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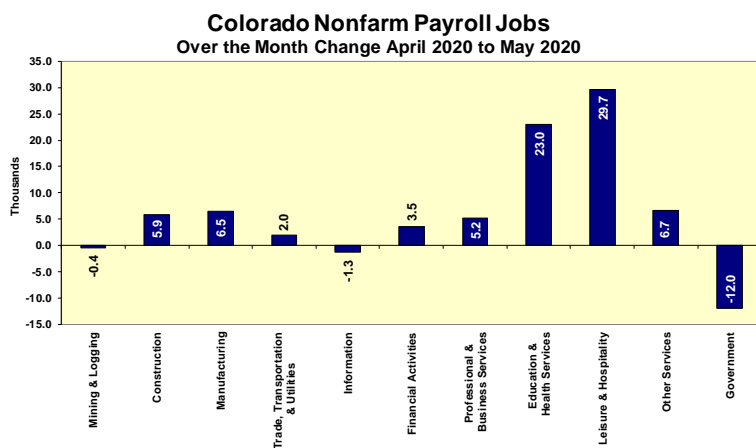
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## Colorado Employment Situation May 2020

*Important note: This release provides information on industry employment and labor force statistics for May 2020, 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 12<sup>th</sup> of the month. Therefore, this release provides an estimate of Colorado's employment situation during the first stages of the Governor's Safer at Home order, which resulted in a return to work for some Coloradans. For more information on Colorado unemployment insurance claims activity and related statistics, please visit [www.colmigateway.com](http://www.colmigateway.com). For information regarding impacts to Bureau of Labor Statistics data collection and processing during the pandemic, go to [www.bls.gov/bls/bls-covid-19-questions-and-answers.htm](http://www.bls.gov/bls/bls-covid-19-questions-and-answers.htm).*

Employers in Colorado added 68,800 nonfarm payroll jobs from April to May for a total of 2,539,900 jobs, according to the survey of business establishments. Private sector payroll jobs increased 80,800 and government declined by 12,000. April estimates were revised down to 2,471,100, and the over the month change from March to April was a decrease of 325,800 rather than the originally estimated decrease of 323,500.



Source: CDLE, Labor Market Information Bureau of Labor Statistics

According to the survey of households, the unemployment rate decreased two percentage points from April to May to 10.2 percent. Additionally, the previously reported April 2020 unemployment rate of 11.3 percent was revised up to 12.2 percent.

The number of people actively participating in the labor force in May increased 8,400 over the month to 3,063,200 and the number of people reporting themselves as employed increased 69,600 to 2,750,700,

causing the number of unemployed to decrease 61,200 and the unemployment rate to decline to 10.2 percent. The national unemployment rate decreased one and four-tenths of a percentage point in May to 13.3 percent.

Over the year, the average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased from 33.2 to 33.7 hours and average hourly earnings increased from \$30.22 to \$31.39.

Significant over the month private sector job gains occurred in leisure and hospitality (~29,700), educational and health services (~23,000), other services (~6,700), manufacturing (~6,500), construction (5,900), professional and business services (~5,200), financial activities (~3,500), and trade, transportation, and utilities (~2,000). The largest over the month decline was in information.

Over the year, nonfarm payroll jobs decreased 236,200, with a decline of 221,500 in the private sector and a decline of 14,700 in government. The largest private sector job losses were in leisure and hospitality, trade, transportation, and utilities, and educational and health services. There were no private sector over the year job gains.

Over the year, the unemployment rate is up seven and four-tenths of a percentage point from 2.8 percent. The number of Coloradans participating in the labor force decreased 69,800, total employment decreased 293,900 and the number of unemployed increased 224,100. The national unemployment rate increased from 3.6 percent in May 2019 to 13.3 percent in May 2020.

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All Colorado estimates from the establishment and household surveys, including greater geographic detail, are available at: <http://www.colmigateway.com>. Estimates for all states and the nation are available at: <http://www.bls.gov>.

The June 2020 Colorado Employment Situation will be released at 8:00 AM on Friday, July 17, 2020. The full schedule of release dates for calendar year 2020 estimates is available at <http://www.colmigateway.com>.

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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 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.

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.

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**Supplemental information available in following pages**

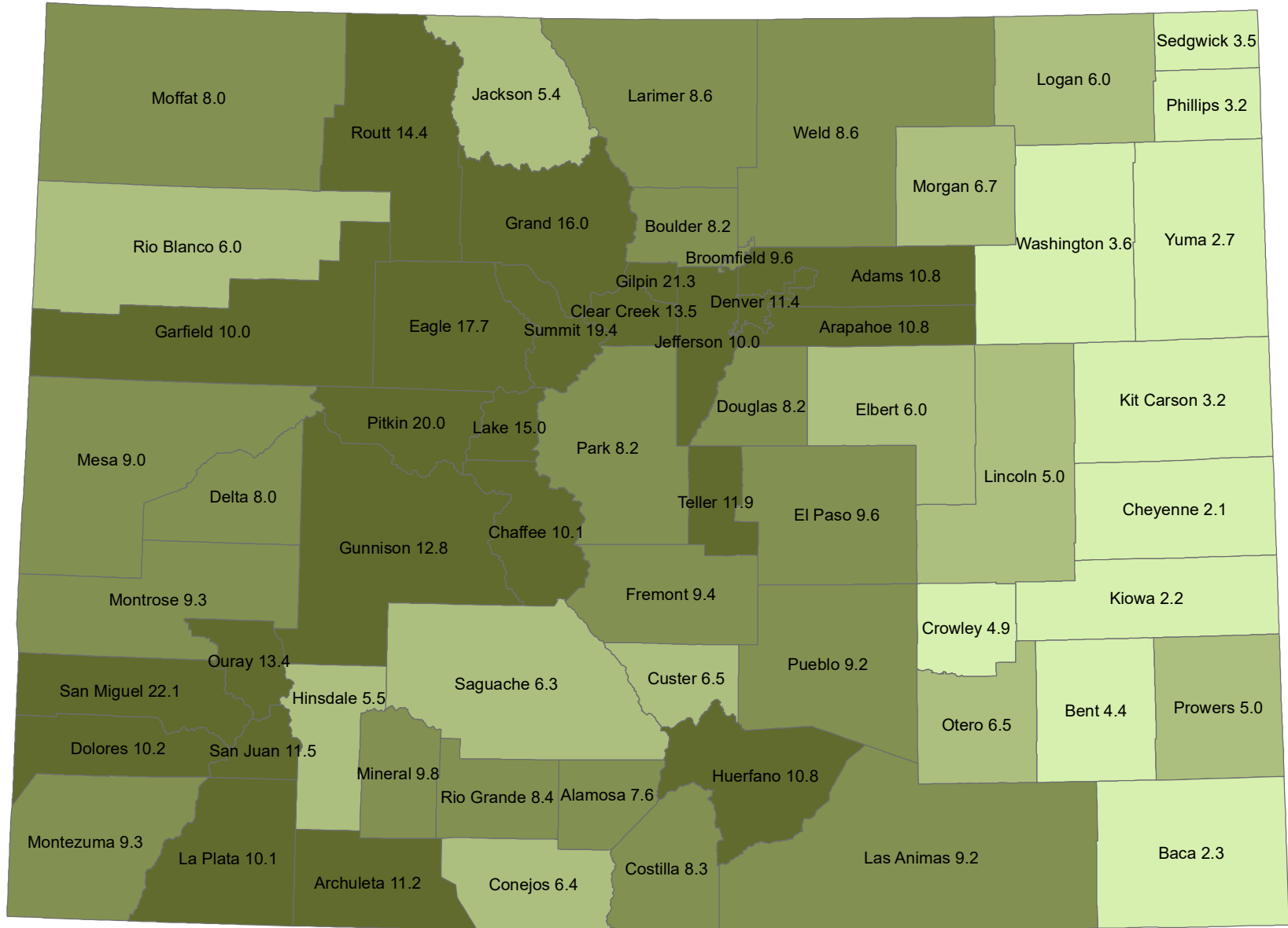
**LABOR FORCE SUMMARY**  
**COLORADO**  
Preliminary Estimates for May 2020

<b>LABOR FORCE DATA (VALUES IN THOUSANDS)</b>					
<b>SEASONALLY ADJUSTED:</b>				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>May-20</b>	<b>Apr-20</b>	<b>May-19</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	3,063.2	3,054.8	3,133.0	8.4	-69.8
<b>Unemployment</b>	312.4	373.6	88.4	-61.2	224.1
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	10.2	12.2	2.8	-2.0	7.4
<b>Employment</b>	2,750.7	2,681.1	3,044.7	69.6	-293.9
<b>UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:</b>				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>May-20</b>	<b>Apr-20</b>	<b>May-19</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	3,049.7	3,039.5	3,119.5	10.2	-69.8
<b>Unemployment</b>	305.6	369.7	80.7	-64.1	225.0
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	10.0	12.2	2.6	-2.2	7.4
<b>Employment</b>	2,744.1	2,669.8	3,038.8	74.3	-294.8

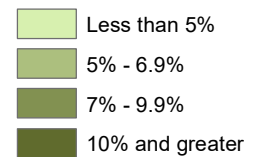
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA (VALUES IN THOUSANDS)</b>					
<b>SEASONALLY ADJUSTED:</b>				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>May-20</b>	<b>Apr-20</b>	<b>May-19</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	24.3	24.7	29.4	-0.4	-5.1
<b>Construction</b>	171.9	166.0	178.2	5.9	-6.3
<b>Manufacturing</b>	145.0	138.5	149.7	6.5	-4.7
<b>Trade, Transportation, &amp; Utilities</b>	439.1	437.1	475.2	2.0	-36.1
<b>Information</b>	74.5	75.8	75.9	-1.3	-1.4
<b>Financial Activities</b>	172.3	168.8	173.3	3.5	-1.0
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	433.0	427.8	437.2	5.2	-4.2
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	327.6	304.6	345.4	23.0	-17.8
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	213.8	184.1	344.1	29.7	-130.3
<b>Other Services</b>	98.2	91.5	112.8	6.7	-14.6
<b>Government</b>	440.2	452.2	454.9	-12.0	-14.7
<b>TOTAL NONAG</b>	2,539.9	2,471.1	2,776.1	68.8	-236.2
<b>Labor Disputants</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:</b>				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>May-20</b>	<b>Apr-20</b>	<b>May-19</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	24.1	24.5	29.2	-0.4	-5.1
<b>Construction</b>	171.5	162.4	178.6	9.1	-7.1
<b>Manufacturing</b>	144.6	138.1	149.6	6.5	-5.0
<b>Trade, Transportation, &amp; Utilities</b>	436.2	431.8	469.8	4.4	-33.6
<b>Information</b>	74.1	75.3	75.6	-1.2	-1.5
<b>Financial Activities</b>	170.5	167.4	172.3	3.1	-1.8
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	434.1	424.1	437.2	10.0	-3.1
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	327.9	305.6	346.5	22.3	-18.6
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	203.7	180.7	334.7	23.0	-131.0
<b>Other Services</b>	98.3	91.5	112.9	6.8	-14.6
<b>Government</b>	451.7	458.1	467.9	-6.4	-16.2
<b>TOTAL NONAG</b>	2,536.7	2,459.5	2,774.3	77.2	-237.6
<b>Labor Disputants</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

# NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED Unemployment Rates May 2020



Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment  
Labor Market Information



Not Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force								
	May 2020				April 2020			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
<b>Colorado</b>	3,049,684	2,744,071	305,613	10.0	3,039,495	2,669,804	369,691	12.2
<b>Metropolitan Statistical Area</b>								
Boulder	194,668	178,615	16,053	8.2	192,996	174,179	18,817	9.7
Colorado Springs	346,465	312,931	33,534	9.7	345,261	301,758	43,503	12.6
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood	1,637,743	1,466,650	171,093	10.4	1,635,879	1,434,310	201,569	12.3
Fort Collins	201,699	184,448	17,251	8.6	201,200	178,807	22,393	11.1
Grand Junction	76,142	69,276	6,866	9.0	74,253	64,875	9,378	12.6
Greeley	164,395	150,242	14,153	8.6	164,491	148,146	16,345	9.9
Pueblo	73,412	66,691	6,721	9.2	73,254	64,675	8,579	11.7
<b>Counties</b>								
Adams	269,207	240,101	29,106	10.8	268,896	234,939	33,957	12.6
Alamosa	7,653	7,072	581	7.6	7,564	6,836	728	9.6
Arapahoe	361,027	322,118	38,909	10.8	359,691	314,916	44,775	12.4
Archuleta	6,659	5,912	747	11.2	6,338	5,300	1,038	16.4
Baca	1,807	1,765	42	2.3	1,823	1,771	52	2.9
Bent	1,614	1,543	71	4.4	1,646	1,560	86	5.2
Boulder	194,668	178,615	16,053	8.2	192,996	174,179	18,817	9.7
Broomfield	39,282	35,515	3,767	9.6	39,035	34,714	4,321	11.1
Chaffee	9,423	8,475	948	10.1	8,768	7,597	1,171	13.4
Cheyenne	1,000	979	21	2.1	1,022	997	25	2.4
Clear Creek	6,189	5,352	837	13.5	6,219	5,237	982	15.8
Conejos	3,610	3,380	230	6.4	3,616	3,308	308	8.5
Costilla	1,648	1,511	137	8.3	1,619	1,484	135	8.3
Crowley	1,255	1,194	61	4.9	1,258	1,173	85	6.8
Custer	1,899	1,775	124	6.5	1,777	1,643	134	7.5
Delta	13,300	12,240	1,060	8.0	12,642	11,318	1,324	10.5
Denver	415,860	368,290	47,570	11.4	415,800	360,065	55,735	13.4
Dolores	1,083	973	110	10.2	1,047	912	135	12.9
Douglas	187,496	172,106	15,390	8.2	187,087	168,270	18,817	10.1
Eagle	36,603	30,138	6,465	17.7	37,139	29,349	7,790	21.0
El Paso	333,630	301,629	32,001	9.6	332,426	290,857	41,569	12.5
Elbert	14,289	13,431	858	6.0	14,325	13,236	1,089	7.6
Fremont	14,308	12,959	1,349	9.4	13,176	11,460	1,716	13.0
Garfield	29,690	26,716	2,974	10.0	29,489	25,456	4,033	13.7
Gilpin	4,258	3,351	907	21.3	4,272	3,278	994	23.3
Grand	9,020	7,575	1,445	16.0	9,172	7,388	1,784	19.5
Gunnison	10,930	9,529	1,401	12.8	10,567	8,844	1,723	16.3
Hinsdale	345	326	19	5.5	292	265	27	9.2
Huerfano	2,231	1,990	241	10.8	2,181	1,905	276	12.7
Jackson	884	836	48	5.4	874	809	65	7.4
Jefferson	329,376	296,513	32,863	10.0	329,784	289,971	39,813	12.1
Kiowa	826	808	18	2.2	842	820	22	2.6
Kit Carson	3,743	3,625	118	3.2	3,666	3,516	150	4.1
La Plata	29,140	26,193	2,947	10.1	28,608	24,692	3,916	13.7
Lake	4,859	4,130	729	15.0	4,791	3,967	824	17.2
Larimer	201,699	184,448	17,251	8.6	201,200	178,807	22,393	11.1
Las Animas	5,761	5,230	531	9.2	5,760	5,141	619	10.7
Lincoln	1,941	1,843	98	5.0	1,960	1,837	123	6.3
Logan	9,356	8,791	565	6.0	9,346	8,676	670	7.2
Mesa	76,142	69,276	6,866	9.0	74,253	64,875	9,378	12.6
Mineral	437	394	43	9.8	463	412	51	11.0
Moffat	6,231	5,734	497	8.0	6,259	5,586	673	10.8
Montezuma	11,027	10,006	1,021	9.3	11,180	9,819	1,361	12.2
Montrose	19,225	17,435	1,790	9.3	19,548	17,150	2,398	12.3
Morgan	14,170	13,216	954	6.7	14,107	13,127	980	6.9
Otero	7,168	6,699	469	6.5	7,204	6,640	564	7.8
Ouray	2,358	2,042	316	13.4	2,190	1,774	416	19.0
Park	10,759	9,873	886	8.2	10,770	9,684	1,086	10.1
Phillips	2,247	2,176	71	3.2	2,241	2,155	86	3.8
Pitkin	11,533	9,224	2,309	20.0	11,495	8,781	2,714	23.6
Prowers	5,576	5,298	278	5.0	5,470	5,191	279	5.1
Pueblo	73,412	66,691	6,721	9.2	73,254	64,675	8,579	11.7
Rio Blanco	2,638	2,479	159	6.0	2,605	2,409	196	7.5
Rio Grande	4,866	4,459	407	8.4	4,848	4,321	527	10.9
Routt	15,559	13,324	2,235	14.4	15,692	12,843	2,849	18.2
Saguache	3,226	3,024	202	6.3	3,152	2,926	226	7.2
San Juan	547	484	63	11.5	443	379	64	14.4
San Miguel	5,535	4,310	1,225	22.1	5,969	4,605	1,364	22.9
Sedgwick	1,090	1,052	38	3.5	1,081	1,038	43	4.0
Summit	23,575	19,009	4,566	19.4	23,562	18,471	5,091	21.6
Teller	12,835	11,302	1,533	11.9	12,835	10,901	1,934	15.1
Washington	2,394	2,309	85	3.6	2,440	2,348	92	3.8
Weld	164,395	150,242	14,153	8.6	164,491	148,146	16,345	9.9
Yuma	5,177	5,038	139	2.7	5,225	5,053	172	3.3

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.  
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**Not Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force**

	May 2020				May 2019			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
<b>Colorado</b>	3,049,684	2,744,071	305,613	10.0	3,119,482	3,038,823	80,659	2.6
<b>Metropolitan Statistical Area</b>								
Boulder	194,668	178,615	16,053	8.2	197,793	193,618	4,175	2.1
Colorado Springs	346,465	312,931	33,534	9.7	354,613	343,833	10,780	3.0
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood	1,637,743	1,466,650	171,093	10.4	1,664,907	1,623,628	41,279	2.5
Fort Collins	201,699	184,448	17,251	8.6	206,087	201,769	4,318	2.1
Grand Junction	76,142	69,276	6,866	9.0	76,735	74,449	2,286	3.0
Greeley	164,395	150,242	14,153	8.6	169,182	165,383	3,799	2.2
Pueblo	73,412	66,691	6,721	9.2	76,192	73,312	2,880	3.8
<b>Counties</b>								
Adams	269,207	240,101	29,106	10.8	273,338	265,933	7,405	2.7
Alamosa	7,653	7,072	581	7.6	8,780	8,505	275	3.1
Arapahoe	361,027	322,118	38,909	10.8	365,831	356,530	9,301	2.5
Archuleta	6,659	5,912	747	11.2	6,906	6,710	196	2.8
Baca	1,807	1,765	42	2.3	2,180	2,147	33	1.5
Bent	1,614	1,543	71	4.4	1,927	1,873	54	2.8
Boulder	194,668	178,615	16,053	8.2	197,793	193,618	4,175	2.1
Broomfield	39,282	35,515	3,767	9.6	40,255	39,324	931	2.3
Chaffee	9,423	8,475	948	10.1	9,697	9,491	206	2.1
Cheyenne	1,000	979	21	2.1	1,161	1,145	16	1.4
Clear Creek	6,189	5,352	837	13.5	6,066	5,924	142	2.3
Conejos	3,610	3,380	230	6.4	4,183	4,048	135	3.2
Costilla	1,648	1,511	137	8.3	1,854	1,781	73	3.9
Crowley	1,255	1,194	61	4.9	1,510	1,443	67	4.4
Custer	1,899	1,775	124	6.5	2,074	2,011	63	3.0
Delta	13,300	12,240	1,060	8.0	14,319	13,870	449	3.1
Denver	415,860	368,290	47,570	11.4	418,255	407,655	10,600	2.5
Dolores	1,083	973	110	10.2	1,147	1,114	33	2.9
Douglas	187,496	172,106	15,390	8.2	194,805	190,524	4,281	2.2
Eagle	36,603	30,138	6,465	17.7	33,503	32,402	1,101	3.3
El Paso	333,630	301,629	32,001	9.6	341,844	331,428	10,416	3.0
Elbert	14,289	13,431	858	6.0	15,222	14,914	308	2.0
Fremont	14,308	12,959	1,349	9.4	15,367	14,731	636	4.1
Garfield	29,690	26,716	2,974	10.0	30,614	29,793	821	2.7
Gilpin	4,258	3,351	907	21.3	3,793	3,708	85	2.2
Grand	9,020	7,575	1,445	16.0	8,761	8,566	195	2.2
Gunnison	10,930	9,529	1,401	12.8	10,838	10,573	265	2.4
Hinsdale	345	326	19	5.5	424	409	15	3.5
Huerfano	2,231	1,990	241	10.8	2,530	2,409	121	4.8
Jackson	884	836	48	5.4	990	963	27	2.7
Jefferson	329,376	296,513	32,863	10.0	336,141	328,190	7,951	2.4
Kiowa	826	808	18	2.2	957	942	15	1.6
Kit Carson	3,743	3,625	118	3.2	4,388	4,325	63	1.4
La Plata	29,140	26,193	2,947	10.1	31,956	31,242	714	2.2
Lake	4,859	4,130	729	15.0	4,605	4,457	148	3.2
Larimer	201,699	184,448	17,251	8.6	206,087	201,769	4,318	2.1
Las Animas	5,761	5,230	531	9.2	6,634	6,402	232	3.5
Lincoln	1,941	1,843	98	5.0	2,437	2,385	52	2.1
Logan	9,356	8,791	565	6.0	11,170	10,934	236	2.1
Mesa	76,142	69,276	6,866	9.0	76,735	74,449	2,286	3.0
Mineral	437	394	43	9.8	433	420	13	3.0
Moffat	6,231	5,734	497	8.0	7,325	7,099	226	3.1
Montezuma	11,027	10,006	1,021	9.3	12,989	12,528	461	3.5
Montrose	19,225	17,435	1,790	9.3	21,825	21,174	651	3.0
Morgan	14,170	13,216	954	6.7	16,484	16,073	411	2.5
Otero	7,168	6,699	469	6.5	8,367	8,051	316	3.8
Ouray	2,358	2,042	316	13.4	2,364	2,294	70	3.0
Park	10,759	9,873	886	8.2	11,201	10,926	275	2.5
Phillips	2,247	2,176	71	3.2	2,620	2,583	37	1.4
Pitkin	11,533	9,224	2,309	20.0	10,958	10,270	688	6.3
Prowers	5,576	5,298	278	5.0	6,406	6,258	148	2.3
Pueblo	73,412	66,691	6,721	9.2	76,192	73,312	2,880	3.8
Rio Blanco	2,638	2,479	159	6.0	3,030	2,931	99	3.3
Rio Grande	4,866	4,459	407	8.4	5,510	5,329	181	3.3
Routt	15,559	13,324	2,235	14.4	14,965	14,543	422	2.8
Saguache	3,226	3,024	202	6.3	3,595	3,484	111	3.1
San Juan	547	484	63	11.5	522	509	13	2.5
San Miguel	5,535	4,310	1,225	22.1	4,807	4,449	358	7.4
Sedgwick	1,090	1,052	38	3.5	1,227	1,202	25	2.0
Summit	23,575	19,009	4,566	19.4	19,981	19,453	528	2.6
Teller	12,835	11,302	1,533	11.9	12,769	12,405	364	2.9
Washington	2,394	2,309	85	3.6	3,029	2,972	57	1.9
Weld	164,395	150,242	14,153	8.6	169,182	165,383	3,799	2.2
Yuma	5,177	5,038	139	2.7	6,620	6,538	82	1.2

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.

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# Colorado LMI Data Overview

## May 2020

Employment					
	May-20	Apr-20	May-19	Change from previous:	
				Period	Year
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment (SA)	2,539,900	2,471,100	2,776,100	68,800	(236,200)
Total Resident Employment (SA)	2,750,744	2,681,128	3,044,663	69,616	(293,919)
	Q4 2019	Q3 2019	Q4 2018		
UI Covered Total Employment	2,763,595	2,761,346	2,701,446	2,249	62,149
UI Covered Private Employment	2,330,635	2,337,320	2,278,674	(6,685)	51,961

Unemployment					
	May-20	Apr-20	May-19	Change from previous:	
				Period	Year
Unemployment (SA)	312,426	373,643	88,350	(61,217)	224,076
Percent Unemployed (SA)	10.2%	12.2%	2.8%	6.1	8.4
	May-20	Apr-20	May-19		
Initial Claims	75,087	255,141	7,721	(180,054)	67,366
Continued Weeks Claimed	1,167,327	821,905	74,205	345,422	1,093,122

Wages and Earnings					
	Q4 2019	Q3 2019	Q4 2018	Change from previous:	
				Period	Year
Total Average Weekly Wage	\$1,227	\$1,170	\$1,180	\$57	\$47
Private Average Weekly Wage	\$1,238	\$1,166	\$1,189	\$72	\$49
	May-20	Apr-20	May-19		
Average Weekly Earnings (Construction)	\$1,142.08	\$1,093.04	\$1,069.79	\$49.04	\$72.29
Average Weekly Earnings (Manufacturing)	\$1,061.89	\$1,035.81	\$1,112.01	\$26.08	(\$50.12)

CO Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund					
	Apr-20	Mar-20	Apr-19	Change from previous:	
				Period	Year
Employer Contributions	\$110,099,542	\$996,873	\$85,490,683	\$109,102,670	\$24,608,859
Benefits Paid	\$312,661,979	\$50,193,316	\$35,505,527	\$262,468,663	\$277,156,453
Average Weekly Benefit Amount	\$385.39	\$445.87	\$438.61	(\$60.48)	(\$53.22)
Duration (weeks)	3.84	6.87	17.28	(3.03)	(13.44)
End of Month Balance	\$861,726,760	\$1,066,658,240	\$945,784,816	(\$204,931,479)	(\$84,058,056)

Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers					
Not seasonally adjusted	May-20	Mar-20	May-19	% Change from previous:	
				Period	Year
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood	271.379	270.120	266.280	0.5%	1.9%
US City Average	256.394	258.115	256.092	-0.7%	0.1%

(Most current data available for all categories)