

Economic Outlook



Major Employers

Mesa County School District #51	3,200
St. Mary's Hospital & Medical Center	2,235
Mesa State College	1,259*
City of Grand Junction	1,202*
State of Colorado	1,197
Mesa County - All Departments	982
Halliburton Energy	977
Wal-Mart	860
City Markets, Inc.	650
Community Hospital	574
Hilltop Community Resources, Inc.	512
Colorado West Mental Health	500
Star Tek USA, Inc.	481
Veterans Health Administration	475
Rocky Mountain Health Plans	349
West Star Aviation Inc.	338
Family Health West	330
U.S. Postal Service	315
Choice Hotels	280
Schlumberger Tech Corp.	280
Mesa Developmental Services	275
United Companies of Mesa County	250
Grand Junction Newspapers, Inc.	240
McDonalds	228
BJ Services	224

Source: Grand Junction Economic Partnership (Oct. 2008)
*Includes seasonal workers

Taxes

Corporate Income Tax	4.75%
Retail Sales Tax	7.65% (total)
State	2.9%
County	2.0%
City	2.75%
Individual Income Tax	4.63%
Property Tax Residential	7.96%
All Others	29.0%
Mill Levy	70.64 mills per \$1,000 assessed value (avg)

Transportation

AIR	
GJ Regional Airport	244-9100
www.walkerfield.com	
Primary runway: 10,500 ft.; 7 airlines	
Charter services available	
BUS	
Greyhound	242-6012
Allegiant Airlines	702-505-8888
American Airlines/American Eagle	800-433-7300
Delta Connection/Skywest	800-453-9417
Frontier Airlines	800-432-1359
United Express/Skywest	800-241-6522
US Airways	800-241-6522

CAR RENTAL

Alamo	www.alamo.com	243-3097
Avis	www.avis.com	244-9170
Dollar	www.dollar.com	255-9400
Enterprise	www.enterprise.com	254-1700
Express	www.express.com	245-4598
Hertz	www.hertz.com	243-0747
National	www.nationalcar.com	243-6626
Thrifty	www.thrifty.com	243-7556

HIGHWAY

U.S. Highways	I-70, U.S. 6, U.S. 50
State Highways	340, 789, 146, 139, 65
Truck Service	
Grand Junction is served by 42 trucking companies offering coast-to-coast motor freight/heavy hauling	

RAILROAD

Amtrak Passenger Train	241-2733
Union Pacific	888-870-8777

SHUTTLE/TAXI/LIMO

American Spirit Shuttle	523-7662
Grand Valley Transit	256-7433
Sunshine Taxi	245-8294
A Touch With Class (Limo)	245-5466
Absolute Prestige (Limo)	858-8500

TOTAL \$762 64,455
Source: CO Dept. of Labor & Employment, ES202, 4th quarter 2008

Getting Started in Grand Junction

Utilities

ELECTRIC & GAS	
Grand Valley Power	242-0040
www.gvp.org	
Redlands Water & Power Co.	243-2173
Xcel Energy	800-895-4999
www.xcelenergy.com	

WATER, SEWER & TRASH

City of GJ	244-1579
www.gjcity.org	
Clifton Water District	434-7328
Monument Refuse	257-1833
www.monumentrefuse.com	
Rocky Mountain Sanitation	243-9812
www.rockymountain sanitation.com	
Ute Water Conservancy District	242-7491
www.utewater.org	
Waste Management	263-5650
www.wm.com	

CABLE

Bresnan Communications	877-273-7626
www.bresnan.com	

TELEPHONE

Qwest	800-244-1111 (Res.)
	800-603-6000 (Bus.)
www.qwest.com	
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Employment

Express Employment Professionals	242-4500
www.expresspros.com	
Intermountain Staffing/Labor Etc.	243-0811
Labor Ready	255-9682
www.laborready.com	
Labor Source	812-0047
www.tempguys.com	
Management Recruiters of GJ	241-4043
www.alpinereach.net	
Mesa County Workforce Center	248-0871
www.workforcecenter.mesacounty.us	
Quick Temps	241-6007
www.quicktempsinc.com	
S.O.S. Staffing Services	243-9950
www.sosstaffing.com	
Select Staffing	243-6505
www.selectstaffing.com	

Movers

All Pro Moving	257-1652
Bailey's Moving & Storage	241-3636
Mesa Systems	242-1565
www.mesasystemsinc.com	
Total Move	242-7755

Grand Junction Newcomer's Club
243-4168
P.O. Box 3222
Grand Junction, CO 81502

Order Form

To order more information about Grand Junction, indicate which items you would like then return this form with your check/money order or credit card information to:
Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce, 360 Grand Ave., Grand Junction, CO 81501
Or, use your VISA/MasterCard/Discover to order online at www.gjchamber.org or call our toll-free number, 1-800-352-5286.

Detailed Relocation Package	\$20.00	Grand Junction Video or DVD	\$5.00
(includes City Map, Chamber Directory, Real Estate Guide, Sunday edition of the Daily Sentinel, Community Profile, color brochures, rental guide, and more)		Grand Junction Area Telephone Directory	\$7.00
Clubs & Organizations List	\$5.00	Manufacturers List	\$5.00
Chamber Membership Directory	\$25.00	Rental Guide (Almost Home)	\$5.00
City Map	\$2.00		

Name _____
Address _____
City/State _____ Zip _____
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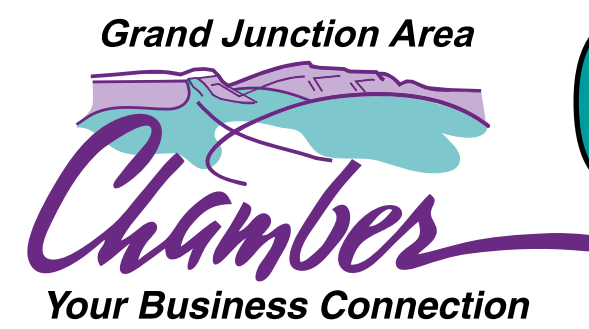
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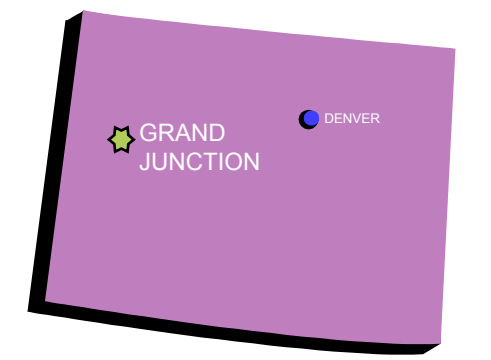


Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce
MISSION:
"The Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce will represent business and promote a vision for economic growth"



Community Profile 2009

Grand Junction At a Glance



POPULATION	
Grand Junction (city)	53,662
Grand Junction MSA	139,082
Mesa County	140,416

GRAND JUNCTION TOWN COMPANY
Incorporated: October 10, 1881

GRAND JUNCTION CITY CHARTER
Established: April 6, 1909

GOVERNMENT
Manager/Council Home Rule Charter

COUNTY Mesa

CITY AREA 32.7 square miles

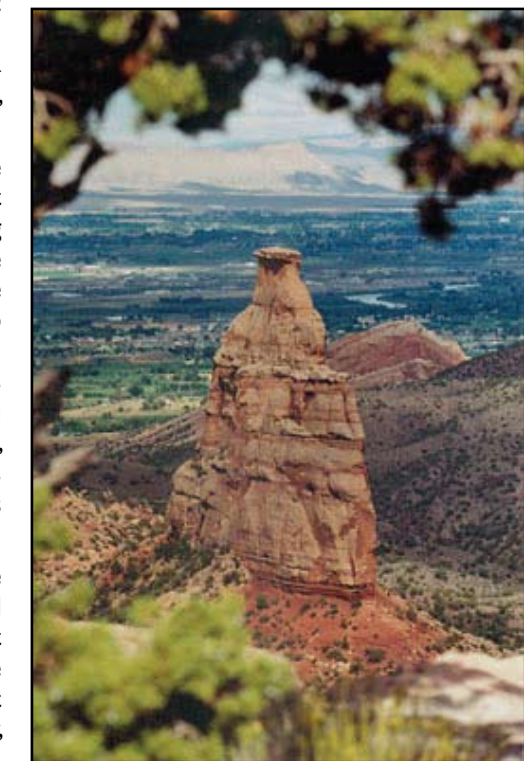
TOPOGRAPHY
River valley surrounded by mesa and mountains (to the north, east and west)

ELEVATION 4,586 feet

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Welcome to Grand Junction!
Whether visiting or considering a move, we hope you will enjoy your stay.
It is hard to put down on paper what a vibrant, vital and unique place Grand Junction is. What you have before you is this city "by the numbers." But numbers often don't tell the whole story. Due to early geographic isolation and settlement by self-sufficient and resourceful individuals this community has a character that is at once independent, welcoming and entrepreneurial.
Grand Junction was carved out of Ute Indian Territory in 1882 and was one of the last cities established in Colorado. Averaging two to three percent growth from those early days to the end of the 20th century, the community grew into a prosperous regional hub for health care, education and a variety of retail and service products. Recently Grand Junction has also become a hub for energy development in this area of the Rocky Mountains. Natural gas, along with coal, uranium and other minerals are being extracted on public and private lands throughout the Western Slope of Colorado.
With more than two thirds of the surrounding county owned by the federal government, outdoor recreation and enjoyment is a favorite pastime of local residents during the daytime. Evenings bring a variety of entertainment venues in several commercial regions of the city,



Cost of Living

Compared to the national average of 100, the average cost of living was 100.0 according to the ACCRA 2008 3rd Quarter Cost of Living Index for Grand Junction MSA.

Misc. Goods & Services	97.3
Transportation	103.6
Housing	105.3
Health Care	102.4
Utilities	93.9
Grocery Items	103.5
TOTAL (AVG)	100.0

Real Estate/Construction

MESA CO. REAL ESTATE AVERAGES

	2006	2007	2008=
Total Sold	3,721	3,438	2,872
Total Value	\$845,904	\$904,723	
<i>(in millions)</i>			
All Residential*	\$195,000	\$220,000	\$226,700
3-Bedroom*	\$190,000	\$218,000	\$219,950
Condo/Twnhm*	\$152,800	\$167,691	\$172,000
All Commercial*	\$220,000	\$324,000	\$412,500
Vacant Land*	\$118,450	\$118,500	\$96,000

	CITY	COUNTY
Residential	401	994
Industrial/Commercial	83	122
Total Permits	1,762	4,072
Total Value	\$254,912,474	\$385,070,274

Source: Mesa County Building Dept.