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Colorado Employment Situation – May 2025

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs Increase by 3,400 in May;
Unemployment Rate Unchanged at 4.8 Percent

Household survey data

- According to the survey of households, the **number of unemployed individuals** decreased by 100 to 158,700 from April to May. Colorado's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** remained unchanged over the same time period at 4.8 percent. The national unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.2 percent from April to May.
- Colorado's **labor force** decreased by 700 in May to 3,282,800. The share of Coloradans participating in the labor force was 67.7 percent in May, one-tenth of a percentage point lower than the month prior. The U.S. labor force participation rate decreased two-tenths of a percentage point to 62.4 percent in May.
- The **number of individuals employed** in Colorado decreased by 600 in May to 3,124,100, which represents 64.5 percent of the state's 16+ population. Colorado's employment-population ratio of 64.5 in May remained unchanged from the month prior. The national employment-population ratio decreased three-tenths of a percentage point to 59.7 percent from April to May.

Establishment survey data

- Employers in Colorado gained 3,400 **nonfarm payroll jobs** from April to May for a total of 2,991,900 jobs, according to the survey of business establishments. Private sector payroll jobs increased by 3,700, while government lost 300 jobs.
- **April estimates** were revised up to 2,988,500, and the over the month change from March to April was an increase of 14,900 jobs rather than the originally estimated increase of 8,400 (monthly revisions are based on additional responses from businesses and government agencies since the last published estimates).
- **The private industry sectors with significant over the month job gains** in May were: educational and health services ($\approx 2,400$), other services ($\approx 1,200$), leisure and hospitality ($\approx 1,100$), and information ($\approx 1,000$). The private industry sector with significant over the month **job losses** was: trade, transportation, and utilities ($\approx 1,200$).
- **Since May 2024**, nonfarm payroll jobs have increased 22,200, with the private sector increasing by 10,200 and government adding 12,000 jobs. The largest **private sector job gains** were in educational and health services ($\approx 9,200$), leisure and hospitality ($\approx 8,900$), and information ($\approx 2,200$). During that same period, **payroll jobs declined** in professional and business services ($\approx 3,800$), trade, transportation, and utilities ($\approx 3,400$), construction ($\approx 2,300$), and financial activities ($\approx 1,200$). Colorado's **rate of job growth** over the past year is 0.7 percent, below the U.S. rate of 1.1 percent.
- Over the year, the **average workweek** for all Colorado employees on private nonfarm payrolls decreased from 33.4 to 33.0 hours, while **average hourly earnings** grew from \$37.81 to \$39.00, two dollars and seventy-six cents more than the national average hourly earnings of \$36.24.

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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 June 2025 Colorado Employment Situation will be released at 8:00 AM on Friday, July 18, 2025. The full schedule of release dates for calendar year 2025 estimates is available at [Labor Market Information](#).

Technical Notes

This release provides information on industry employment and labor force statistics for May 2025, the most current estimates available from the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment. The reference period for the establishment survey 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

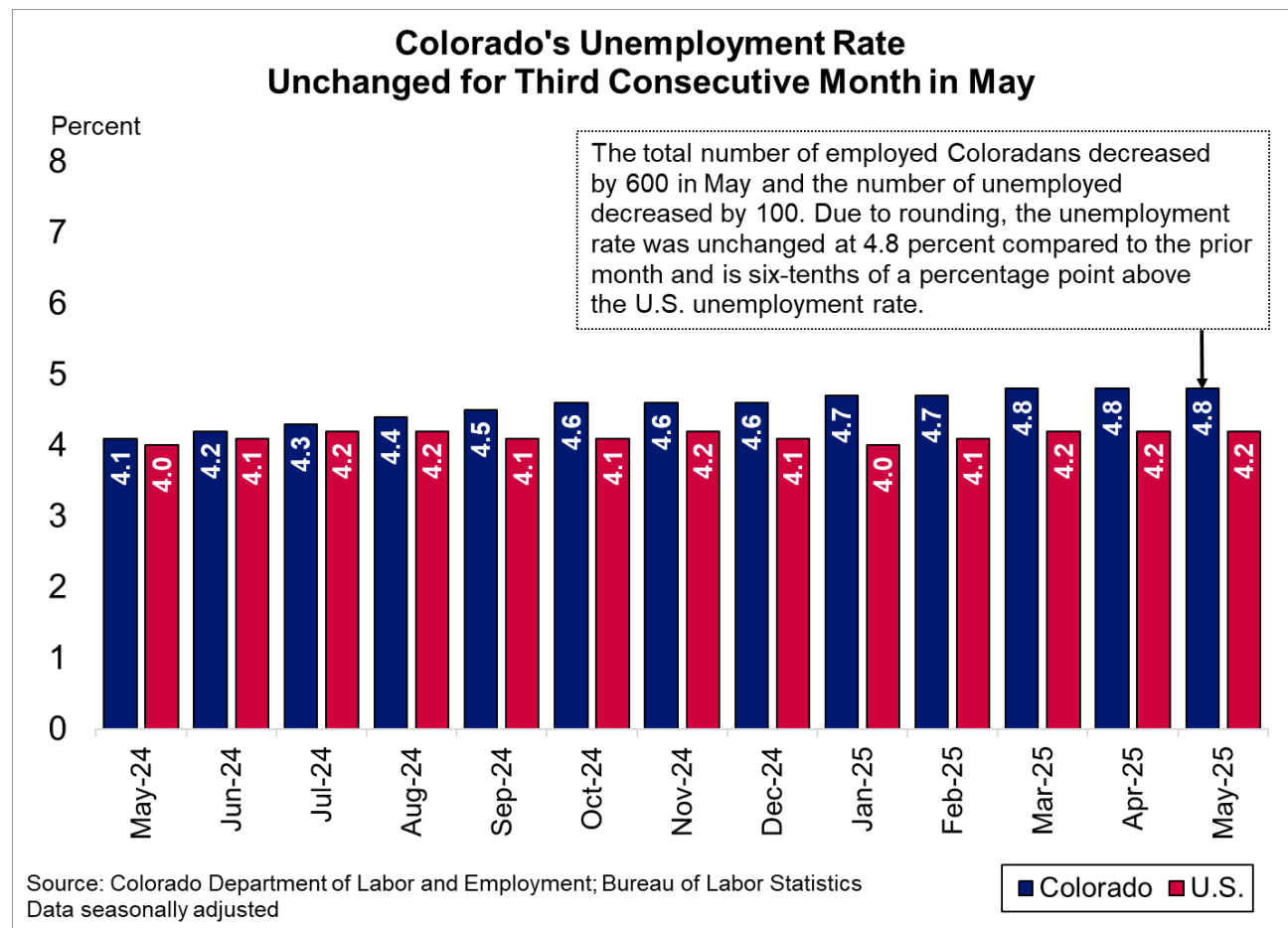


Chart information:

- Colorado's May 2025 unemployment rate was 4.8 percent, six-tenths of a percentage point higher than the U.S. rate of 4.2 percent.
- Prior month rates were 4.8 percent and 4.2 percent, respectively.
- The total number of employed Coloradans decreased by 600 in May and the number of unemployed decreased by 100, though the unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.8 percent.
- Number of unemployed Coloradans decreased by 100 to 158,700.
- Unemployment rate for Colorado has ranged between 4.1 and 4.8 percent over the past year, while the U.S. range has been 4.0 and 4.2 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

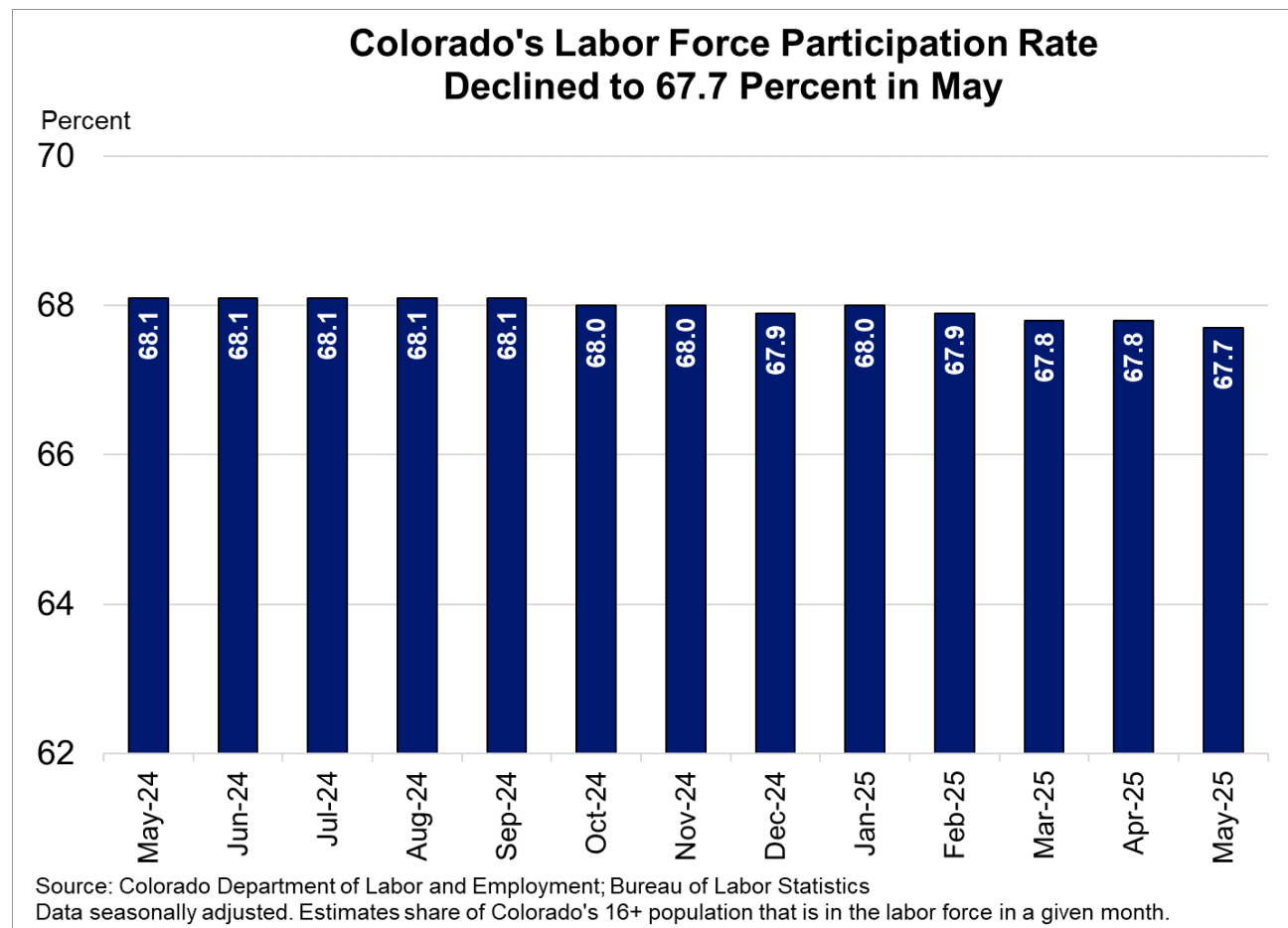


Chart information:

- Colorado's May 2025 labor force participation rate (LFPR) was 67.7 percent, a decrease of one-tenth of a percentage point from April 2025.
- A year prior, Colorado's labor force participation rate was 68.1 percent.
- The labor force participation rate for Colorado has ranged between 67.7 percent and 68.1 percent over the past year.
- 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

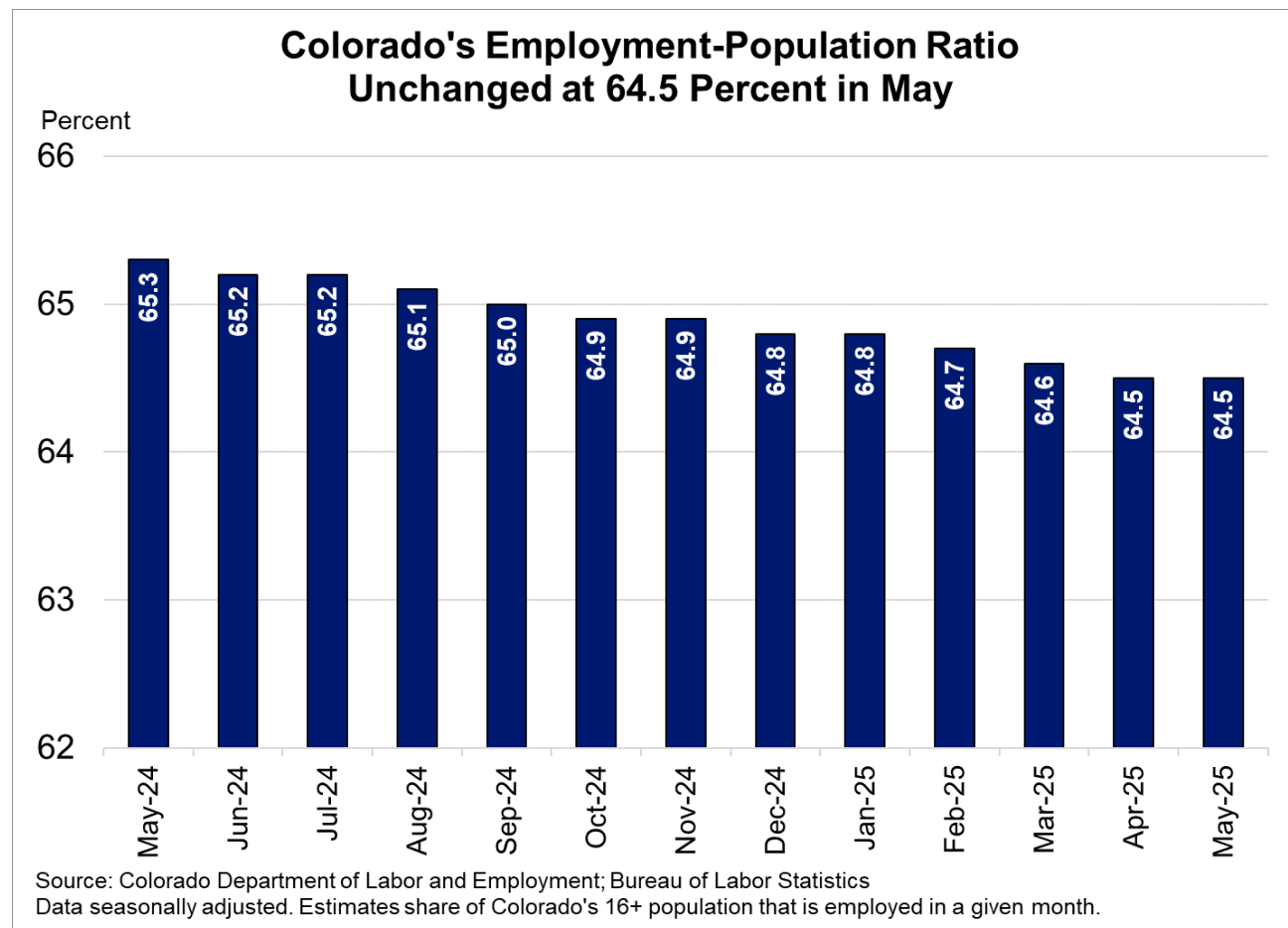


Chart information:

- Colorado's May 2025 employment-population ratio (EPOP) was 64.5 percent, unchanged from April 2025.
- A year prior, Colorado's employment-population ratio was 65.3 percent.
- The employment-population ratio for Colorado has ranged between 64.5 percent and 65.3 percent over the past year.
- The employment-population ratio estimates the share of Colorado's 16+ population that is employed in a given month.
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Colorado Monthly Change in the Number of Total Nonfarm Payroll Jobs, Over Past Year

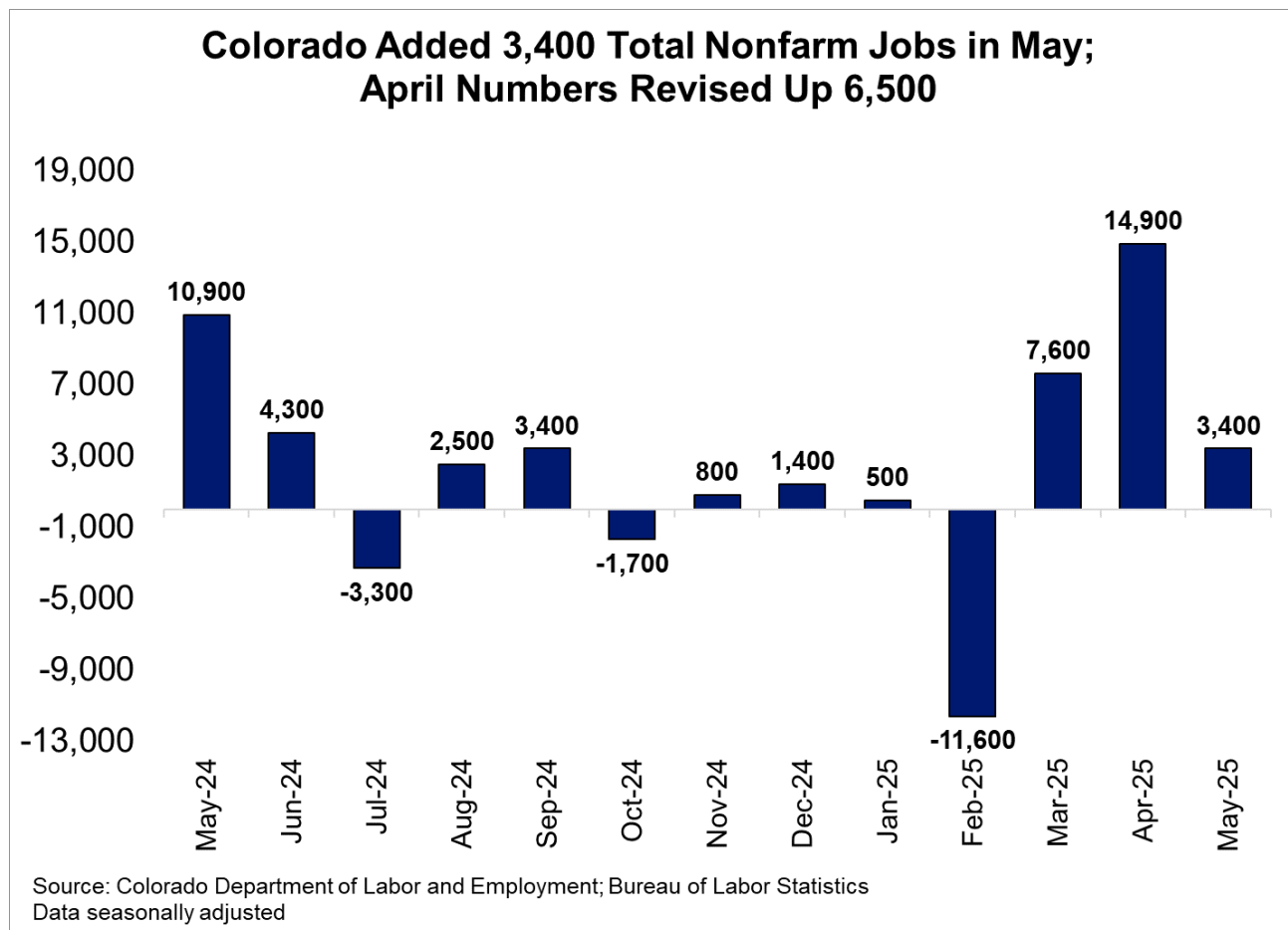


Chart information:

- Colorado gained 3,400 total nonfarm jobs in May 2025 while April numbers were revised up by 6,500. The April revision shows an increase of 14,900 rather than the previously reported increase of 8,400 jobs.
- Since May 2024, the monthly change in Colorado's total nonfarm jobs has ranged between -11,600 (February 2025) and +14,900 (April 2025).
- Out of the 13 months displayed, three have experienced over the month decreases, while over the month increases have occurred in ten months.
- The average monthly change in Colorado's total nonfarm jobs over the past year is +2,500.
- 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

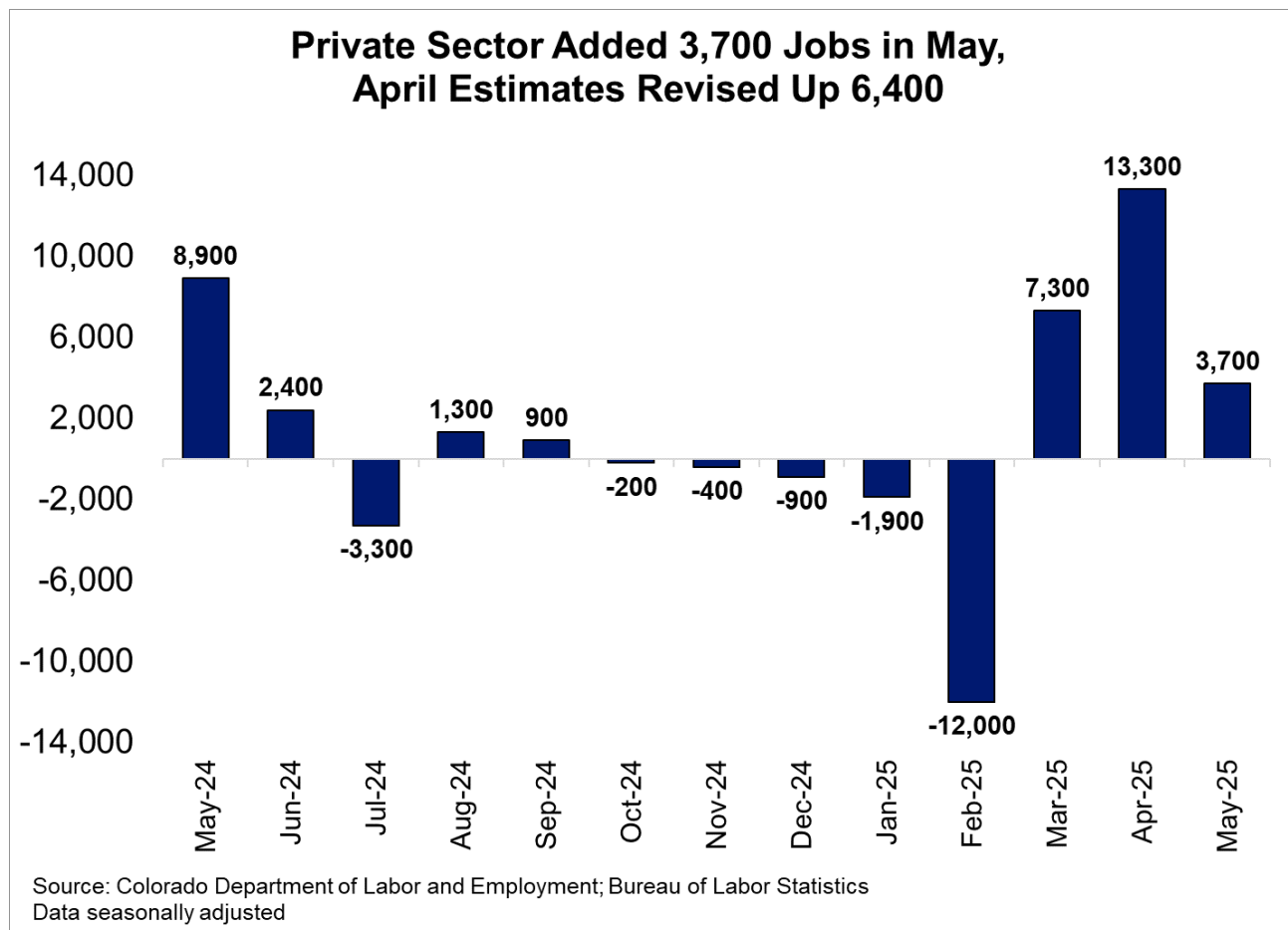


Chart information:

- Colorado private sector jobs increased by 3,700 in May 2025, while April numbers were revised up by 6,400. The April revision shows an increase of 13,300 rather than the previously reported increase of 6,900 jobs.
- Since May 2024, the monthly change in Colorado's private sector jobs has ranged between -12,000 (February 2025) and +13,300 (April 2025).
- Out of the 13 months displayed, six have experienced over the month decreases, while over the month increases have occurred in seven months.
- The average monthly change in Colorado's private sector jobs over the past year is +1,500.
- These data are seasonally adjusted and are produced by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Colorado and U.S. Over the Year Growth Rates for Total Nonfarm Employment, Over Past Year

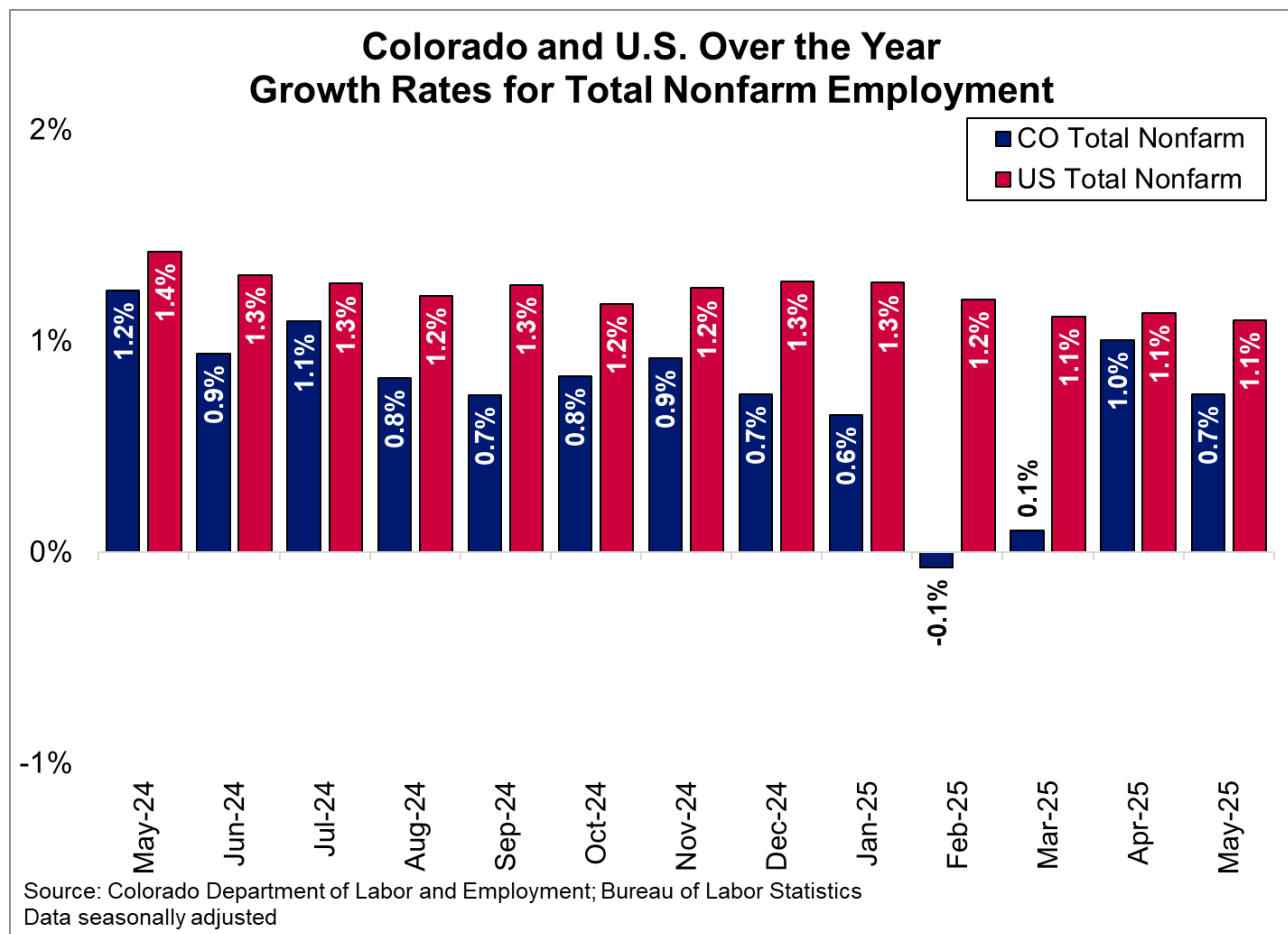


Chart information:

- Colorado's over the year growth rate for total nonfarm employment was 0.7 percent in May 2025, lower than the U.S. rate of 1.1 percent.
- Total nonfarm employment growth rates for Colorado and the U.S. a year prior were 1.2 percent and 1.4 percent, respectively.
- Colorado has lagged the U.S. growth rate in all of the past 13 months. The difference ranged between 1.3 percentage points lower (February 2025) and one-tenth of a percentage point lower (April 2025).
- These data are seasonally adjusted and are produced by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Colorado Most Recent Monthly Change in Payroll Jobs at the Industry Supersector Level

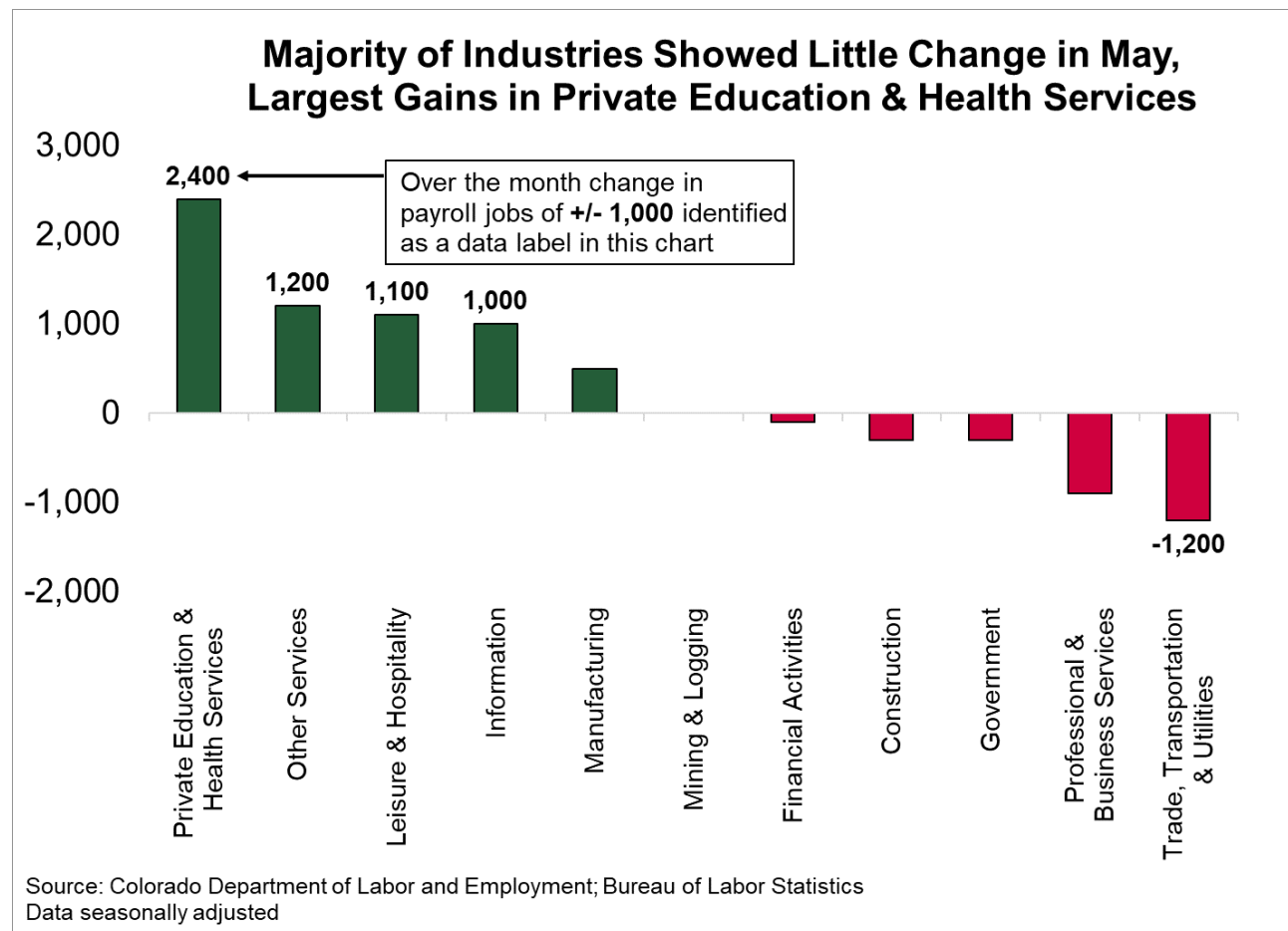


Chart information:

- Five Colorado industry supersectors gained jobs in May 2025, five industry supersectors experienced decreases in employment levels, and one industry supersector was unchanged.
- Notable over the month increases occurred in private education and health services (+2,400), other services (+1,200), leisure and hospitality (+1,100), and information (+1,000).
- A notable over the month decrease occurred in trade, transportation, and utilities (-1,200).
- 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 for Most Recent Month, by Industry Sector

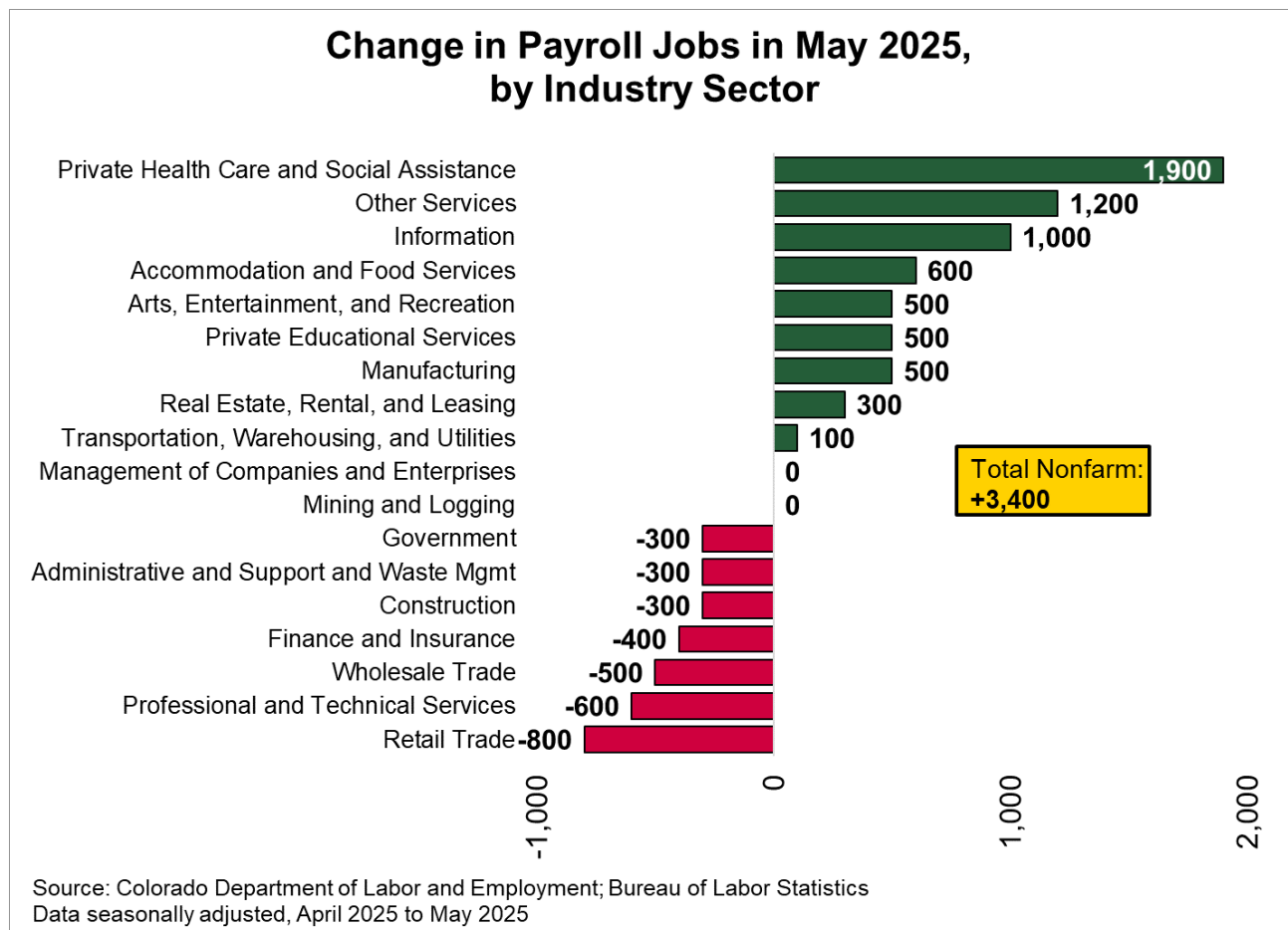


Chart information:

- From April 2025 to May 2025, Colorado gained 3,400 nonfarm payroll jobs.
- Private health care and social assistance added the most jobs at 1,900.
- Other services added the second most jobs over that period at 1,200.
- Information added the third most jobs at 1,000.
- The industry sectors with the largest declines were retail trade (-800), professional and technical services (-600), and wholesale trade (-500).
- Out of Colorado's 18 industry sectors, nine added jobs in May 2025, seven experienced job loss, and two were unchanged.
- 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

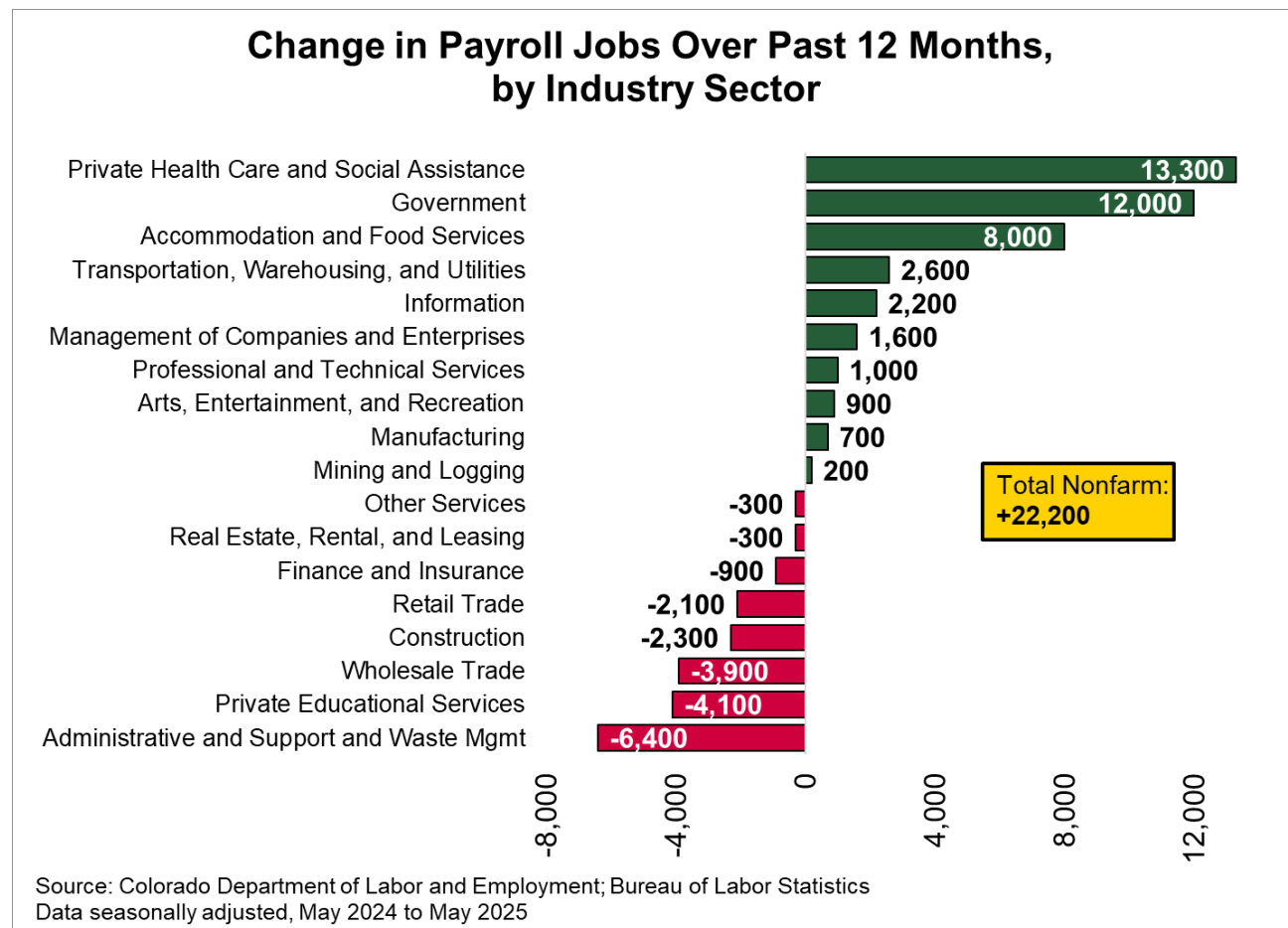


Chart information:

- Over the past 12 months, Colorado has added 22,200 nonfarm payroll jobs.
- Private health care and social assistance has added the most jobs at 13,300.
- Government (+12,000) and accommodation and food services (+8,000) added the second and third most jobs, respectively, over that period.
- The industry sectors with the largest declines over the past year are: administrative and support and waste management (-6,400), private educational services (-4,100), and wholesale trade (-3,900).
- Out of Colorado's 18 industry sectors, ten have added jobs over the past 12 months, while eight have 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.

Over the Year Growth Rates, by Industry Sector, for Most Recent Month

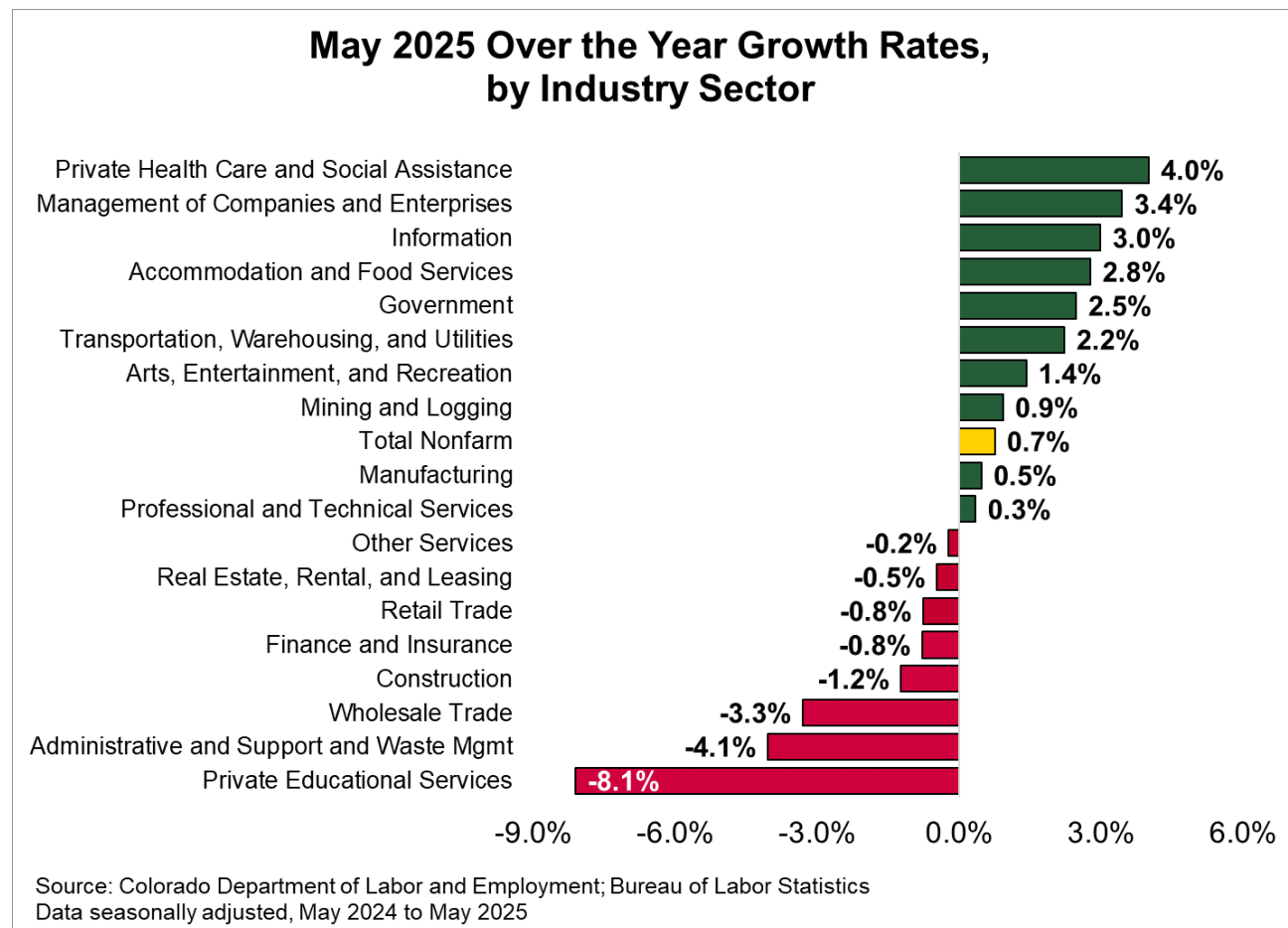


Chart information:

- Colorado's over the year growth rate for total nonfarm employment was 0.7 percent in May 2025.
- Out of Colorado's 18 industry sectors, eight had over the year growth rates that exceeded 0.7 percent and ten fell short of 0.7 percent.
- The industry sectors with the fastest growth rates over the past year are: private health care and social assistance (4.0%), management of companies and enterprises (3.4%), and information (3.0%).
- The industry sectors with the slowest growth rates over the past year are: private educational services (-8.1%), administrative and support and waste management (-4.1%), and wholesale trade (-3.3%).
- These data are seasonally adjusted and are produced by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Over the Year Growth Rates, by Colorado Metropolitan Statistical Area, for Most Recent Month

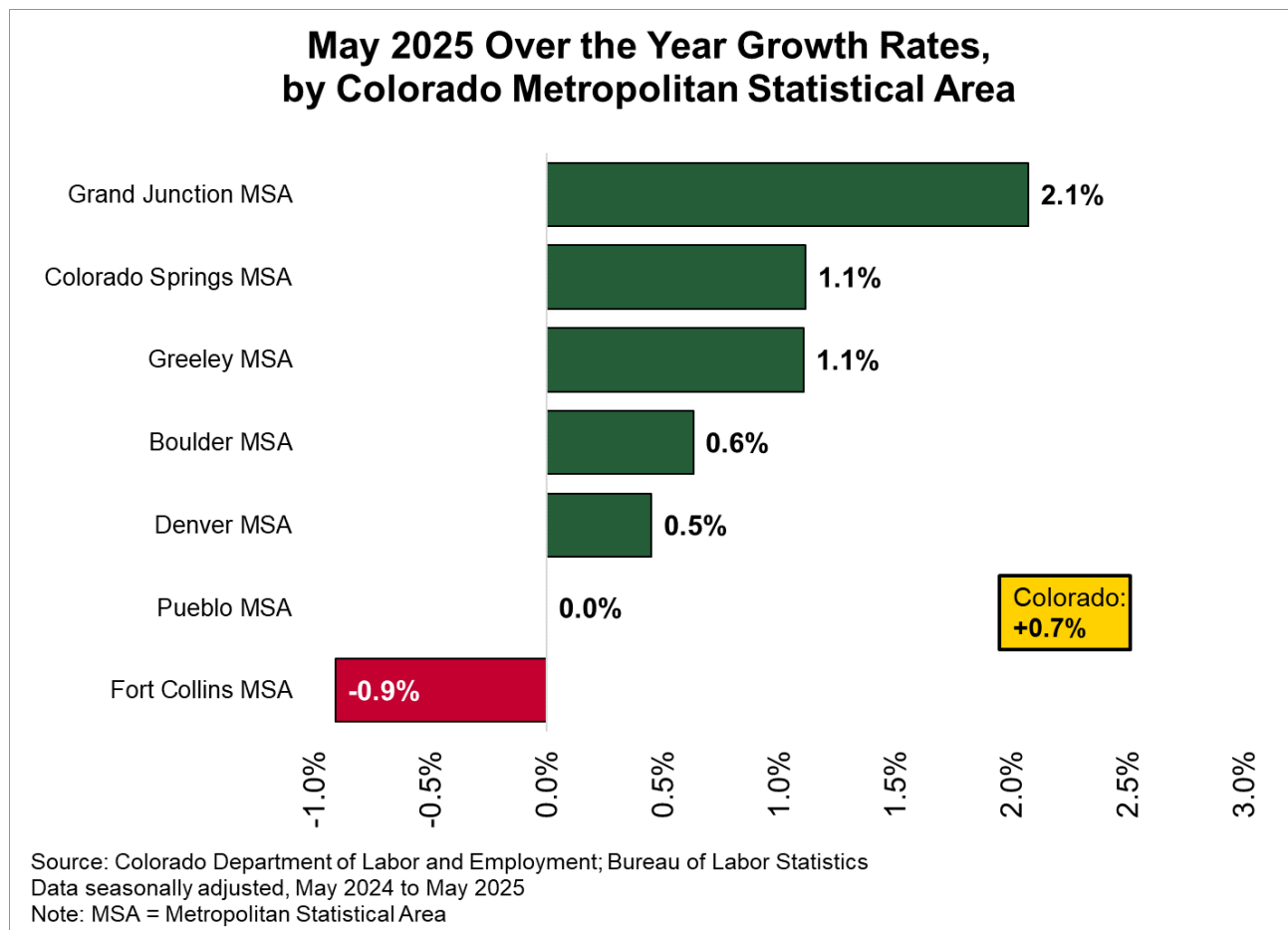


Chart information:

- Colorado's over the year growth rate for total nonfarm employment was 0.7 percent in May 2025.
- Among Colorado's seven metropolitan statistical areas (MSA), the Grand Junction MSA had the highest growth rate (2.1%). Colorado Springs and Greeley had the second highest growth rates at 1.1 percent each.
- The Boulder MSA (0.6%) and Denver MSA (0.5%) also added jobs over the past year.
- The Pueblo MSA was unchanged over the past year.
- The Fort Collins MSA (-0.9%) declined 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

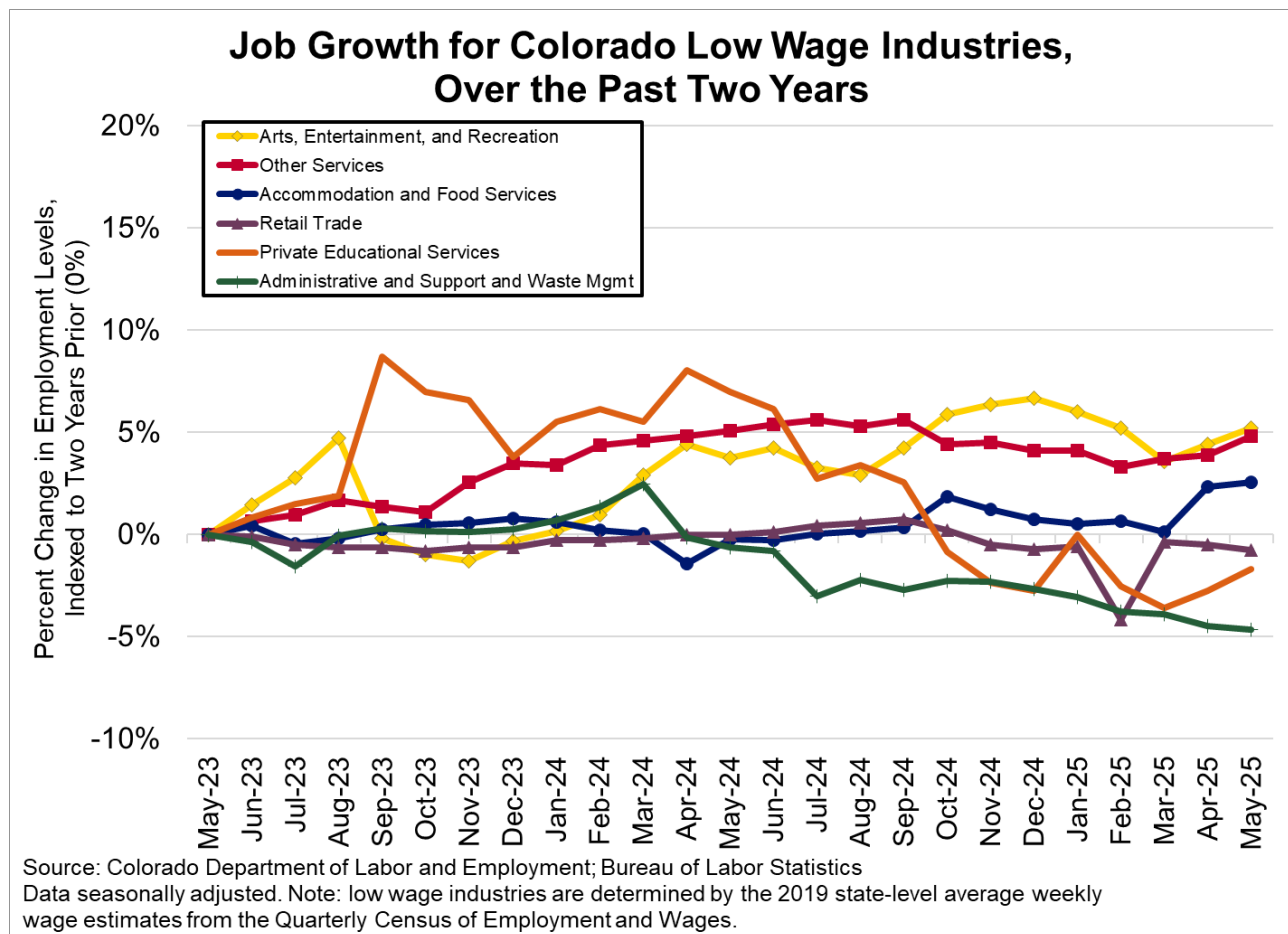


Chart information:

- This chart measures job growth for low wage industries in Colorado over the past two years. The measurement period spans from May 2023 to the most recent month available, May 2025. Values above 0 percent indicate employment levels have increased relative to May 2023, 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 May 2025, three low wage industries have an index value over 0 percent while three have an index value below 0 percent. Administrative and support and waste management has the lowest growth rate over the past two years, at -4.7 percent. Arts, entertainment, and recreation and other services have the fastest growth rates during that period, at 5.2 and 4.8 percent, respectively.
- 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 Medium Wage Industries, Over Past Two Years

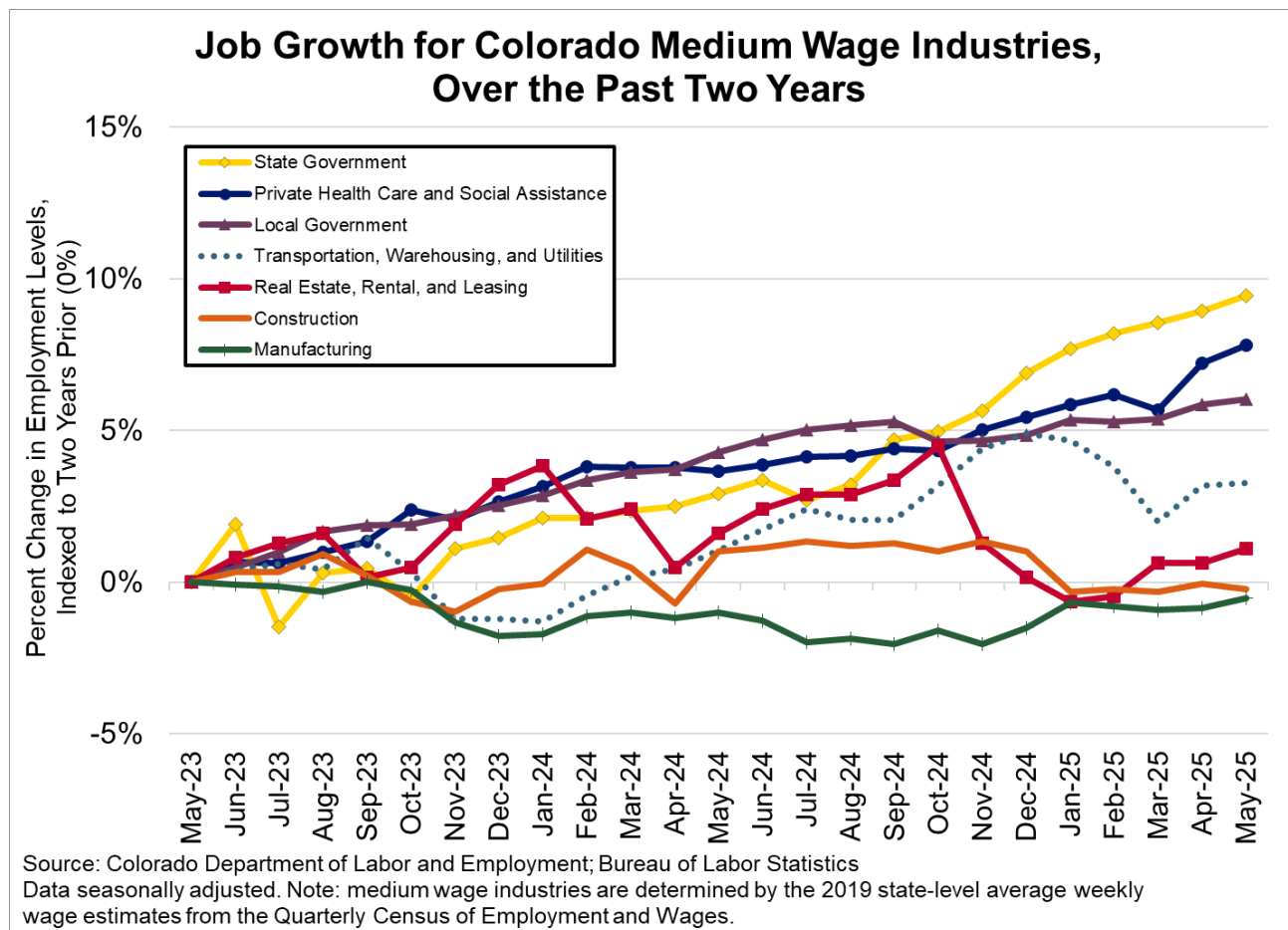


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- This chart measures job growth for medium wage industries in Colorado over the past two years. The measurement period spans from May 2023 to the most recent month available, May 2025. Values above 0 percent indicate employment levels have increased relative to May 2023, 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 May 2025, five medium wage industries have an index value over 0 percent and two have index values below 0 percent. Manufacturing has the lowest growth rate over the past two years, at -0.5 percent. State government has the fastest growth rate during that period, at 9.4 percent.
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Job Growth for Colorado High Wage Industries, Over Past Two Years

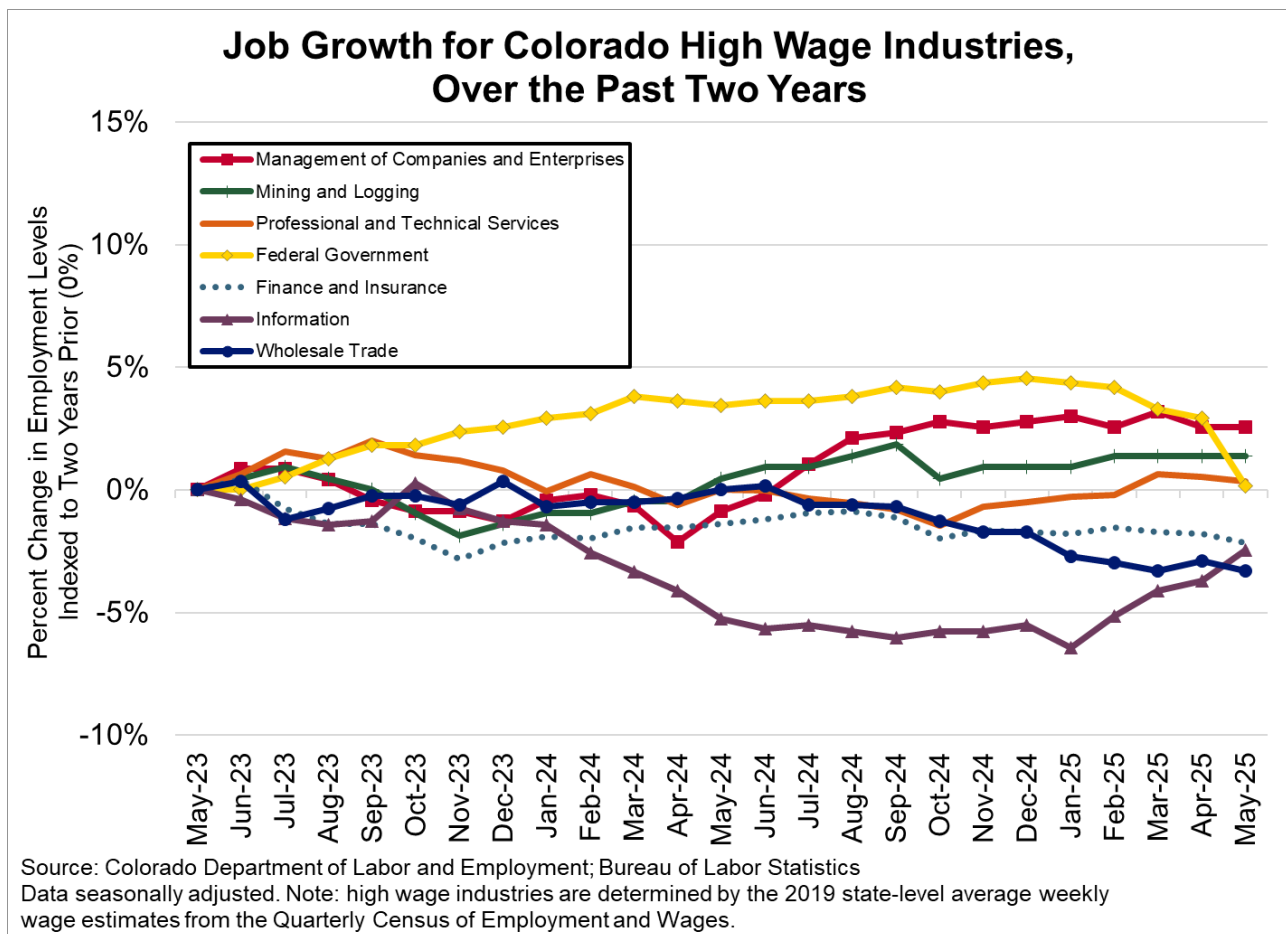


Chart information:

- This chart measures job growth for high wage industries in Colorado over the past two years. The measurement period spans from May 2023 to the most recent month available, May 2025. Values above 0 percent indicate employment levels have increased relative to May 2023, 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 May 2025, four high wage industries have an index value over 0 percent and three have an index value below 0 percent. Wholesale trade has the lowest growth rate over the past two years, at -3.3 percent. Management of companies and enterprises has the fastest growth rate during that period, at 2.6 percent.
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Job Growth for Colorado Substate Areas, Over Past Two Years

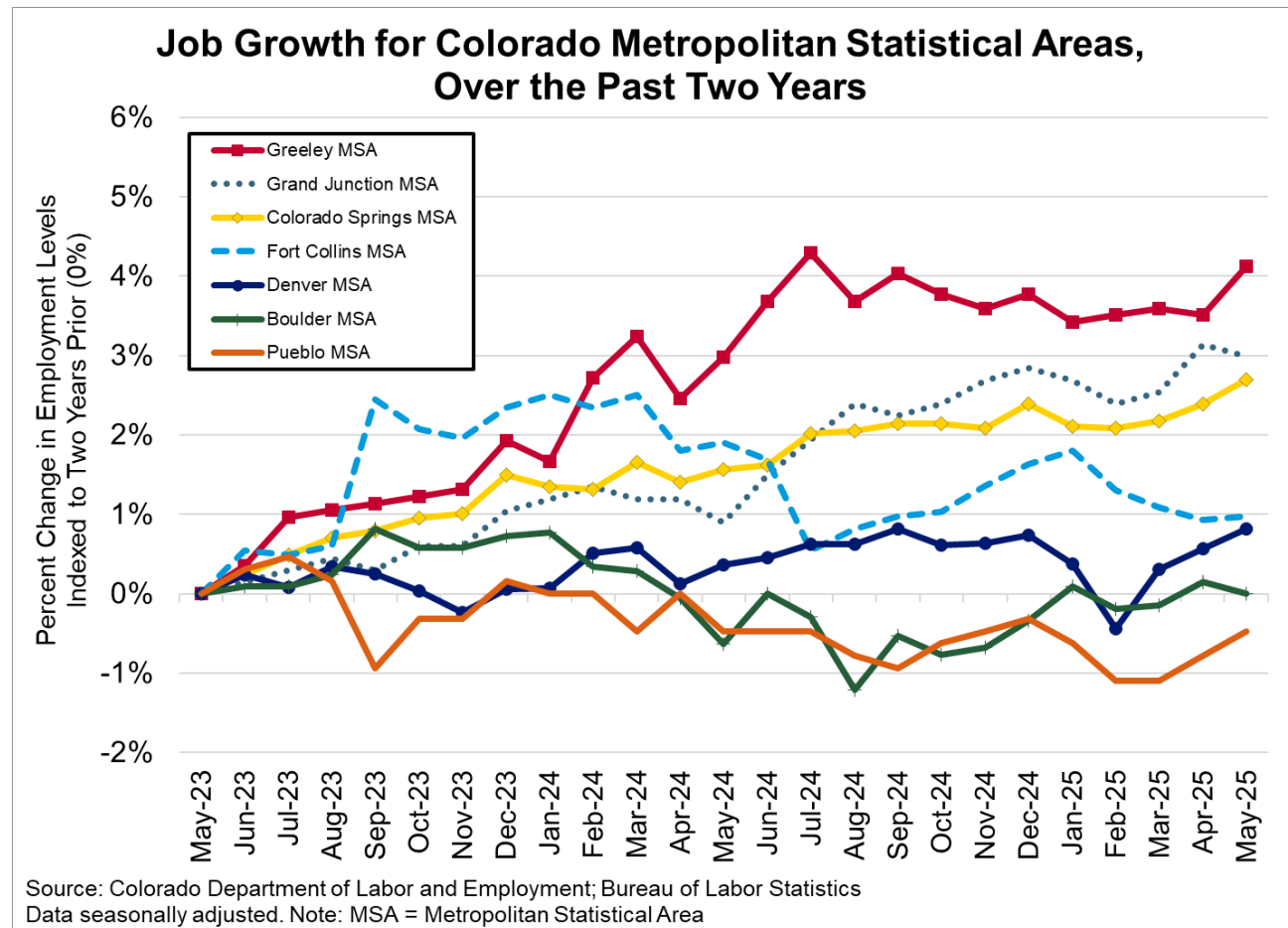


Chart information:

- This chart measures job growth for Colorado substate areas over the past two years. The measurement period spans from May 2023 to the most recent month available, May 2025. Values above 0 percent indicate employment levels have increased relative to May 2023, 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 May 2025, five areas have an index value over 0 percent, one has an index value at 0 percent, and one has an index value below 0 percent. The Pueblo MSA has the lowest growth rate over the past two years, at -0.5 percent. The Greeley MSA has the fastest growth rate during that period, at 4.1 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 2022, by Select Colorado Industry

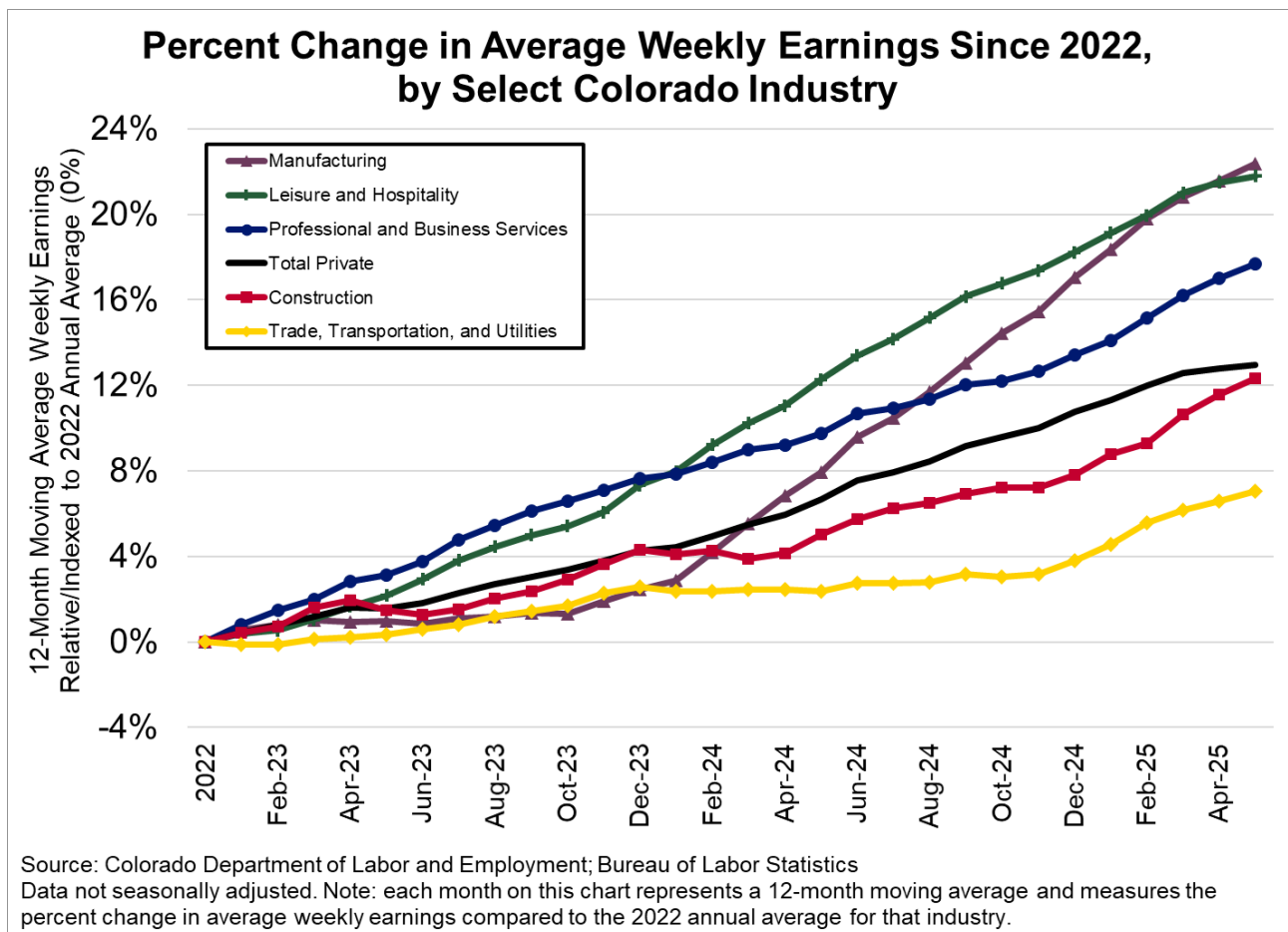


Chart information:

- Each month on this chart represents a 12-month moving average and measures the percent change in average weekly earnings compared to the 2022 annual average for an industry. Values above 0 percent indicate that wages have grown relative to 2022, 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.
- Manufacturing and leisure and hospitality have the steepest change in earnings, between nearly 22 and over 22 percent, using the most recent 12-month average data available.
- Earnings gains for PBS, total private, and construction range between over 12 percent and almost 18 percent.
- Wage growth lags for TTU, which is just over 7 percent.
- 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 2014

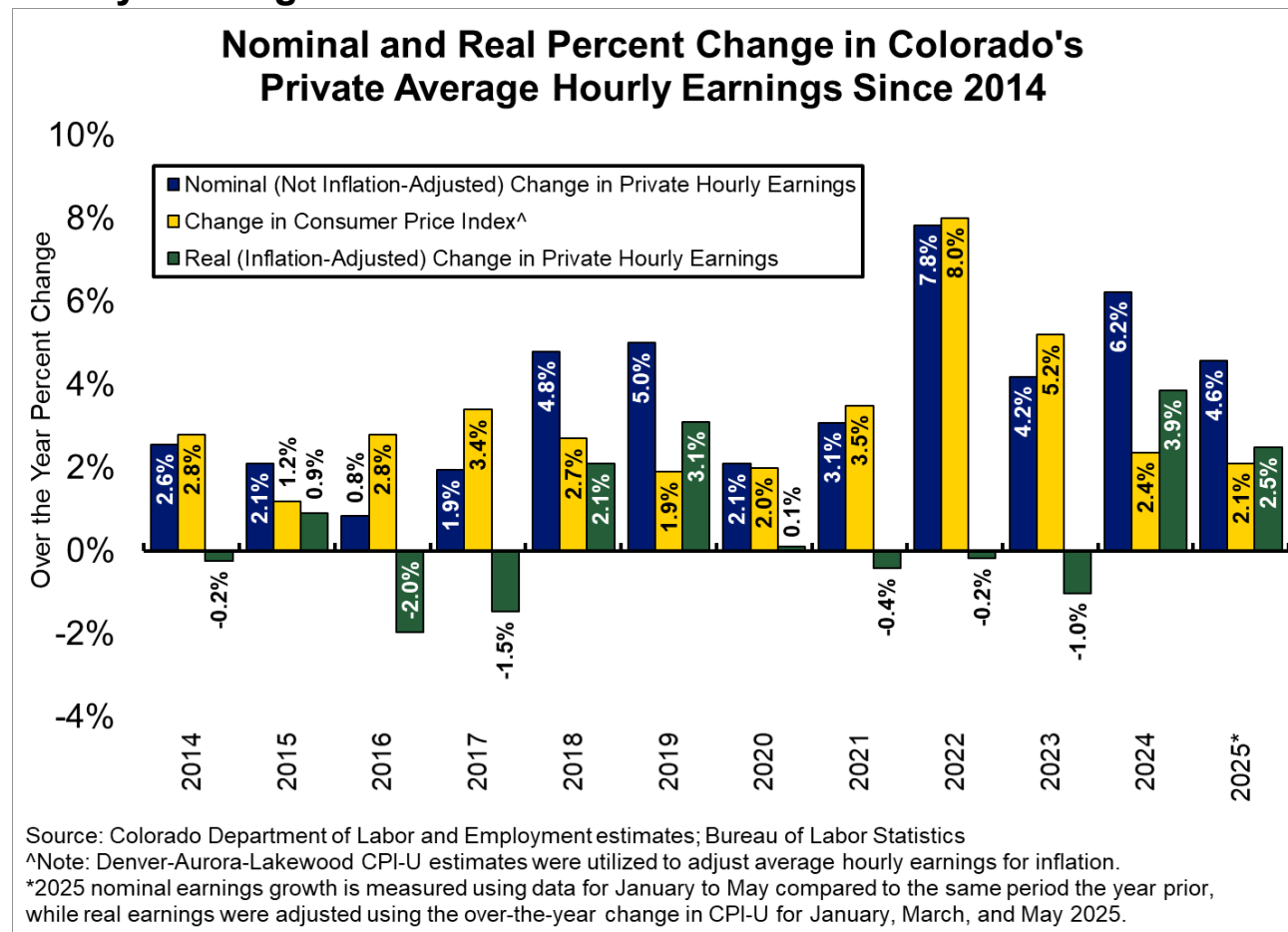


Chart information:

- This chart displays annualized hourly wage data for Colorado from 2014 to 2025.
- 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.
- 2025 nominal earnings growth is measured using data for January through May compared to the same period the year prior, while real earnings were adjusted using the over-the-year change in CPI for January, March, and May 2025.
- Real earnings have increased by 2.5 percent in 2025, compared to an increase of 3.9 percent in 2024 and a decrease of 1.0 percent in 2023.
- 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

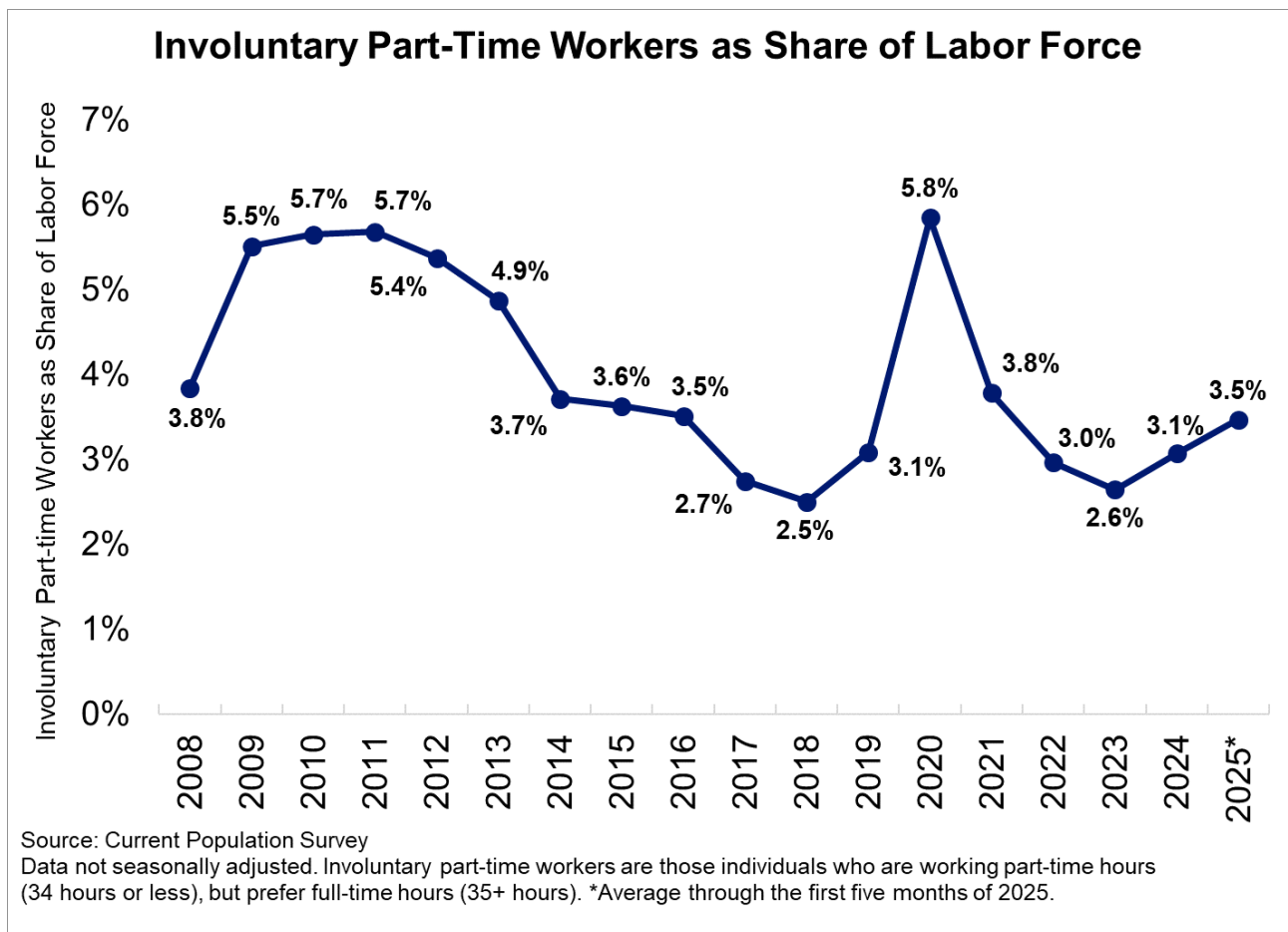


Chart information:

- 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 2025. This metric is known as involuntary part-time or part-time for economic reasons.
- The average involuntary part-time share in 2025 is 3.5 percent, a significant improvement from the rate of 5.8 percent in 2020.
- The 2025 rate of 3.5 percent translates to approximately 119,000 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. 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

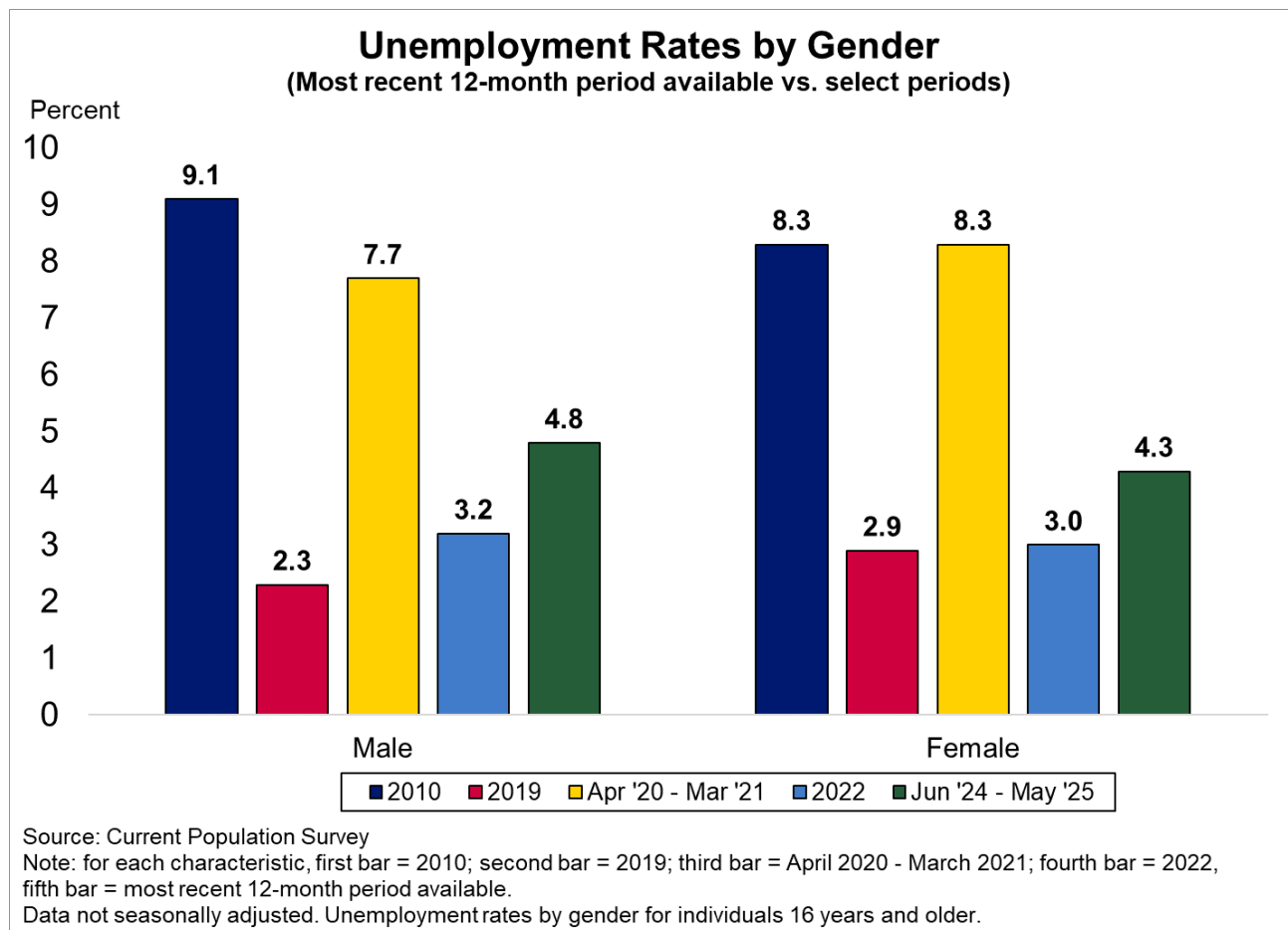


Chart information:

- This chart compares Colorado unemployment rates by gender over five 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); 2022 (a recent period of low unemployment); and the most recent 12-month period available (June 2024 to May 2025).
- For the most recent 12-month period available, the male unemployment rate is 4.8 percent, and the female unemployment rate is 4.3 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

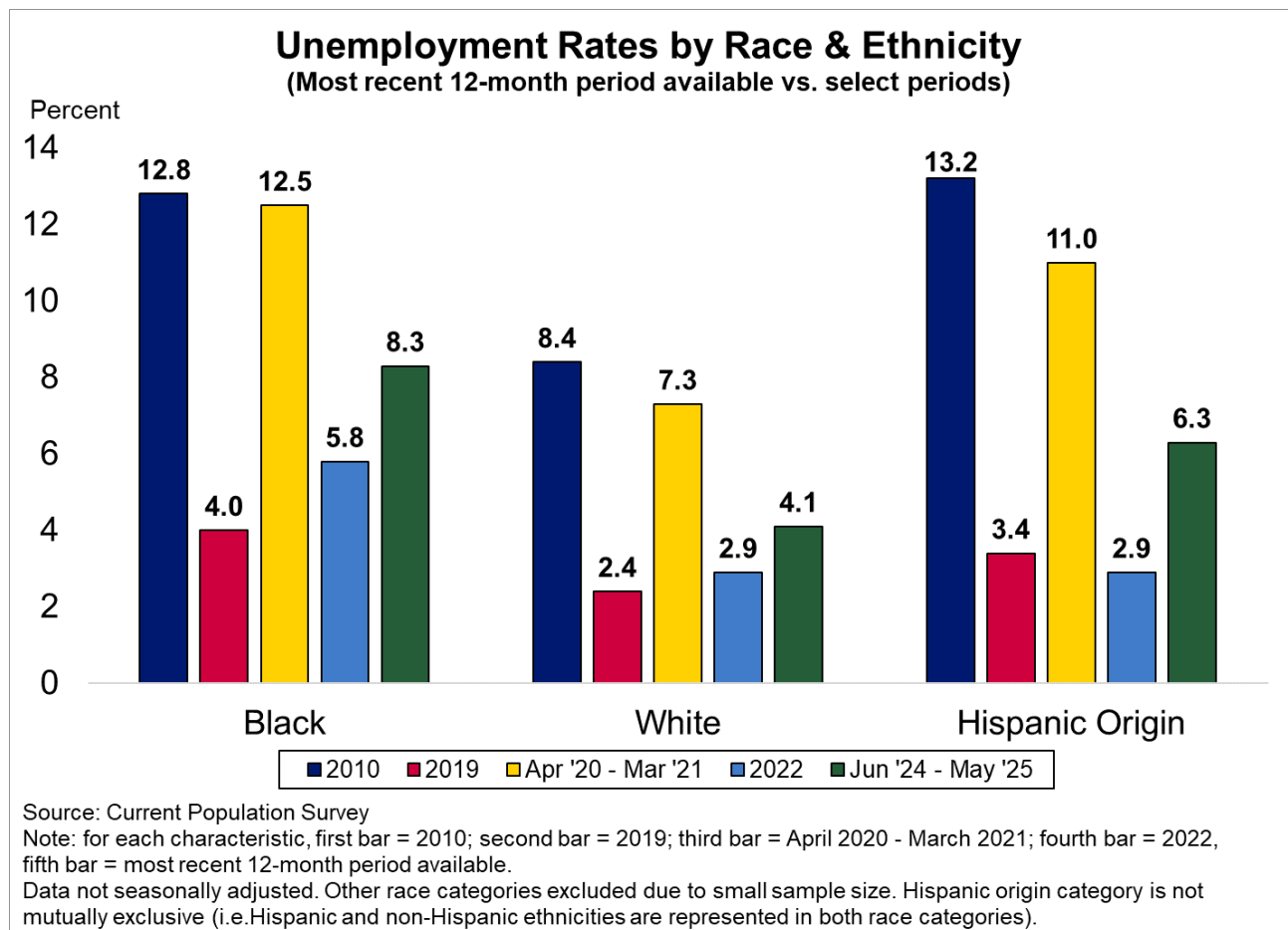


Chart information:

- This chart compares Colorado unemployment rates by race and ethnicity over five 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); 2022 (a recent period of low unemployment); and the most recent 12-month period available (June 2024 to May 2025).
- For the most recent 12-month period available, the Black unemployment rate is 8.3 percent, the White unemployment rate is 4.1 percent, and the Hispanic unemployment rate is 6.3 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.
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Colorado Unemployment Rates by Educational Attainment, Most Recent 12-Month Period Available vs. Select Periods

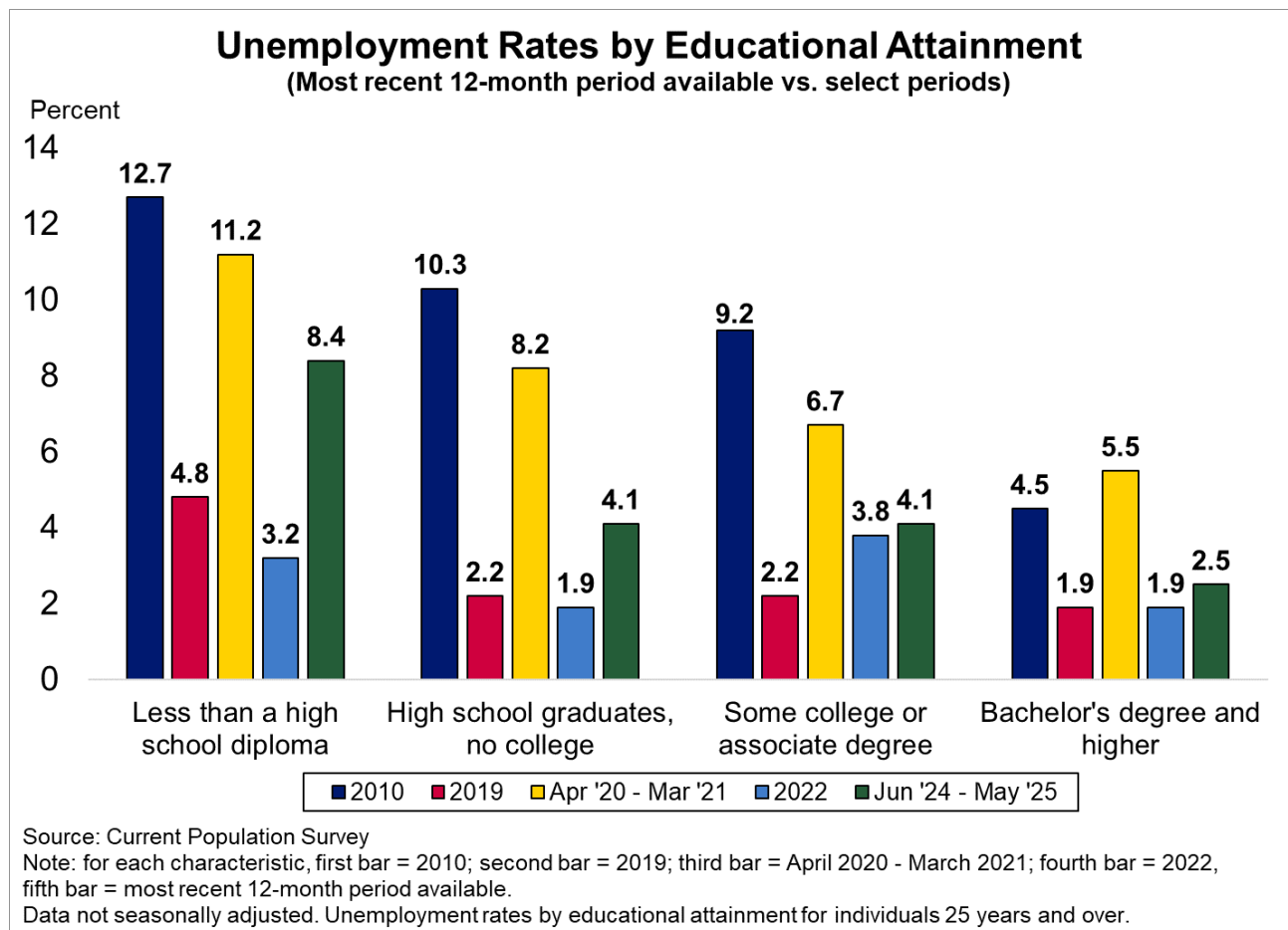


Chart information:

- This chart compares Colorado unemployment rates by levels of education over five 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); 2022 (a recent period of low unemployment); and the most recent 12-month period available (June 2024 to May 2025).
- For the most recent 12-month period available, unemployment rates by education level are: less than a high school diploma (8.4 percent); high school graduates, no college (4.1 percent); some college or associate degree (4.1 percent); and bachelor's degree and higher (2.5 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 lower than 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

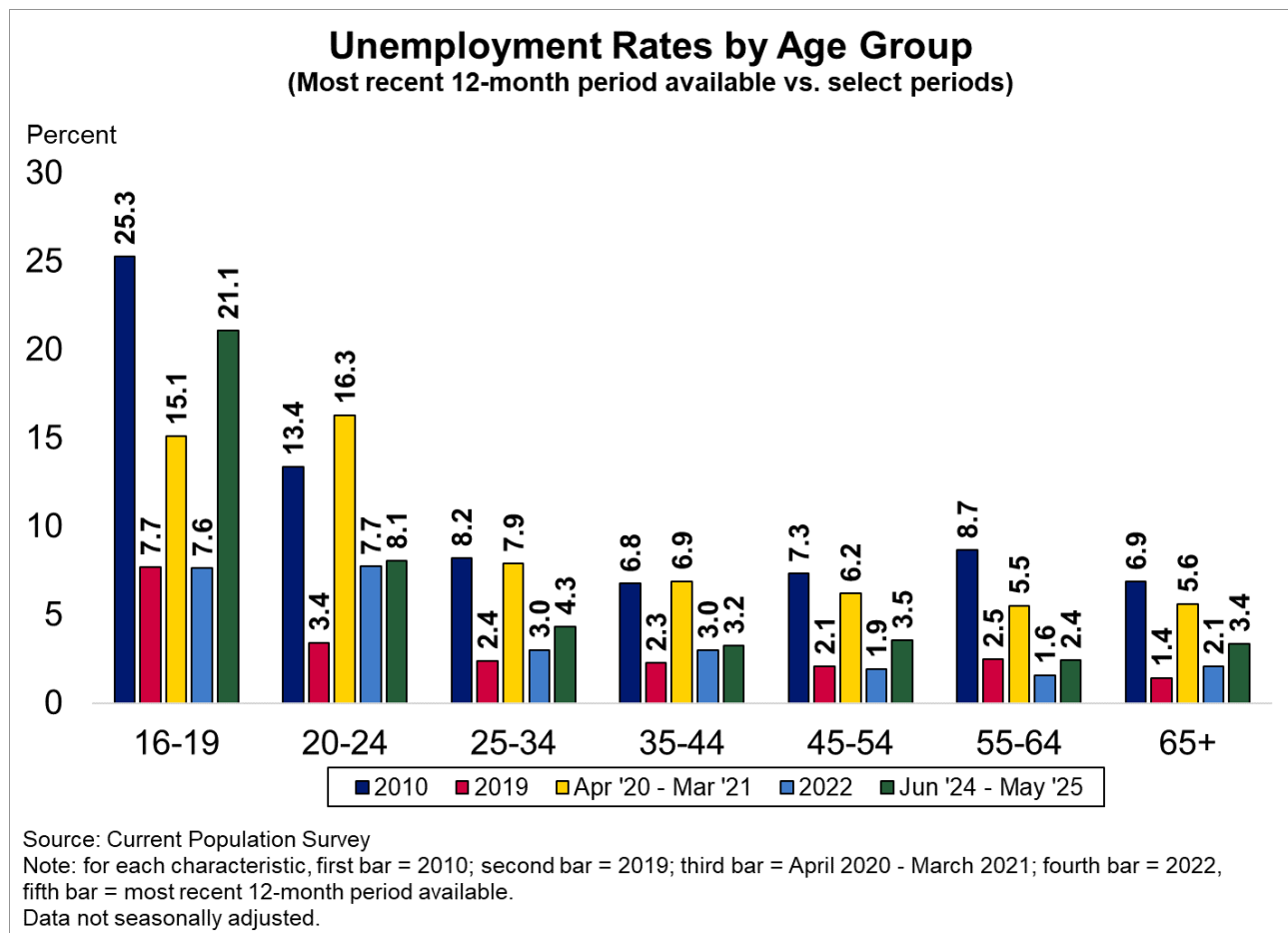


Chart information:

- This chart compares Colorado unemployment rates between seven age cohorts over five 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); 2022 (a recent period of low unemployment); and the most recent 12-month period available (June 2024 to May 2025).
- For the most recent 12-month period available, unemployment rates by cohort are: 16-19 (21.1%); 20-24 (8.1%); 25-34 (4.3%); 35-44 (3.2%); 45-54 (3.5%); 55-64 (2.4%); and 65+ (3.4%). 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 aside from 16-19 are lower than their pandemic peaks, which ranged between 5.5 percent and 16.3 percent. For the most recent 12-month period, the 16-19 unemployment rate (21.1%) far exceeds its pandemic peak of 15.1%.
- These data are produced by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment and come from the Current Population Survey.

Colorado Ages 25 to 54 Labor Force Participation Rates and Employment-Population Ratios, Most Recent 12-Month Period Available vs. Select Periods

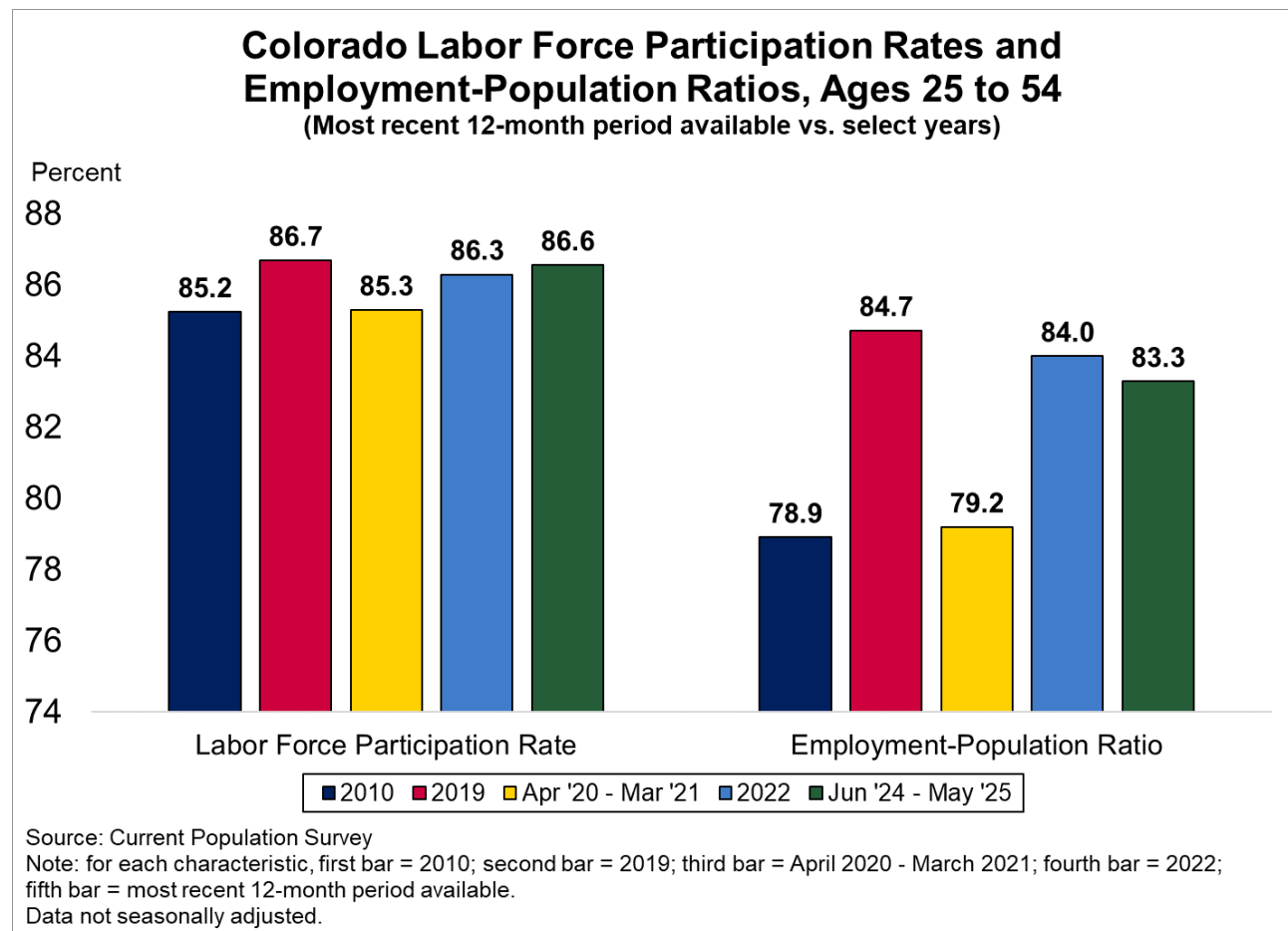


Chart information:

- This chart compares Colorado labor force participation rates (LFPR) and employment-population (EPOP) ratios for individuals between the ages of 25 and 54, over five 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); 2022 (a recent period of low unemployment); and the most recent 12-month period available (June 2024 to May 2025).
- For the most recent 12-month period available, the 25-54 LFPR is 86.6 percent, while the 25-54 EPOP is 83.3 percent. The current LFPR has dropped one-tenth of a percentage point below the 2019 period, while EPOP has dropped seven-tenths of a percentage point below the 2022 period and 1.4 percentage points below 2019.
- The current 25-54 LFPR and EPOP rates are higher than their 2020 levels (not pictured), 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.

Labor Force Participation Rates, Ages 25 to 54, U.S. and Colorado

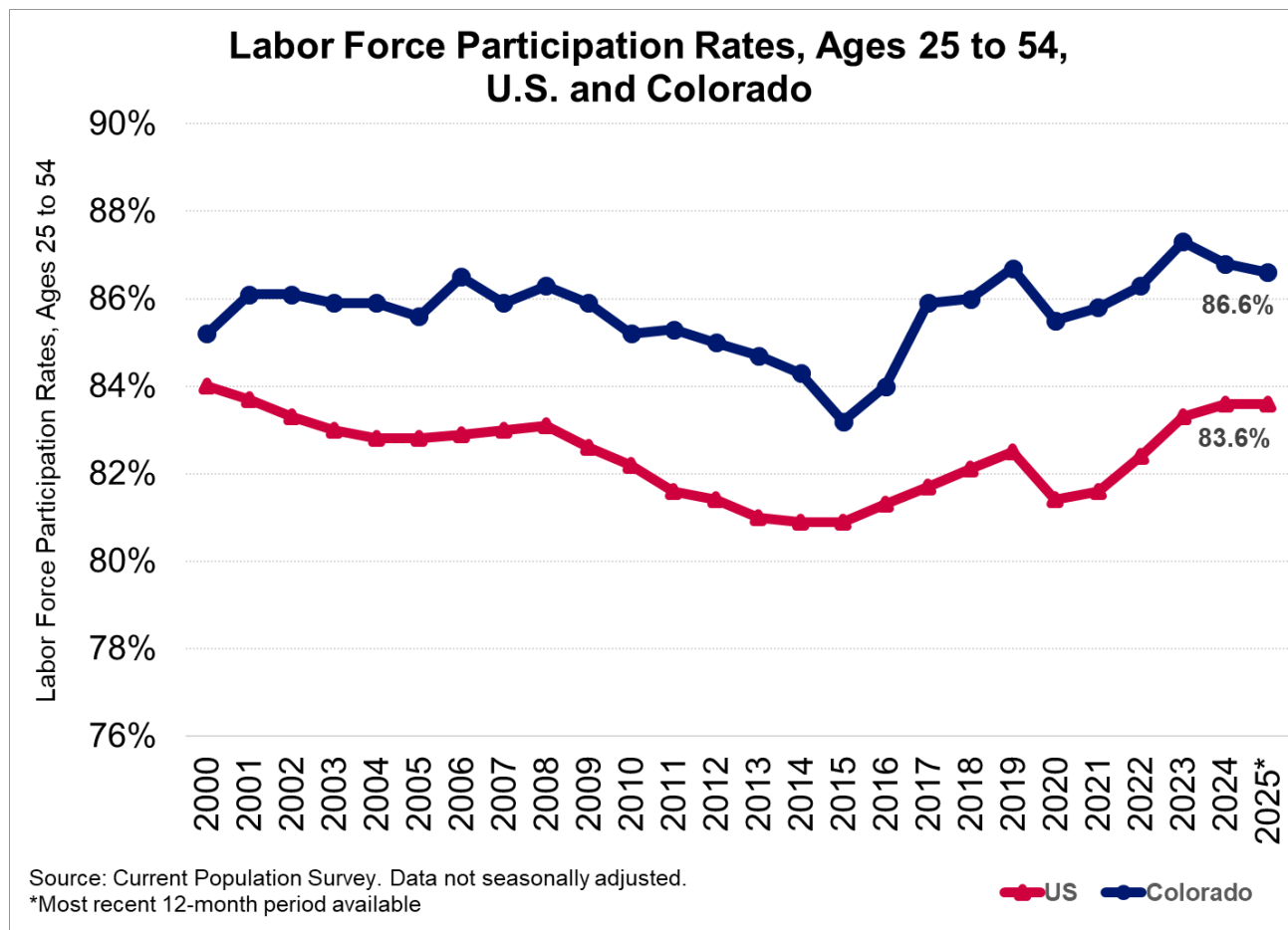


Chart information:

- This chart displays the labor force participation rate of the United States and Colorado for individuals between the ages of 25 and 54 (also known as prime age) from 2000 to the most recent 12-month period available (June 2024 to May 2025).
- For the most recent 12-month period available, the labor force participation rates for prime age workers in the United States and Colorado were 83.6 percent and 86.6 percent, respectively.
- Colorado's prime age labor force participation rate is consistently higher than that of the United States, ranging between 1.2 percentage points higher (2000) and 4.2 percentage points higher (2017, 2019, and 2021).
- These data are not seasonally adjusted and are produced by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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	May-25	Apr-25	May-24	Change From Last Month	Change From Last Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	3,282.8	3,283.5	3,263.9	-0.7	18.8
Unemployment	158.7	158.8	134.0	-0.1	24.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	4.8	4.1	0.0	0.7
Employment	3,124.1	3,124.7	3,129.9	-0.6	-5.8

Not Seasonally Adjusted Data from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program

Labor Force Component	May-25	Apr-25	May-24	Change From Last Month	Change From Last Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	3,261.5	3,276.6	3,246.6	-15.1	14.9
Unemployment	148.2	152.0	128.1	-3.8	20.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	4.6	3.9	-0.1	0.6
Employment	3,113.3	3,124.6	3,118.5	-11.3	-5.2

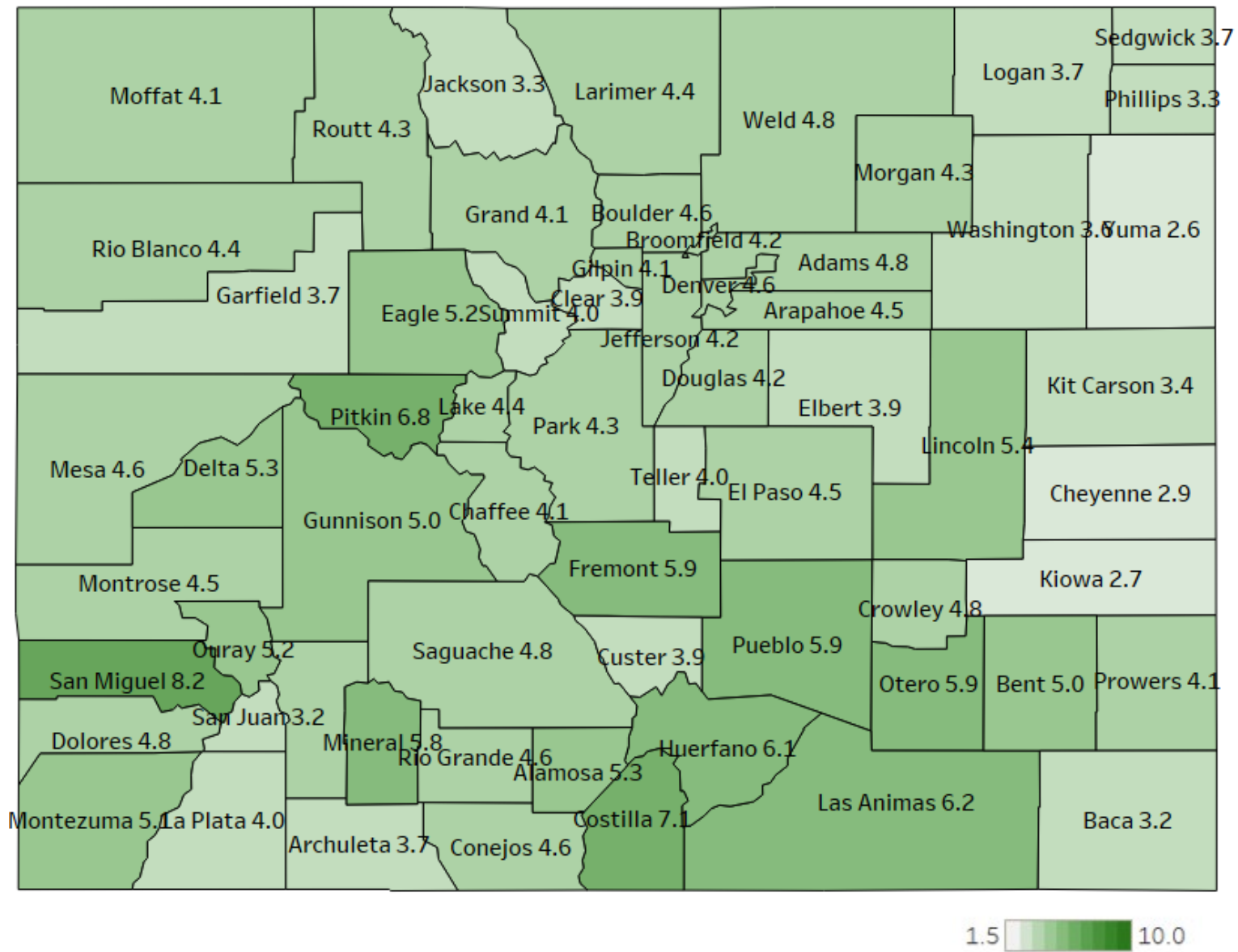
Seasonally Adjusted Data from the Current Employment Statistics Program

Industry	May-25	Apr-25	May-24	Change From Last Month	Change From Last Year
Mining & Logging	21.9	21.9	21.7	0.0	0.2
Construction	184.5	184.8	186.8	-0.3	-2.3
Manufacturing	150.6	150.1	149.9	0.5	0.7
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	505.9	507.1	509.3	-1.2	-3.4
Information	76.0	75.0	73.8	1.0	2.2
Financial Activities	177.0	177.1	178.2	-0.1	-1.2
Professional & Business Services	492.9	493.8	496.7	-0.9	-3.8
Educational & Health Services	391.8	389.4	382.6	2.4	9.2
Leisure & Hospitality	361.3	360.2	352.4	1.1	8.9
Other Services	132.3	131.1	132.6	1.2	-0.3
Government	497.7	498.0	485.7	-0.3	12.0
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,991.9	2,988.5	2,969.7	3.4	22.2

Not Seasonally Adjusted Data from the Current Employment Statistics Program

Industry	May-25	Apr-25	May-24	Change From Last Month	Change From Last Year
Mining & Logging	21.9	22.0	21.6	-0.1	0.3
Construction	186.2	182.3	188.4	3.9	-2.2
Manufacturing	150.6	149.4	150.1	1.2	0.5
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	500.2	501.4	504.4	-1.2	-4.2
Information	75.7	74.8	73.7	0.9	2.0
Financial Activities	175.8	175.7	177.5	0.1	-1.7
Professional & Business Services	493.7	493.0	499.8	0.7	-6.1
Educational & Health Services	390.8	389.0	383.1	1.8	7.7
Leisure & Hospitality	357.0	356.3	345.5	0.7	11.5
Other Services	132.5	130.6	132.6	1.9	-0.1
Government	506.2	501.3	494.8	4.9	11.4
Total Nonfarm Employment	2,990.6	2,975.8	2,971.5	14.8	19.1

County Unemployment Rates May 2025



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 Forced 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	May 2025 Labor Force	May 2025 Employment	May 2025 Unemployment	May 2025 Rate	April 2025 Labor Force	April 2025 Employment	April 2025 Unemployment	April 2025 Rate
Colorado	3,261,493	3,113,294	148,199	4.5	3,276,588	3,124,626	151,962	4.6

Table 2. By Metropolitan Statistical Area

Metropolitan Statistical Area	May 2025 Labor Force	May 2025 Employment	May 2025 Unemployment	May 2025 Rate	April 2025 Labor Force	April 2025 Employment	April 2025 Unemployment	April 2025 Rate
Boulder	194,378	185,476	8,902	4.6	195,353	186,280	9,073	4.6
Colorado Springs	397,588	379,606	17,982	4.5	398,255	379,752	18,503	4.6
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood	1,773,476	1,694,241	79,235	4.5	1,777,184	1,694,887	82,297	4.6
Fort Collins	207,775	198,698	9,077	4.4	207,831	198,438	9,393	4.5
Grand Junction	80,649	76,970	3,679	4.6	81,061	77,189	3,872	4.8
Greeley	178,294	169,734	8,560	4.8	178,846	170,060	8,786	4.9
Pueblo	73,566	69,224	4,332	5.9	73,624	69,178	4,446	6.0

Table 3. By County

Counties	May 2025 Labor Force	May 2025 Employment	May 2025 Unemployment	May 2025 Rate	April 2025 Labor Force	April 2025 Employment	April 2025 Unemployment	April 2025 Rate
Adams	302,591	288,041	14,550	4.8	303,241	288,173	15,068	5.0
Alamosa	7,975	7,549	426	5.3	7,950	7,528	422	5.3
Arapahoe	376,900	360,115	16,785	4.5	377,687	360,231	17,456	4.6
Archuleta	6,975	6,718	257	3.7	6,997	6,716	281	4.0
Baca	1,664	1,611	53	3.2	1,684	1,627	57	3.4
Bent	1,752	1,665	87	5.0	1,739	1,660	79	4.5
Boulder	194,378	185,476	8,902	4.6	195,353	186,280	9,073	4.6
Broomfield	45,572	43,648	1,924	4.2	45,648	43,654	1,994	4.4
Chaffee	9,793	9,393	400	4.1	9,767	9,366	401	4.1
Cheyenne	994	965	29	2.9	980	953	27	2.8
Clear Creek	5,707	5,483	224	3.9	5,726	5,488	238	4.2
Conejos	3,463	3,305	158	4.6	3,401	3,244	157	4.6
Costilla	1,303	1,211	92	7.1	1,293	1,191	102	7.9
Crowley	1,753	1,669	84	4.8	1,766	1,688	78	4.4
Custer	2,224	2,137	87	3.9	2,094	2,005	89	4.3
Delta	12,550	11,885	665	5.3	12,568	11,855	713	5.7
Denver	449,579	428,825	20,754	4.6	450,671	428,933	21,738	4.8
Dolores	1,040	990	50	4.8	1,038	988	50	4.8
Douglas	223,711	214,326	9,385	4.2	224,031	214,408	9,623	4.3
Eagle	32,860	31,141	1,719	5.2	35,879	34,647	1,232	3.4
El Paso	384,594	367,136	17,458	4.5	385,212	367,271	17,941	4.7
Elbert	16,214	15,586	628	3.9	16,255	15,612	643	4.0
Fremont	16,024	15,074	950	5.9	15,905	14,947	958	6.0
Garfield	33,931	32,689	1,242	3.7	34,483	33,287	1,196	3.5
Gilpin	3,722	3,570	152	4.1	3,729	3,571	158	4.2
Grand	8,823	8,465	358	4.1	9,201	8,855	346	3.8
Gunnison	10,645	10,118	527	5.0	11,063	10,589	474	4.3
Hinsdale	336	321	15	4.5	325	312	13	4.0
Huerfano	2,554	2,399	155	6.1	2,506	2,340	166	6.6
Jackson	726	702	24	3.3	696	669	27	3.9
Jefferson	339,884	325,459	14,425	4.2	340,578	325,619	14,959	4.4
Kiowa	738	718	20	2.7	755	734	21	2.8
Kit Carson	3,758	3,632	126	3.4	3,766	3,637	129	3.4
La Plata	29,974	28,761	1,213	4.0	29,991	28,730	1,261	4.2
Lake	4,588	4,385	203	4.4	4,937	4,756	181	3.7
Larimer	207,775	198,698	9,077	4.4	207,831	198,438	9,393	4.5
Las Animas	5,984	5,615	369	6.2	5,999	5,606	393	6.6
Lincoln	1,680	1,590	90	5.4	1,701	1,606	95	5.6
Logan	10,468	10,083	385	3.7	10,531	10,141	390	3.7
Mesa	80,649	76,970	3,679	4.6	81,061	77,189	3,872	4.8
Mineral	398	375	23	5.8	352	323	29	8.2
Moffat	6,430	6,167	263	4.1	6,572	6,267	305	4.6
Montezuma	11,361	10,783	578	5.1	11,195	10,582	613	5.5
Montrose	20,597	19,661	936	4.5	20,621	19,642	979	4.7
Morgan	14,799	14,158	641	4.3	14,846	14,187	659	4.4
Otero	7,203	6,780	423	5.9	7,271	6,839	432	5.9
Ouray	2,427	2,301	126	5.2	2,342	2,211	131	5.6
Park	9,596	9,188	408	4.3	9,618	9,198	420	4.4
Phillips	2,336	2,259	77	3.3	2,338	2,265	73	3.1
Pitkin	11,236	10,467	769	6.8	12,594	12,169	425	3.4
Prowers	5,765	5,530	235	4.1	5,784	5,559	225	3.9
Pueblo	73,566	69,224	4,332	5.9	73,624	69,178	4,446	6.0
Rio Blanco	2,960	2,829	131	4.4	2,959	2,838	121	4.1
Rio Grande	5,328	5,083	245	4.6	5,244	4,982	262	5.0
Routt	13,790	13,195	595	4.3	14,783	14,246	537	3.6
Saguache	3,272	3,115	157	4.8	3,294	3,134	160	4.9
San Juan	524	507	17	3.2	482	464	18	3.7
San Miguel	4,856	4,456	400	8.2	4,983	4,634	349	7.0
Sedgwick	1,050	1,011	39	3.7	1,067	1,027	40	3.7
Summit	19,122	18,354	768	4.0	20,976	20,312	664	3.2
Teller	12,994	12,470	524	4.0	13,043	12,481	562	4.3
Washington	2,374	2,288	86	3.6	2,399	2,313	86	3.6
Weld	178,294	169,734	8,560	4.8	178,846	170,060	8,786	4.9
Yuma	5,376	5,236	140	2.6	5,317	5,172	145	2.7

Not Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force by Metro Area and County

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Table 1. Statewide

Statewide	May 2025 Labor Force	May 2025 Employment	May 2025 Unemployment	May 2025 Rate	May 2024 Labor force	May 2024 Employment	May 2024 Unemployment	May 2024 Rate
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Table 2. By Metropolitan Statistical Area

Metropolitan Statistical Area	May 2025 Labor Force	May 2025 Employment	May 2025 Unemployment	May 2025 Rate	May 2024 Labor force	May 2024 Employment	May 2024 Unemployment	May 2024 Rate
Boulder	194,378	185,476	8,902	4.6	194,272	186,487	7,785	4.0
Colorado Springs	397,588	379,606	17,982	4.5	392,115	376,881	15,234	3.9
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood	1,773,476	1,694,241	79,235	4.5	1,763,444	1,695,316	68,128	3.9
Fort Collins	207,775	198,698	9,077	4.4	209,426	201,549	7,877	3.8
Grand Junction	80,649	76,970	3,679	4.6	79,749	76,580	3,169	4.0
Greeley	178,294	169,734	8,560	4.8	178,450	171,090	7,360	4.1
Pueblo	73,556	69,224	4,332	5.9	73,498	69,611	3,887	5.3

Table 3. By County

Counties	May 2025 Labor Force	May 2025 Employment	May 2025 Unemployment	May 2025 Rate	May 2024 Labor force	May 2024 Employment	May 2024 Unemployment	May 2024 Rate
Adams	302,591	288,041	14,550	4.8	300,768	288,419	12,349	4.1
Alamosa	7,975	7,549	426	5.3	8,103	7,728	375	4.6
Arapahoe	376,900	360,115	16,785	4.5	374,533	360,171	14,362	3.8
Archuleta	6,975	6,718	257	3.7	6,935	6,676	259	3.7
Baca	1,664	1,611	53	3.2	1,759	1,705	54	3.1
Bent	1,752	1,665	87	5.0	1,825	1,749	76	4.2
Boulder	194,378	185,476	8,902	4.6	194,272	186,487	7,785	4.0
Broomfield	45,572	43,648	1,924	4.2	45,260	43,586	1,674	3.7
Chaffee	9,793	9,393	400	4.1	10,090	9,743	347	3.4
Cheyenne	994	965	29	2.9	1,019	996	23	2.3
Clear Creek	5,707	5,483	224	3.9	5,712	5,509	203	3.6
Conejos	3,463	3,305	158	4.6	3,607	3,457	150	4.2
Costilla	1,303	1,211	92	7.1	1,368	1,285	83	6.1
Crowley	1,753	1,669	84	4.8	1,786	1,723	63	3.5
Custer	2,224	2,137	87	3.9	2,334	2,250	84	3.6
Delta	12,550	11,885	665	5.3	12,419	11,841	578	4.7
Denver	449,579	428,825	20,754	4.6	446,289	428,639	17,650	4.0
Dolores	1,040	990	50	4.8	1,094	1,048	46	4.2
Douglas	223,711	214,326	9,385	4.2	222,682	214,460	8,222	3.7
Eagle	32,860	31,141	1,719	5.2	32,210	30,761	1,449	4.5
El Paso	384,594	367,136	17,458	4.5	379,225	364,453	14,772	3.9
Elbert	16,214	15,586	628	3.9	16,314	15,760	554	3.4
Fremont	16,024	15,074	950	5.9	15,917	15,091	826	5.2
Garfield	33,931	32,689	1,242	3.7	33,183	32,040	1,143	3.4
Gilpin	3,722	3,570	152	4.1	3,697	3,573	124	3.4
Grand	8,823	8,465	358	4.1	8,735	8,432	303	3.5
Gunnison	10,645	10,118	527	5.0	10,398	9,995	403	3.9
Hinsdale	336	321	15	4.5	360	348	12	3.3
Huerfano	2,554	2,399	155	6.1	2,526	2,378	148	5.9
Jackson	726	702	24	3.3	747	721	26	3.5
Jefferson	339,884	325,459	14,425	4.2	338,585	325,949	12,636	3.7
Kiowa	738	718	20	2.7	773	754	19	2.5
Kit Carson	3,758	3,632	126	3.4	4,071	3,948	123	3.0
La Plata	29,974	28,761	1,213	4.0	29,667	28,557	1,110	3.7
Lake	4,588	4,385	203	4.4	4,369	4,209	160	3.7
Larimer	207,775	198,698	9,077	4.4	209,426	201,549	7,877	3.8
Las Animas	5,984	5,615	369	6.2	6,063	5,724	339	5.6
Lincoln	1,680	1,590	90	5.4	1,757	1,688	69	3.9
Logan	10,468	10,083	385	3.7	10,729	10,380	349	3.3
Mesa	80,649	76,970	3,679	4.6	79,749	76,580	3,169	4.0
Mineral	398	375	23	5.8	399	382	17	4.3
Moffat	6,430	6,167	263	4.1	6,386	6,131	255	4.0
Montezuma	11,361	10,783	578	5.1	11,470	10,942	528	4.6
Montrose	20,597	19,661	936	4.5	20,270	19,436	834	4.1
Morgan	14,799	14,158	641	4.3	14,681	14,085	596	4.1
Otero	7,203	6,780	423	5.9	7,444	7,076	368	4.9
Ouray	2,427	2,301	126	5.2	2,474	2,371	103	4.2
Park	9,596	9,188	408	4.3	9,604	9,250	354	3.7
Phillips	2,336	2,259	77	3.3	2,448	2,375	73	3.0
Pitkin	11,236	10,467	769	6.8	10,806	10,136	670	6.2
Prowers	5,765	5,530	235	4.1	6,047	5,839	208	3.4
Pueblo	73,556	69,224	4,332	5.9	73,498	69,611	3,887	5.3
Rio Blanco	2,960	2,829	131	4.4	2,988	2,869	119	4.0
Rio Grande	5,328	5,083	245	4.6	5,560	5,305	255	4.6
Routt	13,790	13,195	595	4.3	13,814	13,225	589	4.3
Saguache	3,272	3,115	157	4.8	3,389	3,255	134	4.0
San Juan	524	507	17	3.2	493	478	15	3.0
San Miguel	4,856	4,456	400	8.2	4,766	4,412	354	7.4
Sedgwick	1,050	1,011	39	3.7	1,103	1,069	34	3.1
Summit	19,122	18,354	768	4.0	19,195	18,510	685	3.6
Teller	12,994	12,470	524	4.0	12,890	12,428	462	3.6
Washington	2,374	2,288	86	3.6	2,443	2,367	76	3.1
Weld	178,294	169,734	8,560	4.8	178,450	171,090	7,360	4.1
Yuma	5,376	5,236	140	2.6	5,592	5,453	139	2.5

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	May 2025 Labor Force	May 2025 Employed	May 2025 Unemployed	May 2025 Rate	April 2025 Labor Force	April 2025 Employed	April 2025 Unemployed	April 2025 Rate
Arvada	72,623	69,552	3,071	4.2	72,775	69,587	3,188	4.4
Aurora	221,318	211,004	10,314	4.7	221,784	211,075	10,709	4.8
Boulder	63,287	60,136	3,151	5.0	63,522	60,397	3,125	4.9
Brighton	23,495	22,387	1,108	4.7	23,545	22,397	1,148	4.9
Castle Rock	46,926	45,028	1,898	4.0	47,077	45,045	2,032	4.3
Centennial	60,968	58,378	2,590	4.2	61,089	58,397	2,692	4.4
Colorado Springs	265,970	254,213	11,757	4.4	266,400	254,306	12,094	4.5
Commerce City	37,777	35,947	1,830	4.8	37,918	35,963	1,955	5.2
Englewood	22,383	21,422	961	4.3	22,465	21,429	1,036	4.6
Erie	19,294	18,478	816	4.2	19,377	18,533	844	4.4
Fort Collins	101,729	97,386	4,343	4.3	101,677	97,258	4,419	4.3
Fountain	13,756	13,131	625	4.5	13,784	13,136	648	4.7
Grand Junction	36,064	34,439	1,625	4.5	36,199	34,537	1,662	4.6
Greeley	53,005	50,037	2,968	5.6	53,144	50,134	3,010	5.7
Lafayette	19,132	18,327	805	4.2	19,213	18,406	807	4.2
Lakewood	92,914	88,807	4,107	4.4	93,097	88,850	4,247	4.6
Littleton	26,574	25,487	1,087	4.1	26,624	25,494	1,130	4.2
Longmont	58,519	55,873	2,646	4.5	58,870	56,112	2,758	4.7
Loveland	42,358	40,381	1,977	4.7	42,400	40,328	2,072	4.9
Northglenn	22,622	21,459	1,163	5.1	22,621	21,469	1,152	5.1
Parker	38,082	36,478	1,604	4.2	38,121	36,492	1,629	4.3
Pueblo	47,287	44,327	2,960	6.3	47,331	44,297	3,034	6.4
Thornton	83,961	80,068	3,893	4.6	84,176	80,105	4,071	4.8
Westminster	70,797	67,749	3,048	4.3	70,941	67,781	3,160	4.5
Wheat Ridge	19,074	18,157	917	4.8	19,116	18,166	950	5.0
Windsor	19,833	19,038	795	4.0	19,890	19,061	829	4.2

Table 2. Over the Year

Area	May 2025 Labor Force	May 2025 Employed	May 2025 Unemployed	May 2025 Rate	May 2024 Labor Force	May 2024 Employed	May 2024 Unemployed	May 2024 Rate
Arvada	72,623	69,552	3,071	4.2	72,333	69,657	2,676	3.7
Aurora	221,318	211,004	10,314	4.7	219,815	211,070	8,745	4.0
Boulder	63,287	60,136	3,151	5.0	63,296	60,464	2,832	4.5
Brighton	23,495	22,387	1,108	4.7	23,364	22,417	947	4.1
Castle Rock	46,926	45,028	1,898	4.0	46,778	45,056	1,722	3.7
Centennial	60,968	58,378	2,590	4.2	60,613	58,387	2,226	3.7
Colorado Springs	265,970	254,213	11,757	4.4	262,195	252,355	9,840	3.8
Commerce City	37,777	35,947	1,830	4.8	37,515	35,994	1,521	4.1
Englewood	22,383	21,422	961	4.3	22,236	21,425	811	3.6
Erie	19,294	18,478	816	4.2	19,281	18,605	676	3.5
Fort Collins	101,729	97,386	4,343	4.3	102,589	98,783	3,806	3.7
Fountain	13,756	13,131	625	4.5	13,573	13,035	538	4.0
Grand Junction	36,064	34,439	1,625	4.5	35,667	34,265	1,402	3.9
Greeley	53,005	50,037	2,968	5.6	52,928	50,437	2,491	4.7
Lafayette	19,132	18,327	805	4.2	19,150	18,427	723	3.8
Lakewood	92,914	88,807	4,107	4.4	92,533	88,940	3,593	3.9
Littleton	26,574	25,487	1,087	4.1	26,415	25,491	924	3.5
Longmont	58,519	55,873	2,646	4.5	58,403	56,179	2,224	3.8
Loveland	42,358	40,381	1,977	4.7	42,663	40,961	1,702	4.0
Northglenn	22,622	21,459	1,163	5.1	22,366	21,487	879	3.9
Parker	38,082	36,478	1,604	4.2	37,901	36,501	1,400	3.7
Pueblo	47,287	44,327	2,960	6.3	47,214	44,575	2,639	5.6
Thornton	83,961	80,068	3,893	4.6	83,507	80,173	3,334	4.0
Westminster	70,797	67,749	3,048	4.3	70,615	67,843	2,772	3.9
Wheat Ridge	19,074	18,157	917	4.8	18,920	18,184	736	3.9
Windsor	19,833	19,038	795	4.0	19,944	19,217	727	3.6