

Yampa-White River Region *FastFacts* • Key Takeaways



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Employment

There is no new data to report. Moffat, Rio Blanco and Routt counties maintained record low unemployment rates in December. That data is available in our [February 1, 2016](#) *FastFacts* edition.

Industry

Mining dominated as the top sector by wages in Moffat and Rio Blanco, distributing nearly \$21.65 million (almost 23% of all wage income) in the third quarter of 2015. Health Care and Social Assistance was the largest sector by wages in Routt, distributing 11% of total wages.

Wages

Rio Blanco saw a drop in its third quarter average weekly wage from \$1,012 to \$992. Moffat and Routt had a \$20-plus increase in their average weekly wages. Accommodations and Food Services had the lowest average wages with Moffat County being the lowest.

Real Estate

Median monthly rents are holding steady in all three counties over the New Year after rising by 4% in Moffat, 5% in Routt and a substantial 18% in Rio Blanco in 2015. The number of homes for sale increased between January and February 2016 in all counties.

Energy

Moffat and Rio Blanco 2015 year-end coal totals increased from 2014 despite no December production at Deserado Mine due to a longwall move. All three counties produced less natural gas in comparison to the same period in 2014, with Routt also showing decreased coal and oil production in 2015.

Climate

Snow-water equivalency is above its 10-year averages except at Buffalo Pass. Snow accumulation is above 10-year averages except for Ripple Creek. Stagecoach and Yamcolo Reservoirs are 103% and 76% of capacity, respectively.

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Industry and Wages

Moffat

Top 10 Sectors by Total Wages, Third Quarter 2015



Moffat Employees and Wages for Top 3 Industry Sectors

Top 3 Sectors by Total Wages Distributed, Q3 2015		Average Employees	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Total All Industries		4,720	\$55,988,593	\$834
1	Mining	481	\$9,804,785	\$1,568
2	Public Administration	601	\$7,696,699	\$985
3	Retail Trade	701	\$6,054,738	\$665

Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

Rio Blanco

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Top 3 Sectors by Total Wages Distributed, Q3 2015		Average Employees	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Total All Industries		3,001	\$38,712,280	\$896
1	Mining	580	\$11,845,300	\$1,571
2	Construction	286	\$5,115,035	\$1,381
3	Public Administration	452	\$4,903,769	\$835

Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

Routt

Top 10 Sectors by Total Wages, Third Quarter 2015



Routt Employees and Wages for Top 3 Industry Sectors

Top 3 Sectors by Total Wages Distributed, Q3 2015		Average Employees	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Total All Industries		14,001	\$150,640,597	\$828
1	Health Care and Social Assistance	1,340	\$17,005,606	\$976
2	Accommodation and Food Services	2,379	\$14,968,163	\$484
3	Construction	1,174	\$13,717,261	\$900

Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

Top 10 Average Weekly Wages

Moffat		Rio Blanco		Routt	
Industry	Average Weekly Wage	Industry	Average Weekly Wage	Industry	Average Weekly Wage
Mining	\$1,568	Utilities	\$1,627	Management of Companies and Enterprises	\$1,908
Finance and Insurance	\$1,045	Mining	\$1,571	Mining	\$1,682
Public Administration	\$985	Construction	\$1,381	Utilities	\$1,580
Construction	\$951	Transportation and Warehousing	\$1,199	Wholesale Trade	\$1,368
Transportation and Warehousing	\$902	Health Care and Social Assistance	\$1,013	Finance and Insurance	\$1,302
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	\$866	Administrative and Waste Services	\$910	Manufacturing	\$1,291
Wholesale Trade	\$860	Educational Services	\$883	Professional and Technical Services	\$1,256
Health Care and Social Assistance	\$835	Other Services, Ex. Public Admin	\$855	Public Administration	\$977
Information	\$745	Public Administration	\$835	Health Care and Social Assistance	\$976
Professional and Technical Services	\$718	Manufacturing	\$742	Construction	\$900

Lowest Average Weekly Wage

County	Industry Sector	Average Weekly Wage	% Change from Q3 2014
Moffat	Accommodation and Food Services	\$297	-4.19%
Rio Blanco	Retail Trade AND Accommodation and Food Services	\$429	+4.38% AND +2.87%
Routt	Accommodation and Food Services	\$484	+8.76%

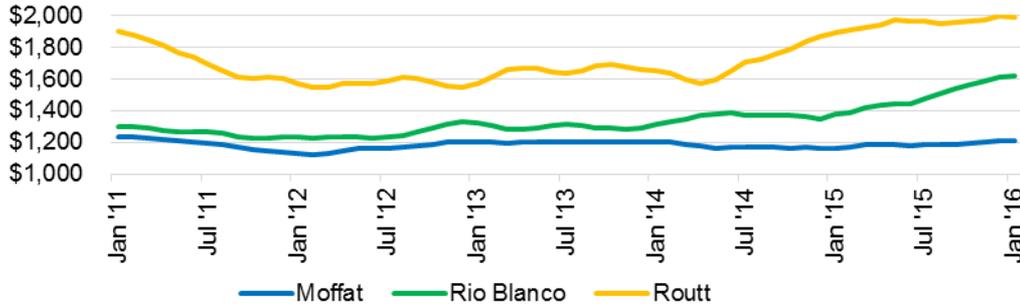
Average Weekly Wage Across All Industries

County	Q3, 2011	Q3, 2012	Q3, 2013	Q3, 2014	Q3, 2015
Moffat	\$845	\$862	\$866	\$890	\$913
Rio Blanco	\$1,026	\$926	\$990	\$1,012	\$992
Routt	\$787	\$771	\$814	\$807	\$828
Colorado	\$948	\$936	\$952	\$982	\$1,005

Number of Employees Above and Below Average Weekly Wage*

County	Average Weekly Wage Across All Industries	Total # of Employees Below Average Weekly Wage	Total # of Employees Above Average Weekly Wage
Moffat	\$913	1,421	2,626
Rio Blanco	\$992	1,305	1,697
Routt	\$828	6,908	7,090

Median Rent

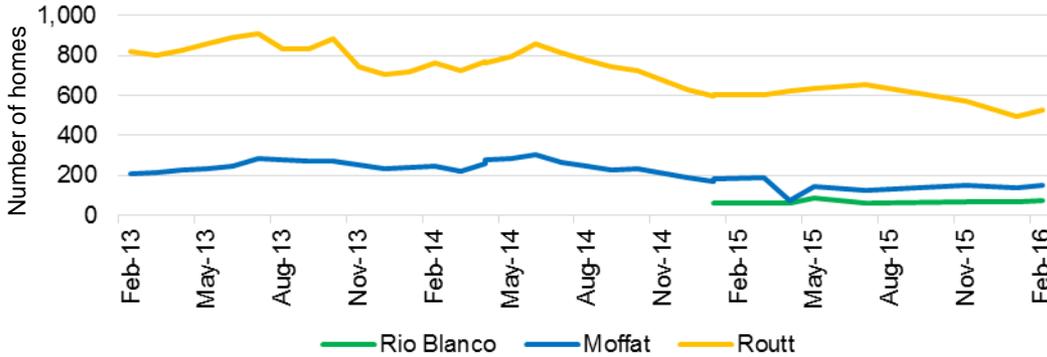


04/2015-01/2016 Median Rent Per Month

Period	Moffat	Rio Blanco	Routt
04/2015	\$ 1,187	\$ 1,433	\$ 1,944
05/2015	\$ 1,187	\$ 1,443	\$ 1,974
06/2015	\$ 1,180	\$ 1,448	\$ 1,971
07/2015	\$ 1,185	\$ 1,474	\$ 1,966
08/2015	\$ 1,187	\$ 1,507	\$ 1,949
09/2015	\$ 1,191	\$ 1,539	\$ 1,956
10/2015	\$ 1,196	\$ 1,563	\$ 1,970
11/2015	\$ 1,204	\$ 1,589	\$ 1,979
12/2015	\$ 1,208	\$ 1,611	\$ 1,996
01/2016	\$ 1,212	\$ 1,620	\$ 1,995

Source: Zillow

Homes For Sale

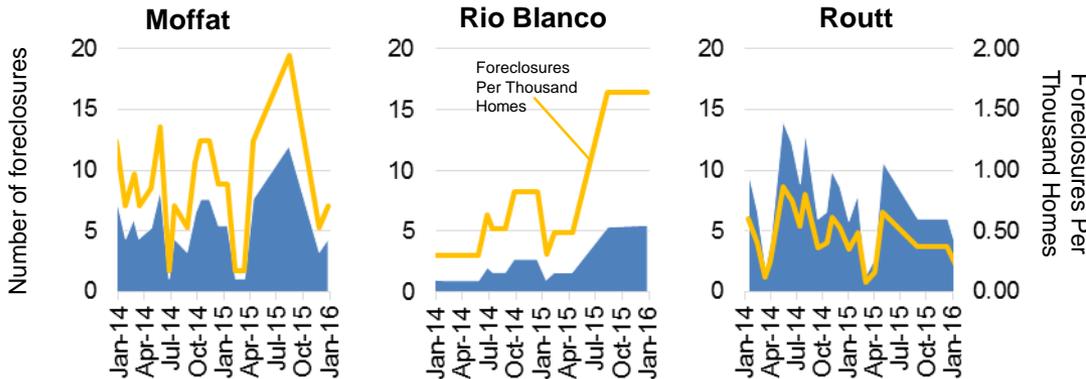


05/2015-02/2016 Homes For Sale (# of Homes)

Period	Moffat	Rio Blanco	Routt
05/2015	143	87	636
06/2015	Not avail.	Not avail.	Not avail.
07/2015	123	63	657
08/2015	Not avail.	Not avail.	Not avail.
09/2015	Not avail.	Not avail.	Not avail.
10/2015	Not avail.	Not avail.	Not avail.
11/2015	150	66	573
12/2015	Not avail.	Not avail.	Not avail.
01/2016	137	64	496
02/2016	150	70	529

Source: Zillow

Foreclosures

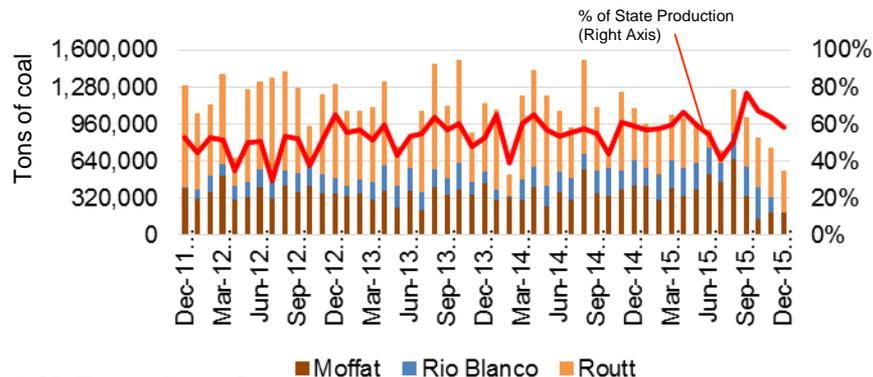


04/2015-01/2016 New Foreclosures Per 1,000 Homes

Period	Moffat	Rio Blanco	Routt
04/2015	0.18	Not available	0.16
05/2015	1.24	Not available	0.66
06/2015	Not available	Not available	Not available
07/2015	Not available	Not available	Not available
08/2015	Not available	Not available	Not available
09/2015	1.95	1.64	0.37
10/2015	Not available	Not available	Not available
11/2015	Not available	Not available	Not available
12/2015	0.53	Not available	0.37
01/2016	0.71	Not available	0.22

Source: RealtyTrac.com

Coal Production

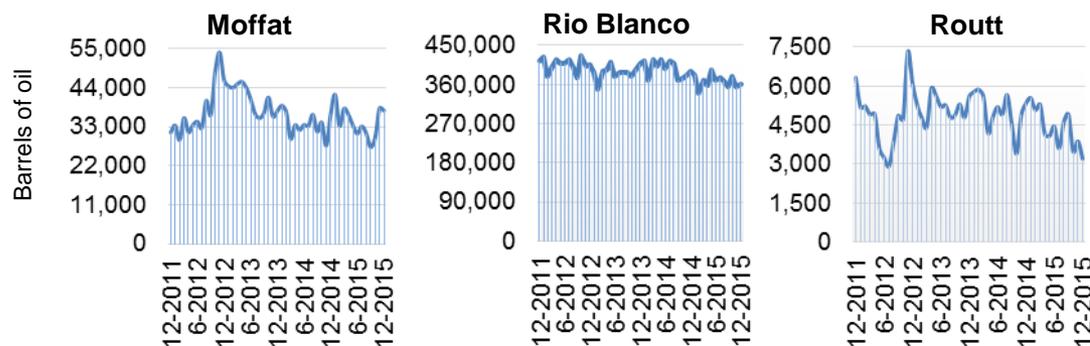


Monthly Coal Production for December 2015

County	Coal Production (Tons)	% of State Production for Dec. 2015	% Change from November 2015	% Change from December 2014	YTD Production Change from 2014
Moffat	196,576	20.7%	-1.6%	-54.7%	+0.3%
Rio Blanco	0	0.0%	-100.0%	-100.0%	+21.4%
Routt	355,753	37.4%	-13.8%	-19.5%	-38.1%
Colorado	950,016	100%	-18.6%	-48.8%	-18.5%

Source: Colorado Division of Reclamation Mining & Safety

Oil Production



Monthly Oil Production for December 2015

County	Oil Production (Barrels)	% Change from November 2015	% Change from December 2014	YTD Prod. Change from 2014
Moffat	37,557	-1.8%	+2.8%	+1.7%
Rio Blanco	361,084	+2.1%	-7.3%	-7.5%
Routt	3,182	-17.8%	-40.3%	-13.2%

Source: Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission

Gas Production

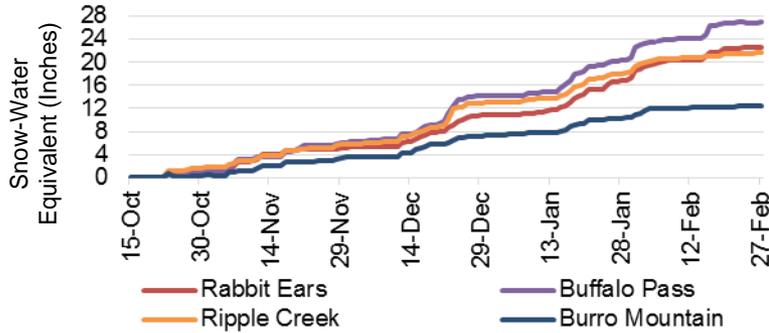


Monthly Natural Gas Production for Dec. 2015

County	Gas Production (mcf)	% Change from November 2015	% Change from December 2014	YTD Prod. Change from 2014
Moffat	1,094,059	-4.7%	-9.1%	-17.3%
Rio Blanco	4,411,455	+3.4%	-28.9%	-30.8%
Routt	2,796	-68.0%	-76.8%	-26.9%

Source: Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission

Snow-Water

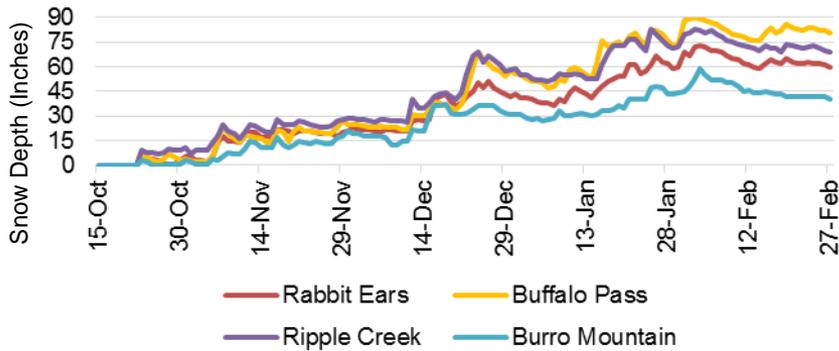


Snow-Water Equivalent at Rabbit Ears Pass (Station 709), Buffalo Pass (Station 825), Ripple Creek (Station 717), Burro Mountain (Station 378).

USDA Station	St. 709	St. 825	St. 717	St. 378
Measurement Date	02/27/16	02/27/16	02/27/16	02/27/16
Current Year (2016) Snow-Water Equivalent (in.)	22.6	27.1	21.7	12.5
Previous Year (2015) Snow-Water Equivalent (in.)	17.4	26.6	16.9	10.6
Snow-Water Equivalent % Average (Feb. 2006-16)	109.3%	82.9%	103.7%	105.1%
Average Snow Water Equivalent (Feb. 2006-16) (in.)	20.7	32.7	20.9	11.9

Source: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) National Water & Climate Center

Snow Depth



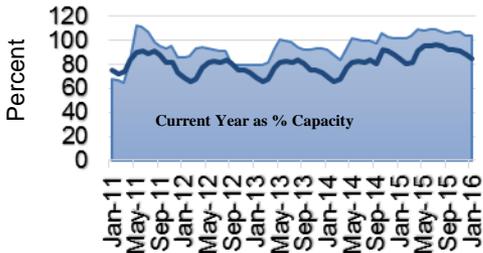
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Measurement Date	02/27/16	02/27/16	02/27/16	02/27/16
Current Year (2016) Snow Depth (inches)	60.0	81.0	69.0	40.0
Previous Year (2015) Snow Depth (inches)	55.0	86.0	68.0	43.0
Snow Depth % Average (Feb. 2006-2016)	126.0%	119.6%	92.8%	126.8%
Average Snow Depth (Feb. 2006-2016) (in.)	47.6	67.7	74.4	31.6

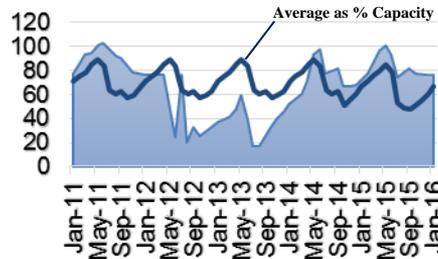
*Note: Rabbit Ears Pass (Station 709) snow depth data begins August 8, 2006.

Reservoir Levels

Stagecoach



Yamcolo



Stagecoach and Yamcolo Reservoir Levels

Reservoir	Stagecoach	Yamcolo
Month	January 2016	January 2016
Current Year (2016) as % Capacity	103%	76%
Average as % Capacity	85%	67%
Current Year (2016) as % Average	122%	114%
Last Year (2015) as % Capacity	101%	72%

Source: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) National Water & Climate Center