

Basic Facts about La Plata County Employment

Average U.S. income is \$44,765, Average La Plata income \$46,633

2013 Unemployment rate was 5.5% in county; 7.8% in CO; 7.4% in U.S.

In 2013 the county labor force contained 30,148 people

In 2010, Durango Livable wage was \$12.10/hour

Unemployment Rate - the percentage of the labor force made up of people who do not have paid jobs but are immediately available and actively looking for paid jobs.

Livable Wage - the level of income necessary to support a given size of household. When one earns less than a livable wage, he or she is forced to make undesirable choices such as working two or more jobs, longer hours, or giving up basic items such as health insurance or licensed childcare.