	35	18	23	38	41	27	29	20
<b>Juvenile Issues</b>												
Curfew Violations	N/A	****	N/A	****	N/A	****	N/A	10	N/A	37	N/A	22
Runaways	N/A	****	N/A	****	N/A	****	N/A	27	N/A	26	N/A	21
<b>All Other</b>	346	87	167	86	164	137	188	34	279	42	355	66
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>184</b>

Source: Colorado Bureau of Investigation

**ROUTT COUNTY**

	1998		1999		2000		2001		2002		2003	
	Adult	Juv.	Adult	Juv.	Adult	Juv.	Adult	Juv.	Adult	Juv.	Adult	Juv.
<b>Property Crimes</b>												
Theft-Larceny	28	14	5	17	37	11	49	14	53	25	70	26
Theft-Vehicle	3	1	4	1	2	2	5	-	4	-	5	6
Burglary	5	1	11	9	15	2	11	2	9	6	13	3
Vandalism	7	2	14	7	28	4	19	2	26	7	17	5
<b>Violent Crimes</b>												
Assault-Other	35	3	65	4	47	1	50	6	70	-	56	1
Aggravated Assault	4	-	8	3	17	4	18	1	18	-	15	-
Domestic Violence	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rape	1	-	1	-	-	-	3	-	1	1	2	-
Robbery	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Murder	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Substance Abuse</b>												
Drug Violations	22	1	62	1	38	4	116	13	102	18	55	15
DUI	106	-	226	4	262	4	296	4	262	7	263	3
Liquor Law Violations	63	47	176	64	152	19	139	49	121	56	72	58
<b>Juvenile Issues</b>												
Curfew Violations	N/A	****	N/A	****	N/A	****	N/A	-	N/A	-	N/A	1
Runaways	N/A	****	N/A	****	N/A	****	N/A	1	N/A	-	N/A	-
<b>All Other</b>	441	17	660	16	496	15	548	22	495	13	503	19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>1,234</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>1,254</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>1,161</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>1,071</b>	<b>137</b>

Source: Colorado Bureau of Investigation

## Domestic Violence

Domestic violence data from Advocates Crisis Support Services in Moffat County and Advocates Against Battering and Abuse in Routt County show a high incidence of domestic violence in our area.

### RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

NOTES: *New victims are counted one time each year only as either a primary recipient of abuse, the direct recipient of abuse or a secondary recipient of abuse, those impacted by abuse (e.g. children.) Continuing victims of abuse may receive services multiple times.*

## Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Victims Served - 2003

	ROUTT	MOFFAT
<b>New victims served</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>492</b>
Domestic Violence	237	439
Sexual Assault	31	53
<b>Continuing victims served</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>164</b>

Reported to: Domestic Abuse Assistance Program

*\*New victims are counted one time each year only, as either primary: direct recipient of abuse or secondary: those impacted by abuse-parents, children  
\* Continuing victims may receive services multiple times*

Source: Advocates in Routt County and Advocates in Moffat County, 2003

# Historic Site Designation

The preservation of historic structures is an important indicator of our commitment to the cultural heritage of the Yampa Valley and its communities. Historic Routt County! has a nominations initiative that offers technical assistance to property owners interested in designating their properties to the local, state or national registry. In 2004, the City of Steamboat Springs received the Preserve America award for its historic preservation efforts.

## Historic Sites

	1970s	1980s	1990s	as of 11/1/04
National/State/Local	1	0	4	8
National/State	5	5	5	14
State Only	0	0	0	2
State/Local	0	0	3	4
Local Only	0	0	18	58

Sources: Colorado Preservation Inc, Colorado Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, Historic Routt County, Museum of NW Colorado

# Licensed Child Care

Child care is essential for working parents. Demand for childcare is linked to population growth (see Census Data in the Social section of this report), labor income and industry growth (see Industry Diversity in the Economy section) and family income. Child care is one of the two largest expenses for families in the Yampa Valley. (see Living Wage in the Economic Section of this report.)

## Child Care Facilities and their Capacities

	1993		1997		2002		2004 October	
	FACILITIES	CAPACITY	FACILITIES	CAPACITY	FACILITIES	CAPACITY	FACILITIES	CAPACITY
<b>MOFFAT COUNTY</b>								
Center	1	60	0	0	1	60	1	60
Home	19	107	17	90	17	136	17	143
Preschools	1	20	4	110	3	172	3	104
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>307</b>
<b>ROUTT COUNTY</b>								
Center	9	384	10	432	8	355	8	346
Home	25	143	23	128	21	178	21	178
Preschool	1	30	4	90	5	93	5	85
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>609</b>

Source: Child Care Referral Network

*The job of civic leaders is figuring out how to allocate scarce resources among competing needs. That can be an extremely difficult job. These indicators give decision-makers the tools to make better decisions.*

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