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Colorado Employment Situation – April 2024

300 Nonfarm Payroll Jobs Added in April;
Unemployment Rate Unchanged at 3.7 Percent

Household survey data

- According to the survey of households, Colorado's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** was flat from March to April at 3.7 percent. The **number of unemployed individuals** grew by 1,900 over the same time period to 120,100. The national unemployment rate increased one-tenth of a percentage point to 3.9 percent from March to April.
- Colorado's **labor force** increased by 1,500 in April to 3,236,800. The share of Coloradans participating in the labor force was unchanged in April at 68.0. The U.S. labor force participation rate was also unchanged in April at 62.7 percent.
- The **number of individuals employed** in Colorado declined by 400 in April to 3,116,700, which represents 65.4 percent of the state's 16+ population. Colorado's employment-population ratio of 65.4 in April was one-tenth of a percentage point lower compared to the March rate of 65.5 percent. The national employment-population ratio also declined one-tenth of a percentage point in April to 60.2 percent.

Establishment survey data

- Employers in Colorado added 300 **nonfarm payroll jobs** from March to April for a total of 2,981,100 jobs, according to the survey of business establishments. Private sector payroll jobs shed by 600, while government added 900 jobs.
- **March estimates** were revised down to 2,980,800, and the over the month change from February to March was a gain of 2,800 rather than the originally estimated increase of 5,300 (monthly revisions are based on additional responses from businesses and government agencies since the last published estimates).
- **The Private industry sector with significant job gains** in April was: educational and health services ($\approx 4,600$). Significant over the month private sector **job loss** occurred in professional and business services ($\approx 3,100$) and construction ($\approx 1,700$).
- **Since April 2023**, nonfarm payroll jobs have increased 51,800, with the private sector growing by 27,200 and government adding 24,600 jobs. The largest **private sector job gains** were in educational and health services ($\approx 19,400$), leisure and hospitality ($\approx 7,600$), and professional and business services ($\approx 5,800$). During that same period, **payroll jobs declined** in trade, transportation, and utilities ($\approx 6,000$), construction ($\approx 4,300$), and information ($\approx 2,500$). Colorado's **rate of job growth** over the past year is 1.8 percent, equal to the U.S. rate of 1.8 percent.
- Over the year, the **average workweek** for all Colorado employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased from 33.5 to 33.6 hours, while **average hourly earnings** grew from \$35.72 to \$38.00, three dollars and twenty-five cents more than the national average hourly earnings of \$34.75.

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Informational Section

All Colorado estimates from the establishment and household surveys, including greater geographic detail, are available at [Colorado LMI Gateway](#). Estimates for all states and the nation are available at the [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#).

For data visualizations, visit [CDLE's Labor Market Information on Tableau](#).

The **May 2024 Colorado Employment Situation** will be released at 8:00 AM on Monday, June 24, 2024. The full schedule of release dates for calendar year 2024 estimates is available at [Labor Market Information](#).

Technical Notes

This release provides information on industry employment and labor force statistics for April 2024, the most current estimates available from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment. The reference period for the establishment and household surveys was the pay period or week that includes the 12th of the month.

The unemployment rate, labor force, labor force participation, total employment, and the number of unemployed are based on a survey of households. The total employment estimate derived from this survey is intended to measure the number of people employed.

Nonfarm payroll jobs estimates are based on a survey of business establishments and government agencies, and are intended to measure the number of jobs, not the number of people employed. Other series based on this survey include private sector average weekly hours, average hourly earnings, and average weekly earnings.

The business establishment survey covers about seven times the number of households surveyed and is therefore considered a more reliable indicator of economic conditions. Because the estimates are based on two separate surveys, one measuring jobs by worksite and the other measuring persons employed and unemployed by household, estimates based on these surveys may provide seemingly conflicting results.

Supplemental Charts & Tables

Supplemental charts and tables are available on the remaining pages.

Colorado and U.S. Unemployment Rates, Over Past Year

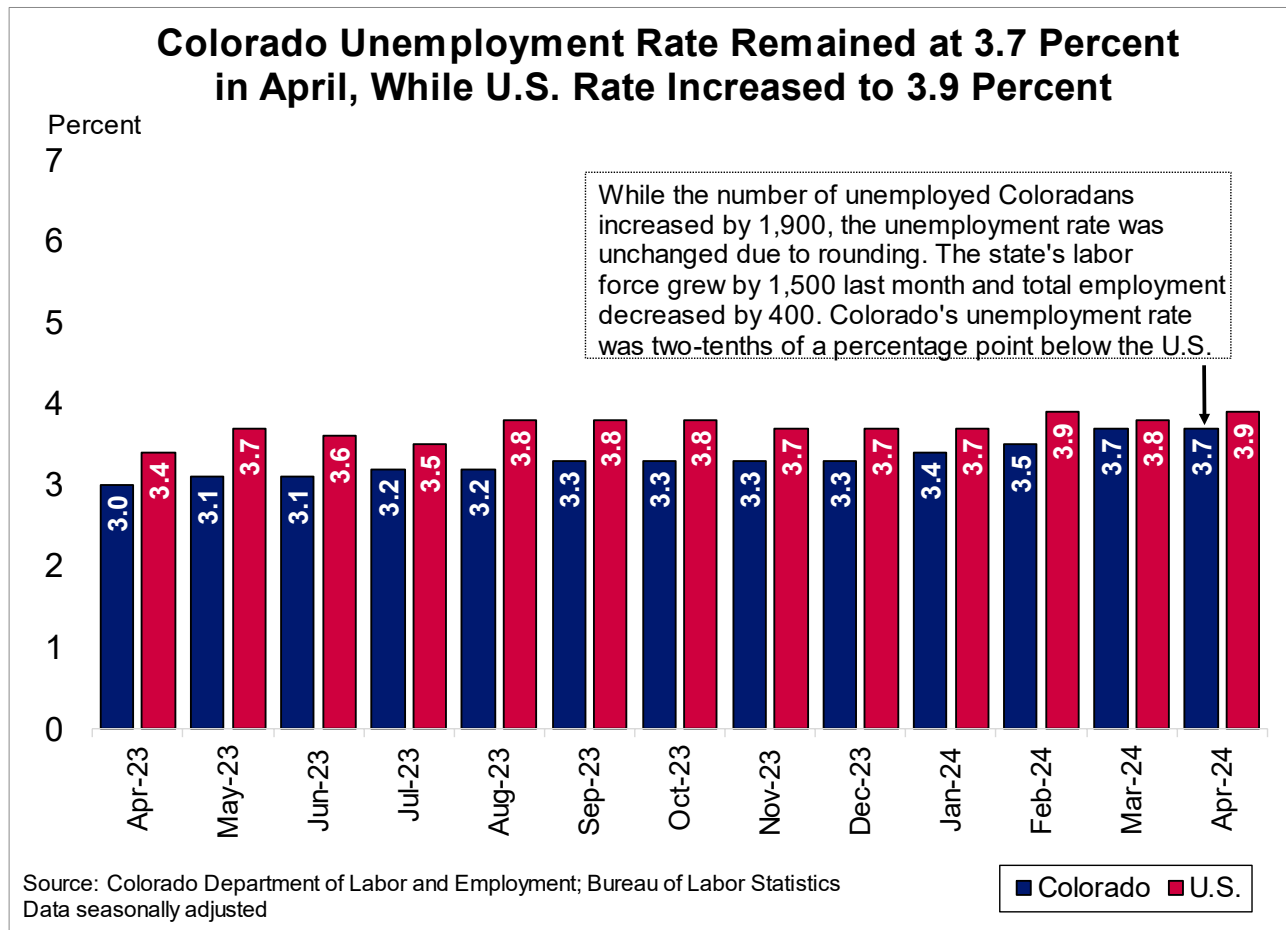


Chart information:

- Colorado's April 2024 unemployment rate was 3.7 percent, while the U.S. rate was 3.9 percent.
- Prior month rates were 3.7 percent and 3.8 percent, respectively.
- The unemployment rate was unchanged in April due to rounding. There was also an increase in labor force (1.5k) and a decrease in total employment (-0.4k).
- Number of unemployed Coloradans grew by 1,900 to 120,100.
- Unemployment rate for Colorado has ranged between 3.0 and 3.7 percent over the past year, while the U.S. range has been 3.4 and 3.9 percent.
- These data are seasonally adjusted and are produced by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Colorado Labor Force Participation Rate, Over Past Year

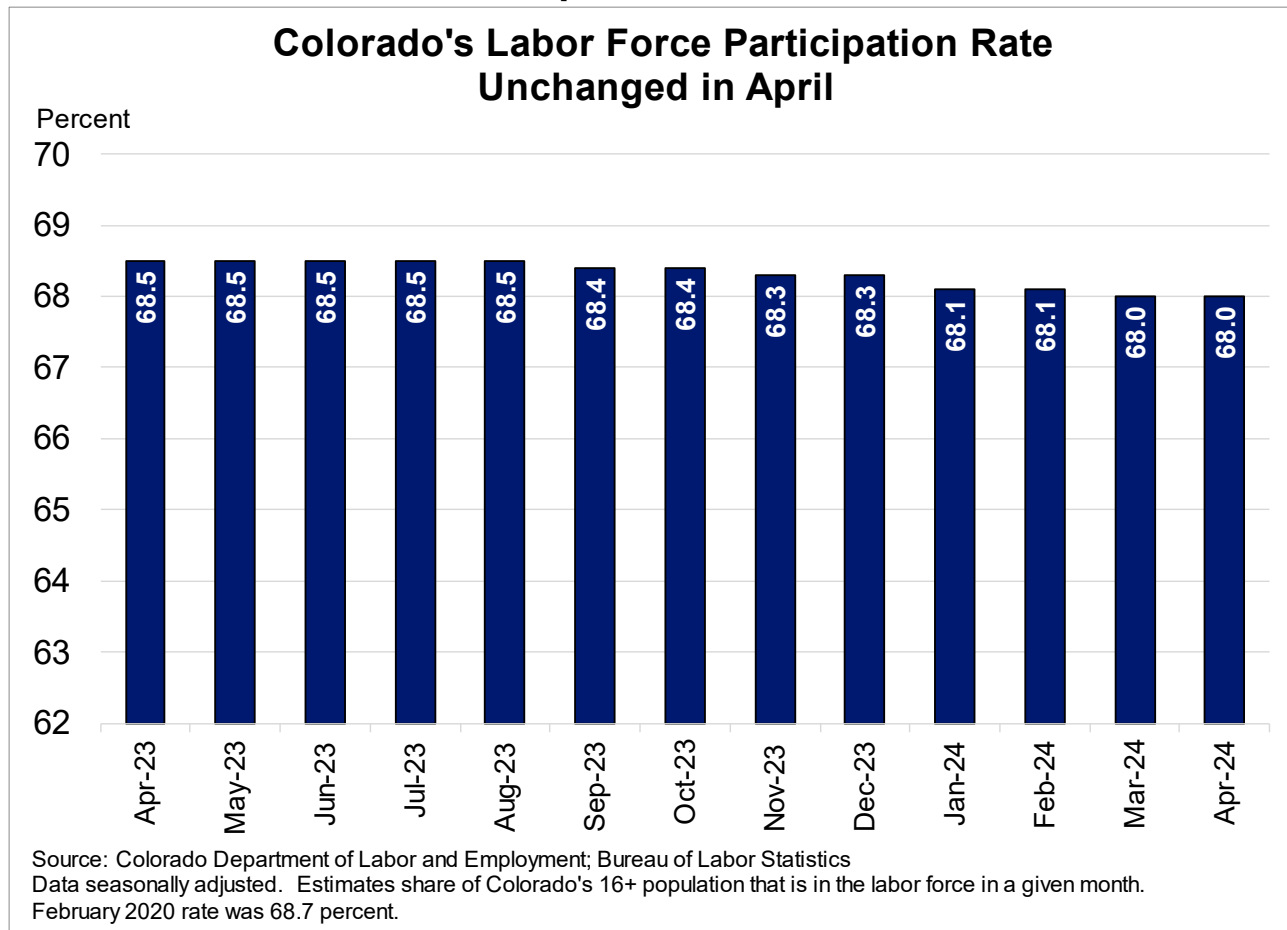


Chart information:

- Colorado's April 2024 labor force participation rate (LFPR) was 68.0 percent, unchanged from the March 2024 rate of 68.0 percent.
- A year prior, Colorado's labor force participation rate was 68.5 percent.
- The labor force participation rate for Colorado has ranged between 68.0 percent and 68.5 percent over the past year.
- The April 2024 rate of 68.0 percent is below the February 2020 pre-pandemic rate of 68.7 percent.
- The labor force participation rate estimates the share of Colorado's 16+ population that is in the labor force in a given month.
- These data are seasonally adjusted and are produced by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Colorado Employment-Population Ratio, Over Past Year

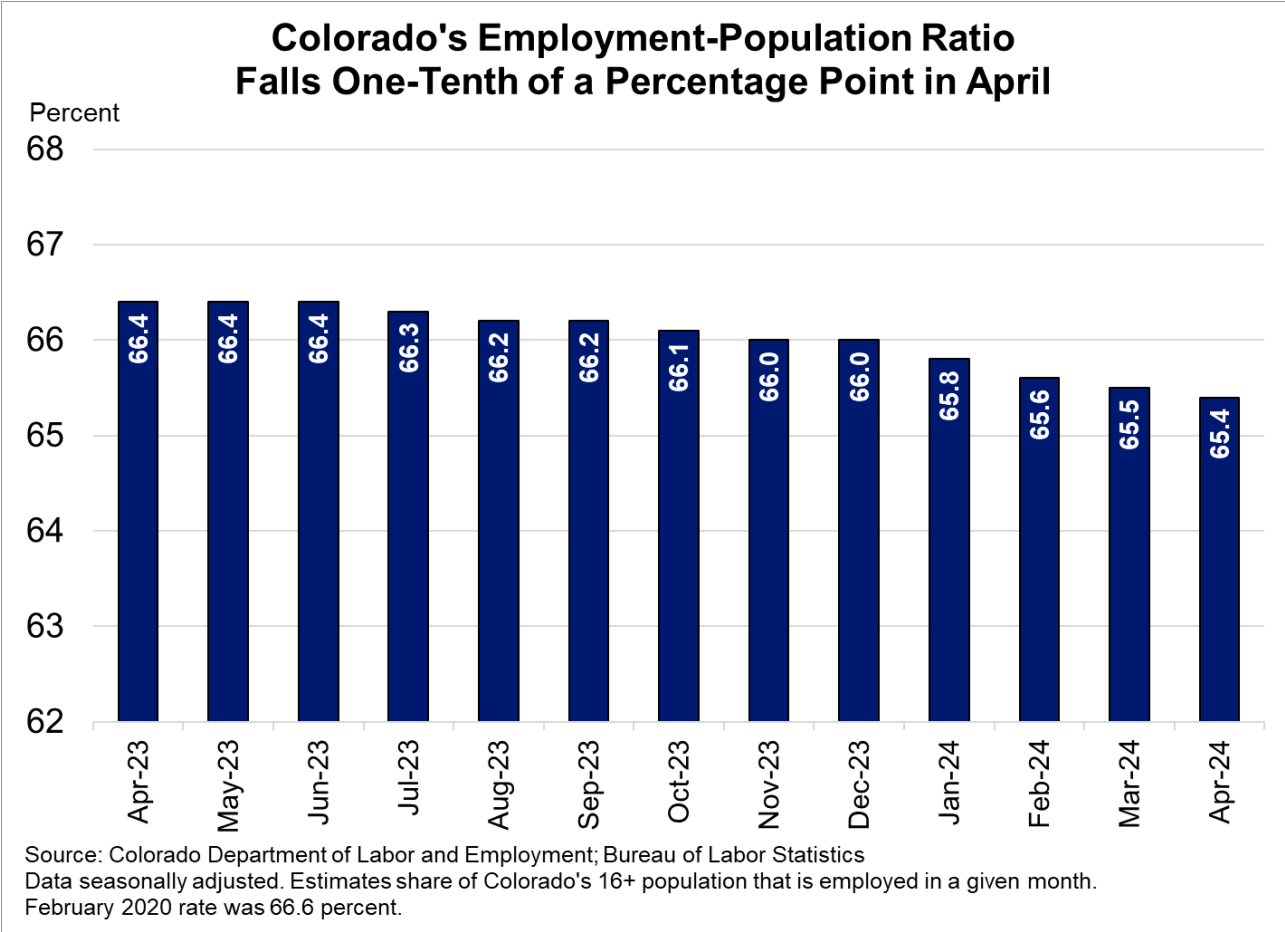


Chart information:

- Colorado's April 2024 employment-population ratio (EPOP) was 65.4 percent, a decrease of one-tenth of a percentage point from the March 2024 rate of 65.5 percent.
- A year prior, Colorado's employment-population ratio was 66.4 percent.
- The employment-population ratio for Colorado has ranged between 65.4 percent and 66.4 percent over the past year.
- The April 2024 ratio of 65.5 percent is below the February 2020 pre-pandemic rate of 66.6 percent.
- The employment-population ratio estimates the share of Colorado's 16+ population that is employed in a given month.
- These data are seasonally adjusted and are produced by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Colorado Monthly Change in the Number of Total Nonfarm Payroll Jobs, Over Past Year

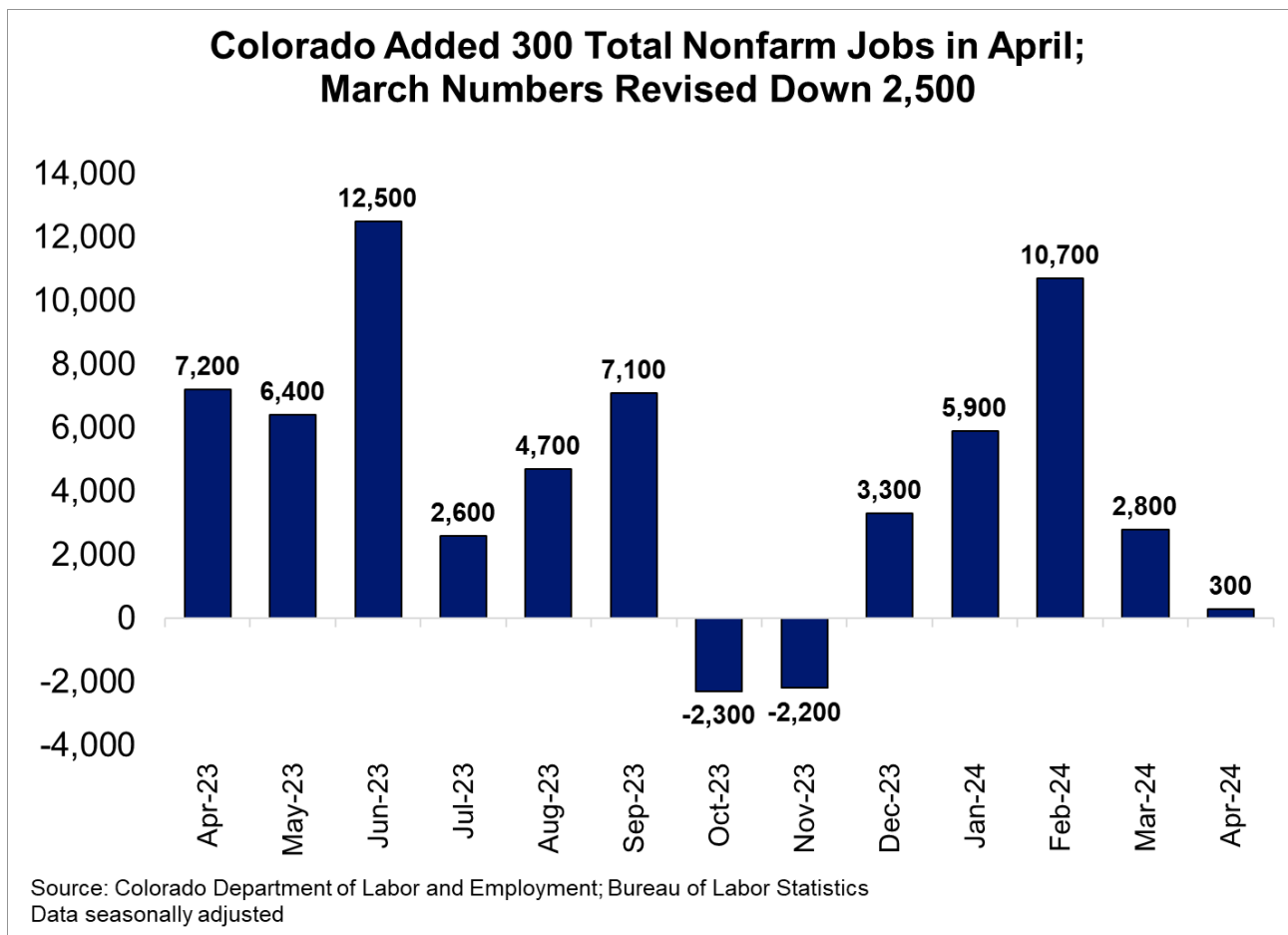


Chart information:

- Colorado added 300 total nonfarm jobs in April 2024, while March numbers were revised down by 2,500. The March revision shows an increase of 2,800 rather than the previously reported increase of 5,300 jobs.
- Since April 2023, the monthly change in Colorado's total nonfarm jobs has ranged between -2,300 (October 2023) and +12,500 (June 2023).
- Out of the 13 months displayed, two have experienced over the month decreases, while over the month increases have occurred in eleven months.
- The average monthly change in Colorado's total nonfarm jobs over the past year is +4,500.
- These data are seasonally adjusted and are produced by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Colorado Monthly Change in the Number of Private Sector Payroll Jobs, Over Past Year

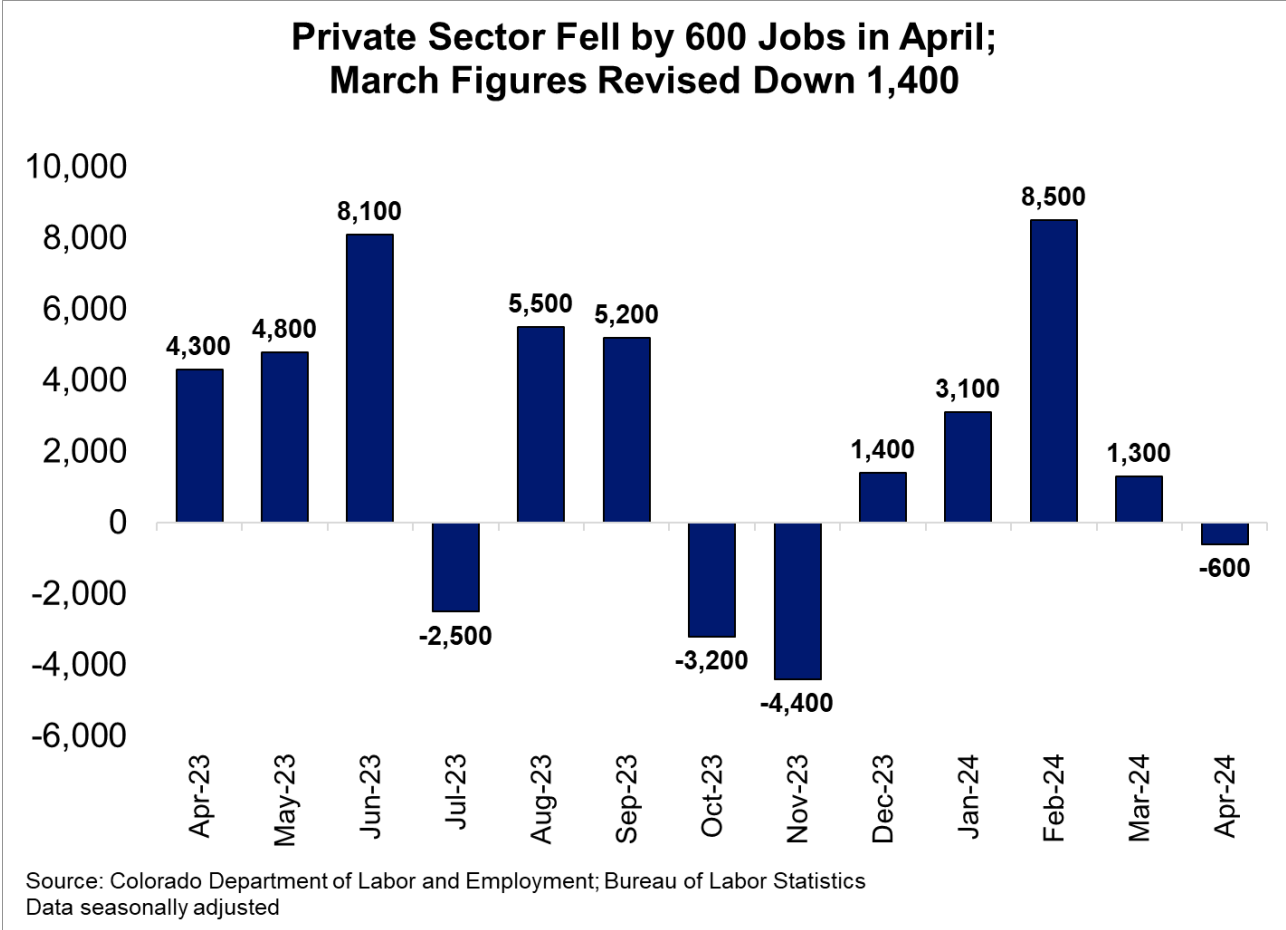


Chart information:

- Colorado private sector jobs decreased by 600 in April 2024, while March numbers were revised down by 1,400. The March revision shows an increase of 1,300 rather than the previously reported increase of 2,700.
- Since April 2023, the monthly change in Colorado’s private sector jobs has ranged between -4,400 (November 2023) and +8,500 (February 2024).
- Out of the 13 months displayed, four have experienced over the month decreases, while over the month increases have occurred in nine months.
- The average monthly change in Colorado’s private sector jobs over the past year is +2,400.
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Colorado and U.S. Over the Year Growth Rates for Total Nonfarm Employment, Over Past Year

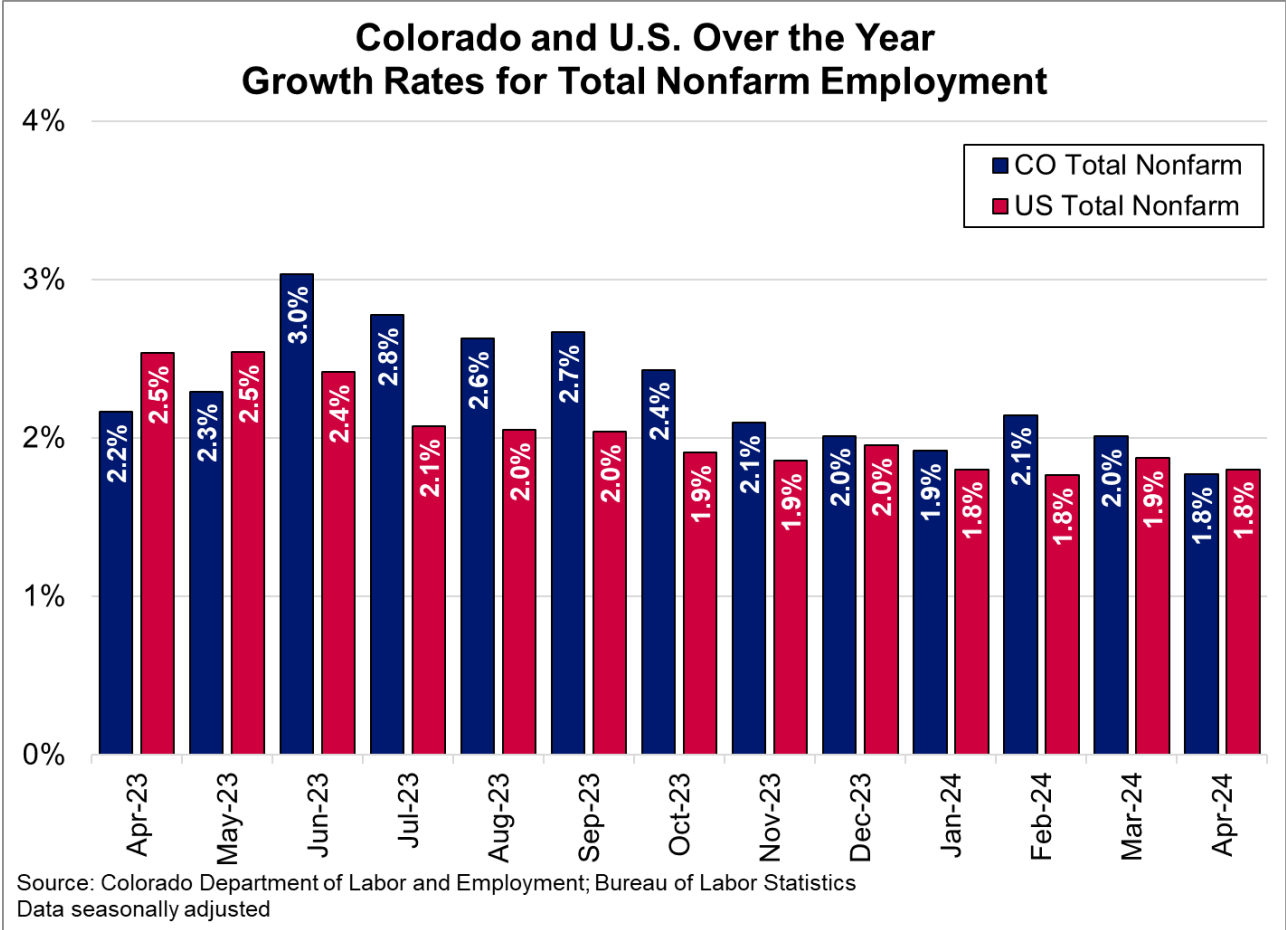


Chart information:

- Colorado’s over the year growth rate for total nonfarm employment was 1.8 percent in April 2024, equal to the U.S. rate of 1.8 percent.
- Total nonfarm employment growth rates for Colorado and the U.S. a year prior were 2.2 percent and 2.5 percent, respectively.
- Colorado has lagged the U.S. growth rate in two of the past 13 months, has exceeded it in nine months, and was the same in two months. The difference ranged between three-tenths of a percentage point lower (April 2023) and seven-tenths of a percentage point higher (July and September 2023).
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Colorado Most Recent Monthly Change in Payroll Jobs at the Industry Supersector Level

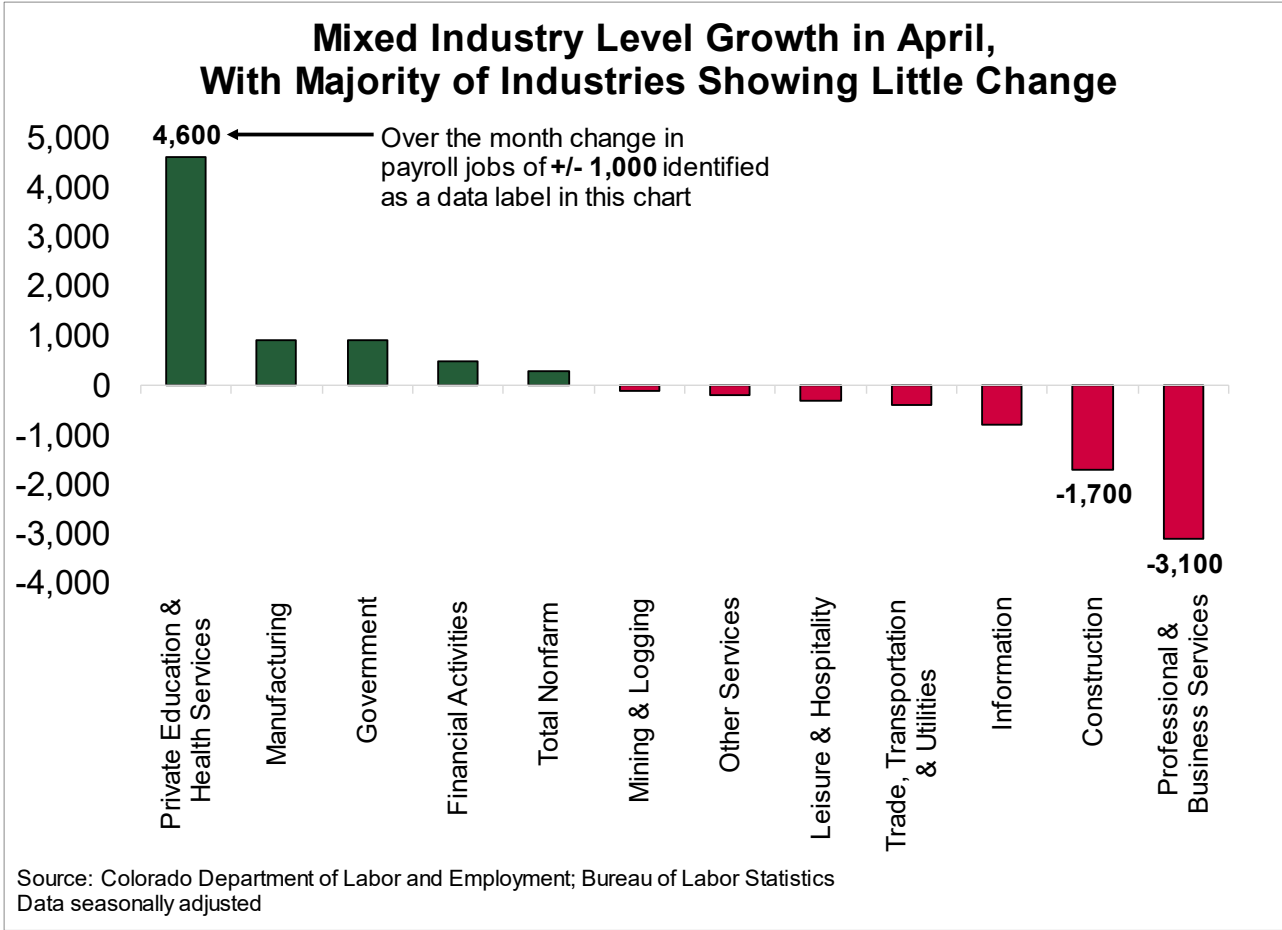


Chart information:

- Five Colorado industry supersectors gained jobs in April 2024 and seven industry supersectors experienced decreases in employment levels.
- A notable over the month occurred in private education and health services (+4,600).
- Notable declines occurred in professional and business services (-3,100) and construction (-1,700).
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Colorado Change in Payroll Jobs for Most Recent Month, by Industry Sector

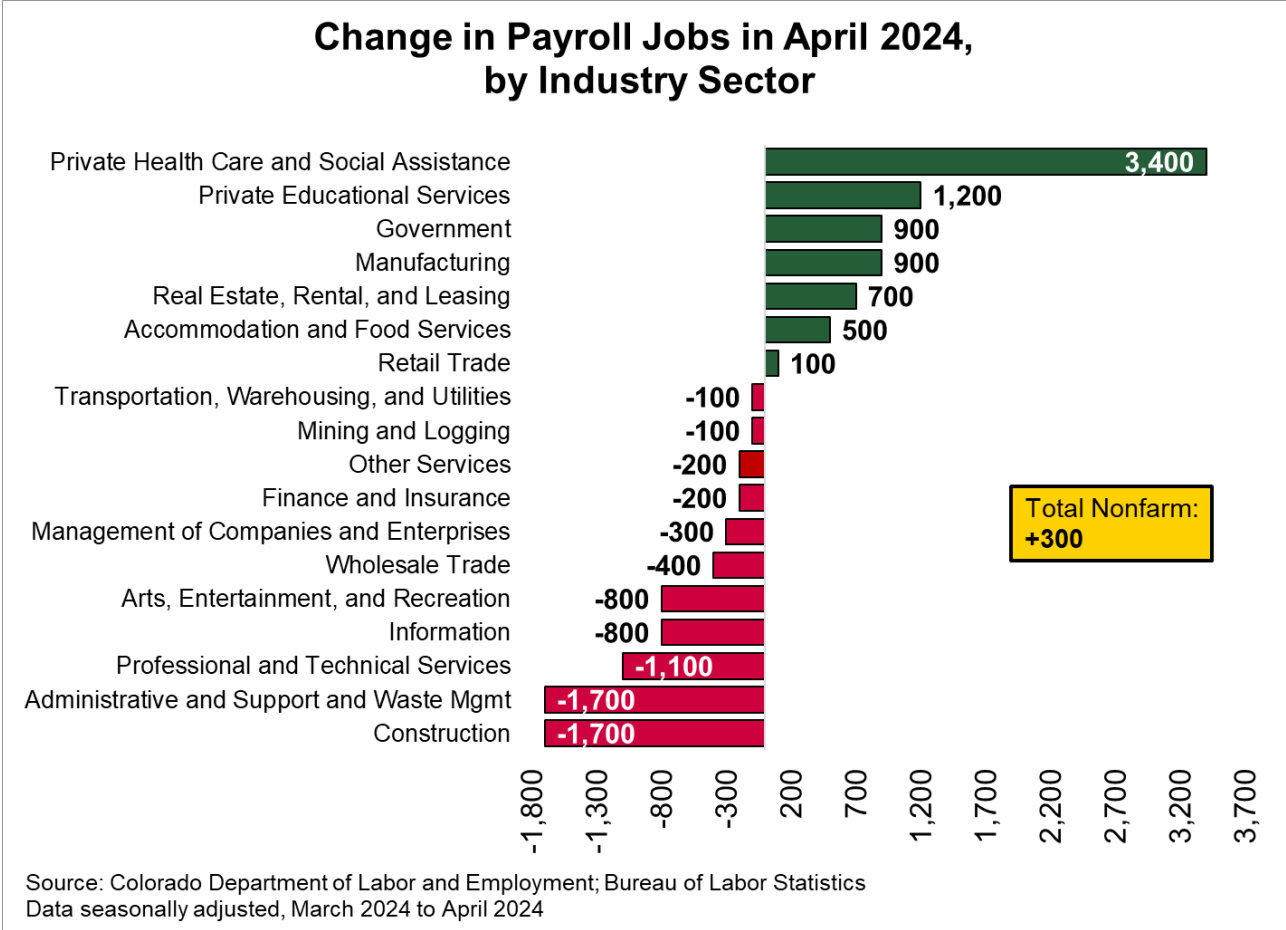


Chart information:

- From March 2024 to April 2024, Colorado added 300 nonfarm payroll jobs.
- Private health care and social assistance added the most jobs at 3,400.
- Private educational services added the second most jobs over that period at 1,200.
- Government and manufacturing added the third most jobs at 900 each.
- The industry sectors with the largest declines were construction (-1,700), administrative and support and waste management services (-1,700), and professional and technical services (-1,100).
- Out of Colorado’s 18 industry sectors, seven added jobs in April 2024 and eleven experienced job loss.
- These data are seasonally adjusted and are produced by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Colorado Change in Payroll Jobs Over Past 12 Months, by Industry Sector

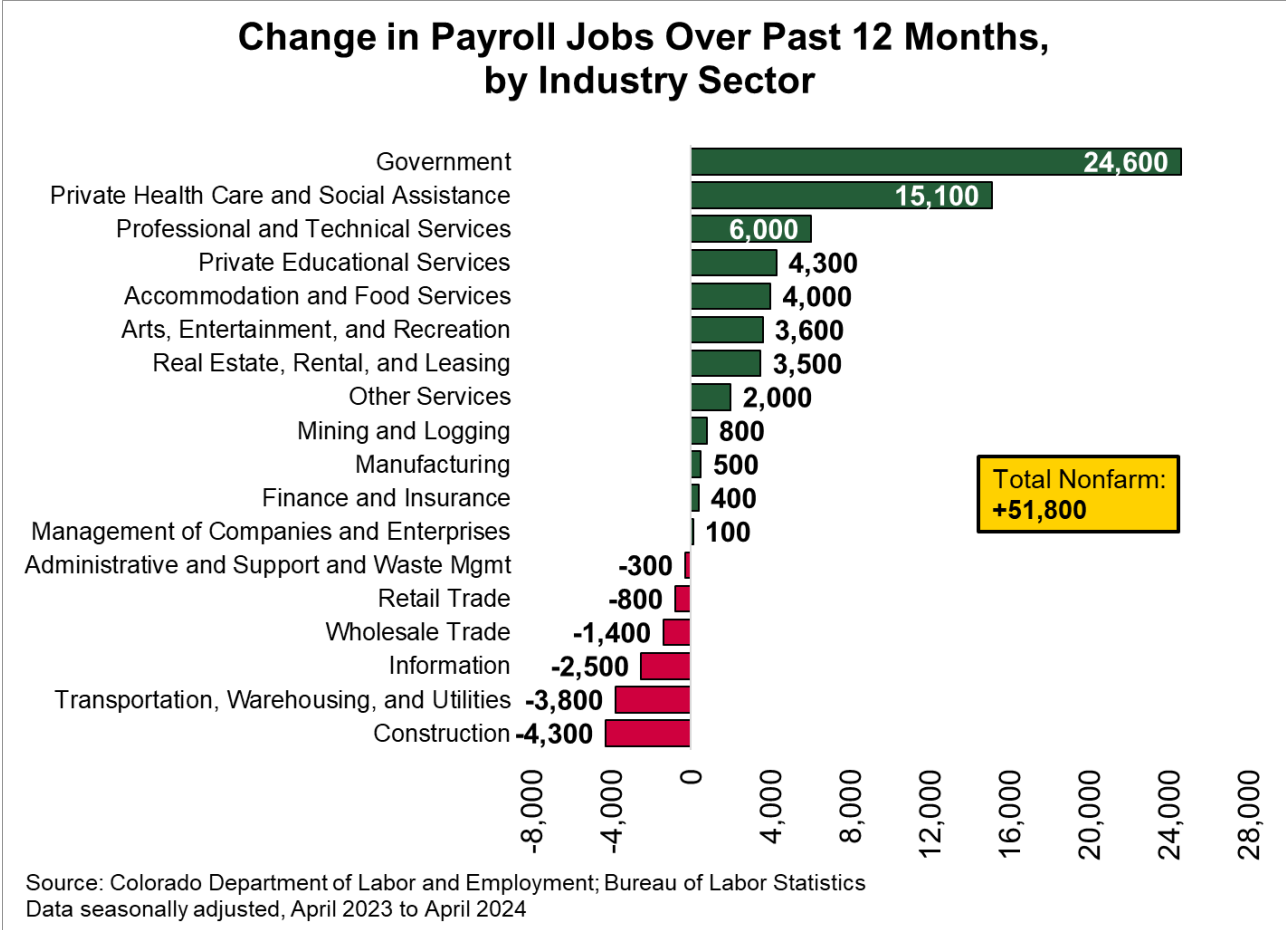


Chart information:

- Over the past 12 months, Colorado has added 51,800 nonfarm payroll jobs.
- Government has added the most jobs at 24,600.
- Private health care and social assistance (+15,100) and professional and technical services (+6,000) added the second and third most jobs, respectively, over that period.
- The industry sectors with the largest declines over the past year are: construction (-4,300), transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-3,800), information (-2,500), and wholesale trade (-1,400).
- Out of Colorado’s 18 industry sectors, twelve have added jobs over the past 12 months, while six have experienced job loss.
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Over the Year Growth Rates, by Industry Sector, for Most Recent Month

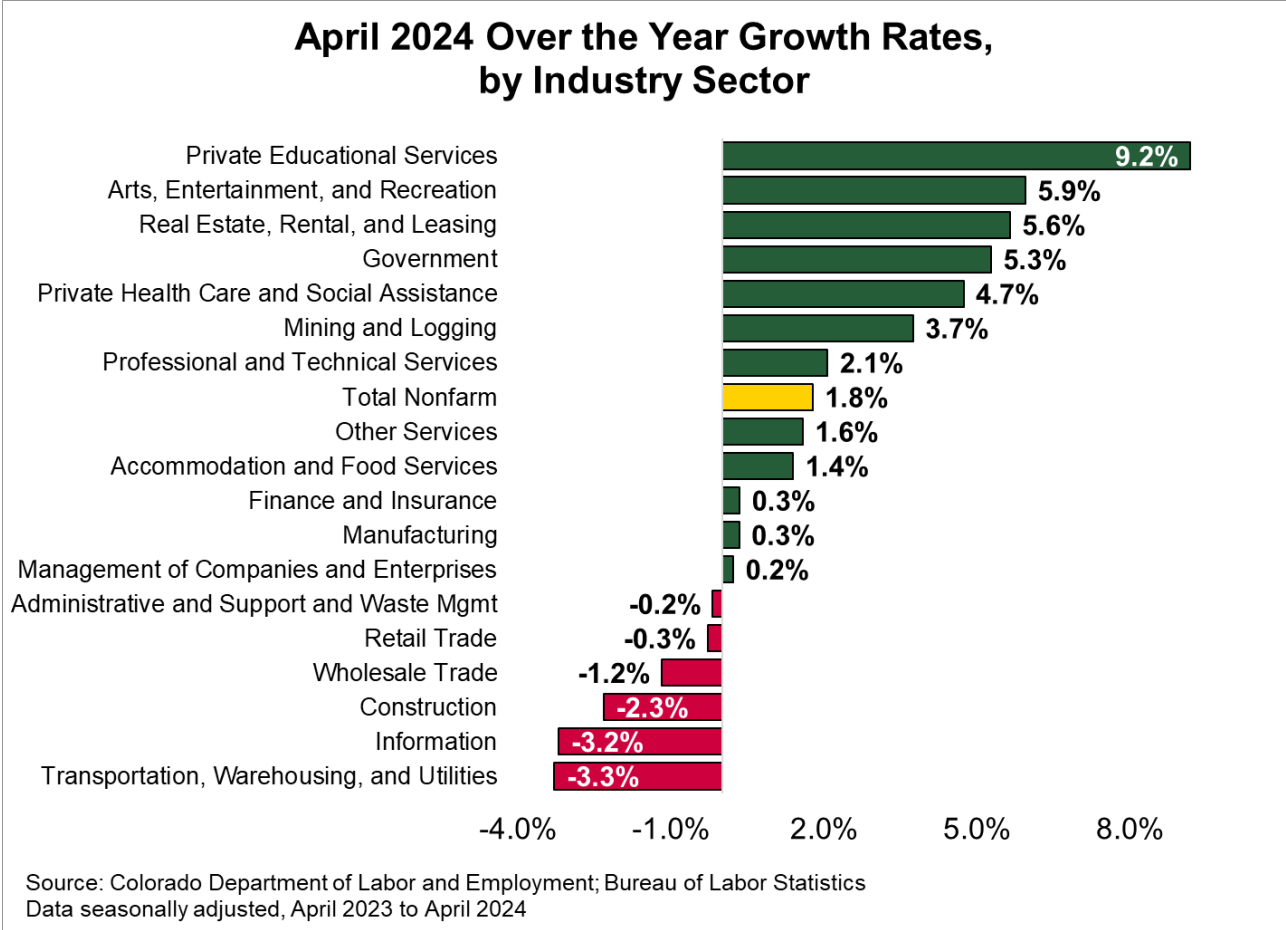


Chart information:

- Colorado’s over the year growth rate for total nonfarm employment was 1.8 percent in April 2024.
- Out of Colorado’s 18 industry sectors, seven had over the year growth rates that exceeded 1.8 percent, while eleven fell short of 1.8 percent.
- The industry sectors with the fastest growth rates over the past year are: private educational services (9.2%), arts, entertainment, and recreation (5.9%), and real estate, rental, and leasing (5.6%).
- The industry sectors with the slowest growth rates over the past year are: transportation, warehousing, and utilities (-3.3%), information (-3.2%), and construction (-2.3%).
- These data are seasonally adjusted and are produced by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Change in Payroll Jobs Over Past 12 Months, by Colorado Substate Area

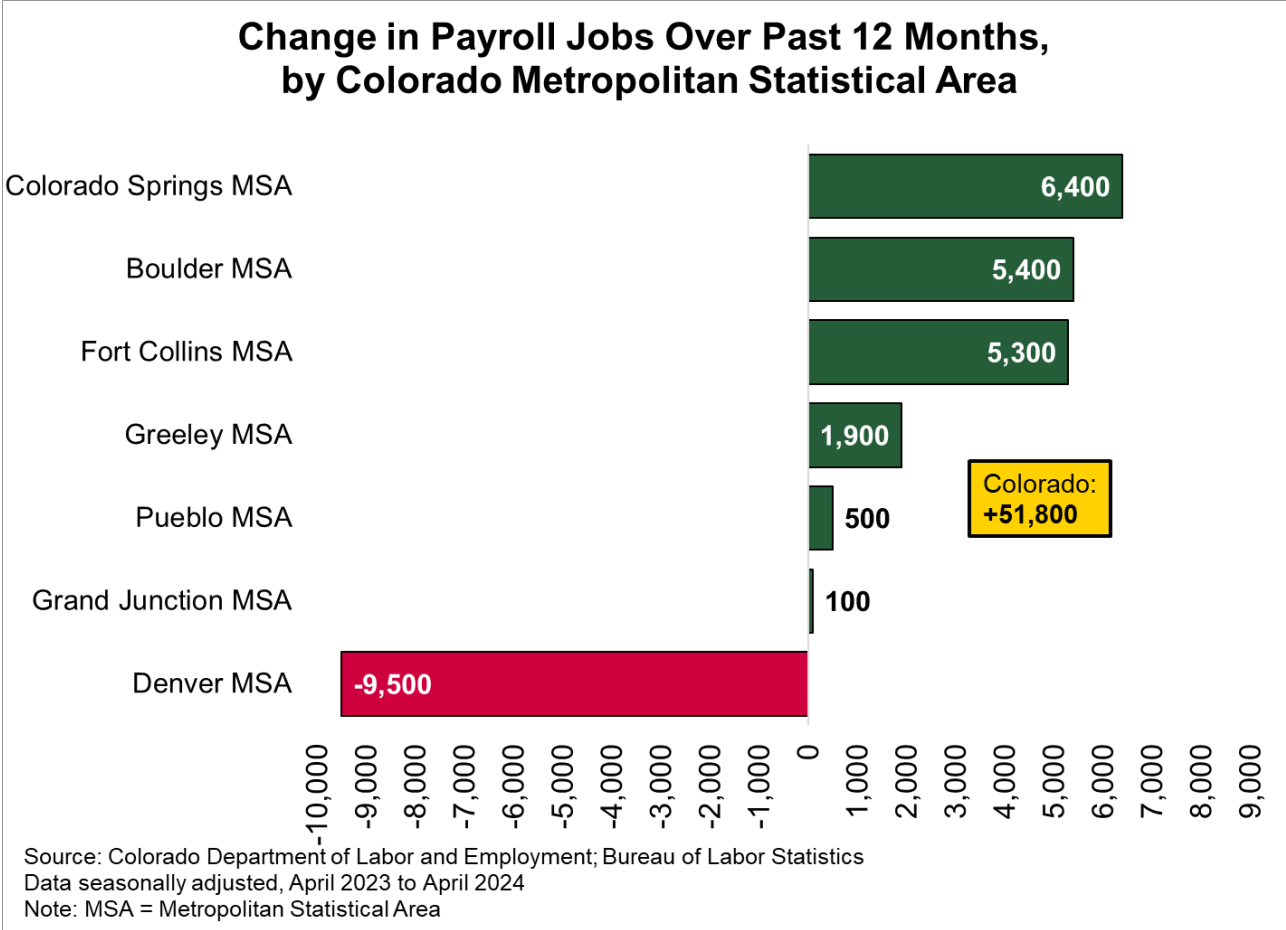


Chart information:

- Over the past 12 months, Colorado has added 51,800 nonfarm payroll jobs.
- Among Colorado’s seven metropolitan statistical areas (MSA), the Colorado Springs MSA added the most jobs (6,400). Boulder and Fort Collins added the second and third most jobs at 5,400 and 5,300, respectively.
- Greeley (+1,900), Pueblo (+500), and Grand Junction (+100) also added jobs over the past year.
- Denver MSA has declined by 9,500 jobs over the past year.
- These data are seasonally adjusted and are produced by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Job Growth for Colorado Low Wage Industries, Over Past Two Years

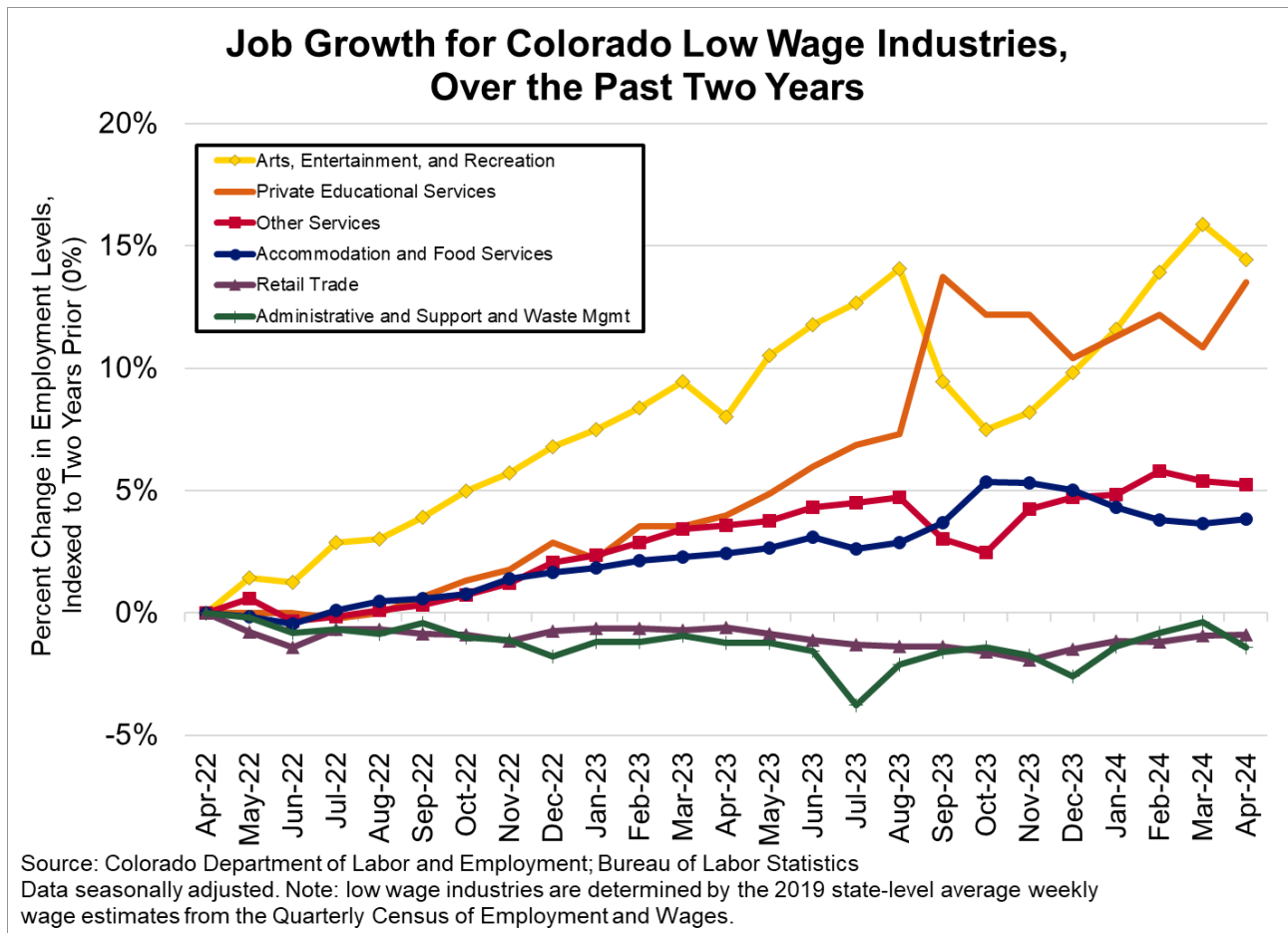


Chart information:

- This chart measures job growth for low wage industries in Colorado over the past two years. The measurement period spans from April 2022 to the most recent month available, April 2024. Values above 0 percent indicate employment levels have increased relative to April 2022, while values below 0 percent indicate employment levels have decreased.
- Low wage industries include: retail trade; administrative and support and waste management services; private education services; arts, entertainment, and recreation; accommodation and food services; and other services.
- As of April 2024, four low wage industries have an index value of over 0 percent while two have index values below 0 percent. Administrative and support and waste management and retail trade have the lowest growth rate over the past two years, at -1.4 and -0.9 percent, respectively. Arts, entertainment, and recreation has the fastest growth rate during that period, at 14.4 percent.
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Job Growth for Colorado Medium Wage Industries, Over Past Two Years

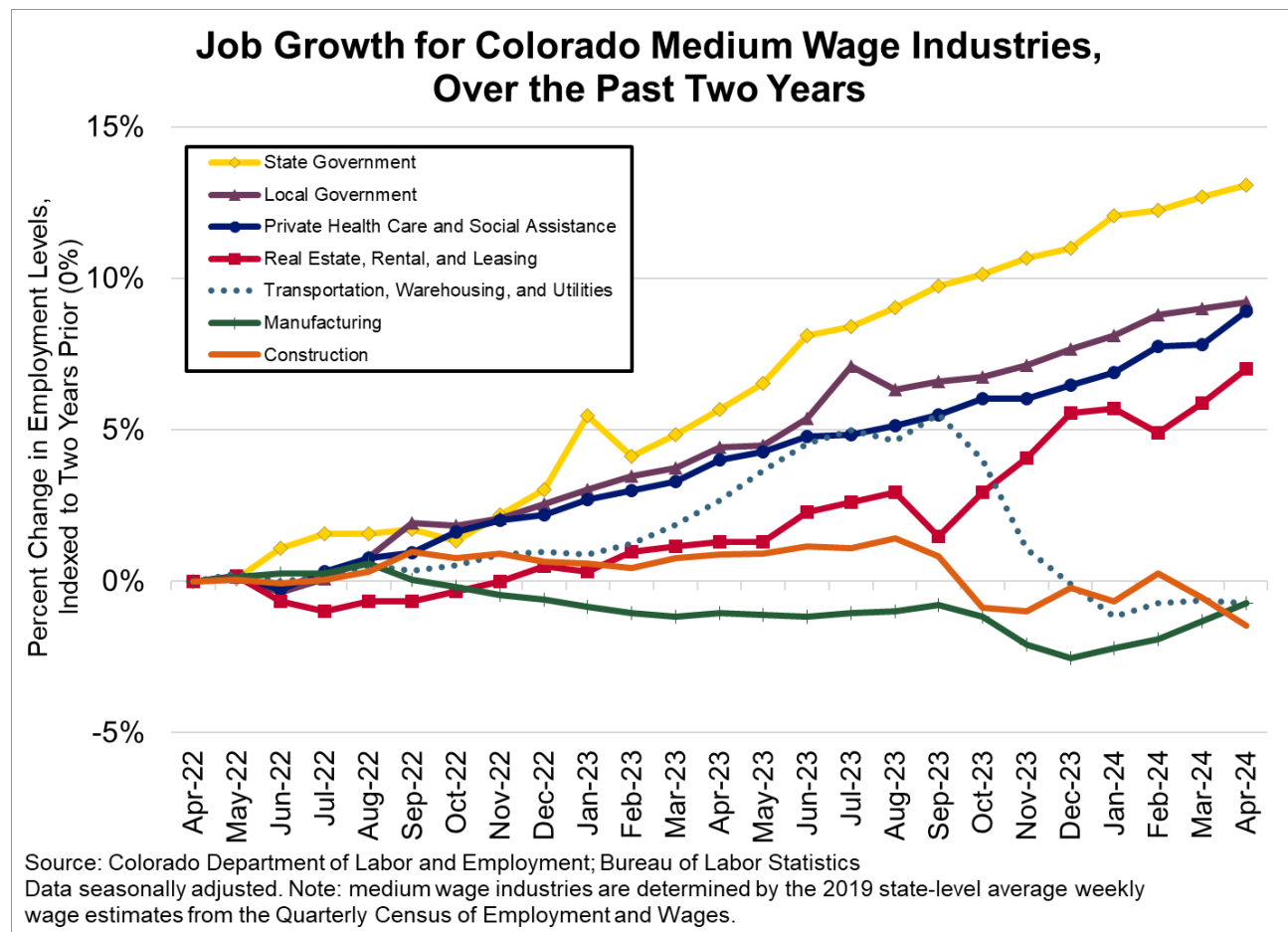


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- This chart measures job growth for medium wage industries in Colorado over the past two years. The measurement period spans from April 2022 to the most recent month available, April 2024. Values above 0 percent indicate employment levels have increased relative to April 2022, while values below 0 percent indicate employment levels have decreased.
- Medium wage industries include: construction; manufacturing; transportation, warehousing, and utilities; real estate, rental, and leasing; private health care and social assistance; state government; and local government.
- As of April 2024, four medium wage industries have an index value over 0 percent, while three have an index value below 0 percent. Construction has the lowest growth rate over the past two years, at -1.5 percent. State government has the fastest growth rate during that period, at 13.1 percent.
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Job Growth for Colorado High Wage Industries, Over Past Two Years

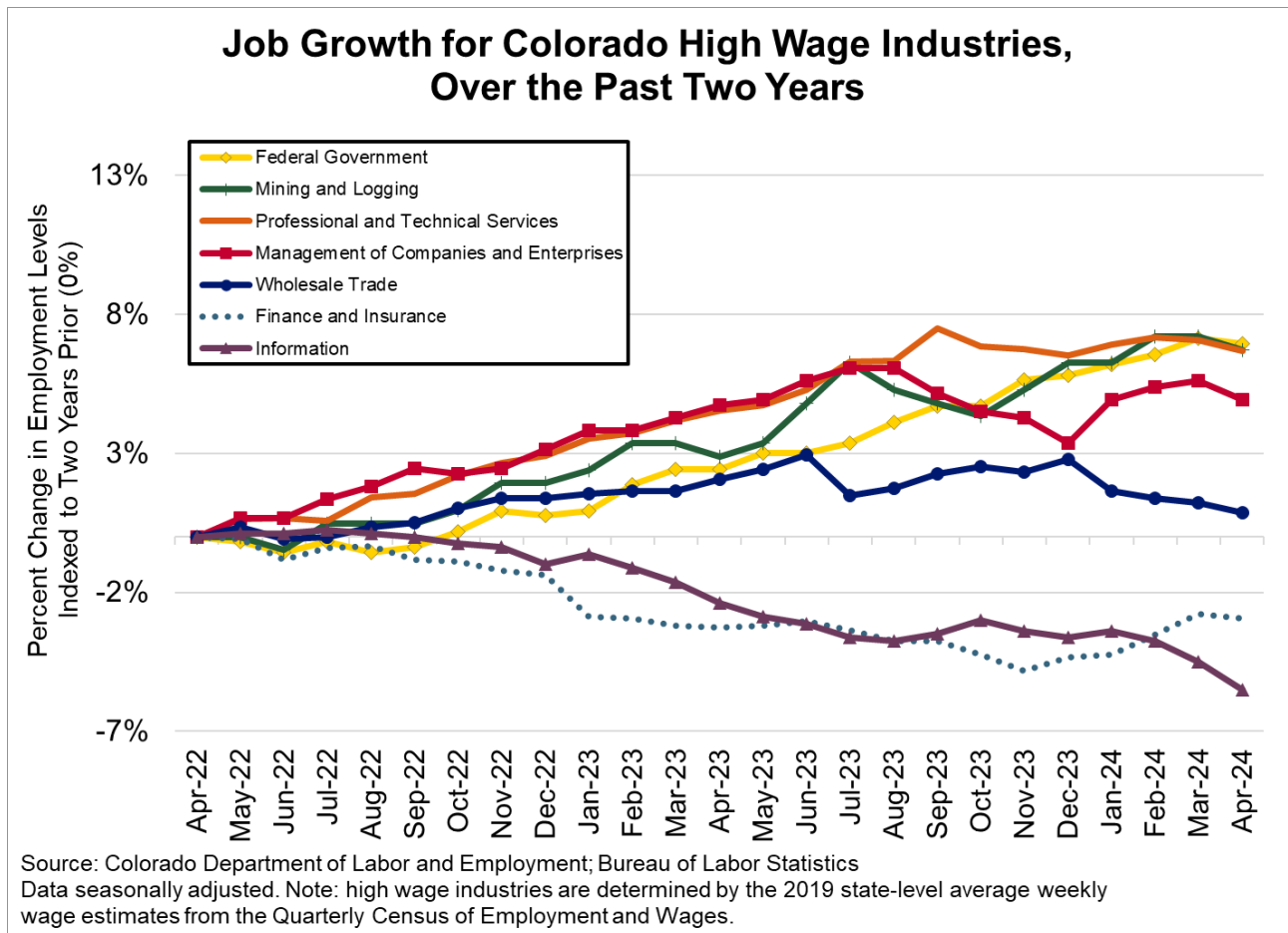


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- This chart measures job growth for high wage industries in Colorado over the past two years. The measurement period spans from April 2022 to the most recent month available, April 2024. Values above 0 percent indicate employment levels have increased relative to April 2022, while values below 0 percent indicate employment levels have decreased.
- High wage industries include: mining and logging; wholesale trade; information; finance and insurance; professional, scientific, and technical services; management of companies and enterprises; and federal government.
- As of April 2024, five high wage industries have an index value of over 0 percent, while two have an index value below 0 percent. Information has the lowest growth rate over the past two years, at -5.5 percent. Federal government has the fastest growth rate during that period, at 6.9 percent.
- These data are seasonally adjusted and are produced by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Job Growth for Colorado Substate Areas, Over Past Two Years

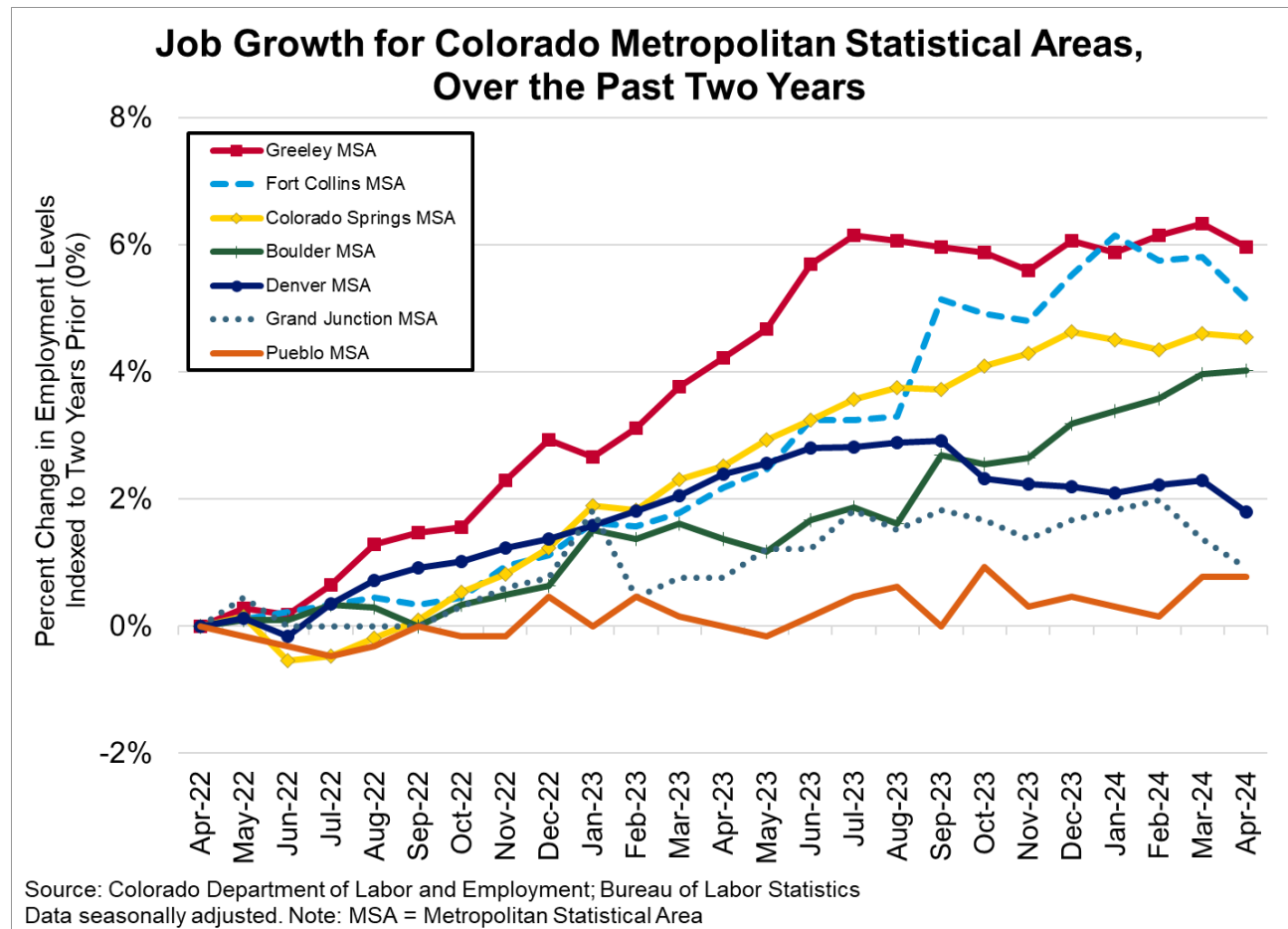


Chart information:

- This chart measures job growth for Colorado substate areas over the past two years. The measurement period spans from April 2022 to the most recent month available, April 2024. Values above 0 percent indicate employment levels have increased relative to April 2022, while values below 0 percent indicate employment levels have decreased.
- Areas included are Colorado's seven metropolitan statistical areas (MSA). Boulder, Colorado Springs, Denver, Fort Collins, Grand Junction, Greeley, and Pueblo are MSAs.
- As of April 2024, all seven areas have an index value of at least 0 percent. Pueblo MSA has the lowest growth rate over the past two years, at 0.8 percent. Greeley MSA has the fastest growth rate during that period, at 6.0 percent.
- These data are seasonally adjusted and are produced by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Percent Change in Average Weekly Earnings Since 2019, by Select Colorado Industry

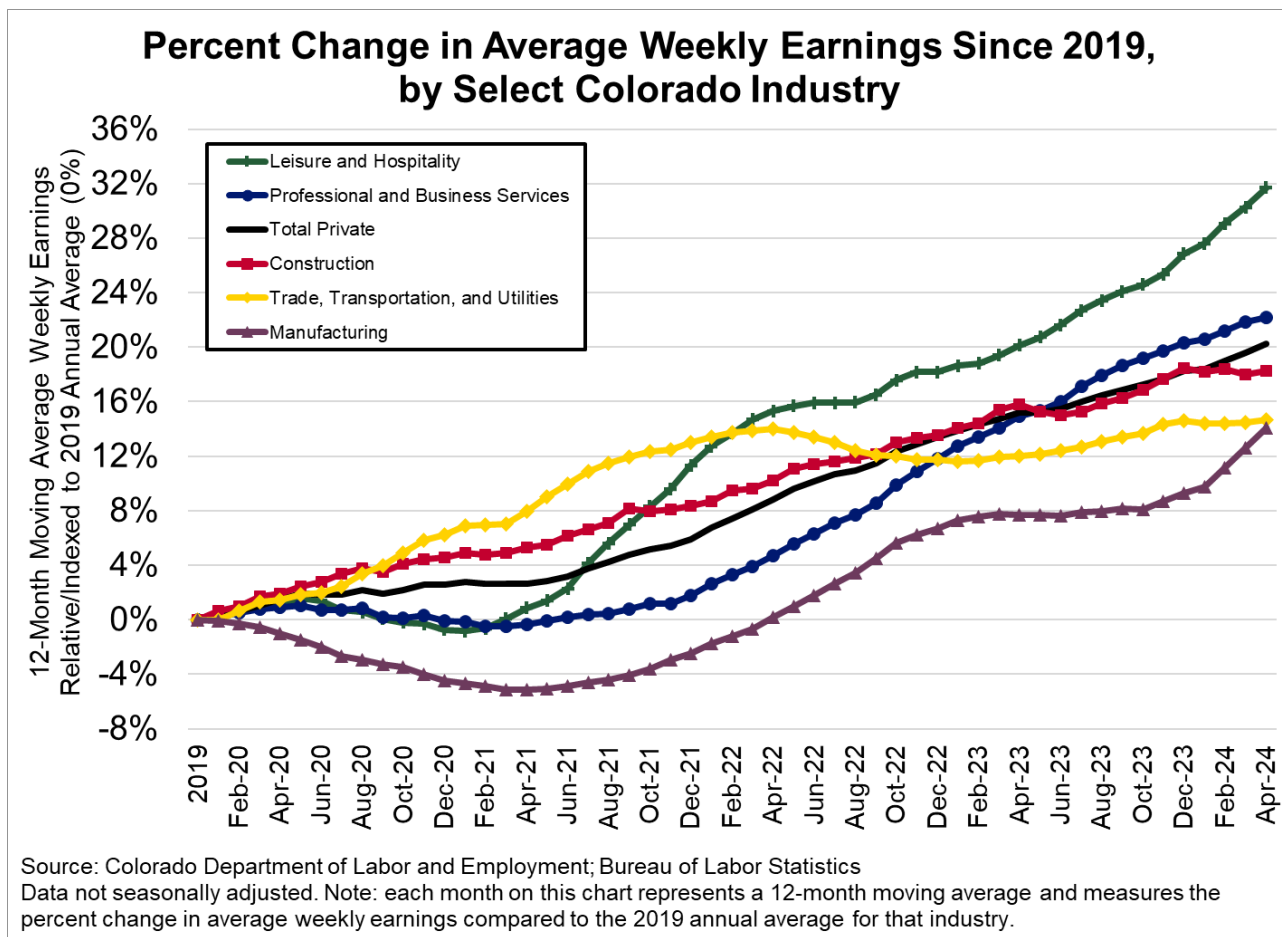


Chart information:

- Each month on this chart represents a 12-month moving average and measures the percent change in average weekly earnings compared to the 2019 annual average for an industry. Values above 0 percent indicate that wages have grown relative to 2019, while values below 0 percent indicate wages have declined.
- The five Colorado industries displayed in this chart, along with total private sector, are: construction; manufacturing; trade, transportation, and utilities (TTU); professional and business services (PBS); and leisure and hospitality.
- Leisure and hospitality has the steepest change in earnings at almost 32 percent, using the most recent 12-month average data available.
- Earnings gains for PBS, total private, and construction range between 18 and just over 22 percent.
- Wage growth lags for manufacturing and TTU, just over 14 percent and just under 15 percent, respectively.
- These data are not seasonally adjusted and are produced by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Nominal and Real Percent Change in Colorado's Private Average Hourly Earnings Since 2013

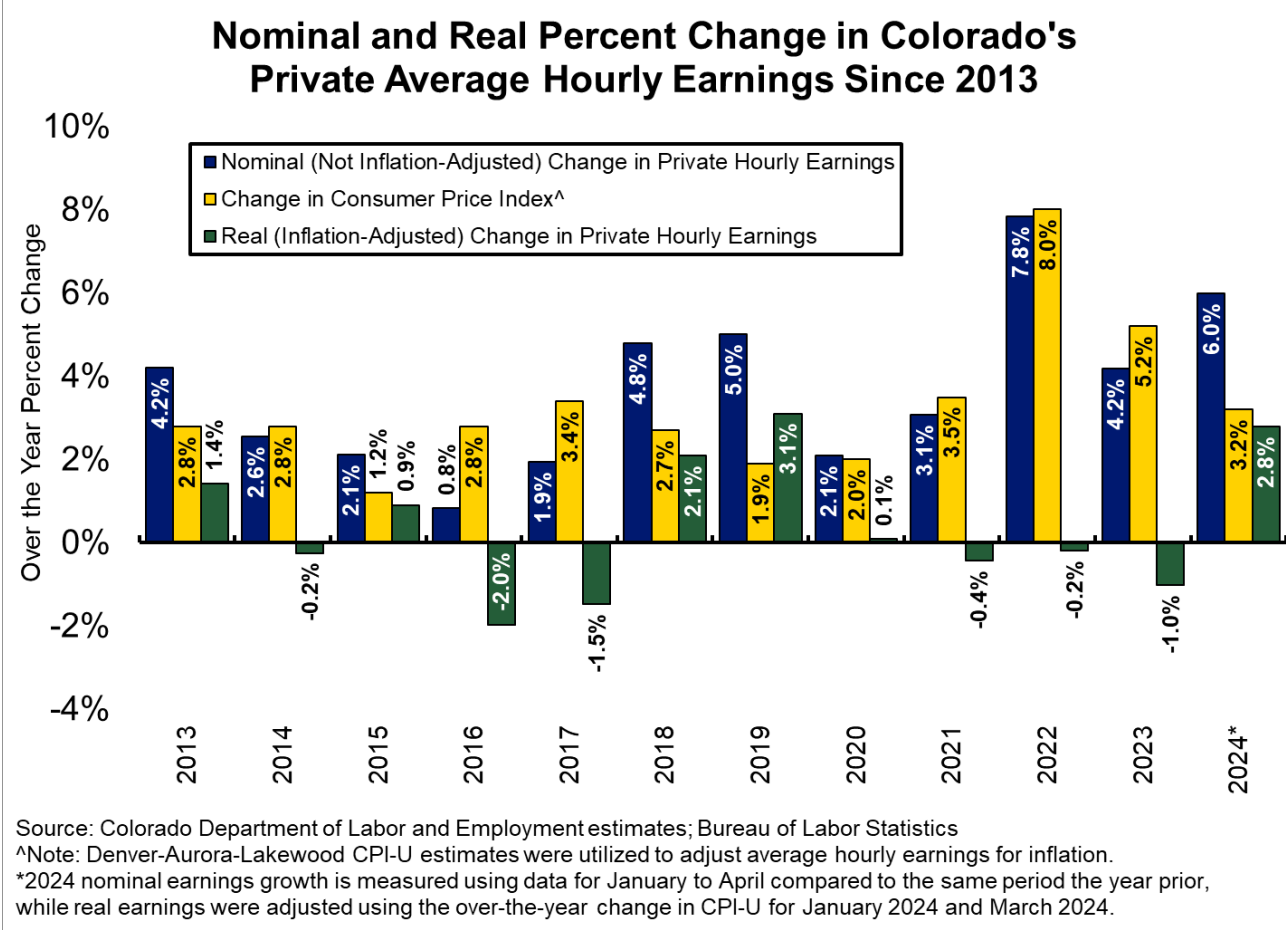


Chart information:

- This chart displays annualized hourly wage data for Colorado from 2013 to 2024.
- Each year contains three key data points: 1) the nominal (not inflation-adjusted) change in private hourly earnings; 2) the change in the consumer price index (CPI) for the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood area, which is used as an inflation measure; and 3) the real (inflation-adjusted) change in private hourly earnings, which simply takes the difference of the first two data points.
- 2024 nominal earnings growth is measured using data for January to April compared to the same period the year prior, while real earnings were adjusted using the over-the-year change in CPI for January and March 2024.
- Real earnings have increased by 2.8 percent in 2024, compared to a drop of 1.0 percent in 2023, and a decrease of 0.2 percent in 2022.
- These data are produced by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Colorado Involuntary Part-Time Workers as Share of Labor Force, Since 2008

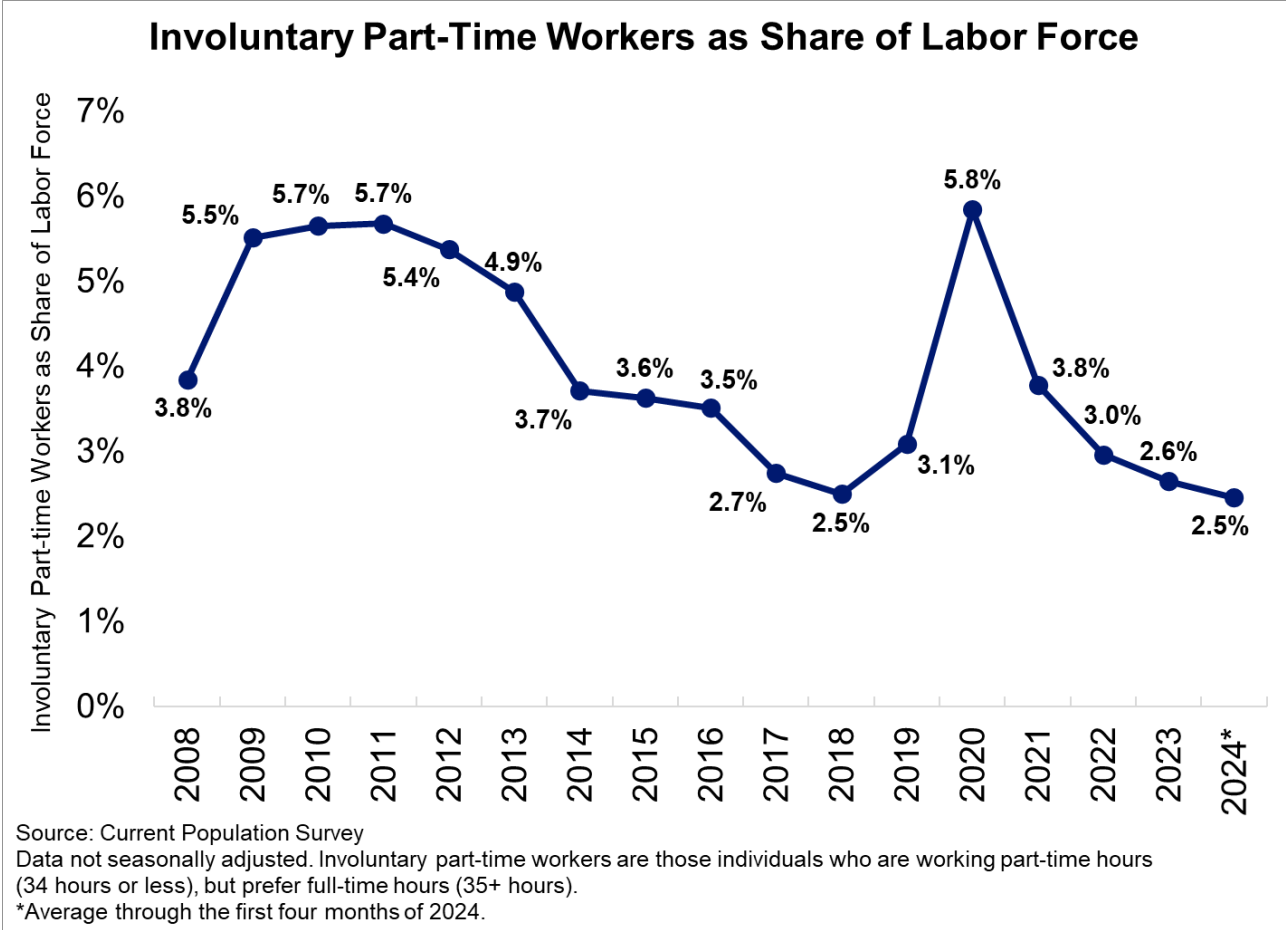


Chart information:

- This chart displays the estimated share of Colorado’s labor force that works part-time hours (34 hours or less), but prefer full-time hours (35+ hours), from 2008 to 2024. This metric is known as involuntary part-time or part-time for economic reasons.
- The average involuntary part-time share in 2024 is 2.5 percent, a significant improvement from the rate of 5.8 percent in 2020. Notably, the current rate matches the historical low point of 2018.
- The 2024 rate of 2.5 percent translates to approximately 54,000 individuals in Colorado.
- For historical context, the involuntary part-time rate exceeded 5.0 percent from 2009 to 2012, during the height of the Great Recession. As noted above, the rate reached a low 2.5 percent in 2018.
- These data are produced by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Colorado Unemployment Rates by Gender, Most Recent 12-Month Period Available vs. Select Periods

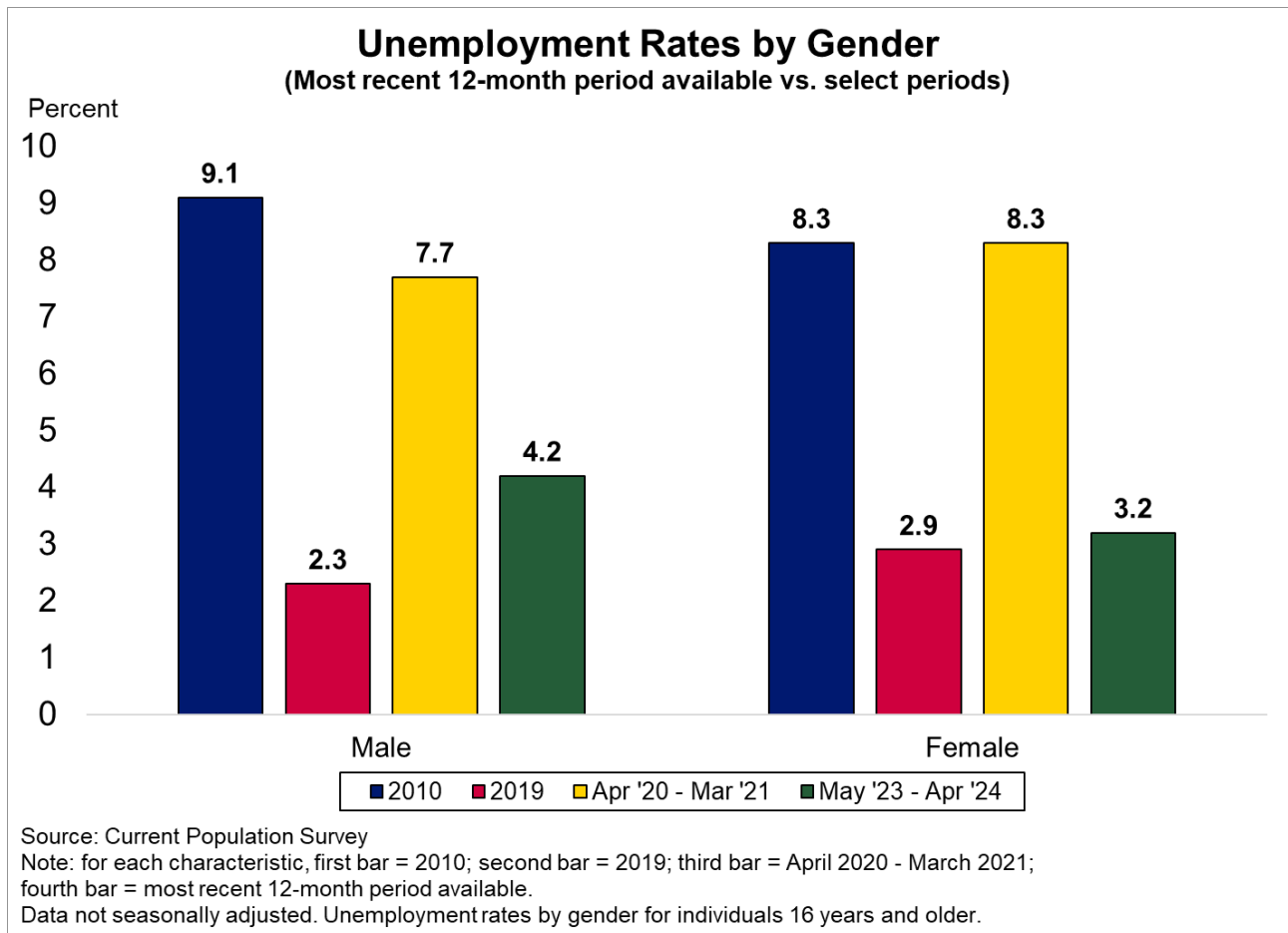


Chart information:

- This chart compares Colorado unemployment rates by gender over four select periods. The periods are: 2010 (the height of the Great Recession); 2019 (marking the last year of a long economic expansion); the 12-month period spanning April 2020 to March 2021 (the height of the pandemic); and the most recent 12-month period available (May 2023 to April 2024).
- For the most recent 12-month period available, the male unemployment rate is 4.2 percent, and the female unemployment rate is 3.2 percent. The current male unemployment rate is higher than the 2019 rate of 2.3 percent, and the current female unemployment rate is higher the 2019 rate of 2.9 percent.
- Unemployment rates by gender are vastly improved from their pandemic peaks, which ranged between 7.7 percent and 8.3 percent.
- These data are produced by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment and come from the Current Population Survey.

Colorado Unemployment Rates by Race and Ethnicity, Most Recent 12-Month Period Available vs. Select Periods

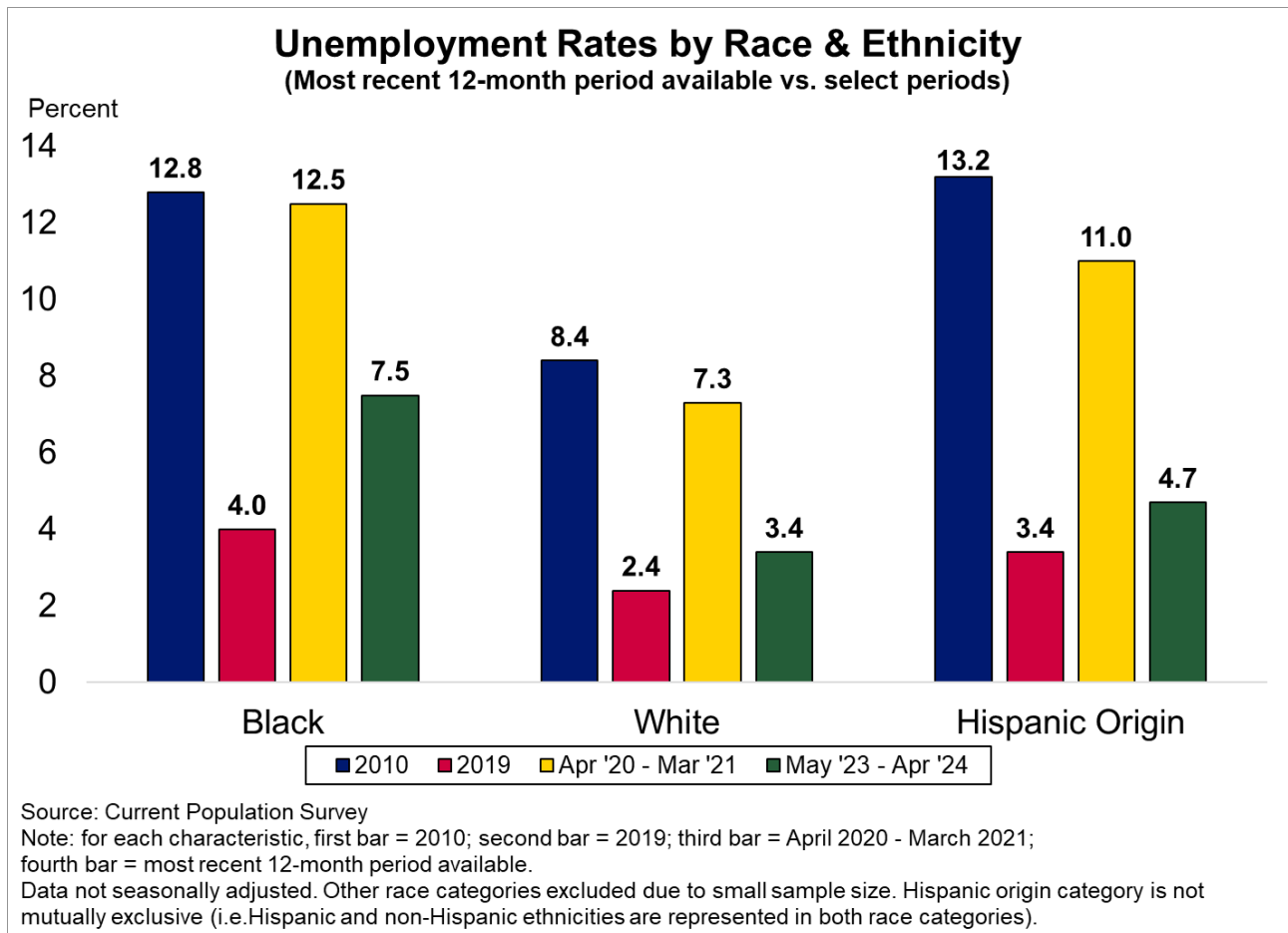


Chart information:

- This chart compares Colorado unemployment rates by race and ethnicity over four select periods. The periods are: 2010 (the height of the Great Recession); 2019 (marking the last year of a long economic expansion); the 12-month period spanning April 2020 to March 2021 (the height of the pandemic); and the most recent 12-month period available (May 2023 to April 2024).
- For the most recent 12-month period available, the Black unemployment rate is 7.5 percent, the White unemployment rate is 3.4 percent, and the Hispanic unemployment rate is 4.7 percent. The 2019 rates for those groups were 4.0 percent, 2.4 percent, and 3.4 percent, respectively.
- Unemployment rates by race and ethnicity are vastly improved from their pandemic peaks, which ranged between 7.3 percent and 12.5 percent.
- These data are produced by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment and come from the Current Population Survey.

Colorado Unemployment Rates by Educational Attainment, Most Recent 12-Month Period Available vs. Select Periods

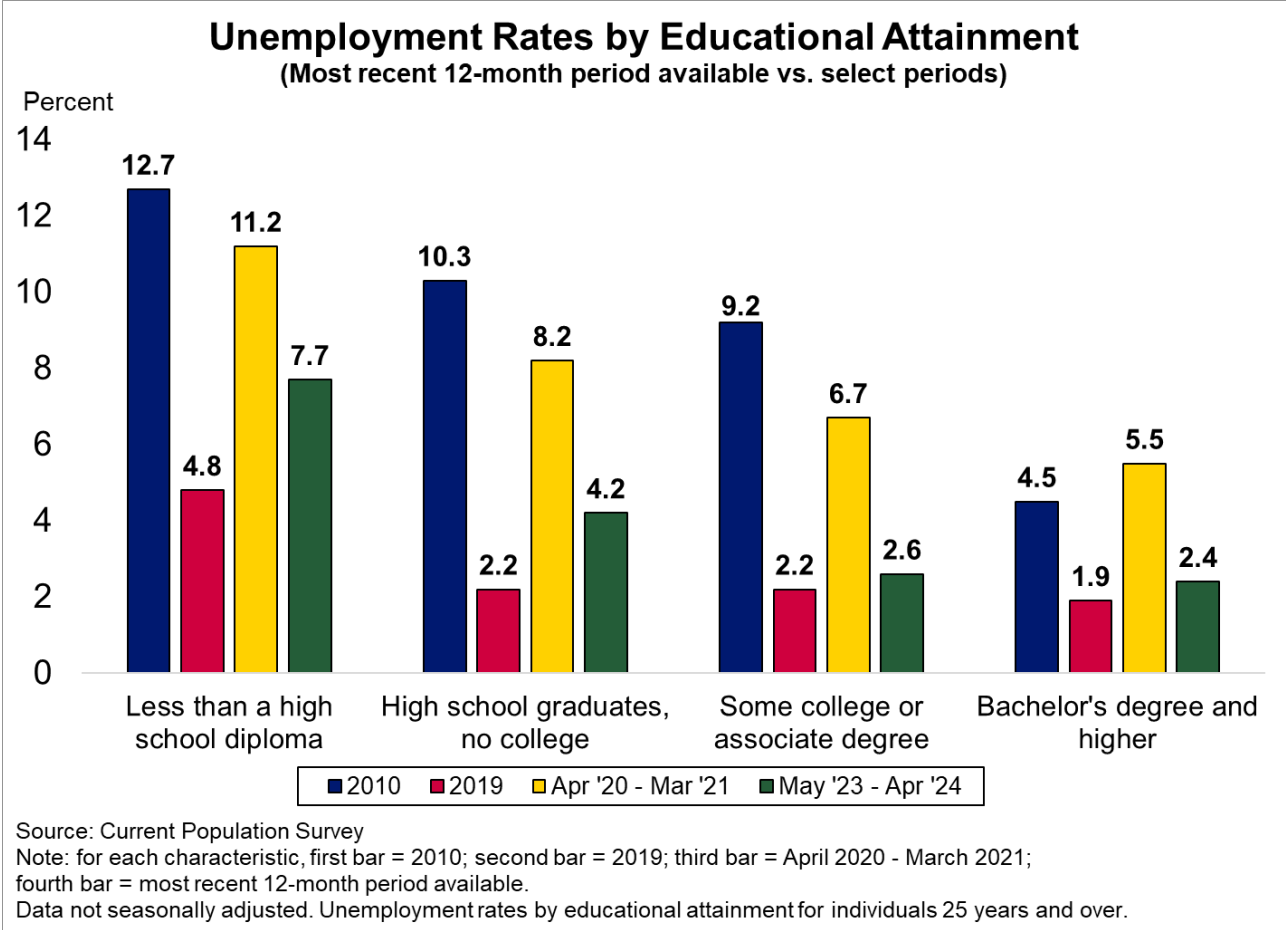


Chart information:

- This chart compares Colorado unemployment rates by levels of education over four select periods. The periods are: 2010 (the height of the Great Recession); 2019 (marking the last year of a long economic expansion); the 12-month period spanning April 2020 to March 2021 (the height of the pandemic); and the most recent 12-month period available (May 2023 to April 2024).
- For the most recent 12-month period available, unemployment rates by education level are: less than a high school diploma (7.7 percent); high school graduates, no college (4.2 percent); some college or associate degree (2.6 percent); and bachelor’s degree and higher (2.4 percent). Respectively, those rates in 2019 were: 4.8 percent; 2.2 percent; 2.2 percent; and 1.9 percent.
- All of the unemployment rates by levels of education are vastly improved from their pandemic peaks, which ranged between 5.5 percent and 11.2 percent.
- These data are produced by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment and come from the Current Population Survey.

Colorado Unemployment Rates by Age Group, Most Recent 12-Month Period Available vs. Select Periods

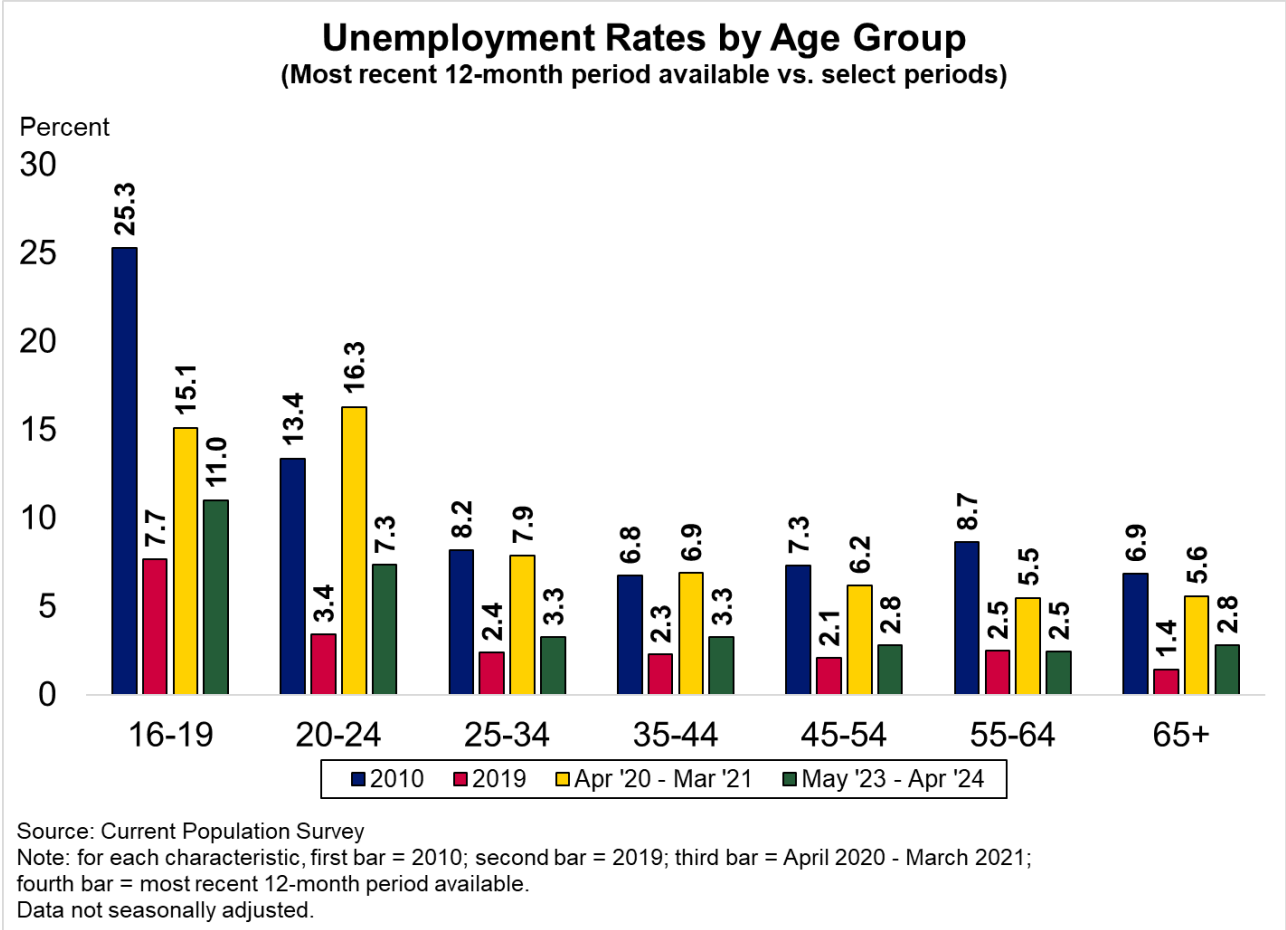


Chart information:

- This chart compares Colorado unemployment rates between seven age cohorts over four select periods. The periods are: 2010 (the height of the Great Recession); 2019 (marking the last year of a long economic expansion); the 12-month period spanning April 2020 to March 2021 (the height of the pandemic); and the most recent 12-month period available (May 2023 to April 2024).
- For the most recent 12-month period available, unemployment rates by cohort are: 16-19 (11.0%); 20-24 (7.3%); 25-34 (3.3%); 35-44 (3.3%); 45-54 (2.8%); 55-64 (2.5%); and 65+ (2.8%). Respectively, those rates in 2019 were: 7.7 percent; 3.4 percent; 2.4 percent; 2.3 percent; 2.1 percent; 2.5 percent; and 1.4 percent.
- All of the unemployment rates by age cohort are vastly improved from their pandemic peaks, which ranged between 5.5 percent and 16.3 percent.
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Colorado Ages 25 to 54 Labor Force Participation Rates and Employment-Population Ratios, Most Recent 12-Month Period Available vs. Select Periods

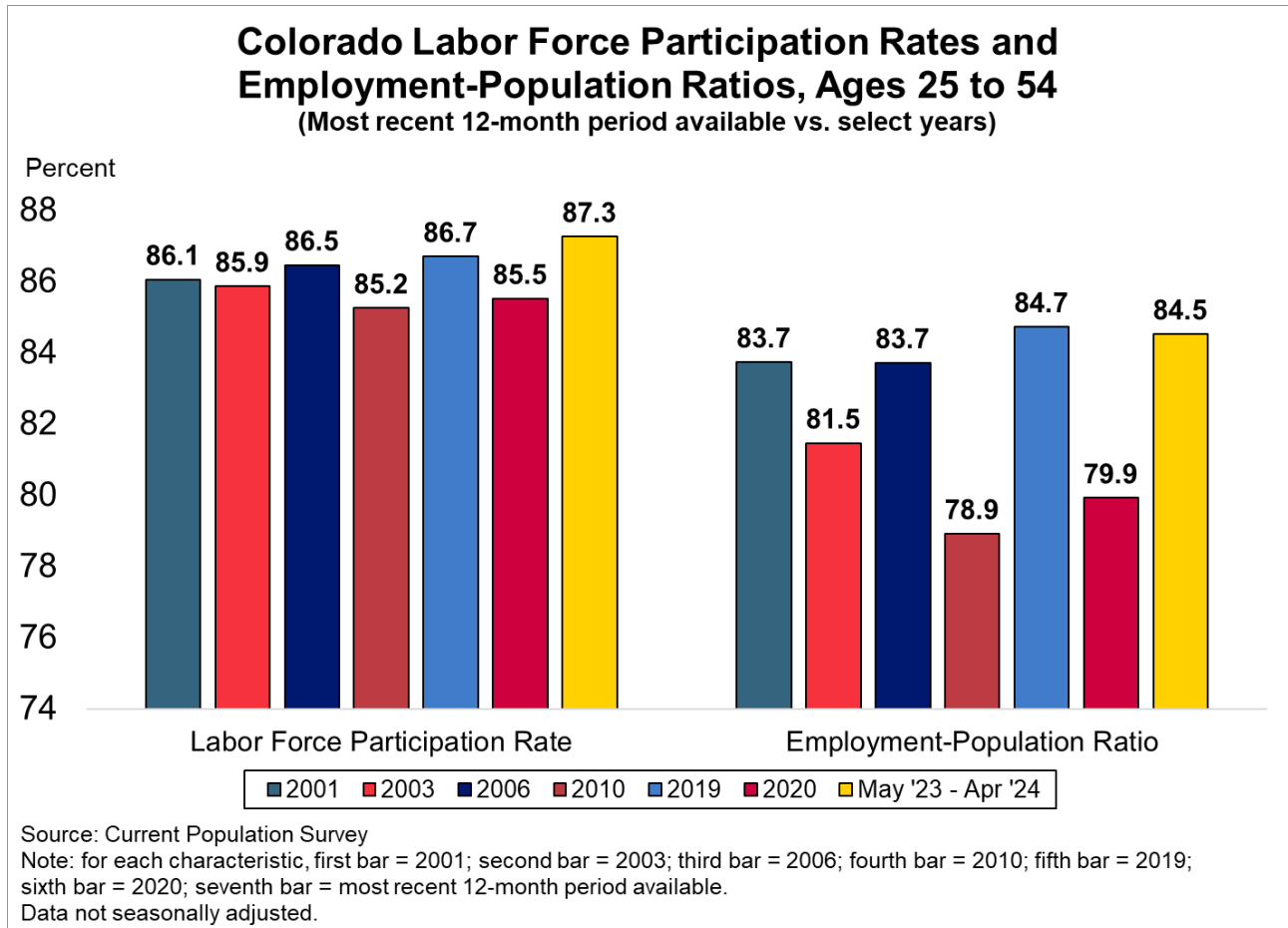


Chart information:

- This chart compares Colorado labor force participation rates (LFPR) and employment-population (EPOP) ratios for individuals between the ages of 25 and 54, over seven select periods. The periods were selected by years with growing state economies (2001, 2006, and 2019), years with economic downturns (2003, 2010, and 2020), and the most recent 12-month period available (May 2023 to April 2024).
- For the most recent 12-month period available, the 25-54 LFPR is 87.3 percent, while the 25-54 EPOP is 84.5 percent. LFPR currently is historically high, surpassing the 2001, 2006, and 2019 periods, while EPOP exceeds 2001 and 2006 rates and is two-tenths of a percentage point lower than 2019.
- The current 25-54 LFPR and EPOP rates are vastly improved from their 2020 levels, which were at 85.5 percent and 79.9 percent, respectively.
- These data are produced by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment and come from the Current Population Survey.

Colorado Labor Force Summary

Source: Colorado Department of Labor & Employment; Bureau of Labor Statistics

Values in Thousands.

Seasonally Adjusted Data from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program

Labor Force Component	Apr-24	Mar-24	Apr-23	Change From Last Month	Change From Last Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	3,236.8	3,235.3	3,227.2	1.5	9.6
Unemployment	120.1	118.3	98.0	1.9	22.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.7	3.7	3.0	0.0	0.7
Employment	3,116.7	3,117.1	3,129.3	-0.4	-12.6

Not Seasonally Adjusted Data from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program

Labor Force Component	Apr-24	Mar-24	Apr-23	Change From Last Month	Change From Last Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	3,222.5	3,226.6	3,201.9	-4.1	20.6
Unemployment	109.9	124.3	86.2	-14.4	23.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.4	3.9	2.7	-0.5	0.7
Employment	3,112.5	3,102.2	3,115.7	10.3	-3.2

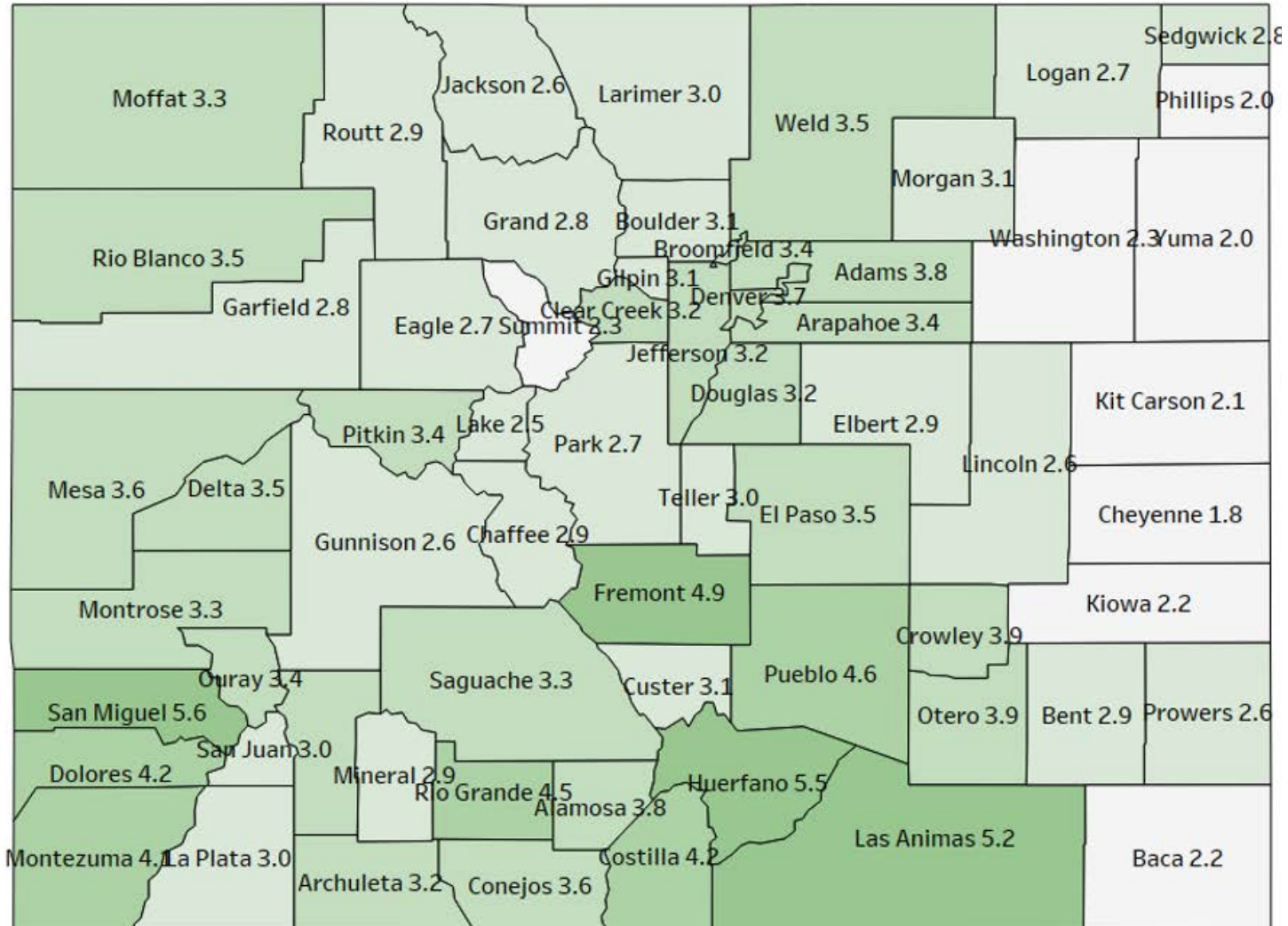
Seasonally Adjusted Data from the Current Employment Statistics Program

Industry	Apr-24	Mar-24	Apr-23	Change From Last Month	Change From Last Year
Mining & Logging	22.2	22.3	21.4	-0.1	0.8
Construction	180.4	182.1	184.7	-1.7	-4.3
Manufacturing	152.0	151.1	151.5	0.9	0.5
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	502.0	502.4	508.0	-0.4	-6.0
Information	75.4	76.2	77.9	-0.8	-2.5
Financial Activities	184.2	183.7	180.3	0.5	3.9
Professional & Business Services	502.2	505.3	496.4	-3.1	5.8
Educational & Health Services	385.6	381.0	366.2	4.6	19.4
Leisure & Hospitality	356.4	356.7	348.8	-0.3	7.6
Other Services	129.0	129.2	127.0	-0.2	2.0
Government	491.7	490.8	467.1	0.9	24.6
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,981.1	2,980.8	2,929.3	0.3	51.8

Not Seasonally Adjusted Data from the Current Employment Statistics Program

Industry	Apr-24	Mar-24	Apr-23	Change From Last Month	Change From Last Year
Mining & Logging	22.3	22.1	21.3	0.2	1.0
Construction	177.8	177.2	183.6	0.6	-5.8
Manufacturing	151.8	151.0	150.9	0.8	0.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	497.3	499.3	503.6	-2.0	-6.3
Information	74.9	75.8	77.9	-0.9	-3.0
Financial Activities	183.1	183.1	179.7	0.0	3.4
Professional & Business Services	501.7	499.3	496.1	2.4	5.6
Educational & Health Services	385.8	381.7	368.0	4.1	17.8
Leisure & Hospitality	353.0	354.0	344.4	-1.0	8.6
Other Services	128.2	129.0	127.1	-0.8	1.1
Government	495.2	493.8	473.0	1.4	22.2
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,971.1	2,966.3	2,925.6	4.8	45.5

County Unemployment Rates April 2024



Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Labor Market Information

Note: Data is not seasonally adjusted. For an accessible data table of the county unemployment rates, go to the [Not Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force by Metro Area and County Table 3. By County](#) on the following page.



Not Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force by Metro Area and County

Note: All estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and adjusted to Current Population Survey data. Estimates have been revised to incorporate population data from the American Community Survey.

Table 1. Statewide

Statewide	April 2024 Labor Force	April 2024 Employment	April 2024 Unemployment	April 2024 Rate	March 2024 Labor Force	March 2024 Employment	March 2024 Unemployment	March 2024 Rate
Colorado	3,222,484	3,112,535	109,949	3.4	3,226,565	3,102,235	124,330	3.9

Table 2. By Metropolitan Statistical Area

Metropolitan Statistical Area	April 2024 Labor Force	April 2024 Employment	April 2024 Unemployment	April 2024 Rate	March 2024 Labor Force	March 2024 Employment	March 2024 Unemployment	March 2024 Rate
Boulder	205,290	199,017	6,273	3.1	204,965	197,839	7,126	3.5
Colorado Springs	380,684	367,461	13,223	3.5	380,682	365,593	15,089	4.0
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood	1,724,718	1,664,582	60,136	3.5	1,728,466	1,661,475	66,991	3.9
Fort Collins	216,882	210,398	6,484	3.0	216,585	209,018	7,567	3.5
Grand Junction	76,009	73,291	2,718	3.6	76,203	72,935	3,268	4.3
Greeley	172,825	166,835	5,990	3.5	172,468	165,468	7,000	4.1
Pueblo	75,366	71,926	3,440	4.6	75,467	71,551	3,916	5.2

Table 3. By County

Counties	April 2024 Labor Force	April 2024 Employment	April 2024 Unemployment	April 2024 Rate	March 2024 Labor Force	March 2024 Employment	March 2024 Unemployment	March 2024 Rate
Adams	281,786	270,990	10,796	3.8	282,592	270,435	12,157	4.3
Alamosa	7,836	7,540	296	3.8	7,729	7,382	347	4.5
Arapahoe	374,502	361,890	12,612	3.4	375,429	361,334	14,095	3.8
Archuleta	6,846	6,624	222	3.2	6,607	6,336	271	4.1
Baca	2,084	2,039	45	2.2	1,949	1,895	54	2.8
Bent	1,831	1,777	54	2.9	1,733	1,675	58	3.3
Boulder	205,290	199,017	6,273	3.1	204,965	197,839	7,126	3.5
Broomfield	42,578	41,136	1,442	3.4	42,748	41,126	1,622	3.8
Chaffee	10,179	9,886	293	2.9	9,973	9,619	354	3.5
Cheyenne	1,050	1,031	19	1.8	964	942	22	2.3
Clear Creek	6,147	5,950	197	3.2	6,132	5,931	201	3.3
Conejos	3,823	3,687	136	3.6	3,715	3,557	158	4.3
Costilla	1,814	1,738	76	4.2	1,756	1,666	90	5.1
Crowley	1,344	1,291	53	3.9	1,331	1,263	68	5.1
Custer	2,147	2,080	67	3.1	2,079	2,000	79	3.8
Delta	14,046	13,560	486	3.5	13,497	12,875	622	4.6
Denver	436,979	420,654	16,325	3.7	437,902	420,031	17,871	4.1
Dolores	1,075	1,030	45	4.2	1,048	1,002	46	4.4
Douglas	208,197	201,438	6,759	3.2	208,730	201,175	7,555	3.6
Eagle	35,500	34,547	953	2.7	36,399	35,374	1,025	2.8
El Paso	366,976	354,171	12,805	3.5	366,991	352,401	14,590	4.0
Elbert	15,999	15,542	457	2.9	15,871	15,334	537	3.4
Fremont	14,379	13,671	708	4.9	14,204	13,377	827	5.8
Garfield	31,658	30,763	895	2.8	32,653	31,545	1,108	3.4
Gilpin	3,929	3,808	121	3.1	3,926	3,793	133	3.4
Grand	9,168	8,915	253	2.8	9,802	9,516	286	2.9
Gunnison	11,280	10,987	293	2.6	11,564	11,250	314	2.7
Hinsdale	337	325	12	3.6	355	341	14	3.9
Huerfano	2,495	2,359	136	5.5	2,414	2,247	167	6.9
Jackson	881	858	23	2.6	841	816	25	3.0
Jefferson	342,986	331,877	11,109	3.2	343,569	331,129	12,440	3.6
Kiowa	872	853	19	2.2	820	795	25	3.0
Kit Carson	4,186	4,098	88	2.1	4,053	3,951	102	2.5
La Plata	31,180	30,251	929	3.0	30,742	29,599	1,143	3.7
Lake	5,167	5,040	127	2.5	5,290	5,145	145	2.7
Larimer	216,882	210,398	6,484	3.0	216,585	209,018	7,567	3.5
Las Animas	5,929	5,619	310	5.2	5,762	5,425	337	5.8
Lincoln	2,257	2,199	58	2.6	2,200	2,129	71	3.2
Logan	10,101	9,828	273	2.7	9,934	9,608	326	3.3
Mesa	76,009	73,291	2,718	3.6	76,203	72,935	3,268	4.3
Mineral	453	440	13	2.9	561	546	15	2.7
Moffat	7,012	6,780	232	3.3	7,005	6,702	303	4.3
Montezuma	11,864	11,378	486	4.1	11,414	10,811	603	5.3
Montrose	21,721	21,006	715	3.3	21,165	20,307	858	4.1
Morgan	15,545	15,069	476	3.1	15,093	14,562	531	3.5
Otero	7,671	7,373	298	3.9	7,473	7,129	344	4.6
Ourray	2,366	2,286	80	3.4	2,347	2,256	91	3.9
Park	11,615	11,297	318	2.7	11,567	11,187	380	3.3
Phillips	2,405	2,358	47	2.0	2,257	2,199	58	2.6
Pitkin	10,893	10,527	366	3.4	11,116	10,785	331	3.0
Prowers	6,287	6,123	164	2.6	6,077	5,875	202	3.3
Pueblo	75,366	71,926	3,440	4.6	75,467	71,551	3,916	5.2
Rio Blanco	2,714	2,618	96	3.5	2,635	2,526	109	4.1
Rio Grande	5,278	5,040	238	4.5	4,994	4,720	274	5.5
Routt	16,350	15,880	470	2.9	17,239	16,774	465	2.7
Saguache	3,463	3,349	114	3.3	3,275	3,149	126	3.8
San Juan	537	521	16	3.0	539	521	18	3.3
San Miguel	4,938	4,661	277	5.6	6,062	5,921	141	2.3
Sedgwick	1,121	1,090	31	2.8	1,078	1,041	37	3.4
Summit	22,638	22,114	524	2.3	24,434	23,866	568	2.3
Teller	13,708	13,290	418	3.0	13,691	13,192	499	3.6
Washington	2,688	2,625	63	2.3	2,554	2,479	75	2.9
Weld	172,825	166,835	5,990	3.5	172,468	165,468	7,000	4.1
Yuma	5,302	5,194	108	2.0	4,993	4,855	138	2.8

Not Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force by Metro Area and County

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Table 1. Statewide

Statewide	April 2024 Labor Force	April 2024 Employment	April 2024 Unemployment	April 2024 Rate	April 2023 Labor force	April 2023 Employment	April 2023 Unemployment	April 2023 Rate
Colorado	3,222,484	3,112,535	109,949	3.4	3,201,870	3,115,695	86,175	2.7

Table 2. By Metropolitan Statistical Area

Metropolitan Statistical Area	April 2024 Labor Force	April 2024 Employment	April 2024 Unemployment	April 2024 Rate	April 2023 Labor force	April 2023 Employment	April 2023 Unemployment	April 2023 Rate
Boulder	205,290	199,017	6,273	3.1	201,291	196,621	4,670	2.3
Colorado Springs	380,684	367,461	13,223	3.5	373,911	363,394	10,517	2.8
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood	1,724,718	1,664,582	60,136	3.5	1,733,570	1,687,096	46,474	2.7
Fort Collins	216,882	210,398	6,484	3.0	211,200	206,253	4,947	2.3
Grand Junction	76,009	73,291	2,718	3.6	76,085	73,854	2,231	2.9
Greeley	172,825	166,835	5,990	3.5	170,224	165,634	4,590	2.7
Pueblo	75,366	71,926	3,440	4.6	75,270	72,333	2,937	3.9

Table 3. By County

Counties	April 2024 Labor Force	April 2024 Employment	April 2024 Unemployment	April 2024 Rate	April 2023 Labor force	April 2023 Employment	April 2023 Unemployment	April 2023 Rate
Adams	281,786	270,990	10,796	3.8	282,941	274,638	8,303	2.9
Alamosa	7,836	7,540	296	3.8	7,868	7,647	221	2.8
Arapahoe	374,502	361,890	12,612	3.4	376,821	366,853	9,968	2.6
Archuleta	6,846	6,624	222	3.2	6,756	6,553	203	3.0
Baca	2,084	2,039	45	2.2	2,006	1,975	31	1.5
Bent	1,831	1,777	54	2.9	1,719	1,672	47	2.7
Boulder	205,290	199,017	6,273	3.1	201,291	196,621	4,670	2.3
Broomfield	42,578	41,136	1,442	3.4	42,823	41,734	1,089	2.5
Chaffee	10,179	9,886	293	2.9	9,747	9,497	250	2.6
Cheyenne	1,050	1,031	19	1.8	1,003	986	17	1.7
Clear Creek	6,147	5,950	197	3.2	6,162	6,025	137	2.2
Conejos	3,823	3,687	136	3.6	3,808	3,704	104	2.7
Costilla	1,814	1,738	76	4.2	1,724	1,654	70	4.1
Crowley	1,344	1,291	53	3.9	1,341	1,287	54	4.0
Custer	2,147	2,080	67	3.1	2,184	2,130	54	2.5
Delta	14,046	13,560	486	3.5	13,371	12,945	426	3.2
Denver	436,979	420,654	16,325	3.7	439,096	426,439	12,657	2.9
Dolores	1,075	1,030	45	4.2	1,068	1,033	35	3.3
Douglas	208,197	201,438	6,759	3.2	209,243	204,233	5,010	2.4
Eagle	35,500	34,547	953	2.7	34,794	34,047	747	2.1
El Paso	366,976	354,171	12,805	3.5	360,427	350,261	10,166	2.8
Elbert	15,999	15,542	457	2.9	15,981	15,646	335	2.1
Fremont	14,379	13,671	708	4.9	14,164	13,556	608	4.3
Garfield	31,658	30,763	895	2.8	30,625	29,845	780	2.5
Gilpin	3,929	3,808	121	3.1	3,942	3,853	89	2.3
Grand	9,168	8,915	253	2.8	8,860	8,643	217	2.4
Gunnison	11,280	10,987	293	2.6	11,083	10,788	295	2.7
Hinsdale	337	325	12	3.6	334	325	9	2.7
Huerfano	2,495	2,359	136	5.5	2,388	2,265	123	5.2
Jackson	881	858	23	2.6	882	863	19	2.2
Jefferson	342,986	331,877	11,109	3.2	344,877	336,281	8,596	2.5
Kiowa	872	853	19	2.2	849	833	16	1.9
Kit Carson	4,186	4,098	88	2.1	3,991	3,929	62	1.6
La Plata	31,180	30,251	929	3.0	30,410	29,649	761	2.5
Lake	5,167	5,040	127	2.5	4,937	4,841	96	1.9
Larimer	216,882	210,398	6,484	3.0	211,200	206,253	4,947	2.3
Las Animas	5,929	5,619	310	5.2	5,967	5,713	254	4.3
Lincoln	2,257	2,199	58	2.6	2,169	2,113	56	2.6
Logan	10,101	9,828	273	2.7	9,939	9,718	221	2.2
Mesa	76,009	73,291	2,718	3.6	76,085	73,854	2,231	2.9
Mineral	453	440	13	2.9	419	410	9	2.1
Moffat	7,012	6,780	232	3.3	6,774	6,568	206	3.0
Montezuma	11,864	11,378	486	4.1	11,854	11,413	441	3.7
Montrose	21,721	21,006	715	3.3	21,002	20,406	596	2.8
Morgan	15,545	15,069	476	3.1	15,084	14,664	400	2.7
Otero	7,671	7,373	298	3.9	7,588	7,306	282	3.7
Ouray	2,366	2,286	80	3.4	2,335	2,260	75	3.2
Park	11,615	11,297	318	2.7	11,684	11,394	290	2.5
Phillips	2,405	2,358	47	2.0	2,304	2,266	38	1.6
Pitkin	10,893	10,527	366	3.4	10,512	10,217	295	2.8
Prowers	6,287	6,123	164	2.6	5,996	5,856	140	2.3
Pueblo	75,366	71,926	3,440	4.6	75,270	72,333	2,937	3.9
Rio Blanco	2,714	2,618	96	3.5	2,697	2,625	72	2.7
Rio Grande	5,278	5,040	238	4.5	5,106	4,946	160	3.1
Routt	16,350	15,880	470	2.9	15,389	15,040	349	2.3
Saguache	3,463	3,349	114	3.3	3,313	3,221	92	2.8
San Juan	537	521	16	3.0	499	485	14	2.8
San Miguel	4,938	4,661	277	5.6	4,841	4,549	292	6.0
Sedgwick	1,121	1,090	31	2.8	1,047	1,020	27	2.6
Summit	22,638	22,114	524	2.3	21,752	21,335	417	1.9
Teller	13,708	13,290	418	3.0	13,484	13,133	351	2.6
Washington	2,688	2,625	63	2.3	2,649	2,604	45	1.7
Weld	172,825	166,835	5,990	3.5	170,224	165,634	4,590	2.7
Yuma	5,302	5,194	108	2.0	5,189	5,106	83	1.6

Not Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force for Select Cities in Colorado

All estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, and Bureau of Labor Statistics and adjusted to Current Population Survey data. Estimates have been revised to incorporate population data from the American Community Survey.

Table 1. Over the Month

Area	April 2024 Labor Force	April 2024 Employed	April 2024 Unemployed	April 2024 Rate	March 2024 Labor Force	March 2024 Employed	March 2024 Unemployed	March 2024 Rate
Arvada	71,089	68,674	2,415	3.4	71,180	68,520	2,660	3.7
Aurora	209,619	202,001	7,618	3.6	210,232	201,681	8,551	4.1
Boulder	68,785	66,720	2,065	3.0	68,692	66,325	2,367	3.4
Brighton	20,758	19,964	794	3.8	20,844	19,919	925	4.4
Castle Rock	39,463	38,079	1,384	3.5	39,561	38,029	1,532	3.9
Centennial	64,871	62,899	1,972	3.0	65,022	62,802	2,220	3.4
Colorado Springs	254,566	245,905	8,661	3.4	254,504	244,676	9,828	3.9
Commerce City	30,991	29,739	1,252	4.0	31,107	29,678	1,429	4.6
Englewood	21,822	21,098	724	3.3	21,901	21,066	835	3.8
Erie	18,969	18,399	570	3.0	18,903	18,267	636	3.4
Fort Collins	105,053	102,014	3,039	2.9	104,907	101,345	3,562	3.4
Fountain	13,892	13,411	481	3.5	13,896	13,344	552	4.0
Grand Junction	30,688	29,543	1,145	3.7	30,756	29,399	1,357	4.4
Greeley	53,025	51,083	1,942	3.7	52,953	50,665	2,288	4.3
Lafayette	18,414	17,815	599	3.3	18,366	17,709	657	3.6
Lakewood	89,570	86,411	3,159	3.5	89,725	86,216	3,509	3.9
Littleton	25,739	24,926	813	3.2	25,786	24,886	900	3.5
Longmont	58,122	56,227	1,895	3.3	58,078	55,892	2,186	3.8
Loveland	48,023	46,532	1,491	3.1	47,987	46,227	1,760	3.7
Northglenn	21,671	20,868	803	3.7	21,741	20,825	916	4.2
Parker	34,902	33,783	1,119	3.2	34,997	33,738	1,259	3.6
Pueblo	48,026	45,658	2,368	4.9	48,091	45,420	2,671	5.6
Thornton	83,874	80,981	2,893	3.4	84,036	80,815	3,221	3.8
Westminster	68,203	65,648	2,555	3.7	68,354	65,507	2,847	4.2
Wheat Ridge	17,669	16,980	689	3.9	17,699	16,941	758	4.3
Windsor	15,937	15,428	509	3.2	15,879	15,307	572	3.6

Table 2. Over the Year

Area	April 2024 Labor Force	April 2024 Employed	April 2024 Unemployed	April 2024 Rate	April 2023 Labor Force	April 2023 Employment	April 2023 Unemployed	April 2023 Rate
Arvada	71,089	68,674	2,415	3.4	71,383	69,586	1,797	2.5
Aurora	209,619	202,001	7,618	3.6	210,825	204,767	6,058	2.9
Boulder	68,785	66,720	2,065	3.0	67,446	65,917	1,529	2.3
Brighton	20,758	19,964	794	3.8	20,885	20,217	668	3.2
Castle Rock	39,463	38,079	1,384	3.5	39,561	38,607	954	2.4
Centennial	64,871	62,899	1,972	3.0	65,360	63,762	1,598	2.4
Colorado Springs	254,566	245,905	8,661	3.4	250,132	243,190	6,942	2.8
Commerce City	30,991	29,739	1,252	4.0	31,186	30,140	1,046	3.4
Englewood	21,822	21,098	724	3.3	21,998	21,387	611	2.8
Erie	18,969	18,399	570	3.0	18,657	18,226	431	2.3
Fort Collins	105,053	102,014	3,039	2.9	102,344	100,004	2,340	2.3
Fountain	13,892	13,411	481	3.5	13,657	13,263	394	2.9
Grand Junction	30,688	29,543	1,145	3.7	30,691	29,770	921	3.0
Greeley	53,025	51,083	1,942	3.7	52,284	50,715	1,569	3.0
Lafayette	18,414	17,815	599	3.3	18,031	17,600	431	2.4
Lakewood	89,570	86,411	3,159	3.5	90,028	87,558	2,470	2.7
Littleton	25,739	24,926	813	3.2	25,911	25,268	643	2.5
Longmont	58,122	56,227	1,895	3.3	56,956	55,553	1,403	2.5
Loveland	48,023	46,532	1,491	3.1	46,774	45,615	1,159	2.5
Northglenn	21,671	20,868	803	3.7	21,785	21,149	636	2.9
Parker	34,902	33,783	1,119	3.2	35,062	34,251	811	2.3
Pueblo	48,026	45,658	2,368	4.9	48,000	45,917	2,083	4.3
Thornton	83,874	80,981	2,893	3.4	84,336	82,072	2,264	2.7
Westminster	68,203	65,648	2,555	3.7	68,388	66,526	1,862	2.7
Wheat Ridge	17,669	16,980	689	3.9	17,714	17,205	509	2.9
Windsor	15,937	15,428	509	3.2	15,672	15,275	397	2.5