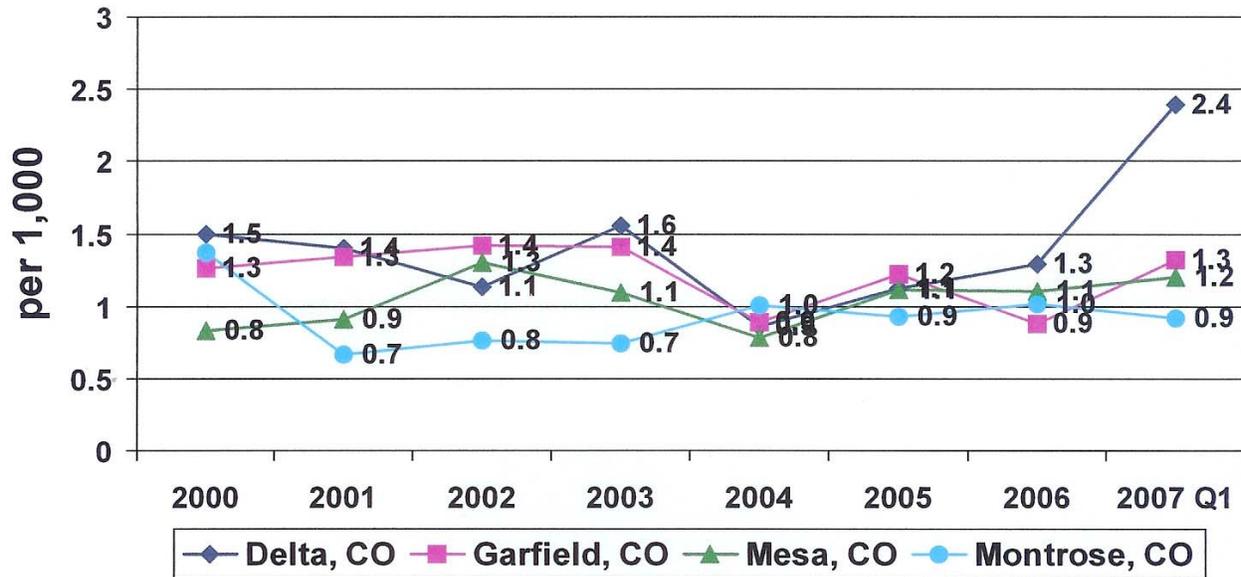


Figure 78. Ear, Nose, Throat Disorders Hospitalizations by County of Residence



• **Infectious and Parasitic Diseases**

Hospitalizations for infectious and parasitic diseases were highest in Delta County throughout the majority of the time period studied. Rates for all counties appear to be decreasing from a high in 2005, with the exception of rates for Montrose County, which have remained essentially stable. Garfield County’s hospitalization rates for these diseases were generally lower than for the other three counties, increasing to a peak in 2005, and then dropping steadily through the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2007. This category includes postoperative and post-traumatic infections, fevers of unknown origin, viral illnesses, septicemia, and other infectious or parasitic disease diagnoses.

Figure 79. Infectious and Parasitic Diseases Hospitalizations by County of Residence

