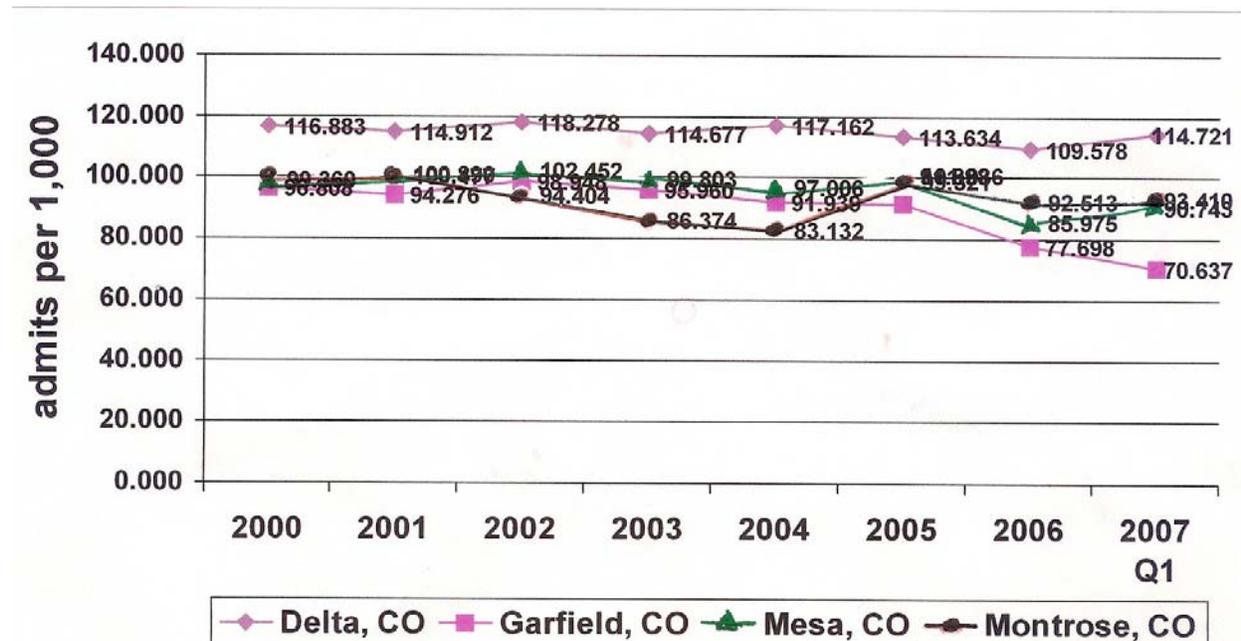


A more detailed analysis of the hospitalization DRGs **by county of residence** for the years 2000 through 2006 and for the first quarter of 2007 follows. The rates referred to and shown in the graphs are per 1,000 individuals, based on the 2000 census data for county population. (The complete data set and more detailed subcategory graphs may be found in Appendix O.)

- **All Hospitalizations**

Delta County has the highest rate over the 6.25-year period for hospitalizations. Garfield County has either the lowest or the next-to-lowest rate for this period, and showed a downward trend in hospitalization rate from 2005 into the first quarter of 2007.

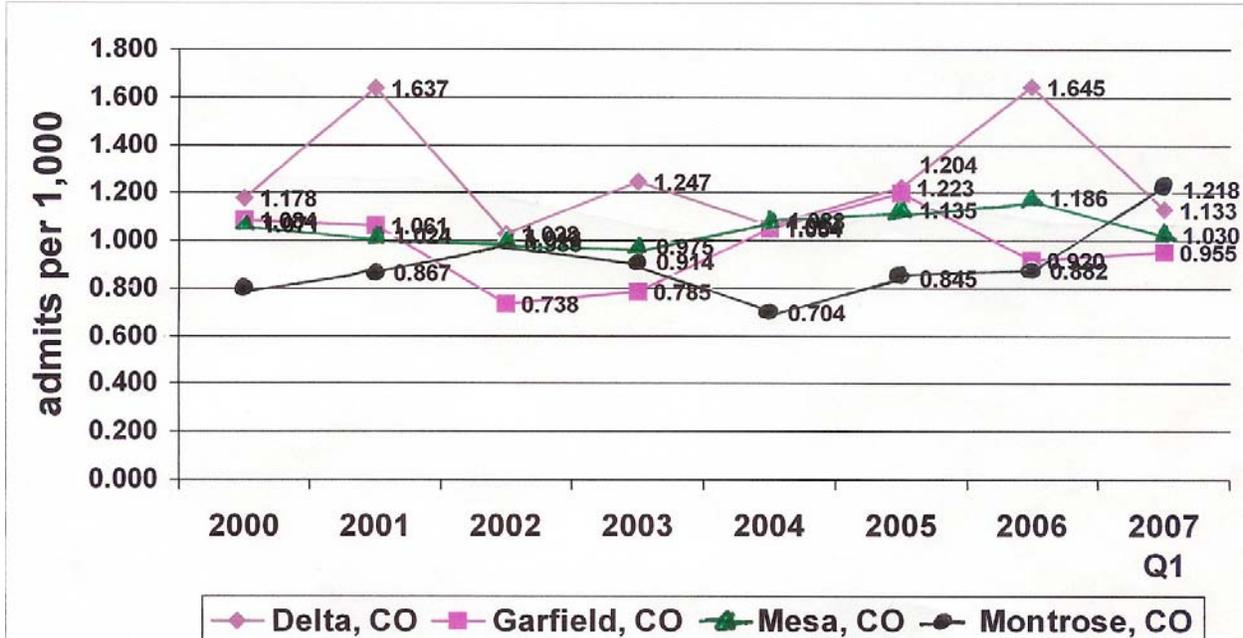
Figure 67. All Hospitalizations by County of Residence



- **All Trauma**

Garfield County's trauma rates were generally the same as or lower than the rates for the comparison counties for the 6.25-year time period.

Figure 68. All Trauma Hospitalizations by County of Residence



• Alcohol and Drug Disorders

This area was of concern to some Garfield County residents because of a perception that an influx of natural gas industry workers could result in an increase in the use and abuse of alcohol and drugs. With respect, specifically, to hospitalization as a result of alcohol and drug-related disorders, Mesa County has the highest rates for the study period, although their rate dropped in 2006 to essentially the same as for the other counties. Garfield County’s rates were similar to those Delta County and lower than the rates for Montrose County through 2003. In 2003, Montrose saw a decrease in alcohol and drug hospitalizations, which brought their rate to one that was similar to those of Garfield and Delta Counties. Garfield County’s rate appeared to be increasing in 2007, at which time it had the highest rate of the four counties. *Caution: one-quarter’s data is not generally sufficient to safely predict a trend.*

Figure 69. Alcohol and Drug Disorders Hospitalizations by County of Residence

