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## **COLORADO LABOR FORCE DEVELOPMENTS December 2009**

### **Labor Force<sup>i</sup>**

Colorado's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased six-tenths of one percentage point to 7.5 percent in December according to Donald J. Mares, Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment. "In addition to anticipated weakness in retail trade, employment in December was affected by a particularly severe cold snap," said Mares. Last December the unemployment rate was 5.8 percent.

The number of working Coloradans fell 22,100 over the month to 2,458,300 out of a civilian labor force of 2,656,700. The number of residents unsuccessfully seeking work rose 14,900 to 198,400. Last December, total employment was 2,591,400, the civilian labor force was 2,751,300 and the number of unemployed was 159,900.

December is typically a month of rising unemployment in those counties not home to major winter recreation activities. The unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) increased in 55 of Colorado's 64 counties, declined in seven and remained unchanged in two. The lowest rate was 2.8 percent in Cheyenne County and the highest was 17.0 percent in Dolores County. In December 2008, the unemployment rate increased in 46 counties, declined in 15 and was unchanged in three. Last year, the lowest rate was 2.3 percent in Yuma County and the highest was 10.3 percent in Dolores County.

### **Wage and Salary Employment<sup>ii</sup>**

The monthly survey of Colorado business establishments indicates nonfarm wage and salary jobs (not seasonally adjusted) increased 2,500 in December to 2,249,000.

Employment increased in six of Colorado's eleven major industry sectors over the month. Leisure and hospitality payrolls increased 10,800, primarily due to winter recreation activities. Trade, transportation and utilities added 3,300 jobs, driven by weaker than

usual seasonal gains in retail trade and transportation, financial activities gained 2,100 and other services 400. Education and health services and mining and logging added 200 and 100 jobs, respectively. Construction continued to decline with losses of 7,500 jobs and government declined 4,100, with about half of the decrease occurring due to seasonal declines in education. Professional and business services was down 2,500 jobs and information declined 300. Manufacturing payrolls remained unchanged for the second consecutive month.

Nonfarm payroll employment decreased over the year by 3.8 percent, or 87,700, from the December 2008 level of 2,336,700.

Employment in two of Colorado's eleven major industry sectors increased over the year. Education and health services added 6,300 jobs and government increased 2,700. Goods-producing industries accounted for slightly less than half of the job losses during the past year. Employment in construction was down 22,600, manufacturing declined 12,100 and mining and logging was down 6,300. Trade, transportation and utilities and professional and business services declined 15,800 and 15,000, respectively. Other losses included leisure and hospitality (9,300), financial activities (7,400), information (4,400), and other services (3,800).

The annual average unemployment rate for 2009 in Colorado was 7.3 percent, an increase from 4.9 percent in 2008. Nonfarm job losses for 2009 are estimated to be 89,300 or 3.8 percent. This marks the highest percent job loss since 1944.

Revised labor force and wage and salary employment data, as well as data for January 2010, will be released March 10, 2010. In October 2009 the Bureau of Labor Statistics announced preliminary estimates of a downward revision to national employment estimates. The Department of Labor and Employment anticipates a similar downward revision to Colorado 2009 employment estimates.

### **National<sup>iii</sup>**

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the nation's unemployment rate remained unchanged at 10.0 percent and nonfarm payroll employment declined 85,000 in December. Employment declined in construction, manufacturing, and wholesale trade, while health care and temporary help services added jobs. Temporary help services has added 166,000 jobs since July 2009.

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<sup>i</sup> Labor force estimates are calculated from the household survey results, using the Bureau of Labor Statistics Local Area Unemployment Statistics methods. The unadjusted statewide and county level estimates are available at the following link:  
<http://www.coworkforce.com/lmi/ali/lfpag.asp>

<sup>ii</sup> Wage and salary employment estimates are calculated from the establishment survey results, using the Bureau of Labor Statistics Current Employment Statistics methods. The statewide adjusted and unadjusted, and the unadjusted MSA estimates are available at the following link:  
<http://www.coworkforce.com/lmi/CES/ceshome.asp>

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<sup>iii</sup> The Bureau of Labor Statistics homepage is available at the following link:  
<http://www.bls.gov/>

**LABOR FORCE SUMMARY  
COLORADO**

Preliminary Estimates for December 2009 (in thousands)

<b>LABOR FORCE DATA</b>					
<b>SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*</b>				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>Dec-09</b>	<b>Nov-09</b>	<b>Dec-08</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	2,656.7	2,663.9	2,751.3	-7.2	-94.6
<b>Unemployment</b>	198.4	183.5	159.9	14.9	38.5
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	7.5	6.9	5.8	--	--
<b>Employment</b>	2,458.3	2,480.4	2,591.4	-22.1	-133.1
<b>UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:</b>					
				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>Dec-09</b>	<b>Nov-09</b>	<b>Dec-08</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	2,649.9	2,664.7	2,732.2	-14.8	-82.3
<b>Unemployment</b>	194.2	179.1	165.0	15.1	29.2
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	7.3	6.7	6.0	--	--
<b>Employment</b>	2,455.7	2,485.6	2,567.2	-29.9	-111.5

<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>					
<b>SEASONALLY ADJUSTED:</b>	<b>Dec-09</b>	<b>Nov-09</b>	<b>Dec-08</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	23.3	23.0	29.6	0.3	-6.3
<b>Construction</b>	130.4	133.2	152.8	-2.8	-22.4
<b>Manufacturing</b>	127.8	128.2	139.9	-0.4	-12.1
<b>Trade, Transportation, &amp; Utilities</b>	405.2	406.5	420.7	-1.3	-15.5
<b>Information</b>	71.5	71.9	75.9	-0.4	-4.4
<b>Financial Activities</b>	145.4	144.4	152.7	1.0	-7.3
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	324.4	326.5	339.3	-2.1	-14.9
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	261.0	261.0	254.7	0.0	6.3
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	261.7	262.5	270.8	-0.8	-9.1
<b>Other Services</b>	92.2	92.3	95.9	-0.1	-3.7
<b>Government</b>	391.1	392.9	388.3	-1.8	2.8
<b>TOTAL NONAG</b>	2,234.0	2,242.4	2,320.6	-8.4	-86.6
<b>Labor Disputants</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>					
<b>UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:</b>	<b>Dec-09</b>	<b>Nov-09</b>	<b>Dec-08</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	23.2	23.1	29.5	0.1	-6.3
<b>Construction</b>	126.5	134.0	149.1	-7.5	-22.6
<b>Manufacturing</b>	128.3	128.3	140.4	0.0	-12.1
<b>Trade, Transportation, &amp; Utilities</b>	417.7	414.4	433.5	3.3	-15.8
<b>Information</b>	71.9	72.2	76.3	-0.3	-4.4
<b>Financial Activities</b>	145.8	143.7	153.2	2.1	-7.4
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	322.8	325.3	337.8	-2.5	-15.0
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	262.0	261.8	255.7	0.2	6.3
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	262.8	252.0	272.1	10.8	-9.3
<b>Other Services</b>	91.6	91.2	95.4	0.4	-3.8
<b>Government</b>	396.4	400.5	393.7	-4.1	2.7
<b>TOTAL NONAG</b>	2,249.0	2,246.5	2,336.7	2.5	-87.7
<b>Labor Disputants</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

**LABOR FORCE SUMMARY**  
**COLORADO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS**  
Preliminary Estimates for December 2009 (in thousands)

**DENVER-AURORA-BROOMFIELD MSA** (Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, Elbert, Gilpin, Jefferson, and Park counties)

<b>LABOR FORCE DATA</b>					
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*				Change from last:	
	Dec-09	Nov-09	Dec-08	Month	Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,355.3	1,360.5	1,393.3	-5.2	-38.0
Unemployment	102.2	94.9	89.4	7.3	12.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.5	7.0	6.4	--	--
Employment	1,253.1	1,265.6	1,303.9	-12.5	-50.8
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>					
TOTAL NONAG	1188.8	1195.8	1228.3	-7.0	-39.5
UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:					
				Change from last:	
	Dec-09	Nov-09	Dec-08	Month	Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,357.2	1,365.8	1,396.5	-8.6	-39.3
Unemployment	101.5	93.4	88.6	8.1	12.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.5	6.8	6.3	--	--
Employment	1,255.7	1,272.4	1,307.9	-16.7	-52.2
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>					
TOTAL NONAG	1196.5	1200.7	1236.2	-4.2	-39.7

**BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA** (Boulder County)

<b>LABOR FORCE DATA</b>					
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*				Change from last:	
	Dec-09	Nov-09	Dec-08	Month	Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	171.6	172.0	178.0	-0.4	-6.4
Unemployment	10.0	9.5	9.0	0.5	1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.8	5.5	5.1	--	--
Employment	161.6	162.5	169.0	-0.9	-7.4
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>					
TOTAL NONAG	159.5	159.8	166.1	-0.3	-6.6
UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:					
				Change from last:	
	Dec-09	Nov-09	Dec-08	Month	Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	172.3	173.7	179.0	-1.4	-6.7
Unemployment	9.8	9.3	8.8	0.5	1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	5.4	4.9	--	--
Employment	162.5	164.4	170.2	-1.9	-7.7
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>					
TOTAL NONAG	161.6	161.7	168.3	-0.1	-6.7

**COLORADO SPRINGS MSA (El Paso and Teller counties)**

<b>LABOR FORCE DATA</b>					
<b>SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*</b>				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>Dec-09</b>	<b>Nov-09</b>	<b>Dec-08</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	303.1	303.4	313.4	-0.3	-10.3
<b>Unemployment</b>	24.3	22.2	22.2	2.1	2.1
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	8.0	7.3	7.1	--	--
<b>Employment</b>	278.8	281.2	291.2	-2.4	-12.4
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>					
<b>TOTAL NONAG</b>	245.4	247.1	254.9	-1.7	-9.5
<b>UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:</b>					
				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>Dec-09</b>	<b>Nov-09</b>	<b>Dec-08</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	302.7	304.6	313.3	-1.9	-10.6
<b>Unemployment</b>	24.0	21.9	21.9	2.1	2.1
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	7.9	7.2	7.0	--	--
<b>Employment</b>	278.7	282.7	291.4	-4.0	-12.7
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>					
<b>TOTAL NONAG</b>	246.6	247.7	256.1	-1.1	-9.5

**FT. COLLINS-LOVELAND MSA (Larimer County)**

<b>LABOR FORCE DATA</b>					
<b>SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*</b>				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>Dec-09</b>	<b>Nov-09</b>	<b>Dec-08</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	173.0	172.9	177.5	0.1	-4.5
<b>Unemployment</b>	10.6	10.1	9.0	0.5	1.6
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	6.2	5.8	5.1	--	--
<b>Employment</b>	162.4	162.8	168.5	-0.4	-6.1
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>					
<b>TOTAL NONAG</b>	133.0	133.4	137.1	-0.4	-4.1
<b>UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:</b>					
				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>Dec-09</b>	<b>Nov-09</b>	<b>Dec-08</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	172.3	174.3	176.9	-2.0	-4.6
<b>Unemployment</b>	10.6	9.9	8.9	0.7	1.7
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	6.1	5.7	5.0	--	--
<b>Employment</b>	161.7	164.4	168.0	-2.7	-6.3
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>					
<b>TOTAL NONAG</b>	133.7	134.4	137.8	-0.7	-4.1

**GRAND JUNCTION MSA (Mesa County)**

<b>LABOR FORCE DATA</b>					
<b>SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*</b>				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>Dec-09</b>	<b>Nov-09</b>	<b>Dec-08</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	80.9	80.7	83.9	0.2	-3.0
<b>Unemployment</b>	7.2	6.6	3.9	0.6	3.3
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	8.9	8.2	4.7	--	--
<b>Employment</b>	73.7	74.1	80.0	-0.4	-6.3
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>					
<b>TOTAL NONAG</b>	61.3	61.4	66.4	-0.1	-5.1
<b>UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:</b>					
				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>Dec-09</b>	<b>Nov-09</b>	<b>Dec-08</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	80.7	81.1	83.8	-0.4	-3.1
<b>Unemployment</b>	7.2	6.5	3.9	0.7	3.3
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	9.0	8.0	4.7	--	--
<b>Employment</b>	73.5	74.6	79.9	-1.1	-6.4
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>					
<b>TOTAL NONAG</b>	61.9	62.1	67.1	-0.2	-5.2

**GREELEY MSA (Weld County)**

<b>LABOR FORCE DATA</b>					
<b>SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*</b>				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>Dec-09</b>	<b>Nov-09</b>	<b>Dec-08</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	117.4	117.3	121.2	0.1	-3.8
<b>Unemployment</b>	10.1	9.3	7.9	0.8	2.2
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	8.6	7.9	6.5	--	--
<b>Employment</b>	107.3	108.0	113.3	-0.7	-6.0
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>					
<b>TOTAL NONAG</b>	77.8	78.1	82.6	-0.3	-4.8
<b>UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:</b>					
				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>Dec-09</b>	<b>Nov-09</b>	<b>Dec-08</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	116.6	118.0	120.5	-1.4	-3.9
<b>Unemployment</b>	10.0	9.1	7.7	0.9	2.3
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	8.6	7.7	6.4	--	--
<b>Employment</b>	106.6	108.9	112.8	-2.3	-6.2
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>					
<b>TOTAL NONAG</b>	78.3	78.9	83.1	-0.6	-4.8

**PUEBLO MSA (Pueblo County)**

<b>LABOR FORCE DATA</b>					
<b>SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*</b>				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>Dec-09</b>	<b>Nov-09</b>	<b>Dec-08</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	72.4	72.7	74.2	-0.3	-1.8
<b>Unemployment</b>	6.2	5.6	5.6	0.6	0.6
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	8.5	7.7	7.6	--	--
<b>Employment</b>	66.2	67.1	68.6	-0.9	-2.4
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>					
<b>TOTAL NONAG</b>	56.5	57.2	58.1	-0.7	-1.6
<b>UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:</b>					
				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>Dec-09</b>	<b>Nov-09</b>	<b>Dec-08</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	72.5	72.9	74.4	-0.4	-1.9
<b>Unemployment</b>	6.2	5.5	5.6	0.7	0.6
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	8.5	7.6	7.5	--	--
<b>Employment</b>	66.3	67.4	68.8	-1.1	-2.5
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>					
<b>TOTAL NONAG</b>	57.1	57.6	58.7	-0.5	-1.6

Seasonally Adjusted MSA Labor Force Data not official BLS series

Labor force estimates are adjusted to Current Population Survey data. Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

1/ Residents unemployed during the week including the 12th of the month.

2/ Total resident employment includes nonagricultural wage and salary workers; self-employed, unpaid family and domestic workers; agricultural workers and persons involved in labor disputes.

3/Due to rounding, sum of individual items may not equal total. Industry data represents jobs by place of work coded under the 2002 North American Industry Classification System

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**Not Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force**

	December 2009				November 2009				December 2008			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>2,649,884</b>	<b>2,455,650</b>	<b>194,234</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>2,664,704</b>	<b>2,485,572</b>	<b>179,132</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>2,732,178</b>	<b>2,567,210</b>	<b>164,968</b>	<b>6.0</b>
<b>Alamosa-Conejos LMA</b>	<b>11,621</b>	<b>10,846</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>12,071</b>	<b>11,366</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>11,992</b>	<b>11,199</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>6.6</b>
Alamosa	8,082	7,592	490	6.1	8,393	7,956	437	5.2	8,311	7,839	472	5.7
Conejos	3,539	3,254	285	8.1	3,678	3,410	268	7.3	3,681	3,360	321	8.7
Archuleta	5,969	5,492	477	8.0	6,244	5,825	419	6.7	6,138	5,739	399	6.5
Baca	2,273	2,189	84	3.7	2,413	2,321	92	3.8	2,181	2,106	75	3.4
Bent	2,330	2,177	153	6.6	2,483	2,330	153	6.2	2,314	2,146	168	7.3
<b>Cañon City MCA (Fremont)</b>	<b>18,406</b>	<b>16,700</b>	<b>1,706</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>18,713</b>	<b>17,179</b>	<b>1,534</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>19,554</b>	<b>18,001</b>	<b>1,553</b>	<b>7.9</b>
Chaffee	7,706	7,172	534	6.9	7,828	7,331	497	6.3	8,057	7,618	439	5.4
Cheyenne	1,187	1,154	33	2.8	1,230	1,196	34	2.8	1,272	1,239	33	2.6
<b>Colorado Springs MSA</b>	<b>302,683</b>	<b>278,682</b>	<b>24,001</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>304,681</b>	<b>282,743</b>	<b>21,938</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>313,326</b>	<b>291,426</b>	<b>21,900</b>	<b>7.0</b>
El Paso	290,585	267,475	23,110	8.0	292,490	271,373	21,117	7.2	300,672	279,707	20,965	7.0
Teller	12,098	11,207	891	7.4	12,191	11,370	821	6.7	12,654	11,719	935	7.4
Costilla	1,280	1,154	126	9.8	1,334	1,215	119	8.9	1,408	1,307	101	7.2
Custer	1,724	1,613	111	6.4	1,819	1,708	111	6.1	1,927	1,817	110	5.7
Delta	16,110	14,816	1,294	8.0	16,583	15,438	1,145	6.9	16,509	15,599	910	5.5
<b>Denver-Aurora-Boulder CSA</b>	<b>1,646,091</b>	<b>1,524,816</b>	<b>121,275</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>1,657,629</b>	<b>1,545,785</b>	<b>111,844</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>1,695,982</b>	<b>1,590,811</b>	<b>105,171</b>	<b>6.2</b>
<b>Boulder-Longmont MSA</b>	<b>172,308</b>	<b>162,536</b>	<b>9,772</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>173,778</b>	<b>164,436</b>	<b>9,342</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>178,947</b>	<b>170,154</b>	<b>8,793</b>	<b>4.9</b>
<b>Denver-Aurora MSA</b>	<b>1,357,177</b>	<b>1,255,678</b>	<b>101,499</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>1,365,888</b>	<b>1,272,442</b>	<b>93,446</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>1,396,492</b>	<b>1,307,858</b>	<b>88,634</b>	<b>6.3</b>
Adams	221,488	202,015	19,473	8.8	222,111	204,712	17,399	7.8	226,789	210,409	16,380	7.2
Arapahoe	303,702	281,926	21,776	7.2	306,081	285,690	20,391	6.7	313,015	293,642	19,373	6.2
Broomfield	29,786	27,788	1,998	6.7	30,017	28,159	1,858	6.2	30,651	28,942	1,709	5.6
Clear Creek	5,559	5,227	332	6.0	5,618	5,297	321	5.7	5,780	5,444	336	5.8
Denver	316,049	289,854	26,195	8.3	317,366	293,724	23,642	7.4	324,849	301,899	22,950	7.1
Douglas	153,169	144,208	8,961	5.9	154,796	146,133	8,663	5.6	158,283	150,200	8,083	5.1
Elbert	12,715	11,841	874	6.9	12,773	11,999	774	6.1	13,117	12,333	784	6.0
Gilpin	3,372	3,165	207	6.1	3,400	3,207	193	5.7	3,495	3,296	199	5.7
Jefferson	301,791	280,764	21,027	7.0	304,143	284,513	19,630	6.5	310,696	292,431	18,265	5.9
Park	9,548	8,891	657	6.9	9,586	9,010	576	6.0	9,816	9,260	556	5.7
<b>Greeley MSA</b>	<b>116,606</b>	<b>106,602</b>	<b>10,004</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>117,963</b>	<b>108,907</b>	<b>9,056</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>120,543</b>	<b>112,799</b>	<b>7,744</b>	<b>6.4</b>
Dolores	1,002	832	170	17.0	985	843	142	14.4	962	863	99	10.3
<b>Durango MCA (La Plata)</b>	<b>29,754</b>	<b>28,103</b>	<b>1,651</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>30,208</b>	<b>28,684</b>	<b>1,524</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>32,320</b>	<b>31,055</b>	<b>1,265</b>	<b>3.9</b>
<b>Edwards MCA</b>	<b>36,604</b>	<b>34,174</b>	<b>2,430</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>33,316</b>	<b>30,781</b>	<b>2,535</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>37,031</b>	<b>35,359</b>	<b>1,672</b>	<b>4.5</b>
Eagle	32,331	30,263	2,068	6.4	29,475	27,259	2,216	7.5	32,731	31,313	1,418	4.3
Lake	4,273	3,911	362	8.5	3,841	3,522	319	8.3	4,300	4,046	254	5.9
<b>Fort Collins-Loveland MSA</b>	<b>172,252</b>	<b>161,665</b>	<b>10,587</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>174,296</b>	<b>164,444</b>	<b>9,852</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>176,926</b>	<b>168,018</b>	<b>8,908</b>	<b>5.0</b>
<b>Fort Morgan MCA (Morgan)</b>	<b>14,210</b>	<b>13,410</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>14,616</b>	<b>13,879</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>13,697</b>	<b>13,076</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>4.5</b>
Garfield	37,794	35,190	2,604	6.9	38,288	36,025	2,263	5.9	36,303	34,801	1,502	4.1
Grand	8,820	8,242	578	6.6	8,219	7,683	536	6.5	9,775	9,314	461	4.7
<b>Grand Junction MSA</b>	<b>80,691</b>	<b>73,464</b>	<b>7,227</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>81,060</b>	<b>74,592</b>	<b>6,468</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>83,806</b>	<b>79,889</b>	<b>3,917</b>	<b>4.7</b>
Gunnison	9,155	8,697	458	5.0	8,456	7,985	471	5.6	9,707	9,317	390	4.0
Hinsdale	597	576	21	3.5	596	577	19	3.2	622	606	16	2.6
Huerfano	3,313	2,984	329	9.9	3,428	3,150	278	8.1	3,367	3,083	284	8.4
Jackson	1,167	1,104	63	5.4	1,252	1,208	44	3.5	1,053	1,015	38	3.6
Kiowa	875	834	41	4.7	927	887	40	4.3	865	828	37	4.3
Kit Carson	4,247	4,067	180	4.2	4,479	4,312	167	3.7	4,164	4,014	150	3.6
Las Animas	8,504	7,831	673	7.9	8,852	8,244	608	6.9	8,970	8,424	546	6.1
Lincoln	2,683	2,564	119	4.4	2,850	2,730	120	4.2	2,797	2,661	136	4.9
Mineral	465	432	33	7.1	396	370	26	6.6	418	392	26	6.2
Moffat	8,915	8,296	619	6.9	8,971	8,458	513	5.7	9,053	8,650	403	4.5
Montezuma	12,066	11,062	1,004	8.3	12,395	11,507	888	7.2	12,791	11,923	868	6.8
<b>Montrose MCA</b>	<b>19,806</b>	<b>18,003</b>	<b>1,803</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>20,179</b>	<b>18,596</b>	<b>1,583</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>21,091</b>	<b>19,749</b>	<b>1,342</b>	<b>6.4</b>
<b>Otero-Crowley LMA</b>	<b>10,181</b>	<b>9,388</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>10,715</b>	<b>9,979</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>10,293</b>	<b>9,518</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>7.5</b>
Crowley	1,836	1,663	173	9.4	1,927	1,767	160	8.3	1,850	1,686	164	8.9
Otero	8,345	7,725	620	7.4	8,788	8,212	576	6.6	8,443	7,832	611	7.2
Ouray	2,715	2,532	183	6.7	2,741	2,577	164	6.0	2,903	2,771	132	4.5
Phillips	2,221	2,131	90	4.1	2,347	2,261	86	3.7	2,218	2,145	73	3.3
Pitkin	11,725	11,117	608	5.2	10,437	9,633	804	7.7	11,647	11,217	430	3.7
Prowers	6,232	5,892	340	5.5	6,593	6,259	334	5.1	6,509	6,161	348	5.3
<b>Pueblo MSA</b>	<b>72,449</b>	<b>66,297</b>	<b>6,152</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>72,981</b>	<b>67,439</b>	<b>5,542</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>74,359</b>	<b>68,761</b>	<b>5,598</b>	<b>7.5</b>
Rio Blanco	4,979	4,759	220	4.4	5,179	4,976	203	3.9	4,740	4,586	154	3.2
Rio Grande	6,145	5,711	434	7.1	6,327	5,957	370	5.8	6,306	5,892	414	6.6
Routt	15,395	14,466	929	6.0	14,582	13,618	964	6.6	16,977	16,305	672	4.0
Saguache	2,933	2,671	262	8.9	3,167	2,932	235	7.4	3,002	2,771	231	7.7
San Juan	433	379	54	12.5	422	377	45	10.7	507	465	42	8.3
San Miguel	5,323	5,045	278	5.2	4,850	4,484	366	7.5	5,690	5,437	253	4.4
Sedgwick	1,215	1,154	61	5.0	1,323	1,266	57	4.3	1,587	1,541	46	2.9
<b>Silverthorne MCA (Summit)</b>	<b>17,163</b>	<b>16,208</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>15,442</b>	<b>14,510</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>18,232</b>	<b>17,472</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>4.2</b>
<b>Sterling MCA (Logan)</b>	<b>11,369</b>	<b>10,791</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>11,408</b>	<b>10,859</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>10,776</b>	<b>10,335</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>4.1</b>
Washington	2,591	2,468	123	4.7	2,673	2,559	114	4.3	2,680	2,585	95	3.5
Yuma	6,515	6,299	216	3.3	6,722	6,497	225	3.3	7,376	7,204	172	2.3

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