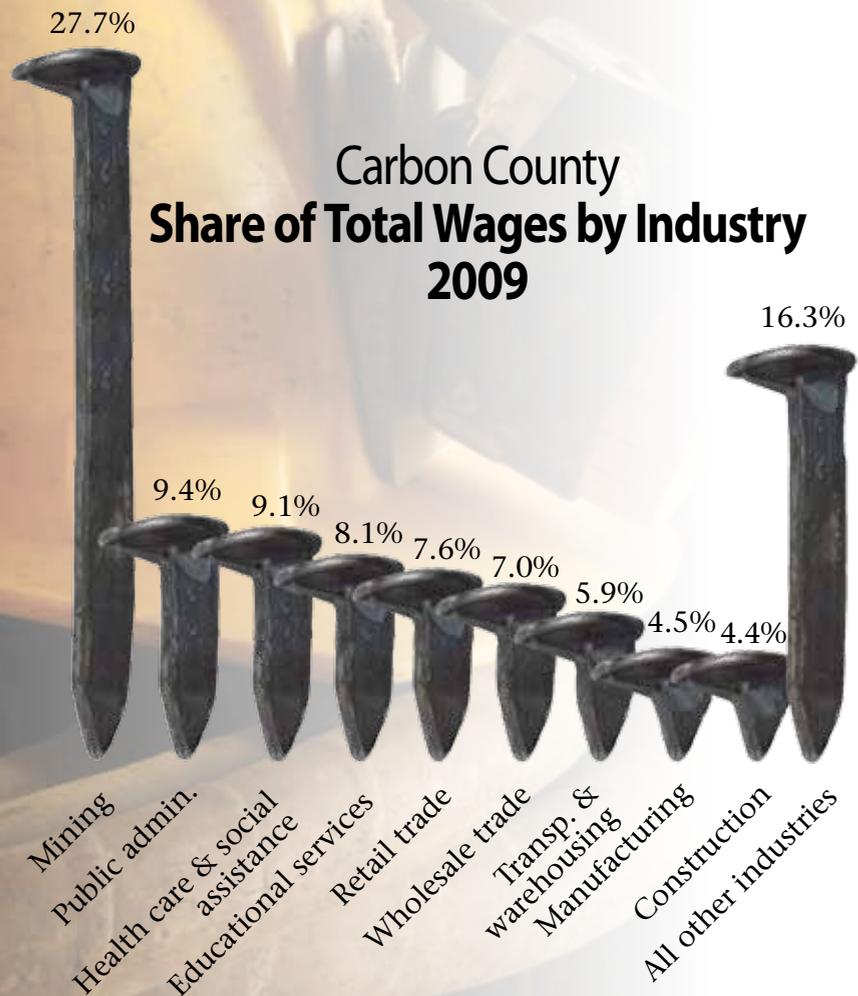


Carbon County

The development of coal mining in the Castle County region was spurred by the building of a railway to link Salt Lake City and Denver during the 1880s. Carbon County was born from the coal mining industry in 1894. Ever since, mining has been the driving force behind its economy.

Mining's importance to Carbon County is best understood by looking at its shares of employment and wages for 2009. Coal mining jobs made up 10.5 percent of the county's total employment. If the 3 percent of employment found in both the oil and gas and the mining support industries is included, the mining sector accounted for 13.5 percent of total employment, the largest sector in the county.

Even more impressive are the wages generated by mining. As seen in the graph, the mining industry accounted for 27.7 percent of all wages paid in 2009. The graph also reveals the importance of the public administration, healthcare, and education industries. Together, these three industries generated another 26.6 percent of Carbon County's total wages. ●



Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services.