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Colorado Employment Situation January 2011

Employers in Colorado added 2,200 non-farm payroll jobs from December to January for a total of 2,223,400 jobs. Private sector payroll jobs increased by 5,000 and government decreased by 2,800. The Colorado unemployment rate increased from 8.9 to 9.1 percent and the national unemployment rate dropped from 9.4 to 9.0 percent over the same period.

Over the year, the average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased from 33.6 to 34.5 hours and average hourly earnings increased from \$23.71 to \$24.25.

The largest over the month private sector job gains in January were in professional and business services, education and health services, and trade, transportation and utilities. The largest declines were in leisure and hospitality, construction and information.

Over the year, non-farm payroll jobs increased 13,100 with 12,800 of those in the private sector. The largest job gains were in education and health services, professional and business services and leisure and hospitality. The largest declines were in construction, information and financial activities.

At 9.1 percent, the January 2011 unemployment rate is up two-tenths of one percentage point from 8.9 percent in January 2010. The number of Coloradans participating in the labor force has declined 29,500 to 2,670,700, total employment has declined 30,900 to 2,427,400, and the number of unemployed has increased 3,300 to 243,300. The national unemployment rate declined from 9.7 to 9.0 percent from January 2010 to 2011.

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

Also released are the benchmark revisions to 2006 through 2010 household survey based estimates. This annual revision incorporates updated census population controls, seasonal factors, updated household survey results and unemployment insurance claims inputs.

The Current Employment Statistics series estimates for 2009 and 2010 were also revised in the benchmarking process. Updates to seasonal factors caused minor revisions back to the beginning of the series in 1990.

The February 2011 Employment Situation will be released on Friday, March 25, 2011.

Non-farm 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.

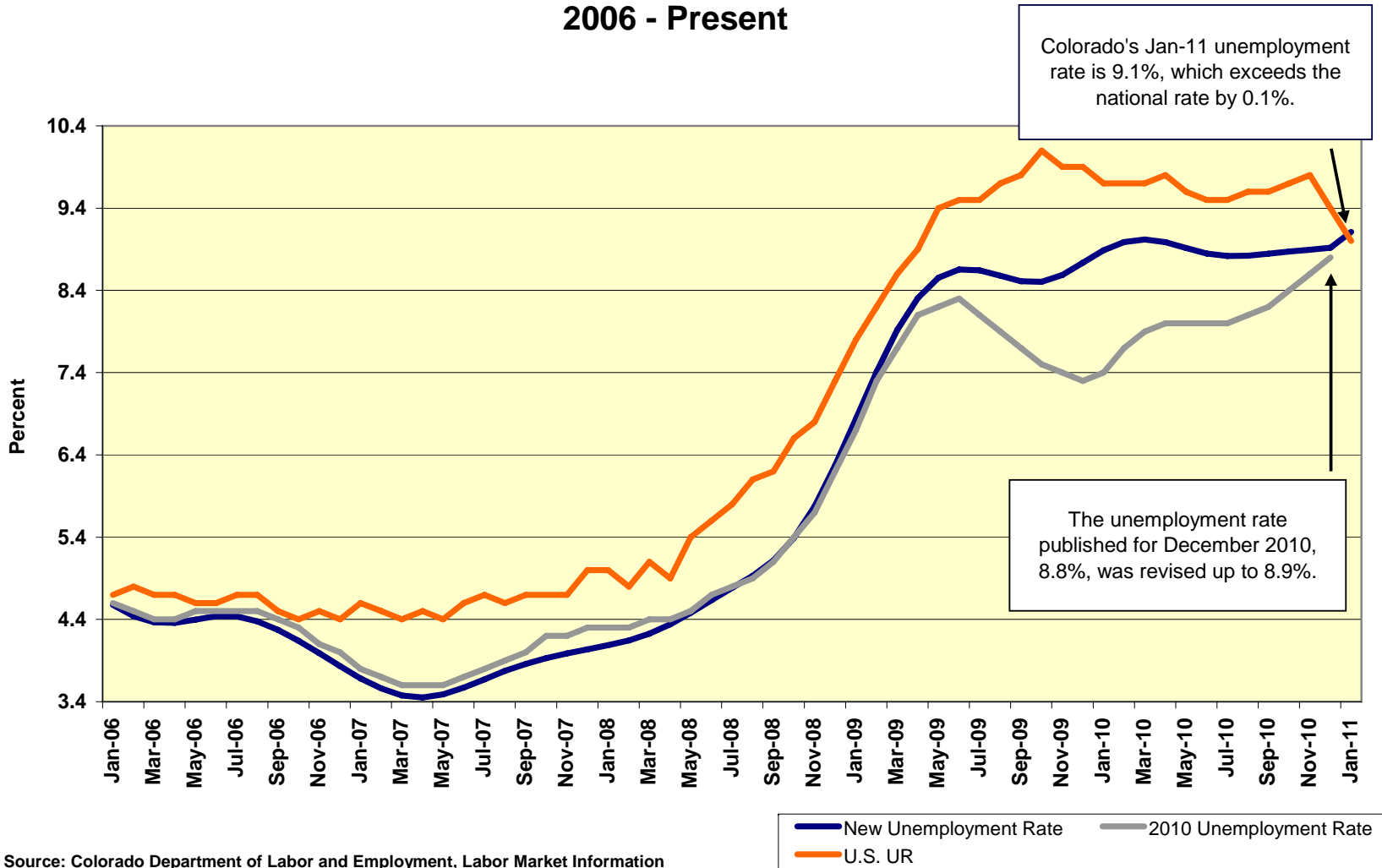
The unemployment rate, labor force, labor force participation, total employment and the number of unemployed are based on a survey of households. The total employment estimate derived from this survey is intended to measure the number of people employed.

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 employment and unemployment by household, estimates based on these surveys may provide seemingly conflicting results.

Attachments: Benchmark Briefing for January, 2011
 Map of Colorado with Unemployment Rates per Region
 Labor Force Summary for January, 2011
 Counties Labor Force Summary for January, 2011

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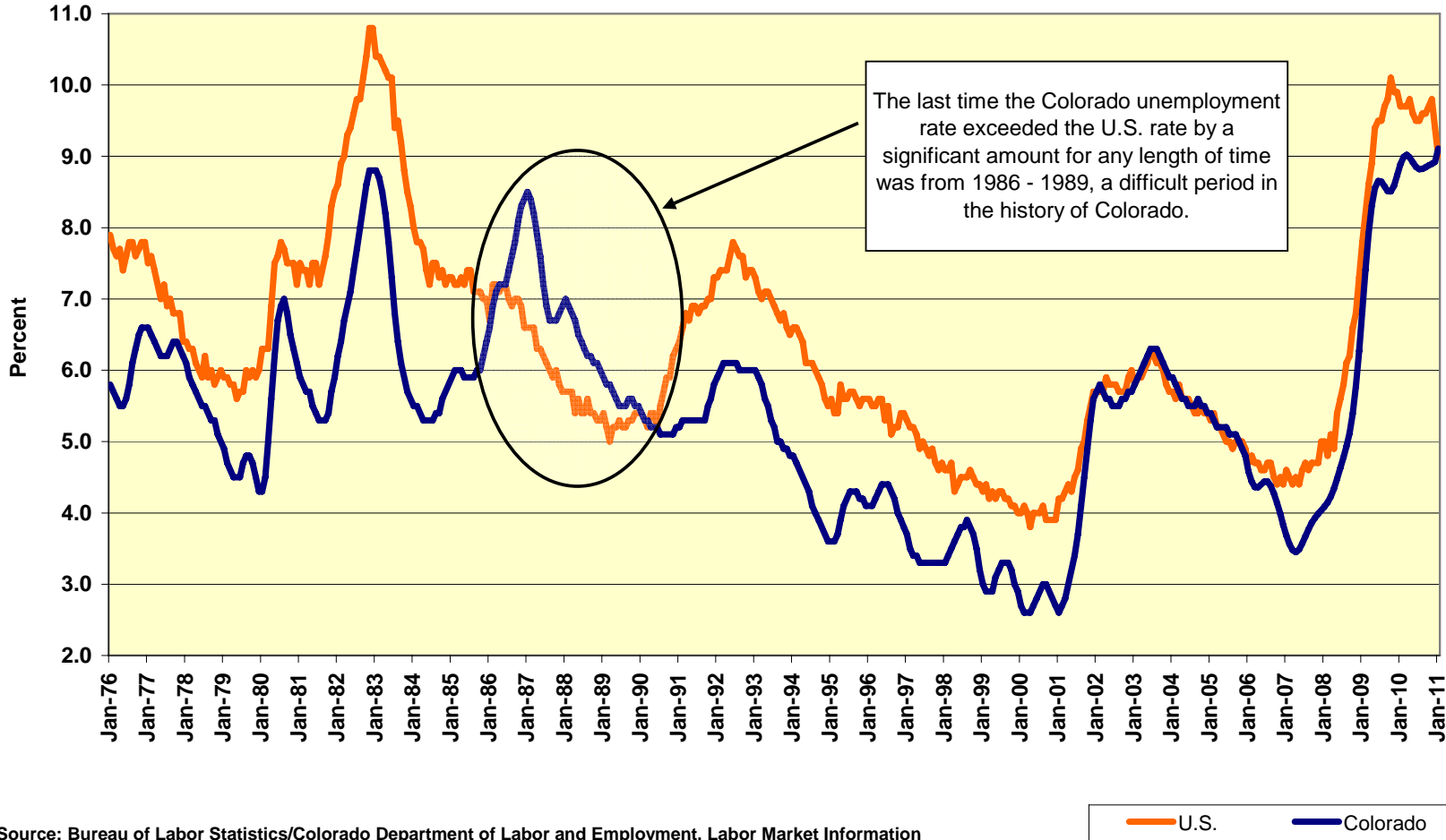
**Colorado New Unemployment Rate vs. 2010
2006 - Present**



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

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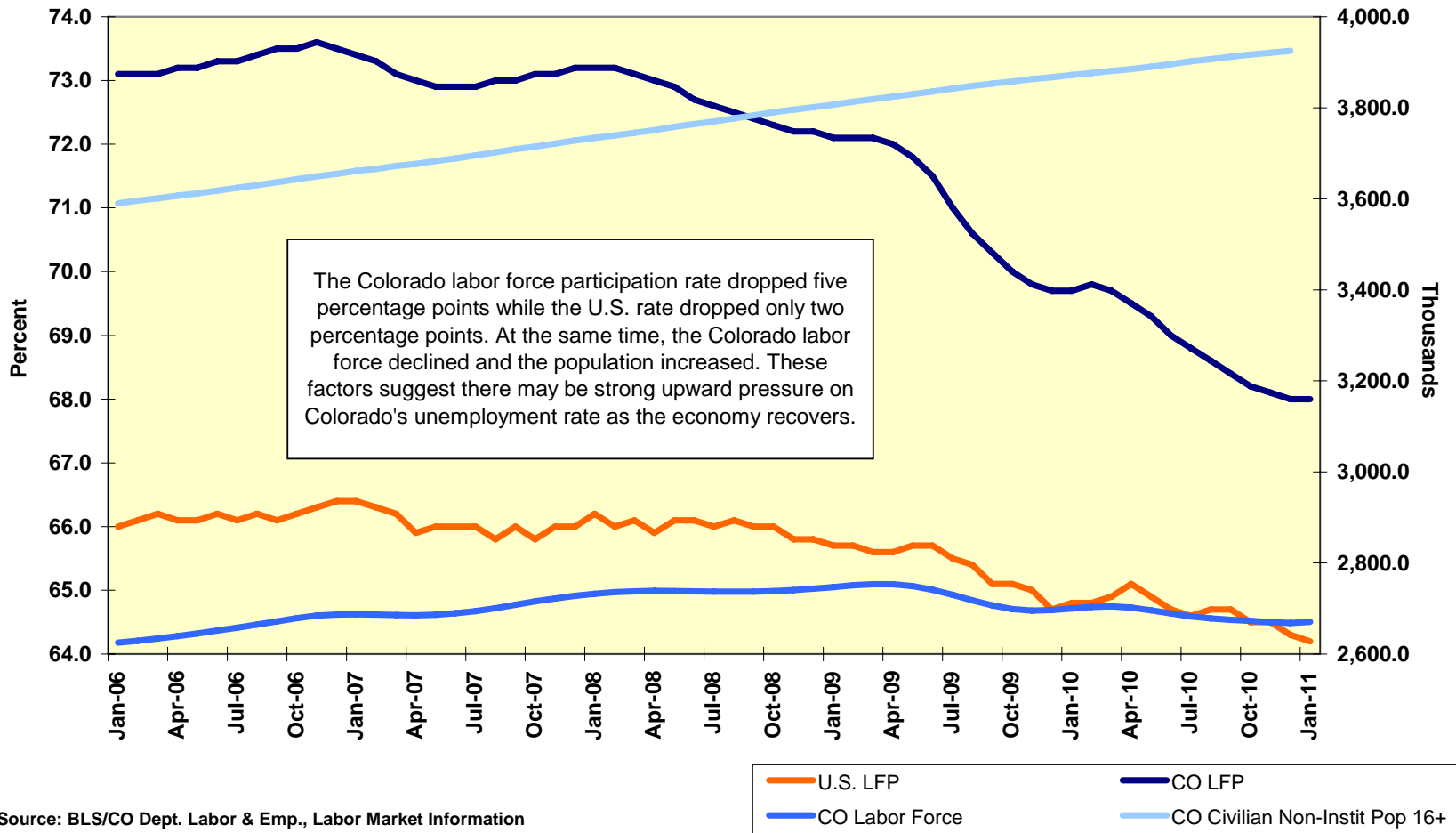
**U.S. and Colorado Unemployment Rate
1976 - Present**



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics/Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Labor Market Information

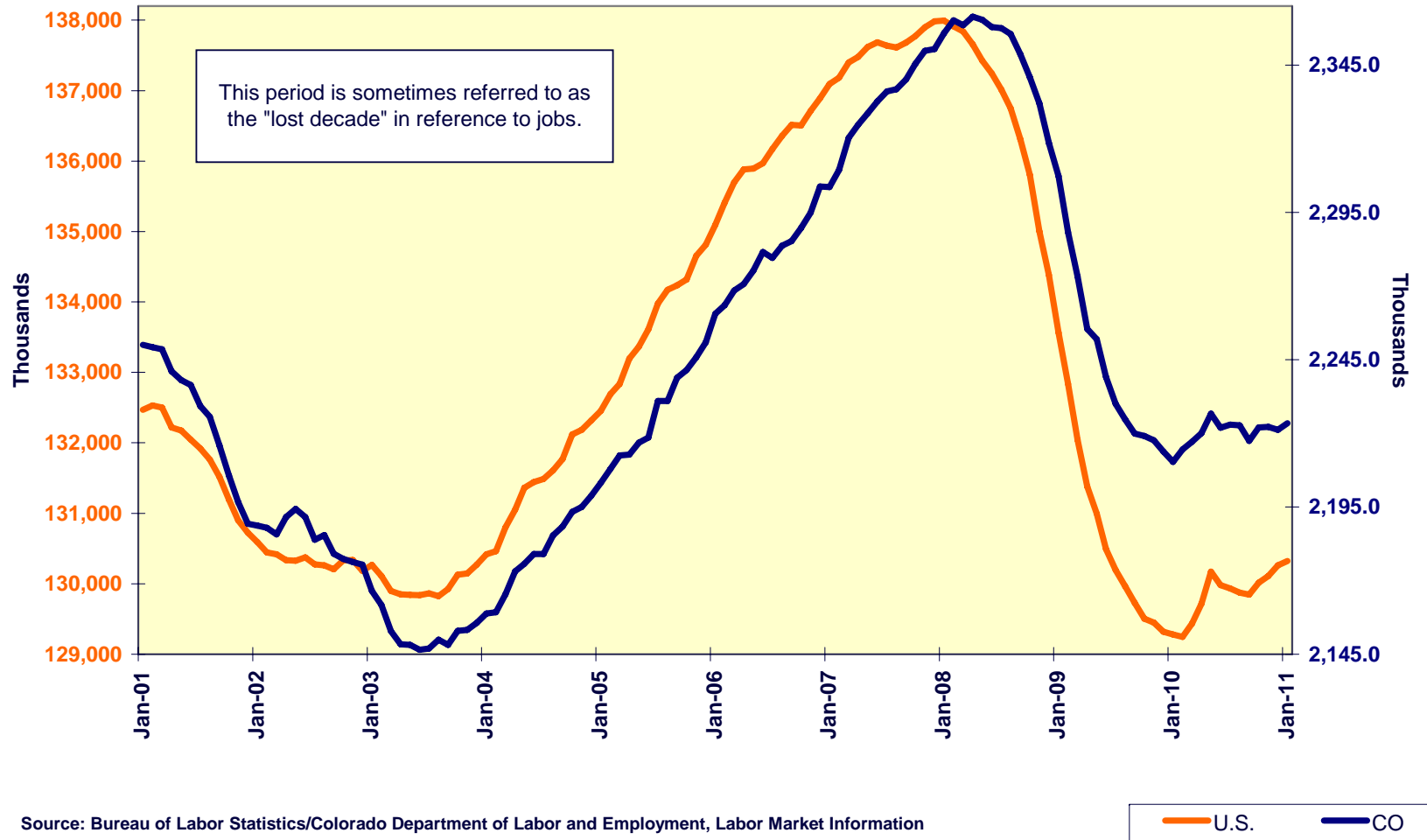
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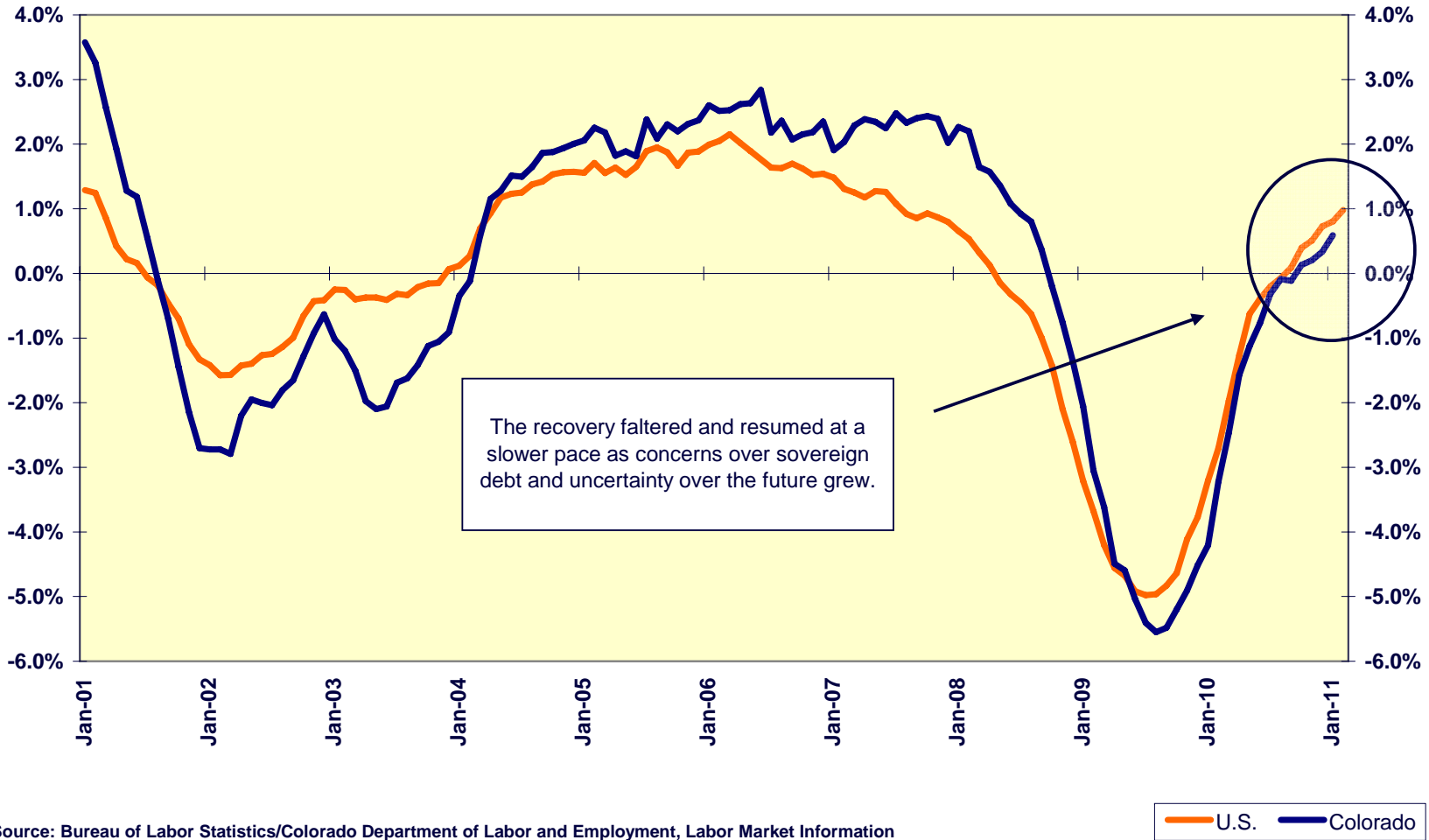
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**U.S. and Colorado Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
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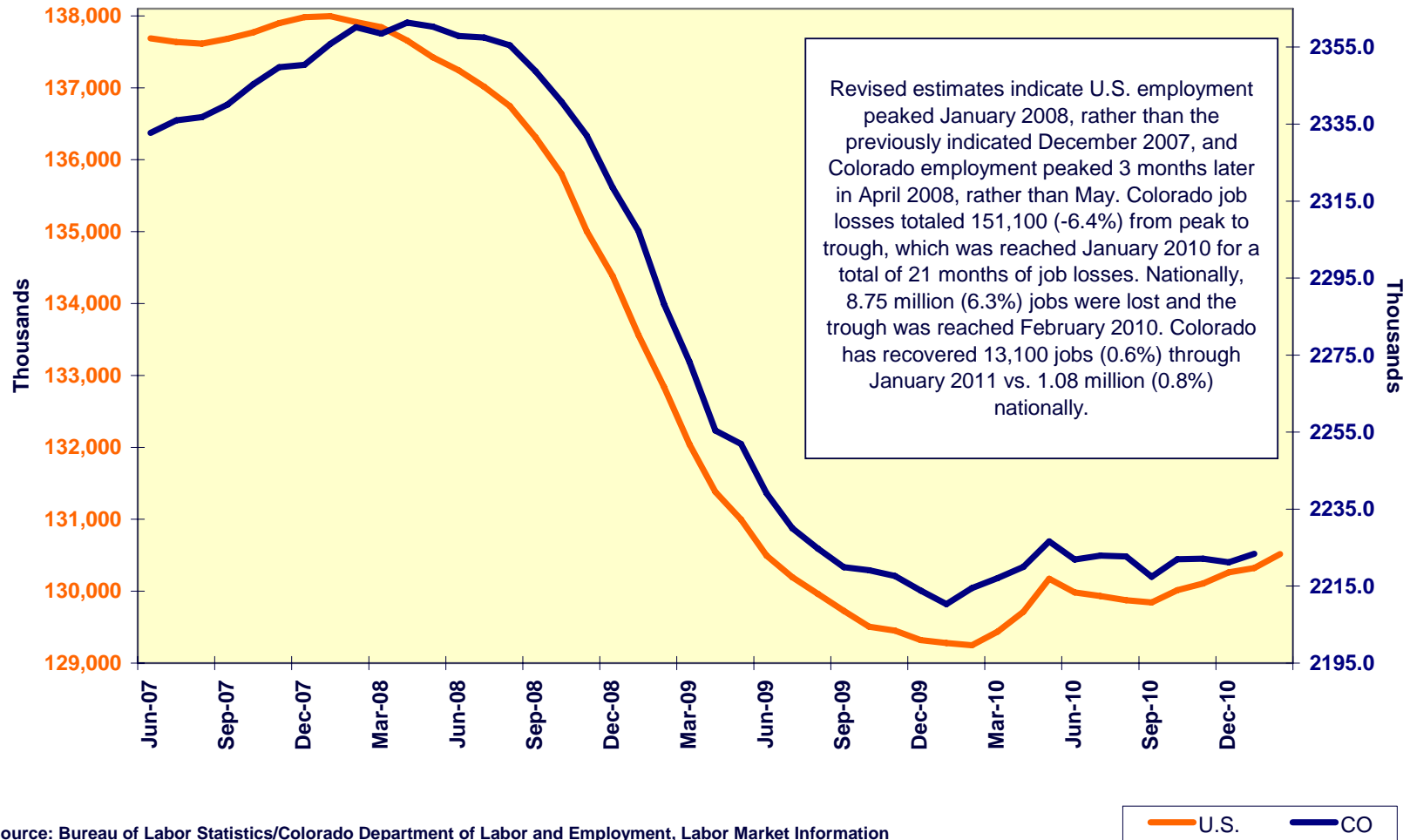
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Over the Year Growth Rate, 2001 - Present**



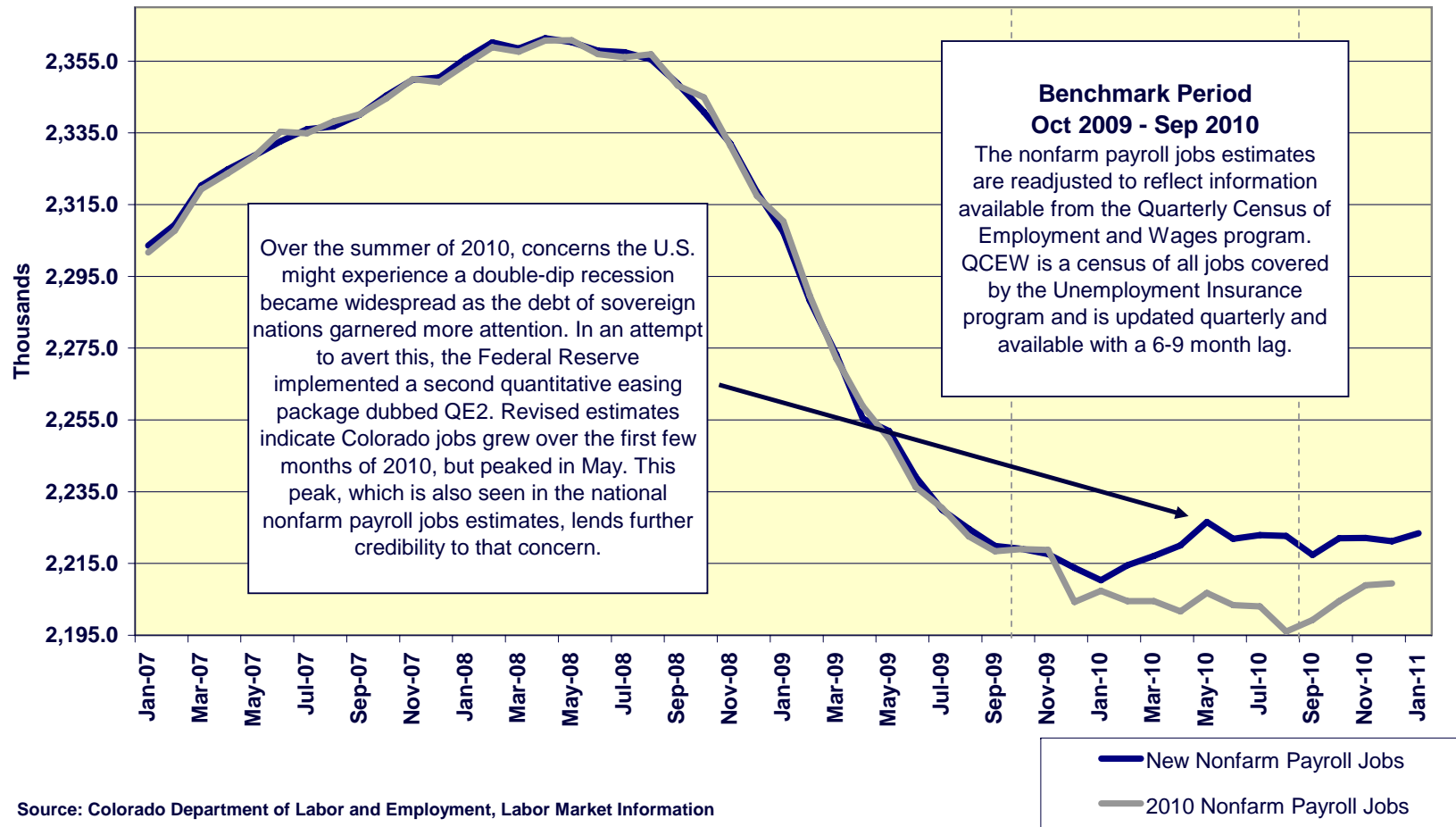
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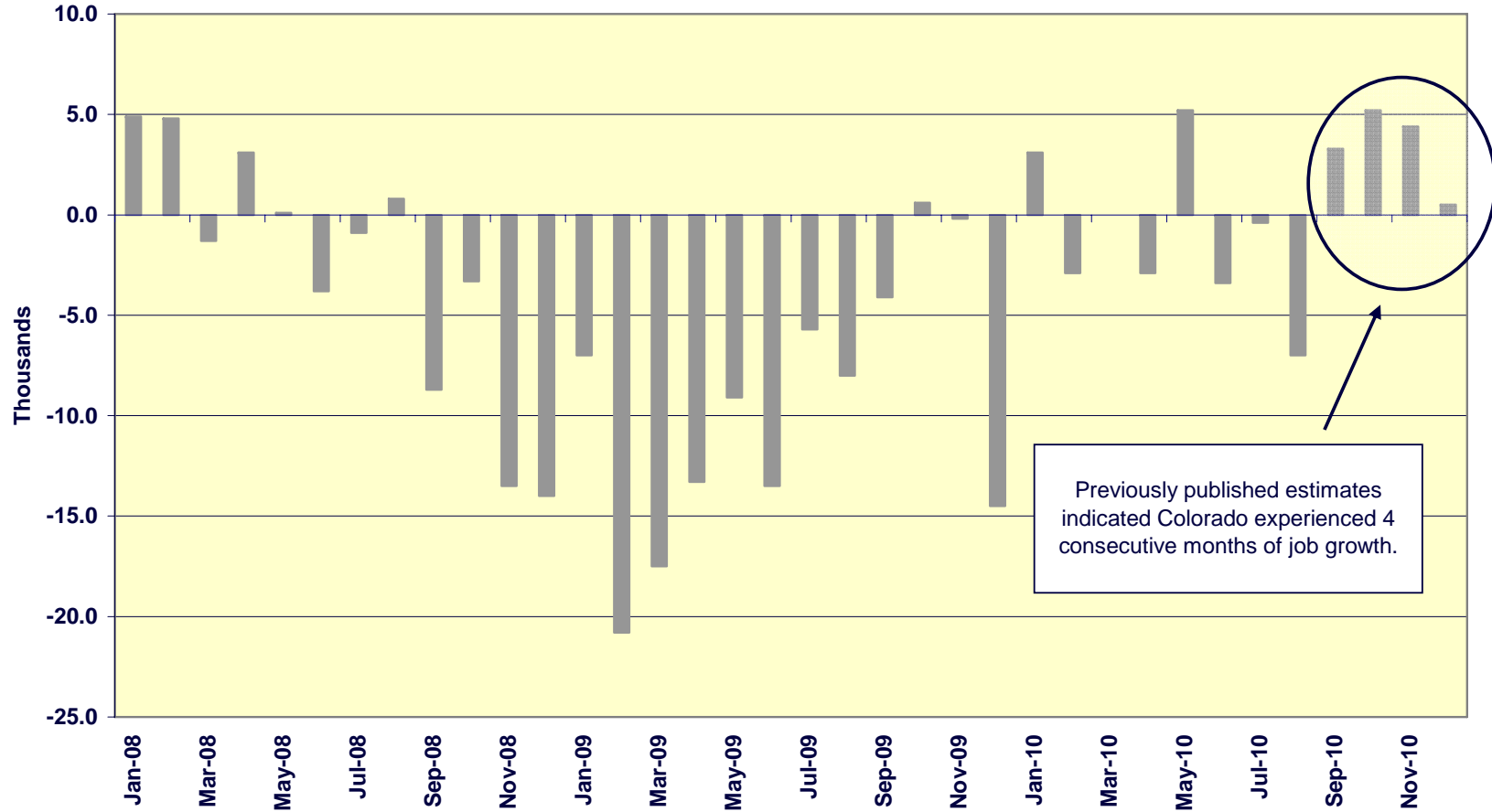
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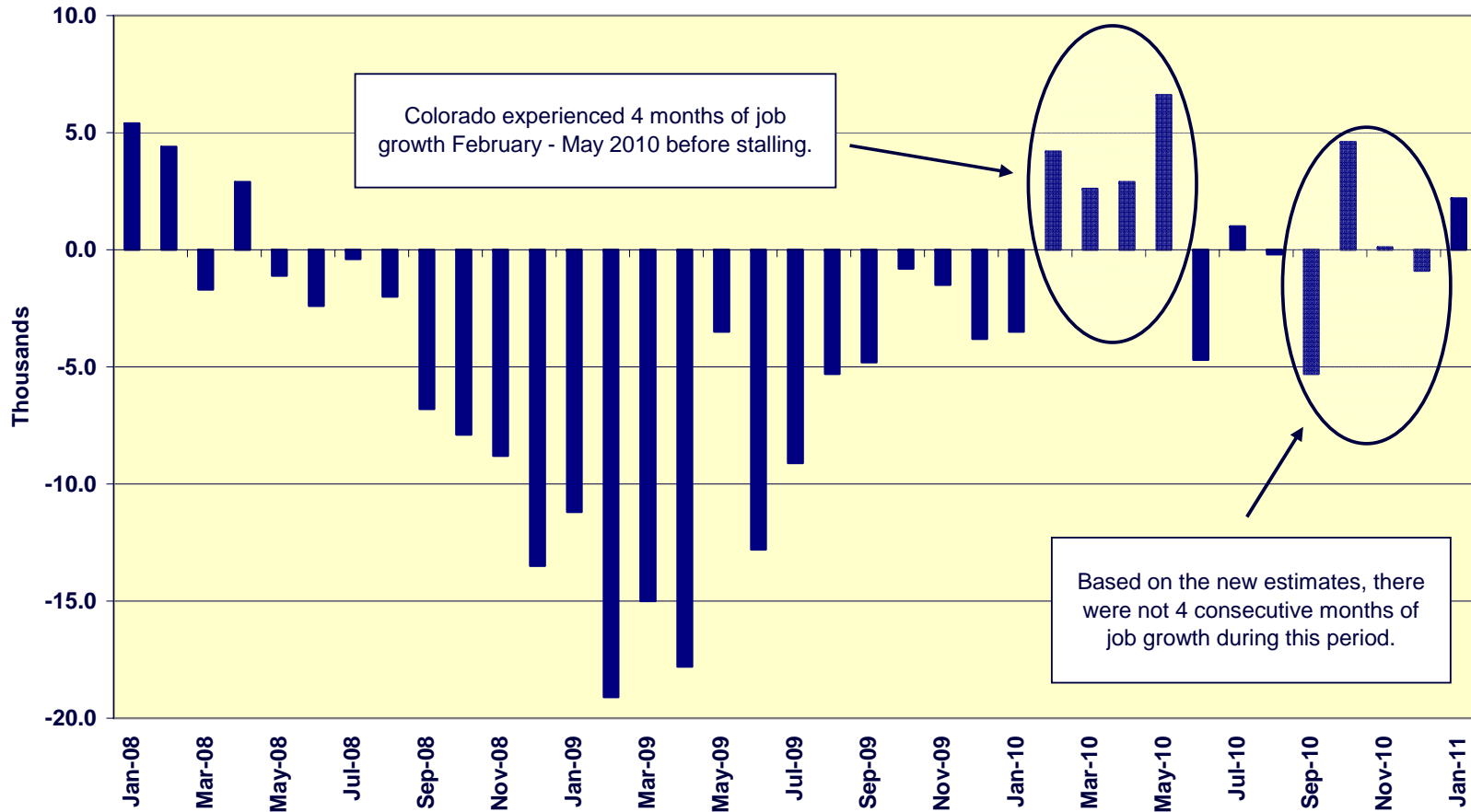
**Colorado Over the Month Change
2010 Nonfarm Payroll Jobs**



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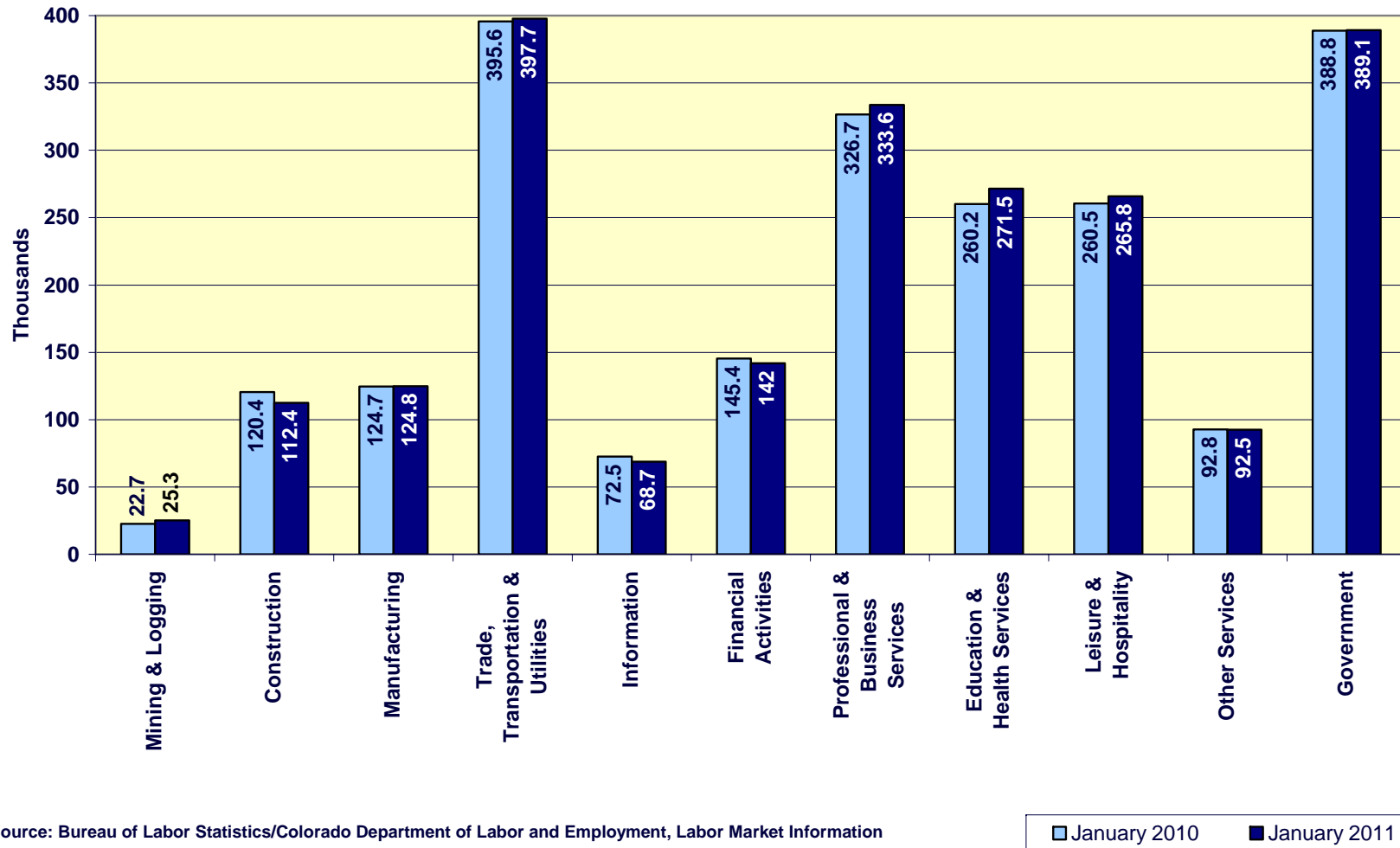
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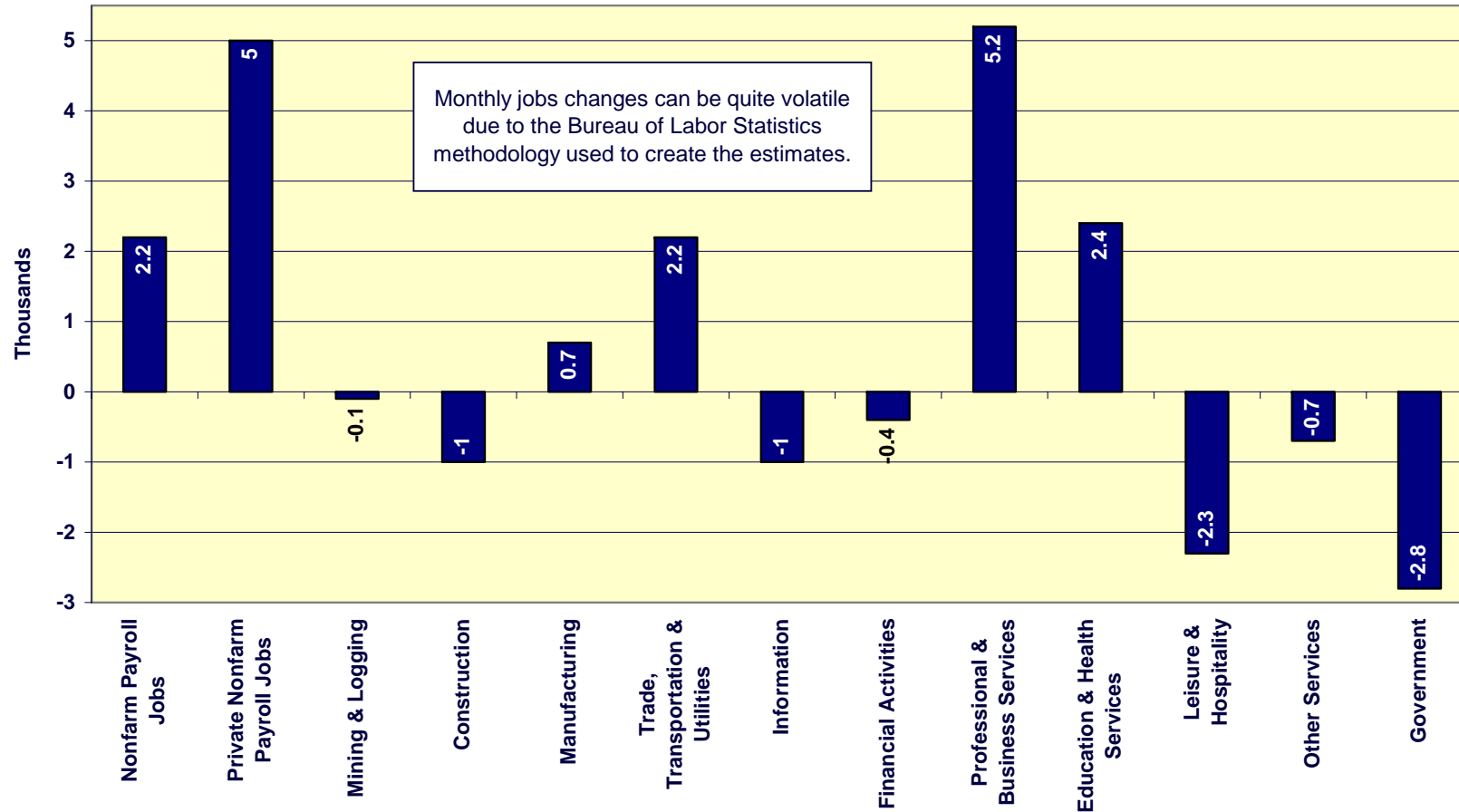
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Colorado Nonfarm Payroll Jobs January 2010 and January 2011



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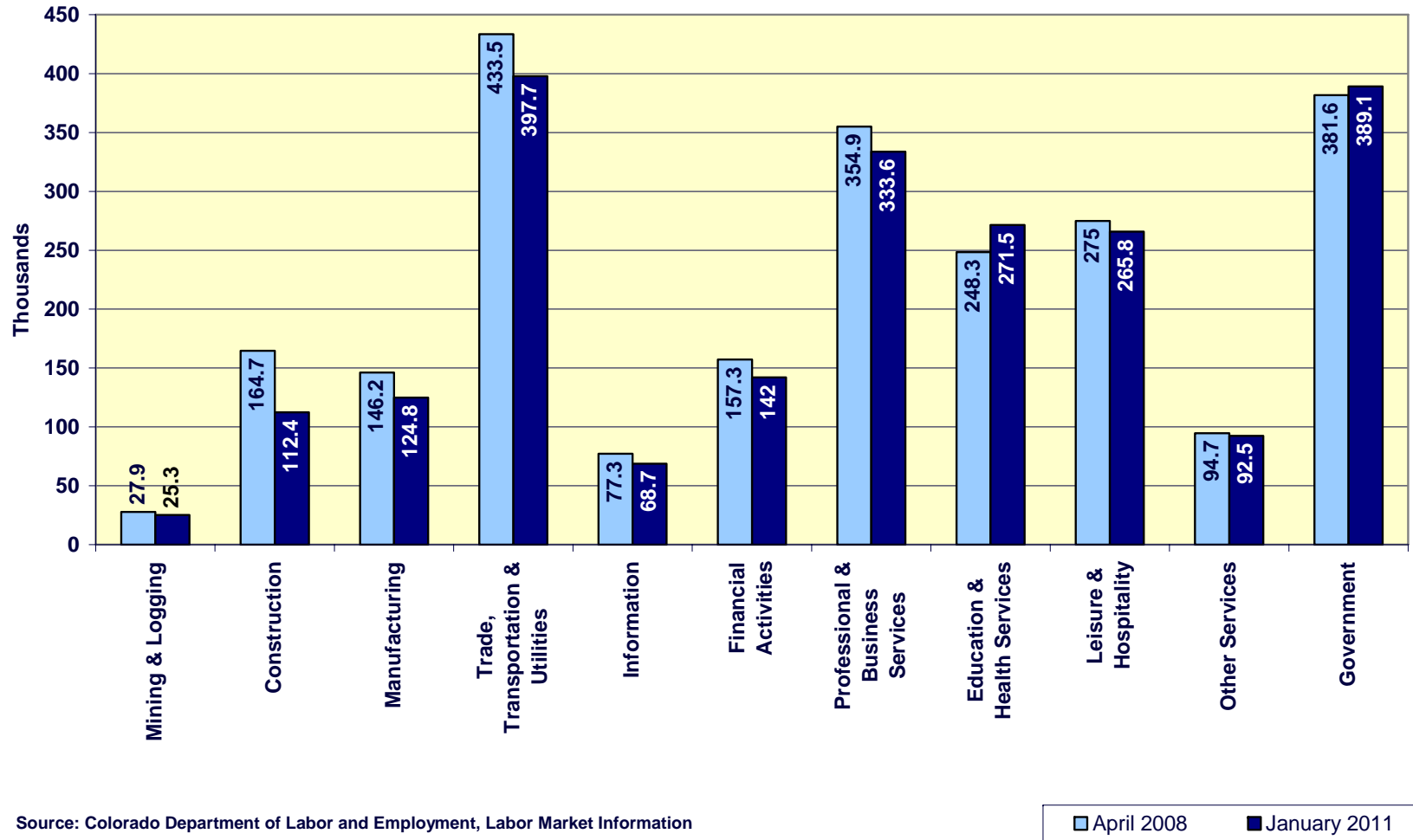
**Colorado Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
Over the Month December 2010 to January 2011**



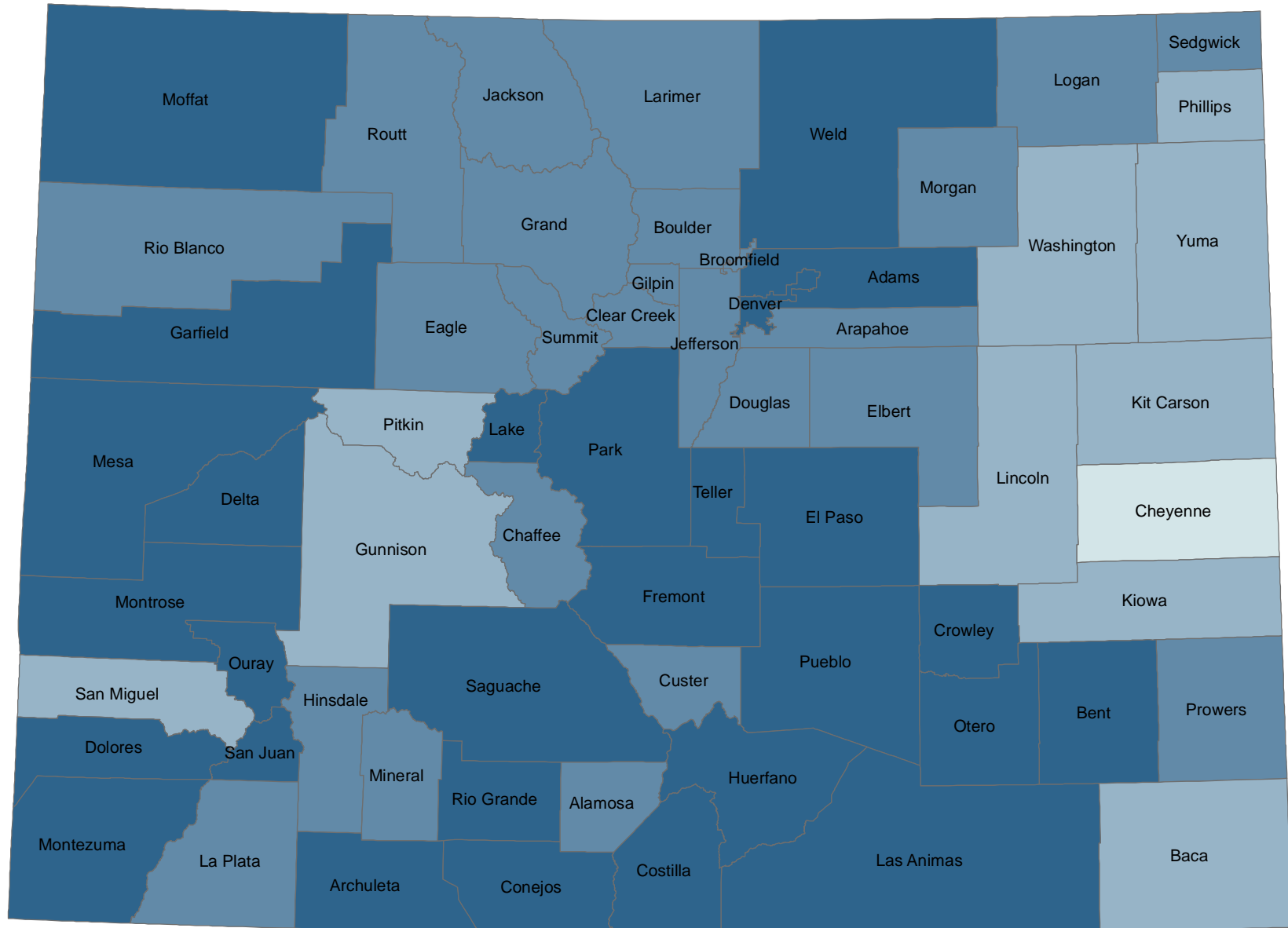
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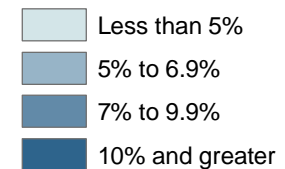
**Colorado Nonfarm Payroll Jobs
At Business Cycle Peak, April 2008, and January 2011**



January 2011 Unemployment Rates, not seasonally adjusted



Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment
Labor Market Information



**LABOR FORCE SUMMARY
COLORADO**

Preliminary Estimates for January 2011 (in thousands)

LABOR FORCE DATA					
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*	Jan-11	Dec-10	Jan-10	Change from last:	
				Month	Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	2,670.7	2,668.4	2,700.2	2.3	-29.5
Unemployment	243.3	238.0	240.0	5.3	3.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.1	8.9	8.9	--	--
Employment	2,427.4	2,430.4	2,460.2	-3.0	-32.8
UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:					
	Jan-11	Dec-10	Jan-10	Change from last:	
				Month	Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	2,662.1	2,656.2	2,685.3	5.9	-23.2
Unemployment	263.5	231.8	255.8	31.7	7.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.9	8.7	9.5	--	--
Employment	2,398.6	2,424.4	2,429.5	-25.8	-30.9

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA					
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED:	Jan-11	Dec-10	Jan-10	Month	Year
Mining & Logging	25.3	25.4	22.7	-0.1	2.6
Construction	112.4	113.4	120.4	-1.0	-8.0
Manufacturing	124.8	124.1	124.7	0.7	0.1
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	397.7	395.5	395.6	2.2	2.1
Information	68.7	69.7	72.5	-1.0	-3.8
Financial Activities	142.0	142.4	145.4	-0.4	-3.4
Professional & Business Services	333.6	328.4	326.7	5.2	6.9
Educational & Health Services	271.5	269.1	260.2	2.4	11.3
Leisure & Hospitality	265.8	268.1	260.5	-2.3	5.3
Other Services	92.5	93.2	92.8	-0.7	-0.3
Government	389.1	391.9	388.8	-2.8	0.3
TOTAL NONAG	2,223.4	2,221.2	2,210.3	2.2	13.1
Labor Disputants	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA					
UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:	Jan-11	Dec-10	Jan-10	Month	Year
Mining & Logging	25.1	25.6	22.5	-0.5	2.6
Construction	103.0	111.4	110.3	-8.4	-7.3
Manufacturing	124.5	125.1	123.6	-0.6	0.9
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	394.9	406.8	393.0	-11.9	1.9
Information	68.6	70.2	72.2	-1.6	-3.6
Financial Activities	141.0	143.2	144.9	-2.2	-3.9
Professional & Business Services	323.3	329.2	318.0	-5.9	5.3
Educational & Health Services	269.1	270.7	258.9	-1.6	10.2
Leisure & Hospitality	266.4	270.9	256.7	-4.5	9.7
Other Services	92.9	93.1	92.3	-0.2	0.6
Government	381.3	397.2	382.4	-15.9	-1.1
TOTAL NONAG	2,190.1	2,243.4	2,174.8	-53.3	15.3

Labor Disputants	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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LABOR FORCE SUMMARY
COLORADO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS
Preliminary Estimates for January 2011 (in thousands)

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

LABOR FORCE DATA					
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*				Change from last:	
	Jan-11	Dec-10	Jan-10	Month	Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,381.7	1,364.4	1,386.7	17.3	-5.0
Unemployment	129.9	121.6	125.7	8.3	4.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.4	8.9	9.1	--	--
Employment	1,251.8	1,242.8	1,261.0	9.0	-9.2
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA					
TOTAL NONAG	1,195.6	1,190.8	1,182.7	4.8	12.9
UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:					
				Change from last:	
	Jan-11	Dec-10	Jan-10	Month	Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,372.8	1,366.2	1,378.0	6.6	-5.2
Unemployment	135.7	120.9	131.6	14.8	4.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.9	8.9	9.5	--	--
Employment	1,237.1	1,245.3	1,246.4	-8.2	-9.3
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA					
TOTAL NONAG	1,172.4	1,198.8	1,162.0	-26.4	10.4

BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)

LABOR FORCE DATA					
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*				Change from last:	
	Jan-11	Dec-10	Jan-10	Month	Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	173.3	171.2	174.9	2.1	-1.6
Unemployment	12.7	11.8	12.9	0.9	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.3	6.9	7.4	--	--
Employment	160.6	159.4	162.0	1.2	-1.4
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA					
TOTAL NONAG	159.3	158.9	157.9	0.4	1.4
UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:					
				Change from last:	
	Jan-11	Dec-10	Jan-10	Month	Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	171.8	171.9	173.4	-0.1	-1.6
Unemployment	13.3	11.5	13.5	1.8	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.7	6.7	7.8	--	--
Employment	158.5	160.4	159.9	-1.9	-1.4
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA					
TOTAL NONAG	156.5	161.2	155.3	-4.7	1.2

COLORADO SPRINGS MSA (El Paso and Teller counties)

LABOR FORCE DATA					
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*	Jan-11	Dec-10	Jan-10	Change from last:	
				Month	Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	308.9	304.7	312.3	4.2	-3.4
Unemployment	31.5	29.1	30.4	2.4	1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.2	9.5	9.7	--	--
Employment	277.4	275.6	281.9	1.8	-4.5
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA					
TOTAL NONAG	245.0	245.6	246.0	-0.6	-1.0
UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:					
	Jan-11	Dec-10	Jan-10	Change from last:	
				Month	Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	306.7	304.2	310.1	2.5	-3.4
Unemployment	32.8	28.7	31.7	4.1	1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.7	9.4	10.2	--	--
Employment	273.9	275.5	278.4	-1.6	-4.5
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA					
TOTAL NONAG	240.4	246.6	240.9	-6.2	-0.5

FT. COLLINS-LOVELAND MSA (Larimer County)

LABOR FORCE DATA					
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*	Jan-11	Dec-10	Jan-10	Change from last:	
				Month	Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	176.8	173.9	176.9	2.9	-0.1
Unemployment	13.7	12.6	13.8	1.1	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.8	7.2	7.8	--	--
Employment	163.1	161.3	163.1	1.8	0.0
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA					
TOTAL NONAG	135.0	133.7	132.7	1.3	2.3
UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:					
	Jan-11	Dec-10	Jan-10	Change from last:	
				Month	Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	173.4	173.2	173.5	0.2	-0.1
Unemployment	14.6	12.5	14.7	2.1	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.4	7.2	8.5	--	--
Employment	158.8	160.7	158.8	-1.9	0.0
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA					
TOTAL NONAG	131.0	134.5	128.2	-3.5	2.8

GRAND JUNCTION MSA (Mesa County)

LABOR FORCE DATA					
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*	Jan-11	Dec-10	Jan-10	Change from last:	
				Month	Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	78.5	77.8	79.5	0.7	-1.0
Unemployment	8.7	8.1	8.9	0.6	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.1	10.4	11.2	--	--
Employment	69.8	69.7	70.6	0.1	-0.8
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA					
TOTAL NONAG	58.9	59.2	58.6	-0.3	0.3
UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:					
	Jan-11	Dec-10	Jan-10	Change from last:	
				Month	Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	77.7	77.6	78.6	0.1	-0.9
Unemployment	9.3	8.1	9.4	1.2	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.9	10.4	12.0	--	--
Employment	68.4	69.5	69.2	-1.1	-0.8
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA					
TOTAL NONAG	57.4	59.5	56.9	-2.1	0.5

GREELEY MSA (Weld County)

LABOR FORCE DATA					
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*	Jan-11	Dec-10	Jan-10	Change from last:	
				Month	Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	118.1	117.7	119.9	0.4	-1.8
Unemployment	12.8	11.8	12.5	1.0	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.9	10.0	10.4	--	--
Employment	105.3	105.9	107.4	-0.6	-2.1
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA					
TOTAL NONAG	78.0	78.3	77.6	-0.3	0.4
UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:					
	Jan-11	Dec-10	Jan-10	Change from last:	
				Month	Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	117.1	117.0	118.9	0.1	-1.8
Unemployment	13.5	11.7	13.2	1.8	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.5	10.0	11.1	--	--
Employment	103.6	105.3	105.7	-1.7	-2.1
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA					
TOTAL NONAG	76.1	78.5	75.9	-2.4	0.2

PUEBLO MSA (Pueblo County)

LABOR FORCE DATA					
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*	Jan-11	Dec-10	Jan-10	Change from last:	
				Month	Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	74.4	73.8	75.2	0.6	-0.8
Unemployment	8.1	7.6	7.5	0.5	0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.9	10.3	10.0	--	--
Employment	66.3	66.2	67.7	0.1	-1.4
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA					
TOTAL NONAG	57.0	56.8	57.3	0.2	-0.3
UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:					
	Jan-11	Dec-10	Jan-10	Change from last:	
				Month	Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	73.9	73.9	74.6	0.0	-0.7
Unemployment	8.7	7.6	8.0	1.1	0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.7	10.3	10.8	--	--
Employment	65.2	66.3	66.6	-1.1	-1.4
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA					
TOTAL NONAG	56.0	57.6	56.5	-1.6	-0.5

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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