

MESA COUNTY

HISPANIC/LATINO 14.5%

Total
Population
(2019): **151,218**

Median Age
39.7 years

Educational Attainment

High School Diploma	Bachelor's Degree
91.2%	29.8%

Median Household Income

\$55,379

Employment Status

Percentage of those 16+ in labor force	Unemployment Rate
62.1%	6.7%

SNAP Usage

 **10.8%**

POPULATION DEMOGRAPHICS

Mesa County's population has slowly but steadily increased over the past five years. Over the same time, the median age of Mesa County residents has also increased.

Median Age 2019:

- Mesa County: 39.7 years*
- Colorado: 36.7 years
- US: 38.1 years

Life Expectancy:

- Mesa County: 78.8 years
- Colorado: 80.5 years

SEX DISTRIBUTION

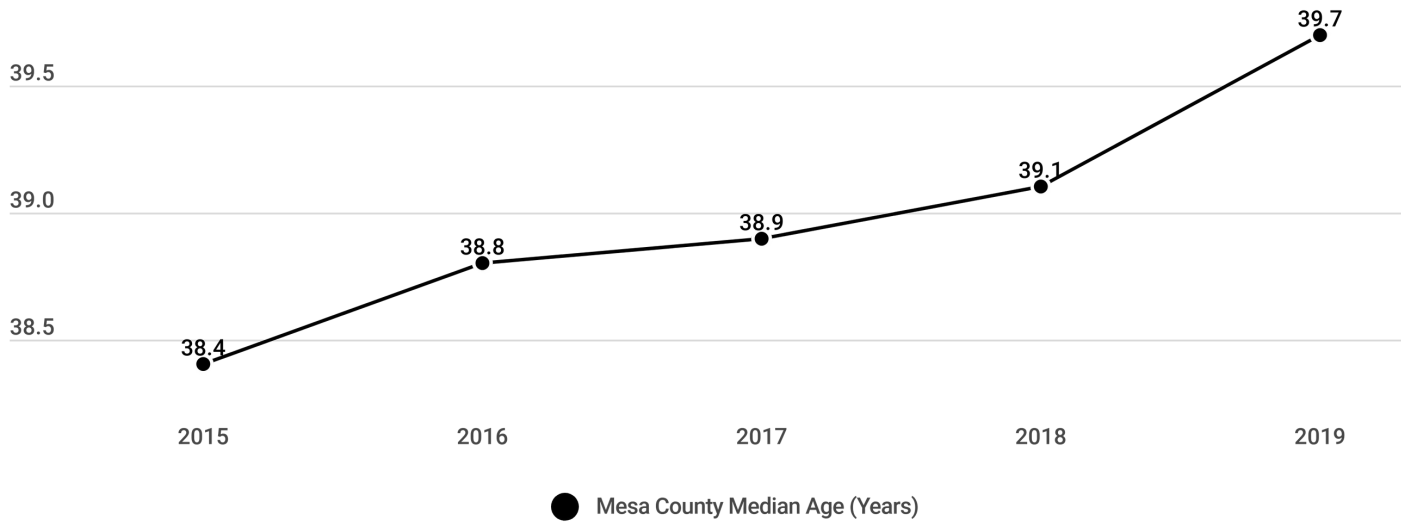
Overall, Mesa County's male to female population is fairly evenly split. However, in rural areas, there is a higher concentration of men, and in urban areas, a slightly higher concentration of women. Approximately three out of every five people ages 80 years and older are female, reflecting the trend that women tend to live longer than men in Mesa County.

Mesa County Overall:	80 years and older:
• Female: 50.7%	• Female: 60.4%
• Male: 49.3%	• Male: 39.6%

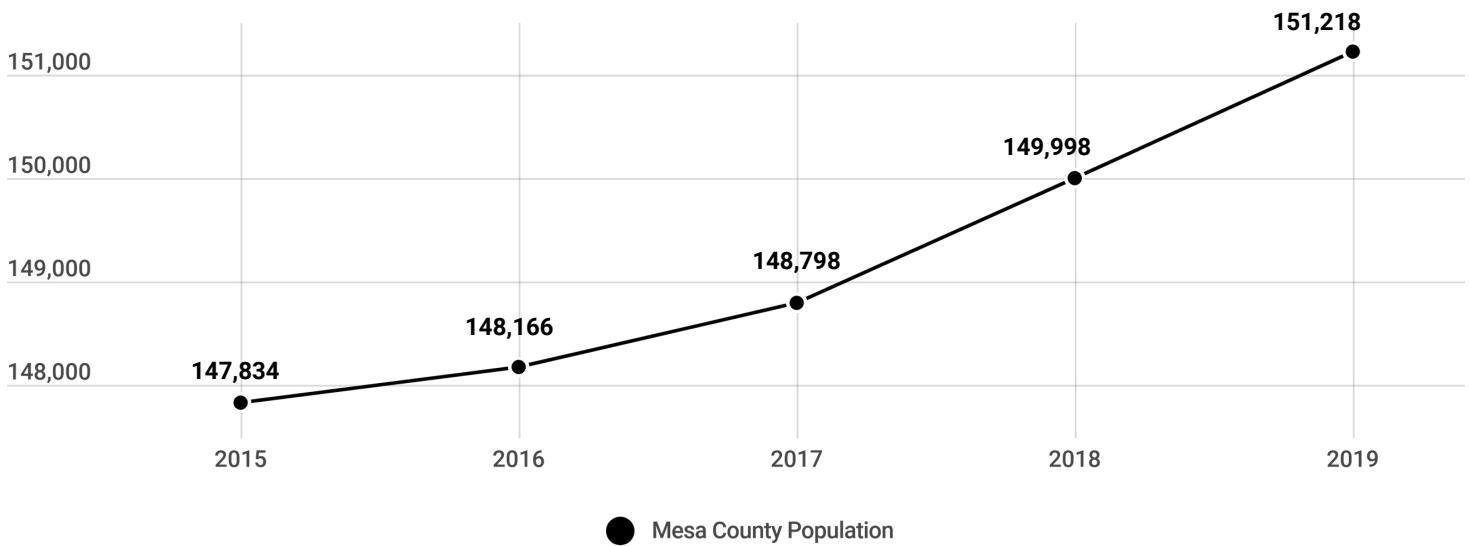
Rural Mesa County:	Urban Mesa County:
• Female: 45.8%	• Female: 51.2%
• Male: 54.2%	• Male: 48.7%

*Mesa County is statistically higher than Colorado and the US

MEDIAN AGE IN MESA COUNTY (2015-2019)

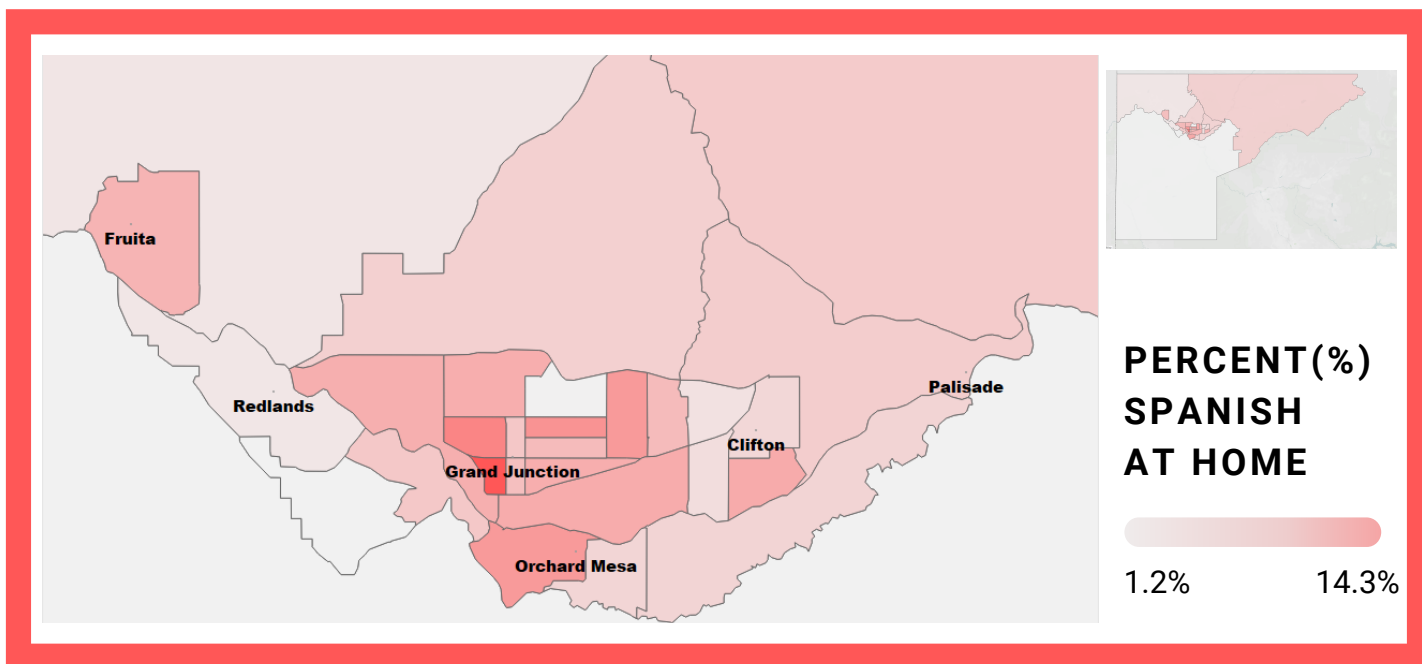


POPULATION COUNTS IN MESA COUNTY (2015-2019)



**THE MEDIAN AGE
IN MESA COUNTY
IS OLDER THAN
BOTH COLORADO
AND THE US.**

SPANISH SPEAKING HOUSEHOLDS



RACE

In 2019, more people in Mesa County identified as “White” than in 2014. Most of this difference comes from a decrease of people identifying as “some other race” which is not made up in other non-white categories. Rates of other races in Mesa County have remained stable over time.

Any race other than white:

- Mesa County:
 - 2015-2019: 6.0%
 - 2009-2014: 7.8%
- Colorado: 16.0%
- US: 27.5%

Mesa County, 2019

- White: 94.0%
- Black or African American: 0.7%
- American Indian and Alaska Native: 0.9%
- Asian: 0.9%
- Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders: 0.1%
- Some other race: 1.1%
- Two or more races: 2.3%

HISPANIC/LATINO RESIDENTS

Mesa County has a lower percentage of Hispanic/Latino residents than Colorado and the US.

- Mesa County: 14.5%
- Colorado: 21.5%
- US: 18.0%



**APPROXIMATELY
30% OF
ADULTS IN MESA
COUNTY HAVE
EARNED A
BACHELOR'S
DEGREE OR HIGHER.**

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Mesa County slightly trails the state of Colorado in the percentage of the population who has completed high school, though the difference is not significant. Both Mesa County and Colorado have statistically higher rates of high school completion than the US. For bachelor's degrees, Mesa County significantly trails both the state of Colorado and the US. However, over the past 5 years, Mesa County has nearly doubled the percent of young adults 18-24 years with a Bachelor's degree. During the same period, there have been relatively small increases at the state and national levels.

Percent of young adults (18-24 years) with a bachelor's degree:

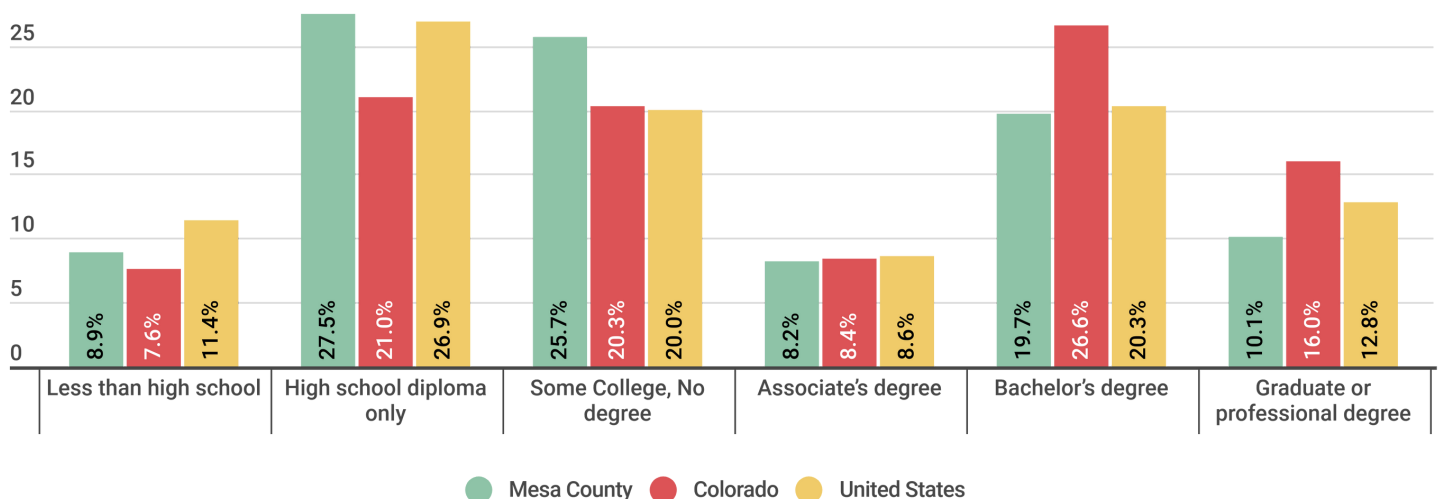
2014

- Mesa County: 3.8%
- Colorado: 11.0%
- US: 9.6%

2019

- Mesa County: 7.3%
- Colorado: 12.6%
- US: 11.2%

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AMONG ADULTS IN MESA COUNTY, COLORADO, AND THE US (2015-2019)





ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Median household income in Mesa County is lower than both Colorado and the US. Incomes across communities range from **\$34,779** in Palisade to **\$90,500** in Glade Park - Gateway.

Percentage of adults 16+ in civilian labor force:

- Mesa County: 62.1%
- Colorado: 67.6%
- US: 63.0%

Percentage of adults 16+ who are employed:

- Mesa County: 58.0%
- Colorado: 64.7%
- US: 59.6%

HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

Total households: 61,742

- Households with children: 25.8% (15,938 households).
- Includes 60+: 42.5% (26,240 households).
- Single female households with children: 5.9% (3,625 households).

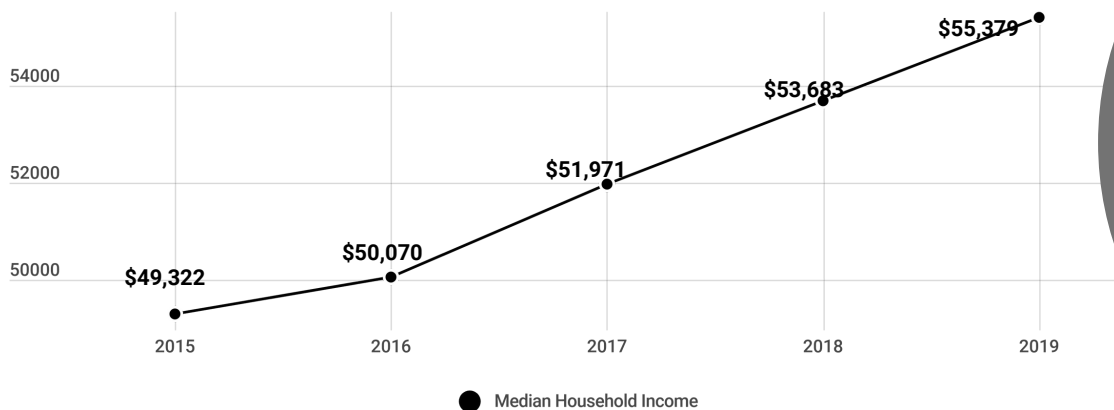


More than **2 in 5** households in Mesa County have a resident 60 years or over.

Approximately **1 in 4** households in Mesa County have children less than 18 years.



MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN MESA COUNTY (2015-2019)



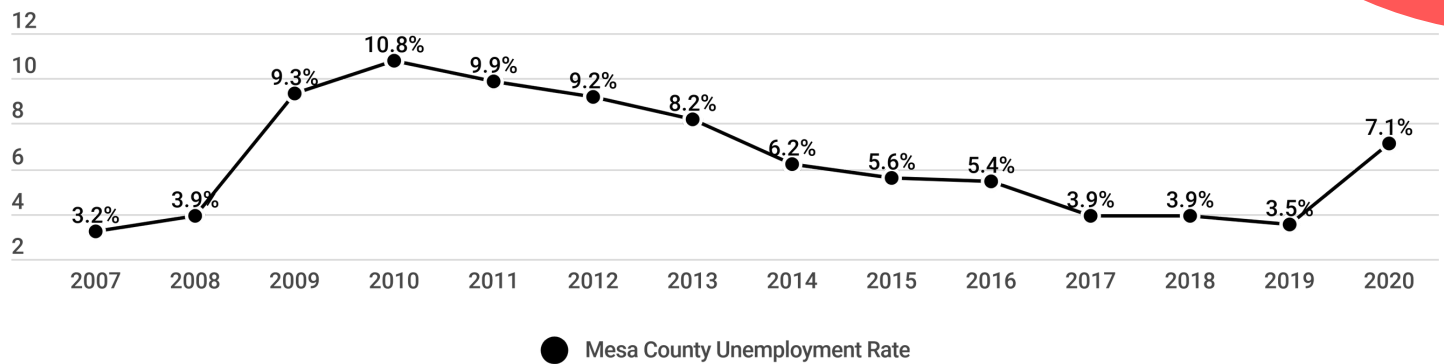
MESA COUNTY'S MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME INCREASED 12% BETWEEN 2015 AND 2019.

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN MESA COUNTY COMMUNITIES, COLORADO, AND THE US (2011-2019)

	2011-2015	2015-2019
Mesa County	\$48,610	\$55,379
Colorado	\$59,448*	\$72,331*
US	\$53,482	\$62,843
Rural West 15.02	\$63,134	\$68,864
Rural East 18	\$52,050*	\$66,484*
Rural South 19	\$54,838	\$77,261
Clifton	\$39,418	\$43,452
Collbran	\$48,594	\$35,625
De Beque	\$43,438*	\$65,750*
Fruita	\$54,875	\$58,531
Fruitvale	\$52,635*	\$63,509*
Glade Park - Gateway	\$54,425*	\$90,500*
Grand Junction	\$44,887	\$52,504
Orchard Mesa	\$51,623	\$50,227
Palisade	\$43,354	\$34,779
Redlands	\$65,888*	\$78,077*
Whitewater - Kannah Creek	\$56,000*	\$66,477*

*indicates growth rate at or above the US rate of growth

RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN MESA COUNTY (2007-2020)



Mesa County's unemployment rate peaked in 2010 at 10.8%. In 2019, 10 years after Mesa County's unemployment rate spiked in reaction to the 2008 financial crisis, the unemployment rate was the closest it had ever been to pre-2008 levels. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic raised the rate back to 2013-2014 levels.

HOUSEHOLD SNAP USAGE



Mesa County: 10.8%
 Colorado: 7.5%
 US: 11.7%

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, provides nutrition benefits to supplement the food budget of families in need so they can purchase healthy food and move towards self-sufficiency.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FEBRUARY, 2021

MESA COUNTY: 7.8%
COLORADO: 6.6%
US: 6.2%



POVERTY BY FAMILY TYPE IN MESA COUNTY, COLORADO, AND THE US (2015-2019)

	Mesa County	Colorado	US
Married adults with children	7.6%	4.8%	6.6%
Single female households with children	46.7%	29.4%	36.1%
Individuals 65+	7.1%	7.4%	9.3%
Total individuals	14.2%	10.3%	13.4%

HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS AND COSTS IN MESA COUNTY, COLORADO, AND THE US (2015-2019)



	Households who rent	% who pay greater than 30% of income for housing costs		
		Renters	Owners without mortgage	Owners with mortgage
Mesa County	30.7%	52.1%	9.0%	29.4%
Colorado	33.6%	51.0%	11.2%	27.3%
US	33.4%	49.6%	13.5%	27.8%
Rural West 15.02	11.2%	27.4%	3.6%	31.3%
Rural East 18	14.6%	36.7%	11.8%	32.0%
Rural South 19	4.0%	11.9%	7.4%	25.4%
Clifton	33.5%	54.3%	19.4%	32.1%
Collbran	19.0%	48.5%	14.6%	47.2%
De Beque	25.7%	38.8%	18.5%	27.3%
Fruita	28.1%	52.2%	7.7%	29.1%
Fruitvale	12.4%	28.2%	3.4%	29.6%
Glade Park - Gateway	1.4%	-	2.6%	20.4%
Grand Junction	40.9%	53.5%	8.2%	26.5%
Loma	15.8%	-	-	10.4%
Orchard Mesa	22.5%	64.0%	7.2%	31.1%
Palisade	40.5%	44.4%	22.3%	38.7%
Redlands	12.4%	23.6%	9.3%	25.7%
Whitewater - Kannah Creek	6.6%	14.5%	18.4%	29.1%

Renters pay a higher percentage of their income for housing expenses than owners with or without a mortgage in every community in Mesa County.

In six Mesa County communities, more than half of renters are paying 30% of their income for rent, the threshold for a “housing cost burden.”