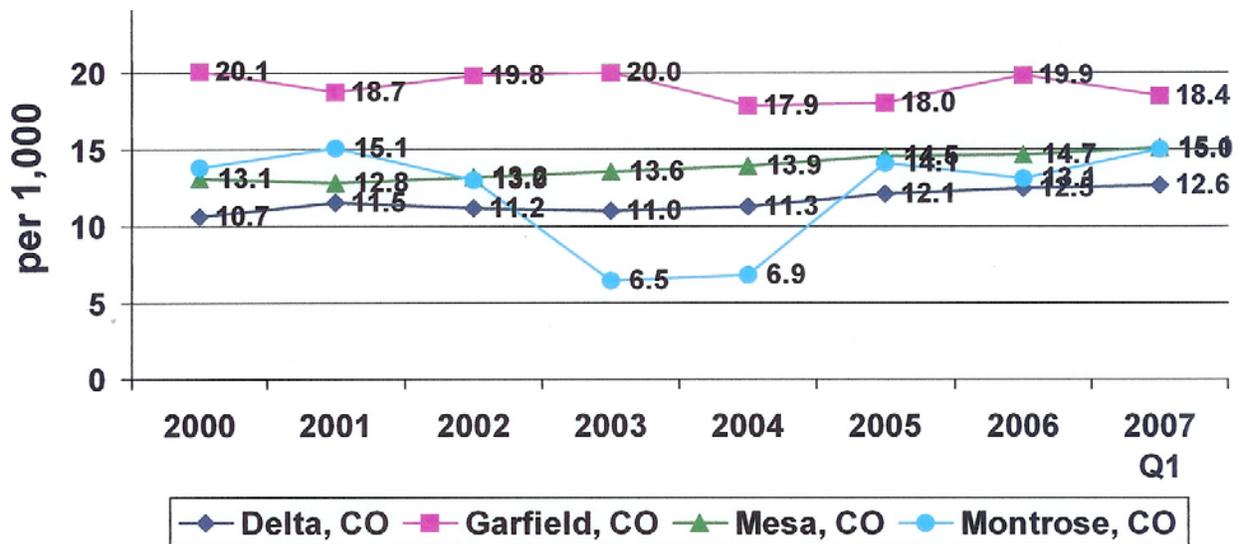


- **Birth and Pregnancy Disorders**

Garfield County's overall rates for this category were consistently higher than those for the comparison counties. The percentages of complicated births, out of all births, for Delta, Garfield, Mesa, and Montrose Counties were 53.4, 58.0, 61.4, and 53.0, respectively. Postpartum complications, in particular have been steadily increasing in Garfield County since 2004. This category also includes abortions, cesarean sections, ectopic pregnancies, false labor, other antepartum diagnoses with or without surgical procedures, threatened abortion, and vaginal deliveries with and without complications. Further breakdown of information for this category is provided below.

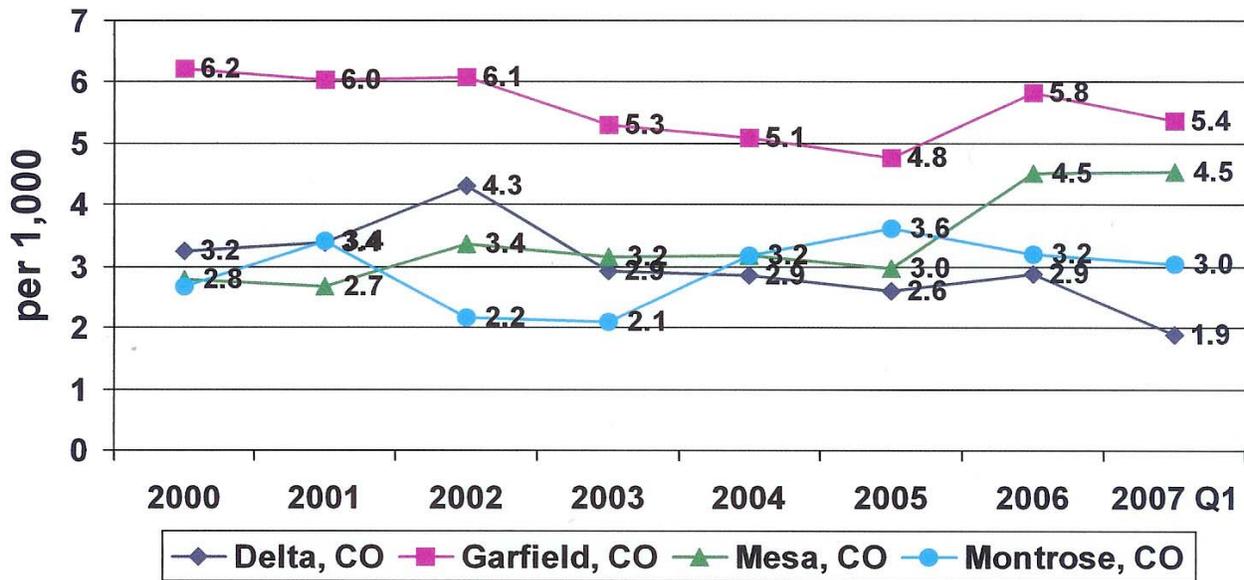
Figure 70. Birth and Pregnancy Disorders Hospitalizations by County of Residence



- **Neonatal Disorders**

Neonatal disorder hospitalization rates in Garfield County have been relatively stable, and generally lower than the rates for Mesa and Montrose Counties and similar to the rates for Delta County. Mesa County's neonatal disorder hospitalization rates have been consistently higher than for the other three counties. This category includes extreme immaturity or respiratory distress at birth, prematurity, full-term neonates with significant problems, and neonatal death or transfer to another facility for care.

Figure 71. Neonatal Disorders Hospitalizations by County of Residence



• **Normal Newborn Hospitalizations**

On the other hand, Garfield County also has the highest rates for normal newborns born in the hospital. These higher rates for both normal and abnormal births most likely reflect the fact that Garfield County has the highest birth rates among the four counties for the years studied (Tables 10-13. Vital Statistics).

Figure 72. Normal Newborns by County of Residence

