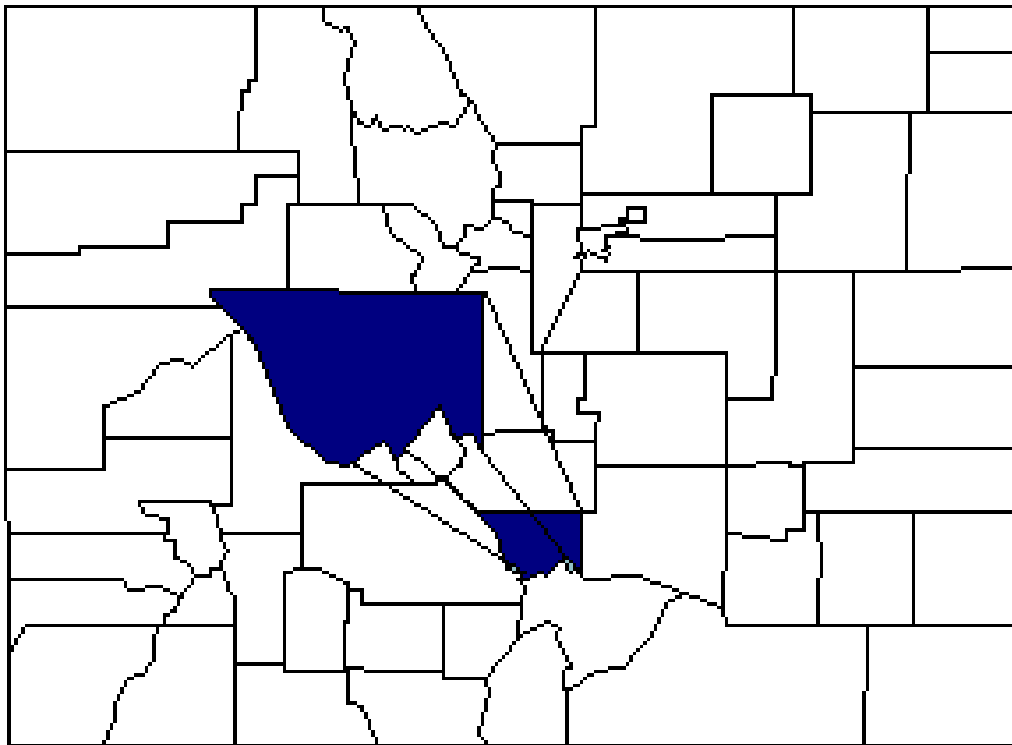


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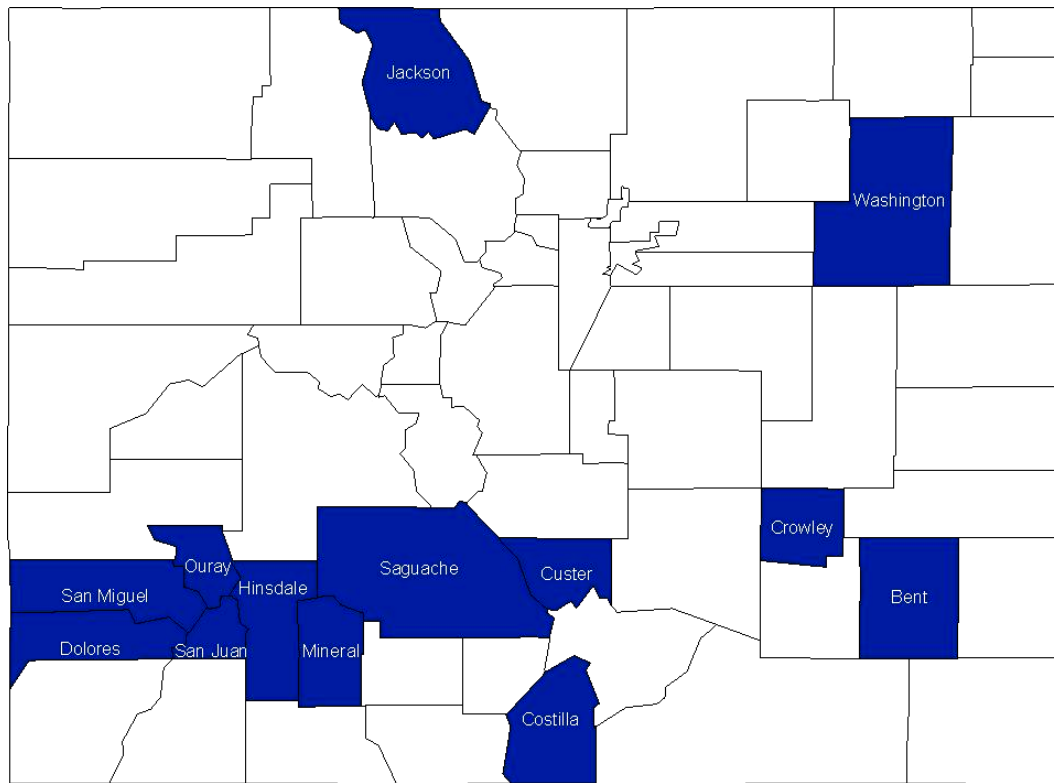


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Nonmetropolitan Counties Without a Hospital

These profiles were prepared by the Colorado Rural Health Center to provide an overview of the basic health services infrastructure and demographics in Colorado's fourteen non-metropolitan counties without a hospital.

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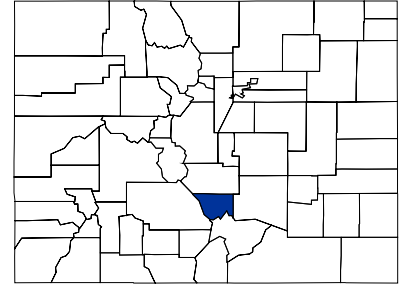
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Custer County Profile 2008 Health Services



Primary Care Services

Custer County Medical Clinic (also referred to as the Wet Mountain Valley Community Clinic)

704 Edwards, Westcliffe, CO 81252

(719) 783-2380, after hours care (non-emergency) (719) 783-2270

Monday – Friday, Saturday morning

Rural Health Clinic, staffed with physician, family nurse practitioners and a Licensed Physical Therapist

Emergency Services, please call 911

Dental Services

Dr. Hill comes to Westcliffe a couple of times per month. Please call number below for specific times and to make an appointment.

(719) 783-9790

6908 Mesa Ridge Parkway, Fountain, CO 80817

Mental Health Services

West Central Mental Health

704 Edwards, Westcliffe, CO 81252

(719) 783-9064, call the Canon city office to make appointments (719) 276-5460

Friday

Licensed professional counselors and licensed clinical social workers

Long Term Care, Assisted Living and Nursing Homes

Valley Assisted Living, Inc. (Assisted Living Residence)

30 Main Street, Silver Cliff, CO 81252

(719) 783-4401

19 licensed beds

Hospice and Home Health

None identified in county

EMS

Custer County Ambulance is a special district of the county and is managed by the Wet Mountain Valley Community Clinic

(719) 783-2380

EMS Transport Agency for West Custer County Hospital District

Volunteer service of Paramedics, EMT-Intermediates, and EMT-basics

The Service operates three ambulances

Pharmacy

None identified in county

Public Transportation

CC Rider, (719) 783-2343

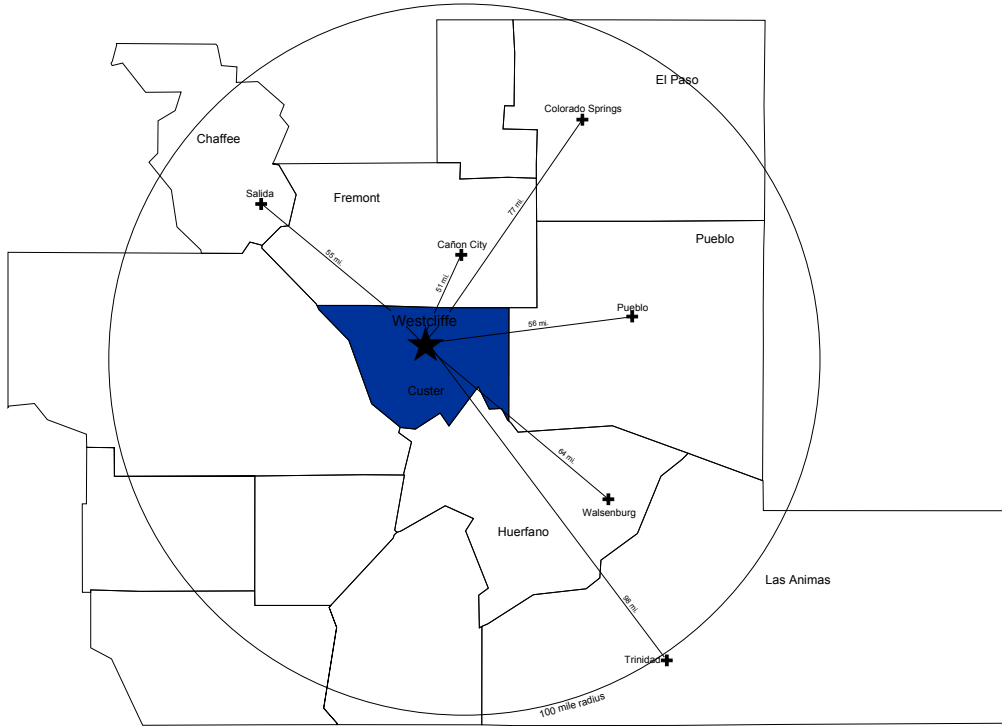
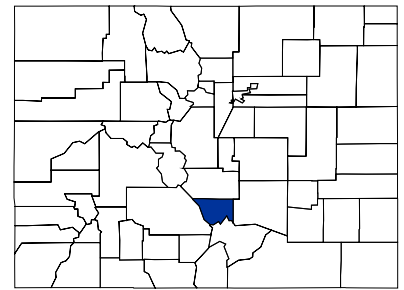
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Custer County Profile 2008 Neighboring Hospitals



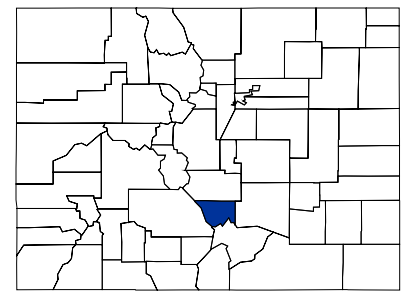
Hospital	# of Beds	Distance to Westcliffe*
St. Thomas More Hospital 1338 Phay Avenue Cañon City, CO. 81212	55	51mi.
Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center 448 East First St. Salida, CO. 81201	25	55 mi.
Parkview Medical Center 400 W. 16th St Pueblo, CO. 81003	305	56 mi.
St. Mary-Corwin Medical Center 1008 Minnequa Ave. Pueblo, CO. 81004	408	56 mi.
Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center 23500 US Highway 160 Walsenburg, CO. 81089	25	64 mi.
SemperCare Hospital of Colorado Springs 825 East Pikes Peak Avenue Colorado Springs, CO. 80903	30	77 mi.
Penrose Hospital 2222 N. Nevada Colorado Springs, CO. 80907	522	78 mi.
Pikes Peak Regional Hospital 16420 West highway 24 Woodland Park, CO 80863		92 mi.
Mt. San Rafael Hospital 410 Benedicta Ave. Trinidad, CO. 81082	25	98 mi.

*Driving distance from the county seat.



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Custer County Profile 2008 Demographics



Population 2000	3,503
Land Area (square miles)	739
Population per mi. ² , 2000	4.7

This demographic profile is intended to provide an idea of how this county compares, using various, commonly used criterion, to the state as a whole. As this is not a comprehensive compilation of all available data, we have provided the source of the data to make it easier to collect additional details.

Population Quick Facts

	Custer County	Colorado	USA
Population 2000	5,518	4,301,261	281,421,906
Population 2006, estimate	3926	4,753,377	299,398,284
Population % change 2000-2006	12.1%	10.5% ²	6.4%
Persons under 5 years old, percent, 2000-2006	3.8%	7.2%	6.8%
Persons under 18 years old, percent, 2006	18.0%	24.6%	24.6%
Persons 65 years old and over, percent, 2006	19.1%	10%	2.4%
Female persons, percent, 2006	49.9%	49.7%	50.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/08/08027.html>

Ethnicity

	Custer County	Colorado	USA
White persons, percent, 2006 (a)	97.9%	90.1%	80.1%
Black or African American persons, percent, 2006 (a)	0.4%	4.1%	12.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native persons, percent, 2006 (a)	1.0%	1.1%	1.0%
Asian persons, percent, 2006 (a)	0.4%	2.6%	4.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, percent, 2006 (a)	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%
Foreign born persons, percent, 2000	1.7%	8.6%	11.1%
Persons reporting two or more races, percent, 2006	1.1%	1.8%	1.6%
White persons, not of Hispanic/Latino origin, percent, 2006	94.0%	71.7%	66.4%
Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin, percent, 2006 (b)	3.1%	19.7%	14.8%

(a) Includes persons reporting only one race

(b) Hispanics may be of any race, so also are included in applicable race categories

Source: U.S. Census Bureau <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/08/08027.html>

Economics & Income

	Custer County	Colorado	USA
Median household income, 2004	\$40,332	\$50,105	\$44,334
Per capita money income, 1999	\$19,817	\$24,049	\$21,587
Persons below poverty, percent, 2004	10.7%	10.2%	12.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau <http://quickfacts/census.gov/qfd/states/08/08027.html>

Underservice Designations

Designation	Area	Type	Date
Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA)	County	Geographic	July 2007
Mental Health Professional Shortage Area	None		Feb. 2008
Dental Health Professional Shortage Area	None		July 2007
Medically Underserved Area/Population (MUA/MUP)	County-wide	MUP	June 2007

Underservice designations (Health Professional Shortage Area - HPSA, Medically Underserved Area - MUA, etc.) can make an area eligible for certain federal programs and resources; different designation-types work for different programs and resources. Designations can be county-wide, or they can cover a service area within a county. The HPSA designations have to be renewed every 3 or 4 years, while the MUA/MUPs do not (at least currently). While these are federal designations, the Primary Care Office in the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, (303) 692-2470, can provide additional information and assist communities with the process. To find out more about Health Professional Shortage Areas, please visit <http://hpsafind.hrsa.gov>. For information on MUAs and MUPs, please visit <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/databases.htm>.

Rates of Uninsured

	Custer County	Colorado
Uninsurance Rate - Estimate 1		
Unemployment Rate 2000	2.9%	2.7%
Estimate % of Uninsured, 2000 - All Ages	11.9%	11.5%
Uninsurance Rate - Estimate 2		
Current Population Survey (CPS) Estimate	20.8%	15.9%
Uninsurance Rate - Estimate 3		
U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Health Insurance Estimates	18.3%	15.1%

Source: 2001 Colorado Health Data Book – Insurance, Access and Expenditures, produced by the Coalition for the Medically Underserved. www.ccmu.org.

It is extremely difficult to get good estimates of uninsurance rates at the county level. These county estimates use two 'proxies' to estimate levels of uninsurance. The first uses unemployment rates and population estimates, then applies a recognized formula to determine an estimate.

The second method uses data from the Current Population Survey (CPS) administered by the Bureau of Census for each county, along with studies showing the relationship of these variables to estimate uninsurance rates. See the CCMU website for additional details.

The third estimate on uninsurance shows uninsurance rates from the U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Health Insurance Estimates program available at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/sahie/index.html>.

Labor Market

	Custer County	Colorado
Annual Average 2007		
Labor Force	1,931	2,717,162
Employment	1,844	2,599,881
Unemployment	87	117,281
Rate	4.5%	4.3%

Source: <http://lmigateway.coworkforce.com/lmigateway>
From the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

Children's Health

	Custer County	Colorado
2005 Total Population (#)	3,698	4,722,460
2005 Children Under 18 (#)	810	1,186,568
2005 Children Under 5 (#)	163	347,145
2005 Out-of-Home Placements (<i>rate per 1,000</i>)	3.6	11.5
2006 Child Abuse and Neglect (<i>rate per 1,000</i>)	0.0	8.1
2005 Children Qualifying for Free or Reduced Lunch (%)	25.7	33.7
2004 Children in Poverty (%)	17.3	12.8
2005 High School Graduates (%)	81	70

Taken from the "2007 KidsCount in Colorado" report, produced through the Colorado's Children's Campaign.
For additional information, go to <http://www.coloradokids.org/includes/downloads/kidscount2007.pdf>

Adolescent Health Measures

	Custer County	Colorado	Rate Measurement
Teen Fertility Rate, Ages 15-17	DS	24.2	total births / female population, 2004-2006
Suicide Death Rate, Ages 15-19	DS	12.0	suicide deaths / population, 2004-2006
Motor Vehicle Death Rate, Ages 15-19	0.0	22.9	crash deaths / population, 2004-2006
Teen Tobacco % Using	not available	34.4	
Teen Alcohol % Using	not available	50.9	
Teen Homicide Rate, Ages 15-19	0.0	5.7	total homicides/population, 2002-2006

Source: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
<http://www.cdph.state.co.us/ps/mch/mchadmin/mchdatasets2008/profiles/custer.pdf>

Oral Health Measures

	Custer County	Colorado	Rate Measurement
Percent with caries experience	56.8	57.2	estimated % of grade 3 children, 2006-07
Percent with dental sealants	34.1	35.0	estimated % of grade 3 children, 2006-07
Percent with untreated decay	24.2	24.5	estimated % of grade 3 children, 2006-07
Medicaid dental services rate	31.6	27.3	% children who received services in FY 05

Source: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
<http://www.cdph.state.co.us/ps/mch/mchadmin/mchdatasets2008/profiles/custer.pdf>

Birth Characteristics

	Custer County		Colorado	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Live Births	21	100	70,737	100.0
10-17	*	*	2,424	3.4
18-19	*	*	4,405	6.2
20-29	12	57.1	36,145	51.1
30+	7	33.3	27,753	39.2
Low Weight Births (<2,500 Grams)	*	*	6,379	9.0
Very Low Weight Births (<1,500 Grams)	0	0.0	891	1.3
Prenatal Care Later than 1st Trimester/No Care	4	20.0	14,076	20.3
No Prenatal Care	*	*	933	1.3
Preterm Births (<37 Weeks)	*	*	6,800	9.6
Education of Mother <12 Years	3	14.3	14,702	20.8
Live Births to Unmarried Women	4	19.0	19,547	27.6
Smoking During Pregnancy	4	19.0	4,965	7.1

* indicates one or two events in the category.

Sums may not add to total due to cases with age of mother unknown. Percentages are of total births, excluding cases with specific characteristics unknown. See technical notes at www.cdph.state.co.us/hs for definitions of data items. Source: Health Statistics Section, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. 2004 data set

Cancer Incidence Rates

All Cancers Combined - Number of Diagnosed Cancers and Average Annual Age-Adjusted Incidence Rates per 100,000 by Sex, Place, and Time Period. Custer County, Colorado 1992-1998, 1999-2000, and 2001-2002

Custer Colorado	Male						Female					
	1992-1998		1999-2000		2001-2002		1992-1998		1999-2000		2001-2002	
	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
	47	448.4	21	495.4	24	528.6	27	272.4■	19	422.0	20	454.7
	50840	565.7	15501	529.3	16235	519	45919	394.2	15221	409.1	15875	402

Source: Cancer in Colorado 1992-2002, Incidence and Mortality by County, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, 2005.

■Rate is significantly lower than Colorado rate

Cancer Death Rates

All Cancers Combined - Number of Cancer Deaths and Average Annual Age-Adjusted Mortality Rates per 100,000 by Sex, Place, and Time Period. Custer County, Colorado 1992-1998, 1999-2000, and 2001-2002

Custer Colorado	Male						Female					
	1992-1998		1999-2000		2001-2002		1992-1998		1999-2000		2001-2002	
	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
	15	236.8	5	115.7	7	139.8	11	118.1	*	*	4	80.6
	19089	231	5920	218	5978	208.8	17847	155.3	5516	148.4	5748	146.4

Source: Cancer in Colorado 1990-2000, Incidence and Mortality by County, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, December 2002.

*Indicates fewer than three events in this category.

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Injury Related Deaths 2001-2003

	Custer County	Colorado
Total number of injury related deaths	5	8327
Adjusted Rate per 100,000	32.1	63.9
Unintentional Injury related deaths - Adjusted rate per 100,000	*	41.6
Intentional Injury related deaths - Adjusted rate per 100,000	21.9	20.1
Firearm-Related deaths - Adjusted rate per 100,000	*	11.3
Motor Vehicle Traffic Injury related deaths- Adjusted rate	*	15.9

* Indicates fewer than three deaths in this category.

Source: Injury in Colorado: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. (Released in August 2005)

Injuries are a leading cause of death in Coloradans ages 1-44. Injuries are categorized as intentional or unintentional. Intentional injuries such as homicide or suicide involve intent to harm. Age Adjusted Rates are adjusted to the 2000 US standard population.

Deaths

Crude death rates and age-adjusted death rates with 95% confidence limits from selected causes:

Cause of Death	Custer County			Colorado		
	No.	Rate	Age-Adjusted Rate	No.	Rate	Age-Adjusted Rate
All Causes	33	825.2	707.3	29,413	611.2	737.4
Cardiovascular Disease	7	175.0	171.9	8,482	176.3	221.4
Heart Disease	5	125.0	133.5	6,099	126.7	157.8
Cerebrovascular Disease	*	*	*	1,525	31.7	40.5
Atherosclerosis	0	0.0	0.0	341	7.1	9.5
Malignant Neoplasms	9	225.1	179.7	6,523	135.5	158.8
Lung Cancer	*	*	*	1,551	32.2	38.0
Breast Cancer	0	0.0	0.0	493	10.2	11.5
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	0	0.0	0.0	1,930	40.1	50.4
Unintentional Injuries	3	75.0	75.6	1,888	39.2	42.1
Motor Vehicle	0	0.0	0.0	570	11.8	10.8
Other Unintentional Injuries	3	75.0	75.6	1,292	26.8	29.8
Pneumonia and Influenza	0	0.0	0.0	609	12.7	16.2
Suicide	*	*	*	724	15.0	14.9
Diabetes Mellitus	6	150.0	105.6	679	14.1	17.0
HIV Infection	0	0.0	0.0	82	1.7	1.7
Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	*	*	*	458	9.5	9.7
Alzheimer's Disease	*	*	*	1,055	21.9	29.7
Nephritis, Nephrosis, Nephrotic Syndrome	0	0.0	0.0	462	9.6	12.3
Homicide and Legal Intervention	0	0.0	0.0	188	3.9	3.8
Septicemia	*	*	*	325	6.8	8.3
Congenital Anomalies	0	0.0	0.0	168	3.5	3.4
Perinatal Period Conditions	0	0.0	0.0	224	4.7	4.4
All Other	4	100.0	75.8	5,616	116.7	143.1
Injury by Firearm	0	0.0	0.0	494	10.3	10.2
Drug-induced Deaths	*	*	*	649	13.5	13.1
Alcohol-Induced Deaths	*	*	*	518	10.8	10.3
Work-Related Injury (Y/N Check Death Certificate)	0	0.0	0.0	100	2.1	2.0

* indicates one or two events in the category.

Rates are deaths per 100,000 population. Age-adjusted rates provide a better basis for comparison among different geographical areas or time periods. Crude death rates are calculated without age-adjustment. Age-adjusted rates are adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population using the direct method applied to 10-year age groups.

Source: Health Statistics Section, 2006 data set, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/hs/vs/2006/Custer_2006.pdf