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Grand County Leads Colorado in Job Market Resilience

Unemployment dropped 0.4% in 12 months — top in state

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Grand County recorded the strongest improvement in job market stability among all Colorado High Country counties.

This 0.4% decline in unemployment over the past year reflects a tightening labor market, particularly in sectors like tourism, outdoor recreation, and healthcare. The data signals that Grand County is not only retaining talent but attracting new workers despite high housing costs and seasonal volatility.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, August 2026 (county, seasonally unadjusted) · ALEX Intelligence computation
<https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-10-14-high-country-lab-bls-unemp-rate-chg-12m-county>

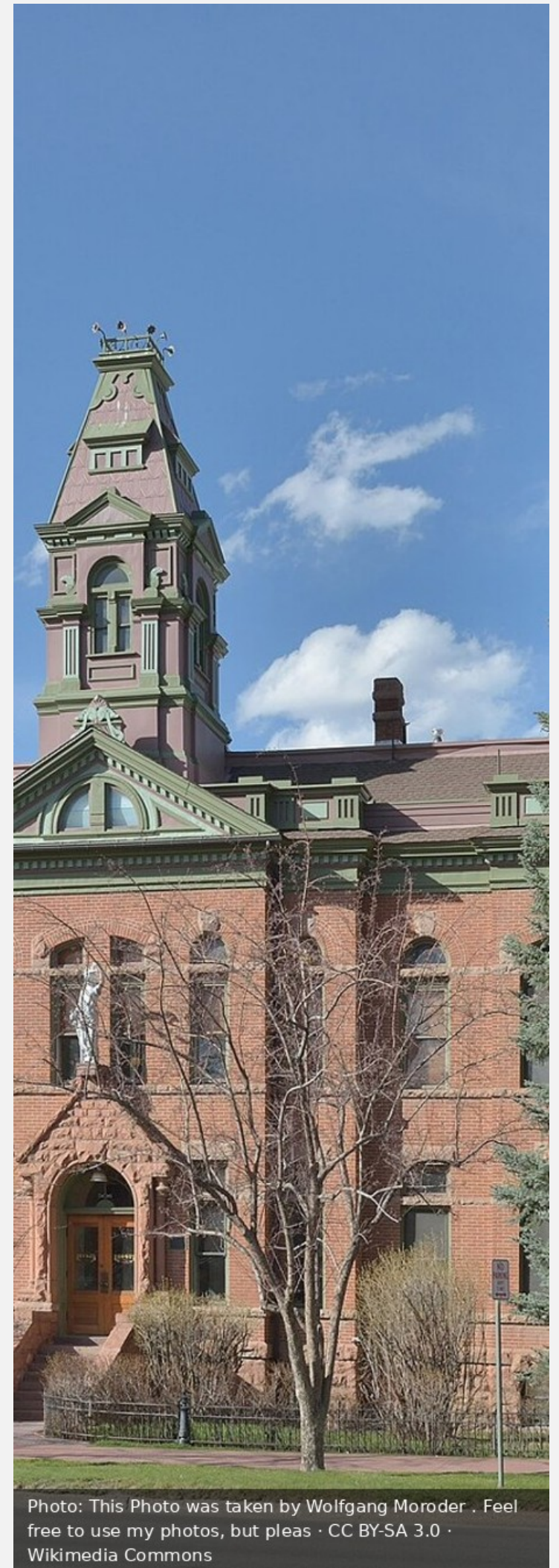


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Resilience Drives Real Estate Demand

The trend aligns with broader regional patterns where stable employment underpins affordability resilience, even as housing prices remain above national averages.

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The Hidden Cost of Stability

As public services evolve to meet demand, the cost of maintaining a high quality of life becomes a key factor in long-term real estate value—beyond just land and views.



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