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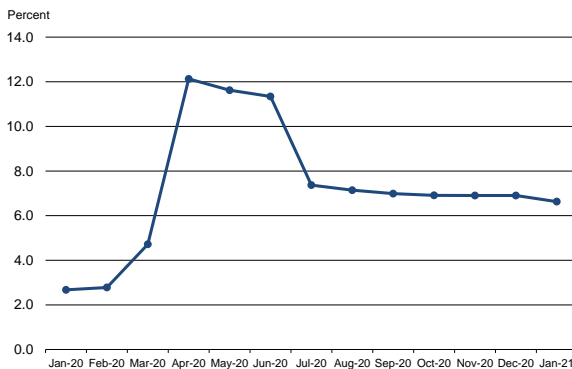
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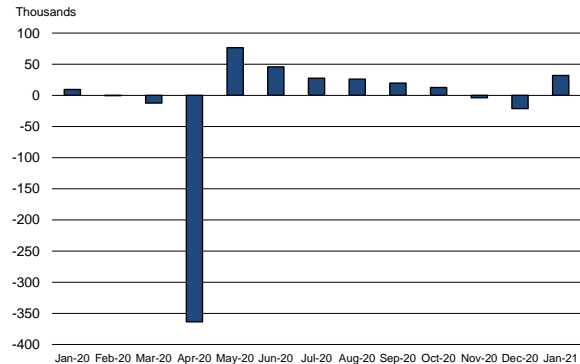
## Colorado Employment Situation – January 2021

### 32,000 Nonfarm Payroll Jobs Added in January; Unemployment Rate Falls to 6.6%

Colorado unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted  
January 2020 - January 2021



Colorado nonfarm payroll employment over-the-month  
change, seasonally adjusted, January 2020 - January  
2021



## Household survey data

According to the survey of households, Colorado's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** decreased in January to 6.6 percent from the revised December rate of 6.9 percent. The national unemployment rate dropped by four-tenths of a percentage point from December to 6.3 percent.

*Other highlights from the household survey:*

- Colorado's **labor force** grew by 6,700 in January to 3,183,200. The labor force participation rate increased by one-tenth of a percentage point to 68.6 percent.
- The **number of individuals employed** in Colorado increased by 15,000 in January to 2,972,300, which represents 64.0 percent of the state's 16+ population.
- The **Colorado counties** with the highest unemployment rates in January were: Huerfano (9.8%), Pueblo (9.3%), Gilpin (8.1%), Fremont (8.1%), Las Animas (7.9%), and Mesa (7.9%). County-level unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted and are directly comparable to Colorado's January unadjusted rate of 6.9 percent.

## Establishment survey data

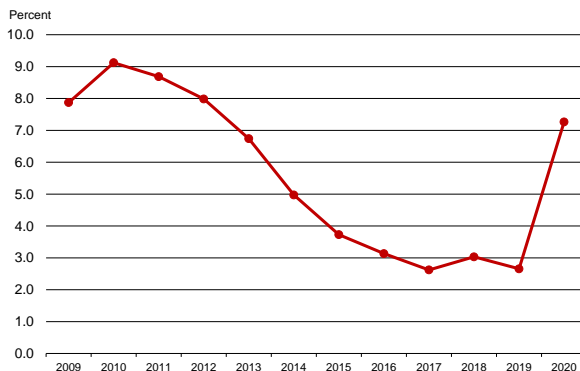
**Nonfarm payroll jobs** in Colorado rose by 32,000 from December to January for a total of 2,658,700 jobs, according to the survey of business establishments. Private sector payroll jobs increased by 28,400, while government added 3,600 jobs. Colorado has gained back 215,500 of the 375,800 nonfarm payroll jobs lost between February and April. That translates to a job recovery rate of 57.3 percent, which exceeds the U.S. rate of 55.8 percent.

*Other highlights from the establishment survey:*

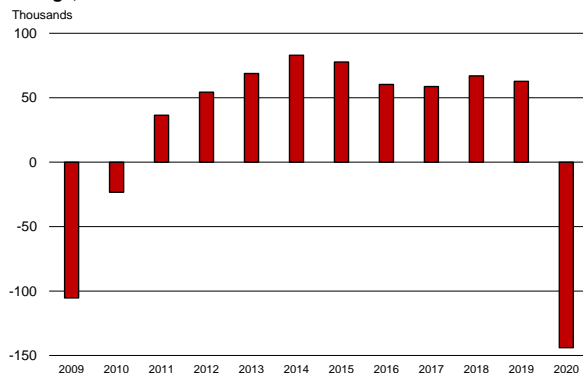
- **Private industry sectors with significant job gains** in January were: leisure and hospitality (~21,200), professional and business services (~4,200), financial activities (~1,800), and trade, transportation, and utilities (~1,200). There were no significant over the month private sector **job losses**.
- **Since January 2020**, nonfarm payroll jobs have decreased 160,800, with losses totaling 135,900 in the private sector and 24,900 in government. The largest **private sector job losses** were in leisure and hospitality (~81,100), education and health services (~16,300), and other services (~8,400), and Colorado's **rate of job loss** over the past year is -5.7 percent, compared to the U.S. rate of -6.3 percent.
- Over the year, the **average workweek** for all Colorado employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased from 33.0 to 33.6 hours, while **average hourly earnings** rose from \$30.73 to \$31.05, over a dollar and ten cents more than the national average hourly earnings of \$29.94.

## Annual averages and benchmark revisions to 2020 data

Colorado Unemployment Rate, Annual Averages, 2009-2020



Colorado nonfarm payroll employment over-the-year change, 2009-2020



The **annual unemployment rate** for Colorado was 7.3 percent in 2020, revised up from the previously published 7.1 percent. Colorado's peak unemployment rate, as recently revised, was 12.1 percent in April 2020. The U.S. unemployment rate in 2020 was 8.1 percent, with a peak rate of 14.8 percent in April.

Colorado **nonfarm payroll employment declined at an annual rate** of -5.2 percent in 2020, or 143,900 jobs. The U.S. annual payroll jobs growth rate in 2020 was -5.8 percent.

In accordance with annual practice, both establishment and household survey data estimates for Colorado undergo a benchmarking process. The benchmark process results in revisions to estimates for prior years. Below are select revisions to 2020 establishment and household survey estimates. More information on the benchmarking process is available at <https://www.bls.gov/opub/hom/topic/benchmarking.htm>.

**Table A. Revisions to Colorado Total Nonfarm Employment, January to December 2020 (Seasonally Adjusted)**

Month	Level			Over-the-Month Change		
	As Revised	As Previously Published	Difference	As Revised	As Previously Published	Difference
January	2,819,500	2,813,800	5,700	9,400	300	9,100
February	2,819,000	2,813,400	5,600	-500	-400	-100
March	2,806,700	2,796,900	9,800	-12,300	-16,500	4,200
April	2,443,200	2,471,100	-27,900	-363,500	-325,800	-37,700
May	2,519,800	2,542,100	-22,300	76,600	71,000	5,600
June	2,565,500	2,599,100	-33,600	45,700	57,000	-11,300
July	2,593,100	2,612,700	-19,600	27,600	13,600	14,000
August	2,619,200	2,651,800	-32,600	26,100	39,100	-13,000
September	2,639,000	2,667,000	-28,000	19,800	15,200	4,600
October	2,651,700	2,687,600	-35,900	12,700	20,600	-7,900
November	2,647,900	2,682,900	-35,000	-3,800	-4,700	900
December (p)	2,626,700	2,662,600	-35,900	-21,200	-20,300	-900
Annual Average	2,645,942	2,666,750	-20,808	-15,283	-12,575	-2,708

(p) = preliminary

**Table B. Revisions to Colorado Select Labor Force Measures, January to December 2020 (Seasonally Adjusted)**

Month	Level								
	Number Unemployed			Number Employed			Number in the Labor Force		
	As Revised	As Previously Published	Difference	As Revised	As Previously Published	Difference	As Revised	As Previously Published	Difference
January	84,380	79,407	4,973	3,070,164	3,101,414	-31,250	3,154,544	3,180,821	-26,277
February	87,669	80,264	7,405	3,065,913	3,106,077	-40,164	3,153,582	3,186,341	-32,759
March	146,120	164,027	-17,907	2,953,112	2,972,506	-19,394	3,099,232	3,136,533	-37,301
April	361,769	373,643	-11,874	2,621,363	2,681,128	-59,765	2,983,132	3,054,771	-71,639
May	360,975	313,656	47,319	2,744,873	2,755,457	-10,584	3,105,848	3,069,113	36,735
June	357,802	336,834	20,968	2,796,909	2,840,256	-43,347	3,154,711	3,177,090	-22,379
July	226,291	229,572	-3,281	2,844,310	2,854,900	-10,590	3,070,601	3,084,472	-13,871
August	221,791	205,774	16,017	2,884,052	2,882,001	2,051	3,105,843	3,087,775	18,068
September	218,916	199,830	19,086	2,914,426	2,921,320	-6,894	3,133,342	3,121,150	12,192
October	217,880	199,884	17,996	2,935,611	2,936,254	-643	3,153,491	3,136,138	17,353
November	218,580	202,338	16,242	2,947,931	2,967,841	-19,910	3,166,511	3,170,179	-3,668
December (p)	219,269	269,179	-49,910	2,957,291	2,943,422	13,869	3,176,560	3,212,601	-36,041
Annual Average	226,787	221,201	5,586	2,894,663	2,913,548	-18,885	2,894,663	2,913,548	-18,885

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**Table C. Revisions to Colorado Select Labor Force Measures, January to December 2020  
(Seasonally Adjusted)**

Month	Rates								
	Unemployment Rate			Employment-to-Population Ratio			Labor Force Participation Rate		
	As Revised	As Previously Published	Difference	As Revised	As Previously Published	Difference	As Revised	As Previously Published	Difference
January	2.7%	2.5%	0.2%	67.0%	67.6%	-0.7%	68.8%	69.4%	-0.6%
February	2.8%	2.5%	0.3%	66.8%	67.7%	-0.8%	68.7%	69.4%	-0.7%
March	4.7%	5.2%	-0.5%	64.3%	64.7%	-0.4%	67.5%	68.2%	-0.8%
April	12.1%	12.2%	-0.1%	57.0%	58.3%	-1.2%	64.9%	66.4%	-1.5%
May	11.6%	10.2%	1.4%	59.6%	59.8%	-0.1%	67.5%	66.6%	0.9%
June	11.3%	10.6%	0.7%	60.7%	61.5%	-0.8%	68.5%	68.8%	-0.4%
July	7.4%	7.4%	-0.1%	61.7%	61.8%	-0.1%	66.6%	66.7%	-0.2%
August	7.1%	6.7%	0.5%	62.5%	62.3%	0.2%	67.3%	66.7%	0.6%
September	7.0%	6.4%	0.6%	63.0%	63.0%	0.0%	67.8%	67.3%	0.4%
October	6.9%	6.4%	0.5%	63.4%	63.3%	0.2%	68.1%	67.6%	0.6%
November	6.9%	6.4%	0.5%	63.6%	63.9%	-0.2%	68.3%	68.2%	0.1%
December (p)	6.9%	8.4%	-1.5%	63.8%	63.3%	0.5%	68.5%	69.0%	-0.5%
Annual Average	7.3%	7.1%	0.2%	62.8%	63.1%	-0.3%	67.7%	67.9%	-0.2%

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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 **February 2021 Colorado Employment Situation** will be released at 8:00 AM on Friday, March 26, 2021. The full schedule of release dates for calendar year 2021 estimates is available at <http://www.colmigateway.com>.

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## Technical Notes

It is a routine practice at the beginning of each year for the Bureau of Labor Statistics to revise estimates for prior years based on new information available and updated methodologies. Revisions to the unemployment rate and all related household survey based series as a result of the benchmark process this year were made back to 1976. Additionally, county estimates back to 2010 are subject to further revisions through April 16, 2021. For information on changes to model-based estimation for the household survey, please visit <https://www.bls.gov/lau/launews1.htm>. The nonfarm payroll jobs series for 1990 through 2020 were also revised in the benchmarking process. Additional information on benchmarking total nonfarm jobs estimates can be found at <https://www.bls.gov/web/empsit/cesbmart.htm>.

This release provides information on industry employment and labor force statistics for January 2021, 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 a decline in the number of COVID-19 cases across the state, which resulted in loosening restrictions for many establishments. For Colorado unemployment insurance claims activity and related statistics, 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).

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.

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**Supplemental information available in following pages**

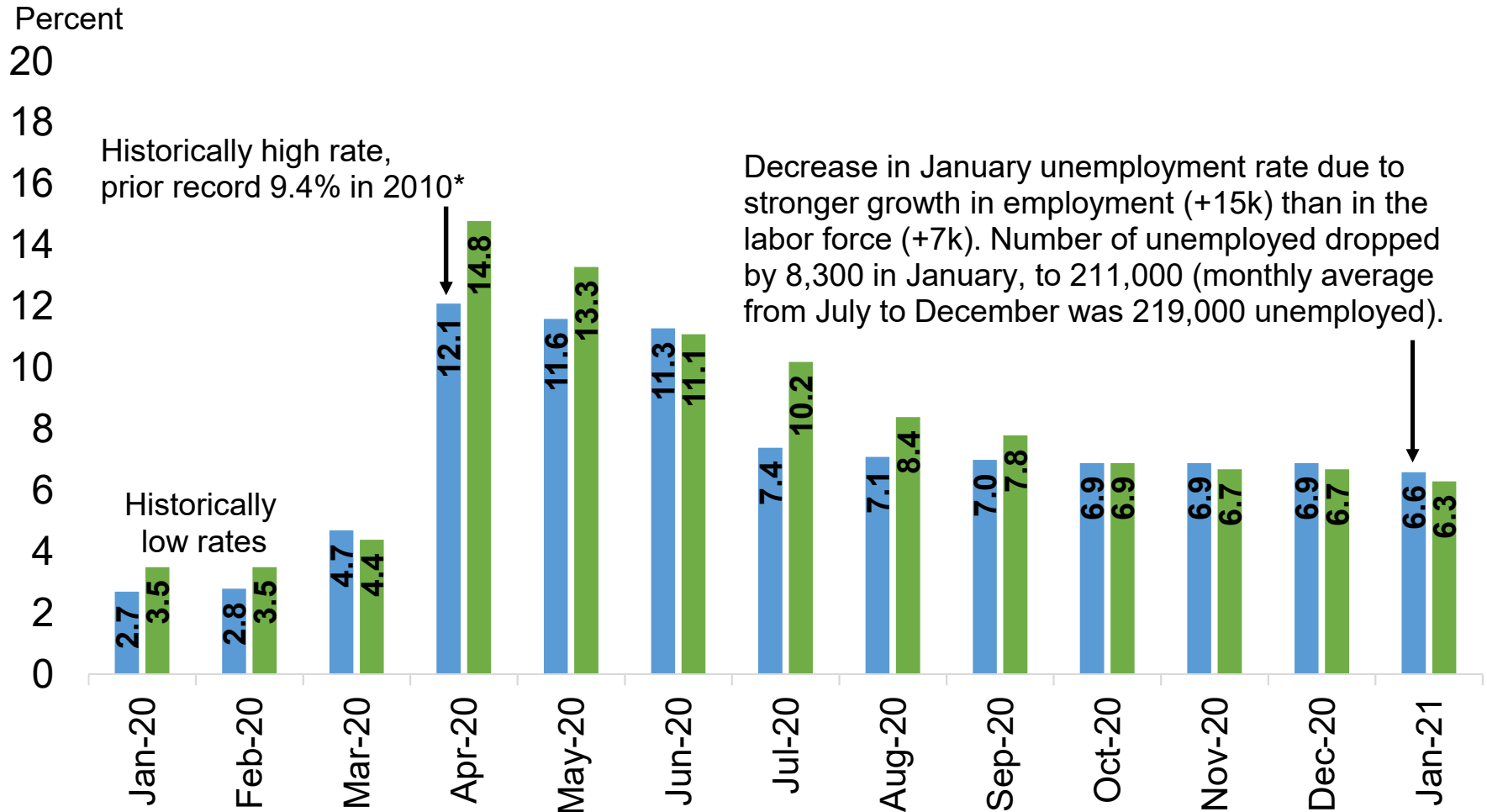
# JANUARY 2021

## EMPLOYMENT SITUATION SUPPLEMENTAL CHARTS

MARCH 15, 2021

This provides information on industry employment and labor force statistics, derived from surveys of business establishments and households. The reference period for these surveys is the pay period or week that includes the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month. The reference week for January was specifically January 10<sup>th</sup> – January 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Colorado Unemployment Rate Slightly Higher Than U.S. Rate in January



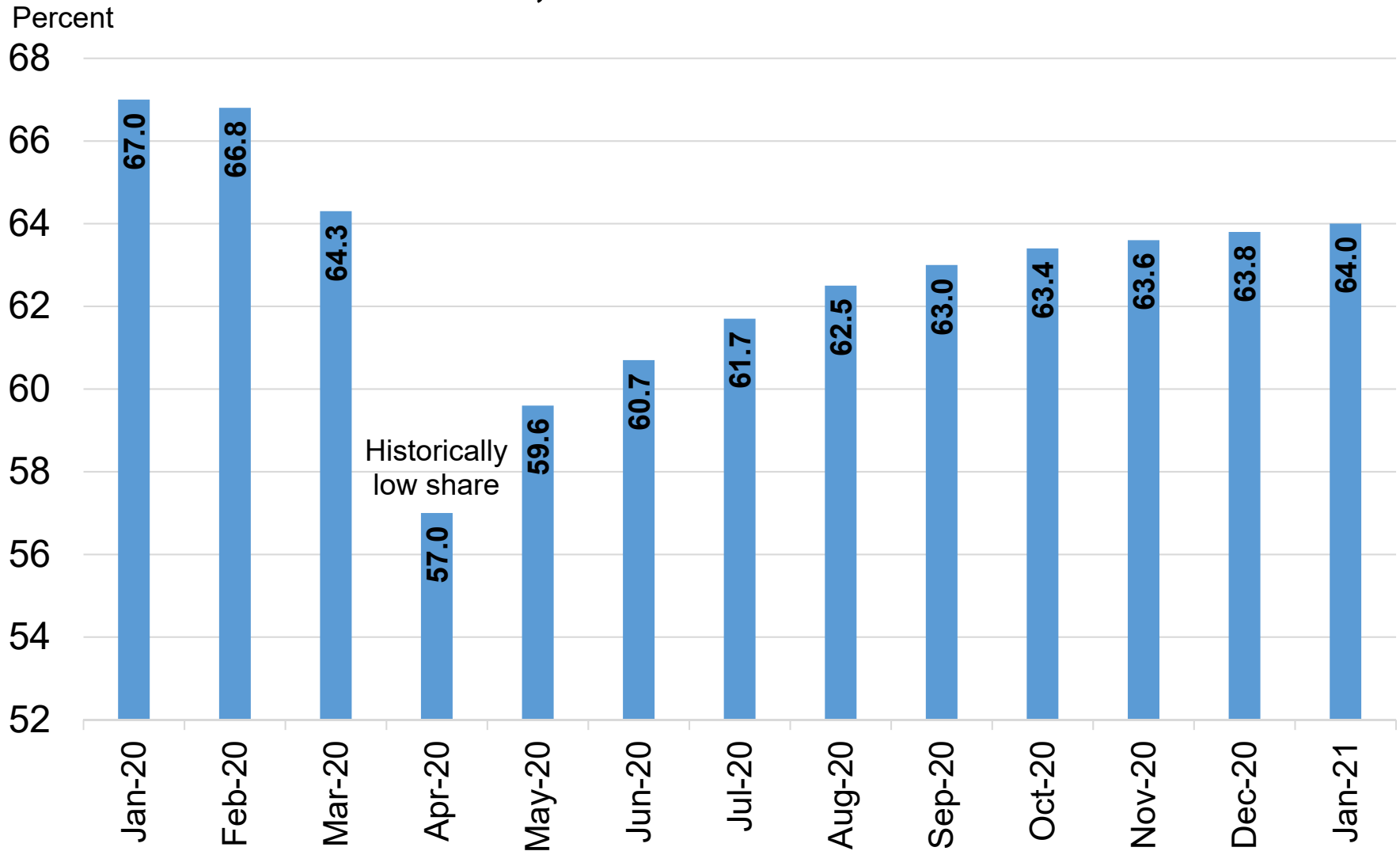
Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment; Bureau of Labor Statistics

Data seasonally adjusted

\*Note: starting 2021, a new methodology is being used in the calculation of state labor force statistics. This caused revisions of prior year's data back to 1976. Colorado's peak unemployment rate during the Great Recession is now 9.4%, rather than the previously published 8.9%. For more information: <https://www.bls.gov/lau/launews1.htm>

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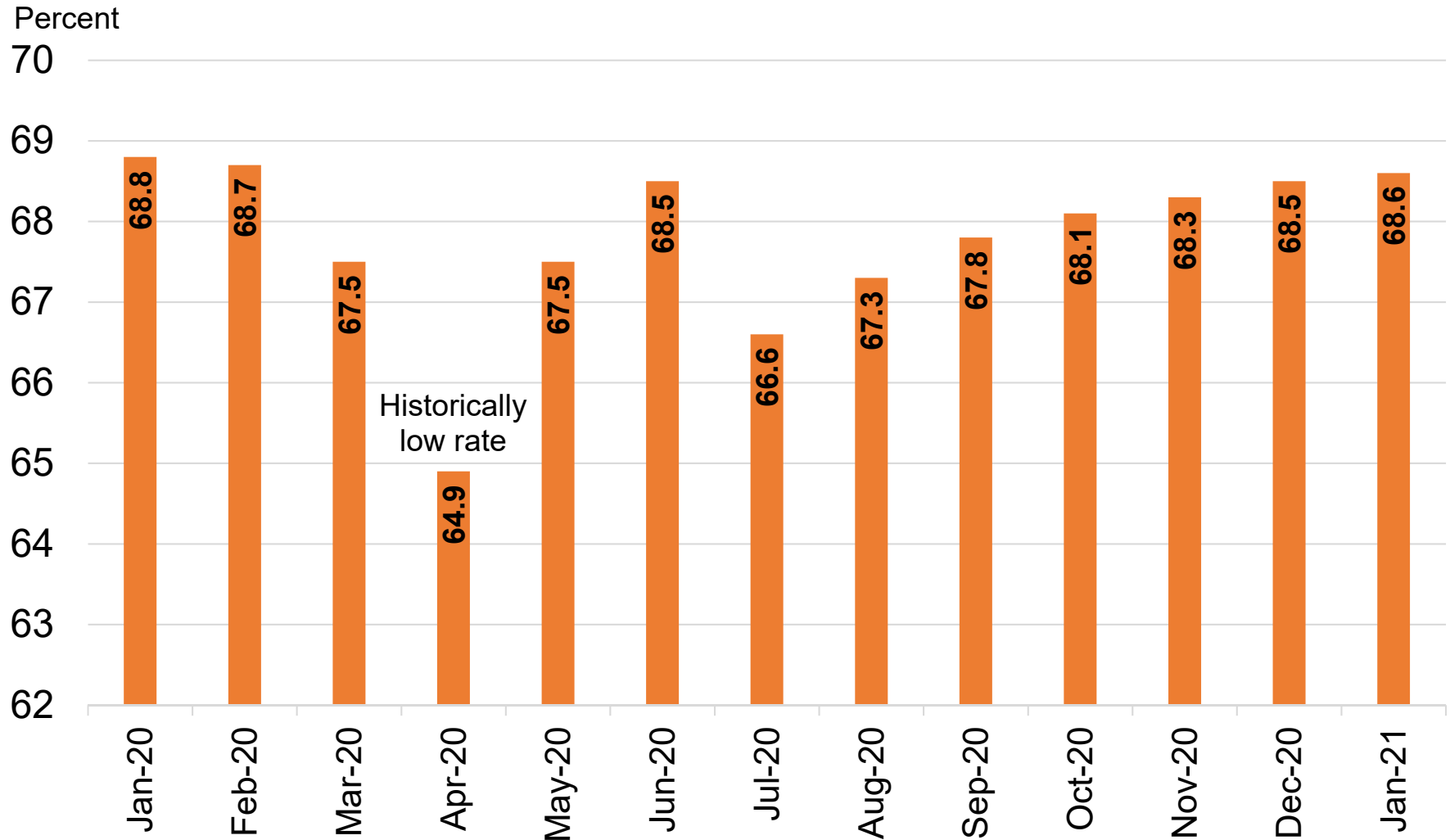
## Colorado's Employment-to-Population Ratio Highest Since March 2020, but Still Below Pre-COVID Levels



Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment; Bureau of Labor Statistics  
Data seasonally adjusted. Estimates share of Colorado's 16+ population that is employed in a given month.

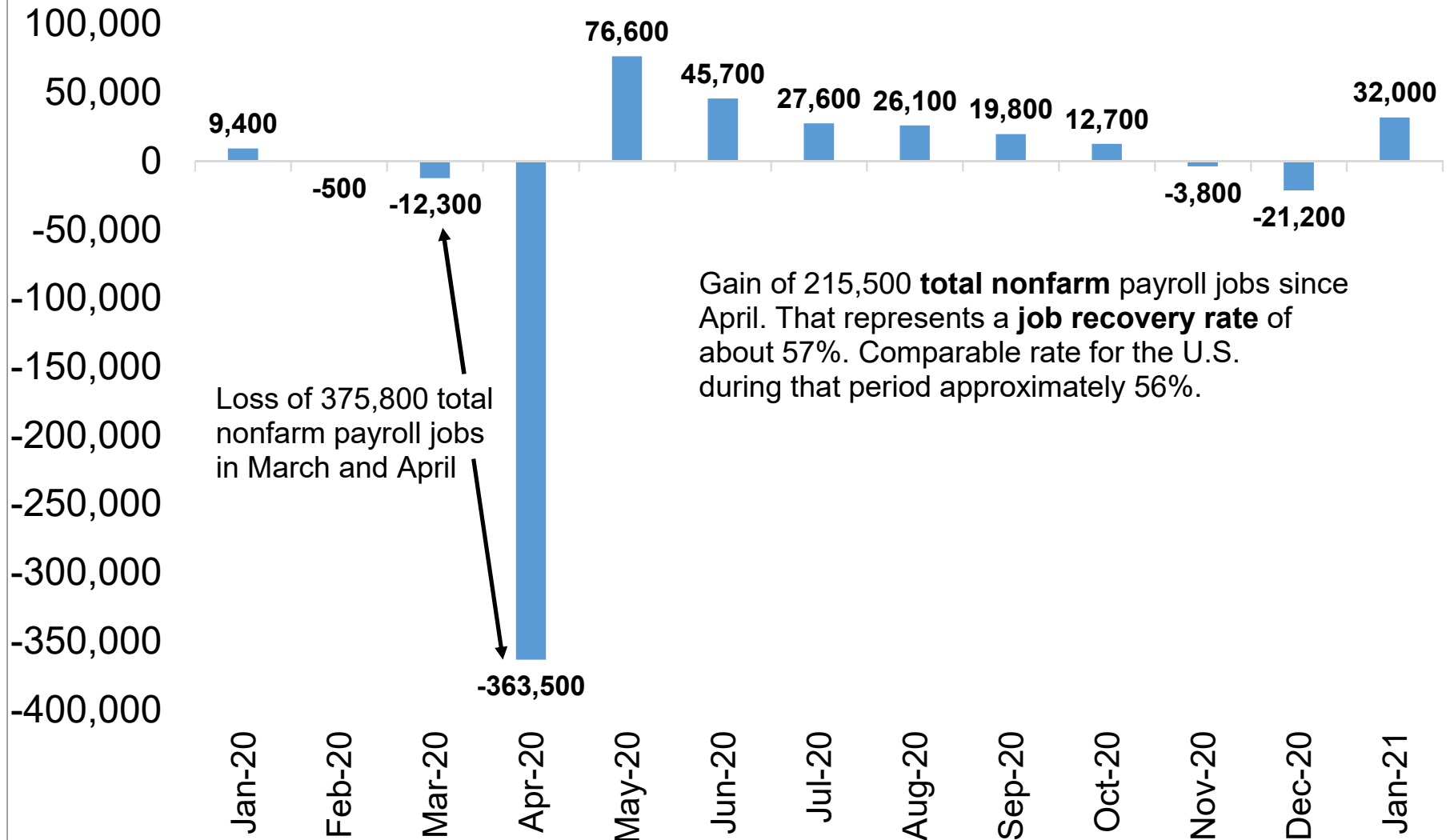


## Colorado's Labor Force Participation Rate Has Recovered to Near Pre-COVID Levels



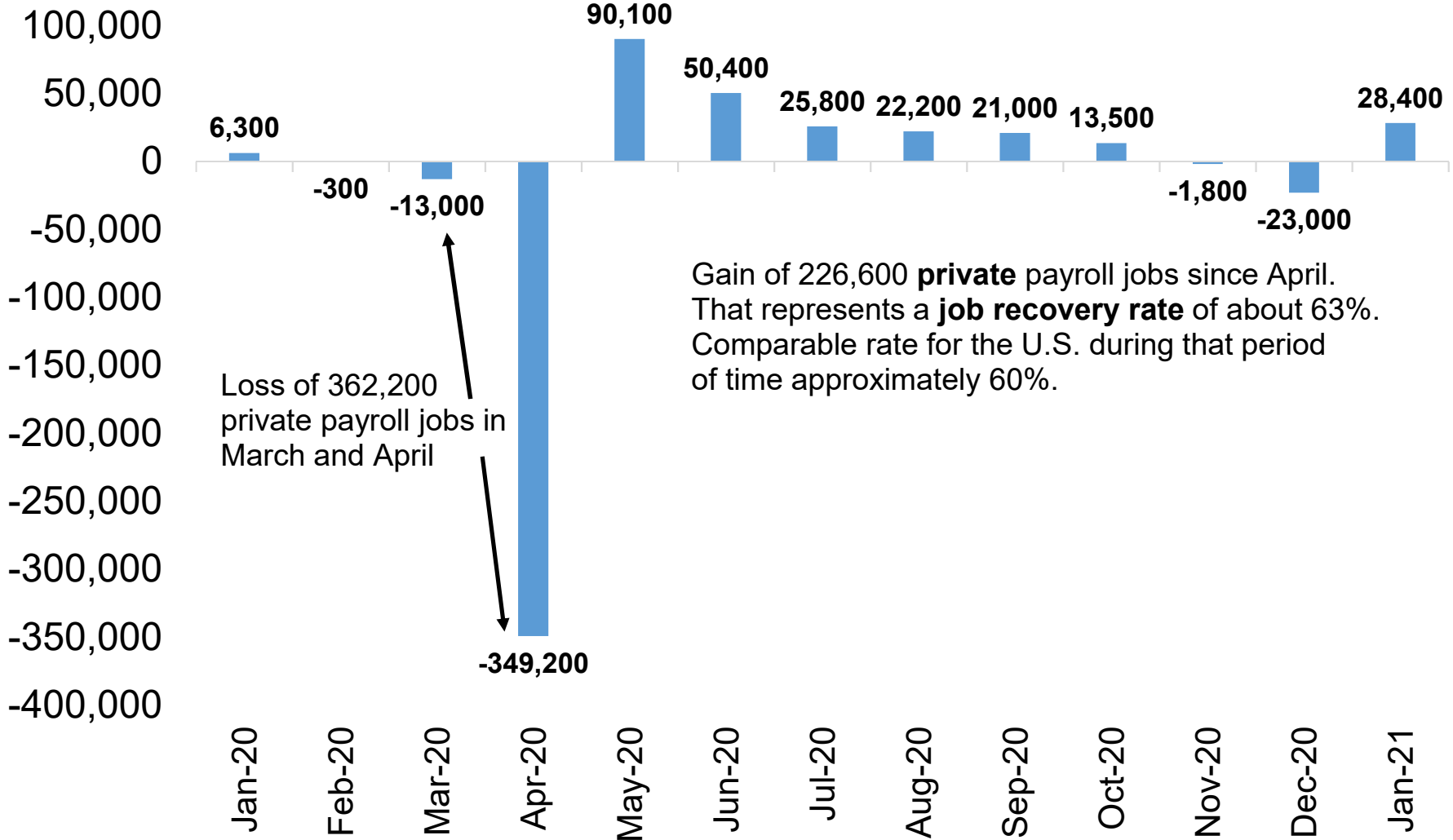
Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment; Bureau of Labor Statistics  
Data seasonally adjusted. Estimates share of Colorado's 16+ population that is in the labor force in a given month.  
For further information on labor force definitions, go here: <https://www.bls.gov/lau/laufaq.htm>

## January Total Nonfarm Job Gains Largest Since June; Recovery Rate Slightly Faster Than U.S.



Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment; Bureau of Labor Statistics  
Data seasonally adjusted

# Rebound in Private Sector Job Gains in January, Wiping Out Losses Experienced at the End of 2020

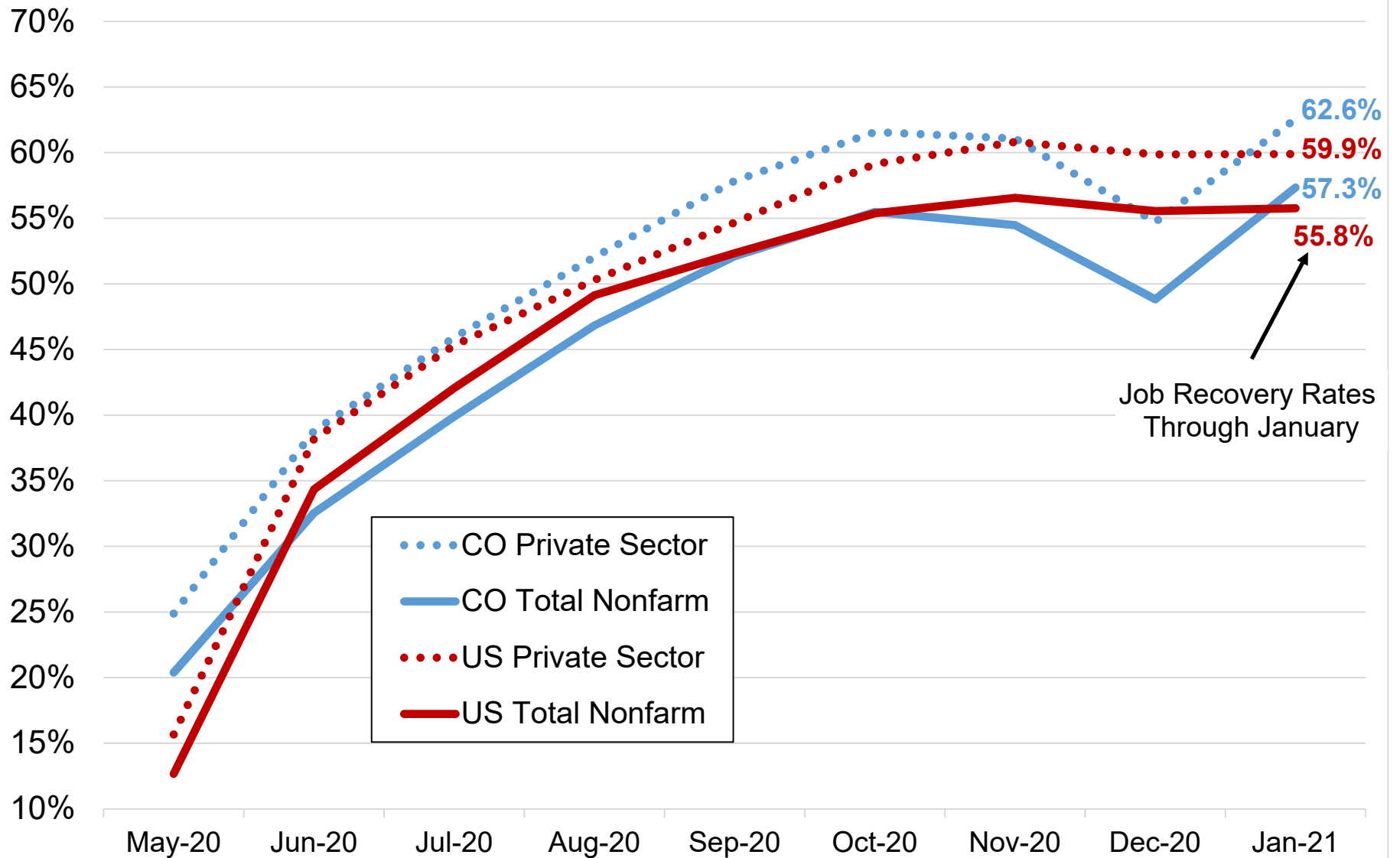


Gain of 226,600 **private** payroll jobs since April. That represents a **job recovery rate** of about 63%. Comparable rate for the U.S. during that period of time approximately 60%.

Loss of 362,200 private payroll jobs in March and April

Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment; Bureau of Labor Statistics  
Data seasonally adjusted

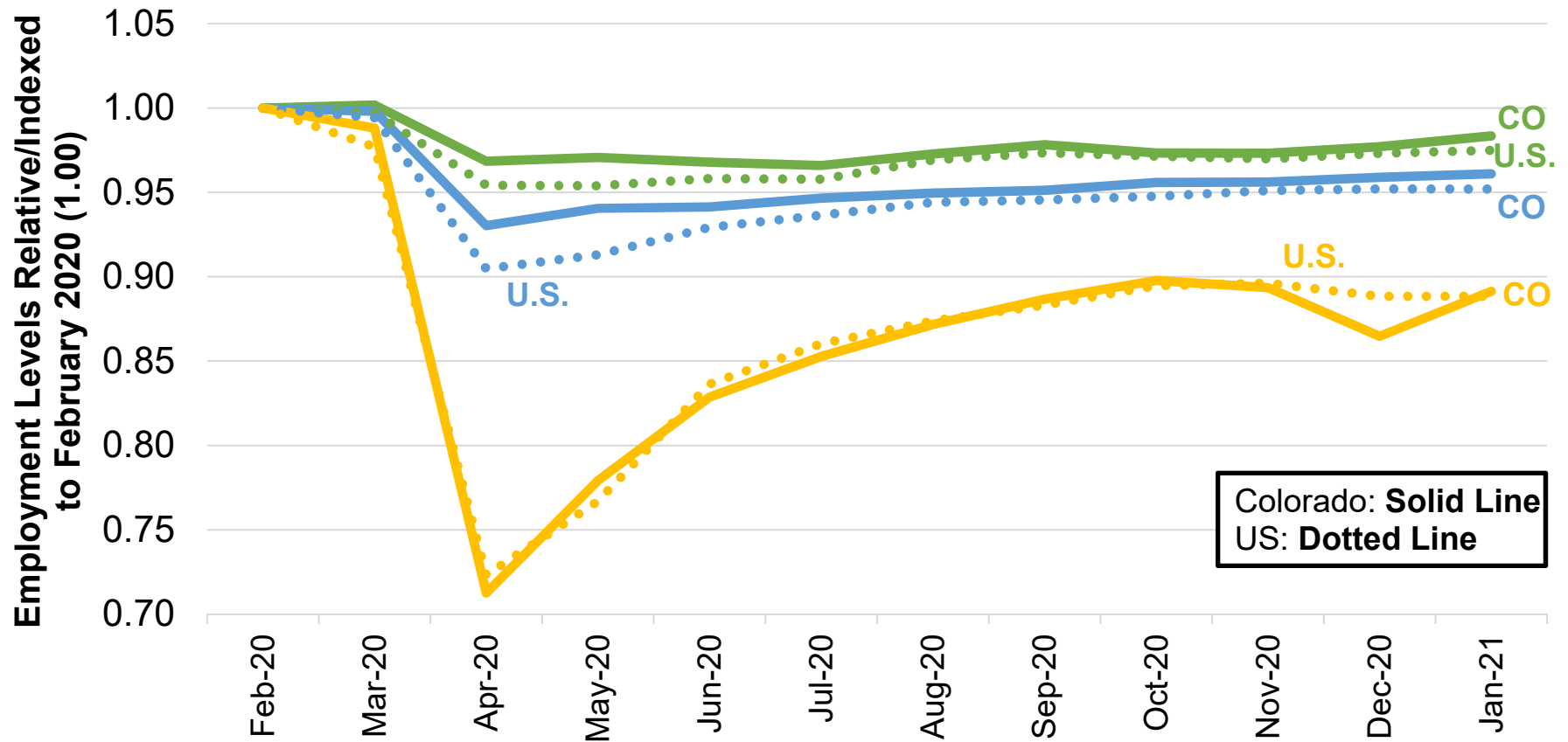
## Colorado and U.S. Job Recovery Rates Since May



Job Recovery Rates  
Through January

Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment; Bureau of Labor Statistics  
Data seasonally adjusted

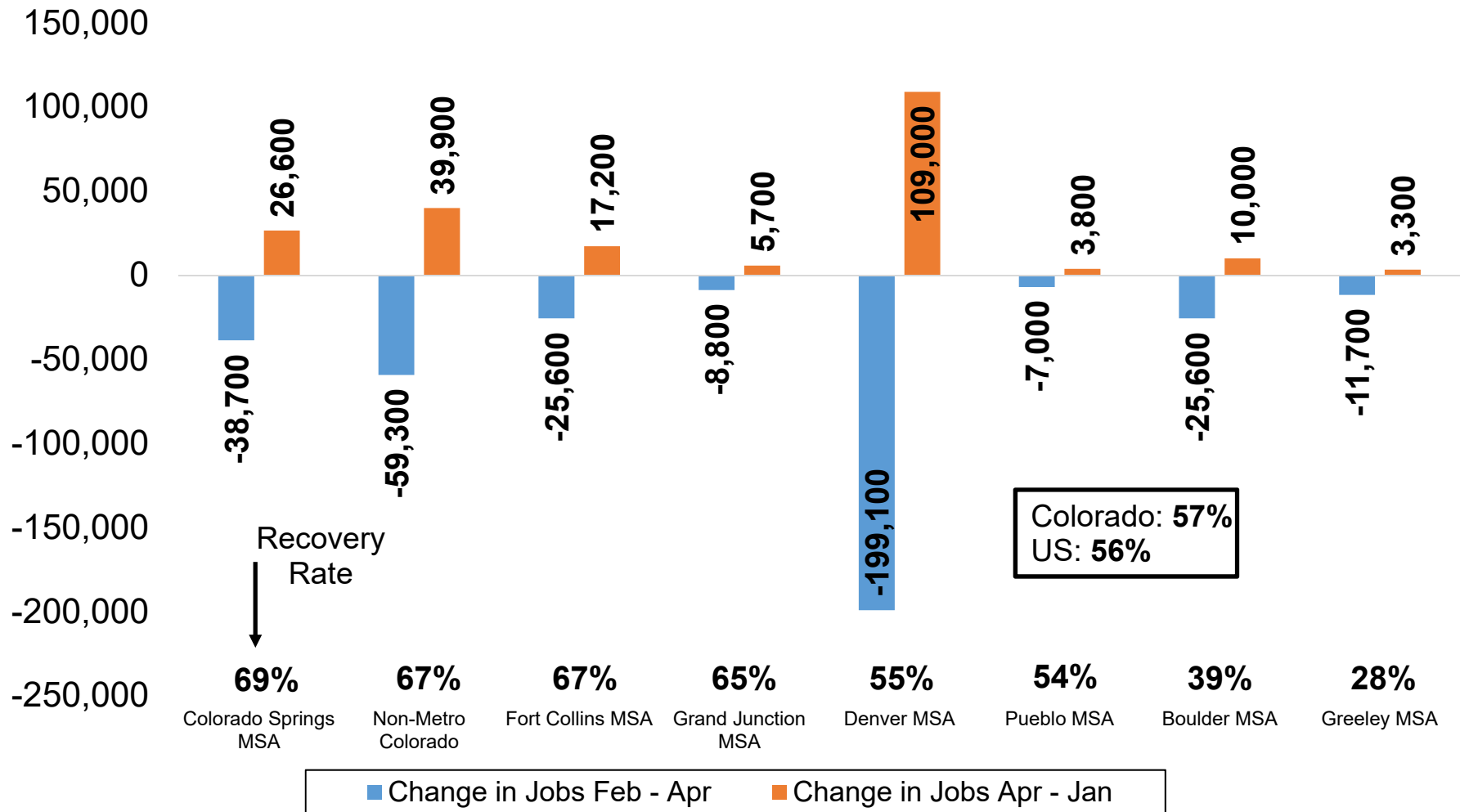
## Job Loss and Recovery by Low, Medium, and High Wage Industries (Colorado & U.S.)



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

Data seasonally adjusted. Note: low, medium, and high wage industries are determined by the 2019 state-level average weekly wage estimates from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages. **Low wage industries include:** retail trade; admin support/waste mgmt; private education services; arts, entertainment, and recreation; accommodation and food services; and other services. **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. **High wage industries include:** mining and logging; wholesale trade; finance and insurance; professional and technical services; management of companies; and federal government.

## Total Nonfarm Job Recovery Rates by Colorado Substate Area

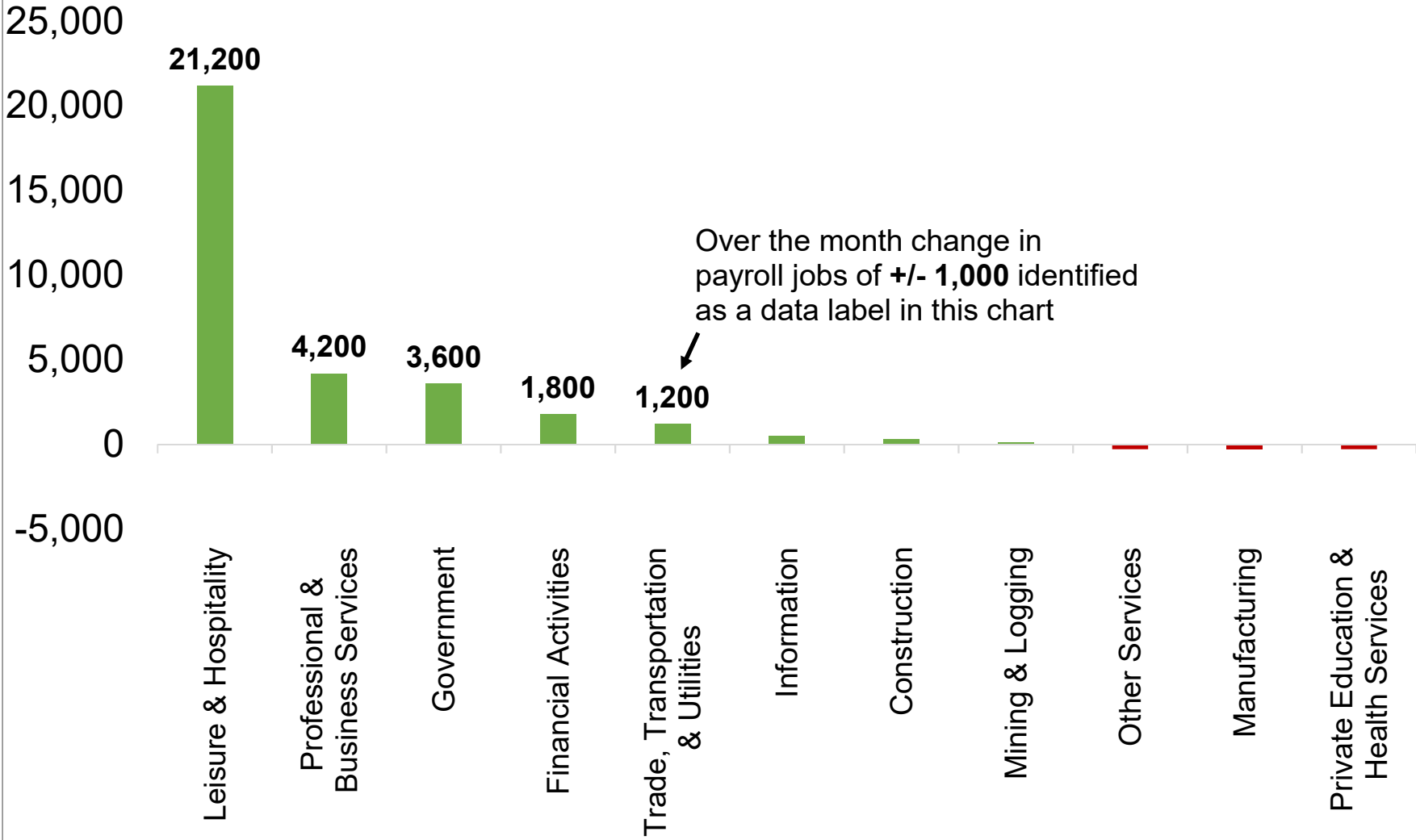


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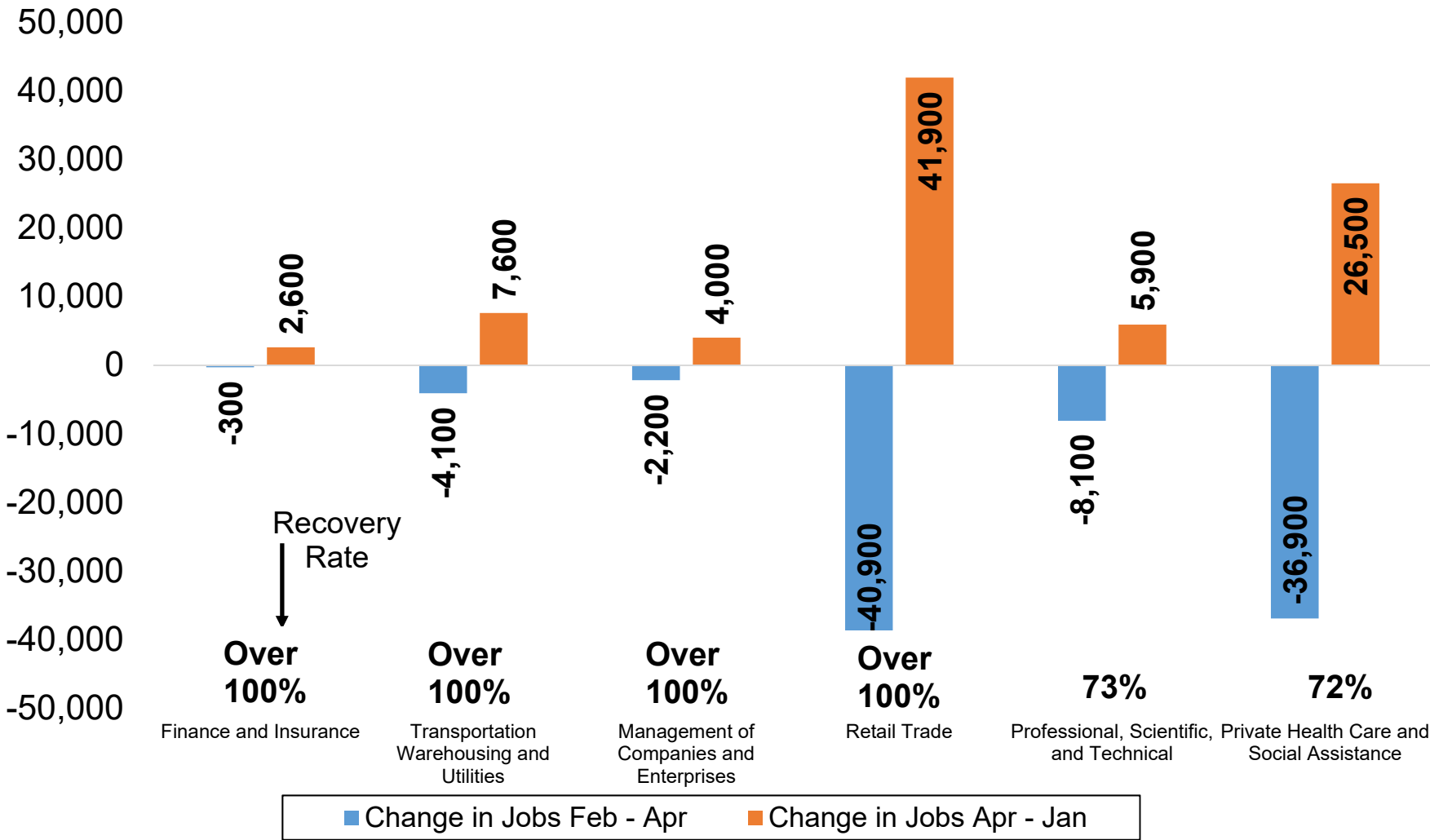
Note: MSA = Metropolitan Statistical Area; Non-Metro Colorado = residual of state that is not an MSA (47 total counties)

# Leisure & Hospitality Made Up 67% of Total Nonfarm Gains in January; No Industry Had Substantial Losses



Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment; Bureau of Labor Statistics  
Data seasonally adjusted

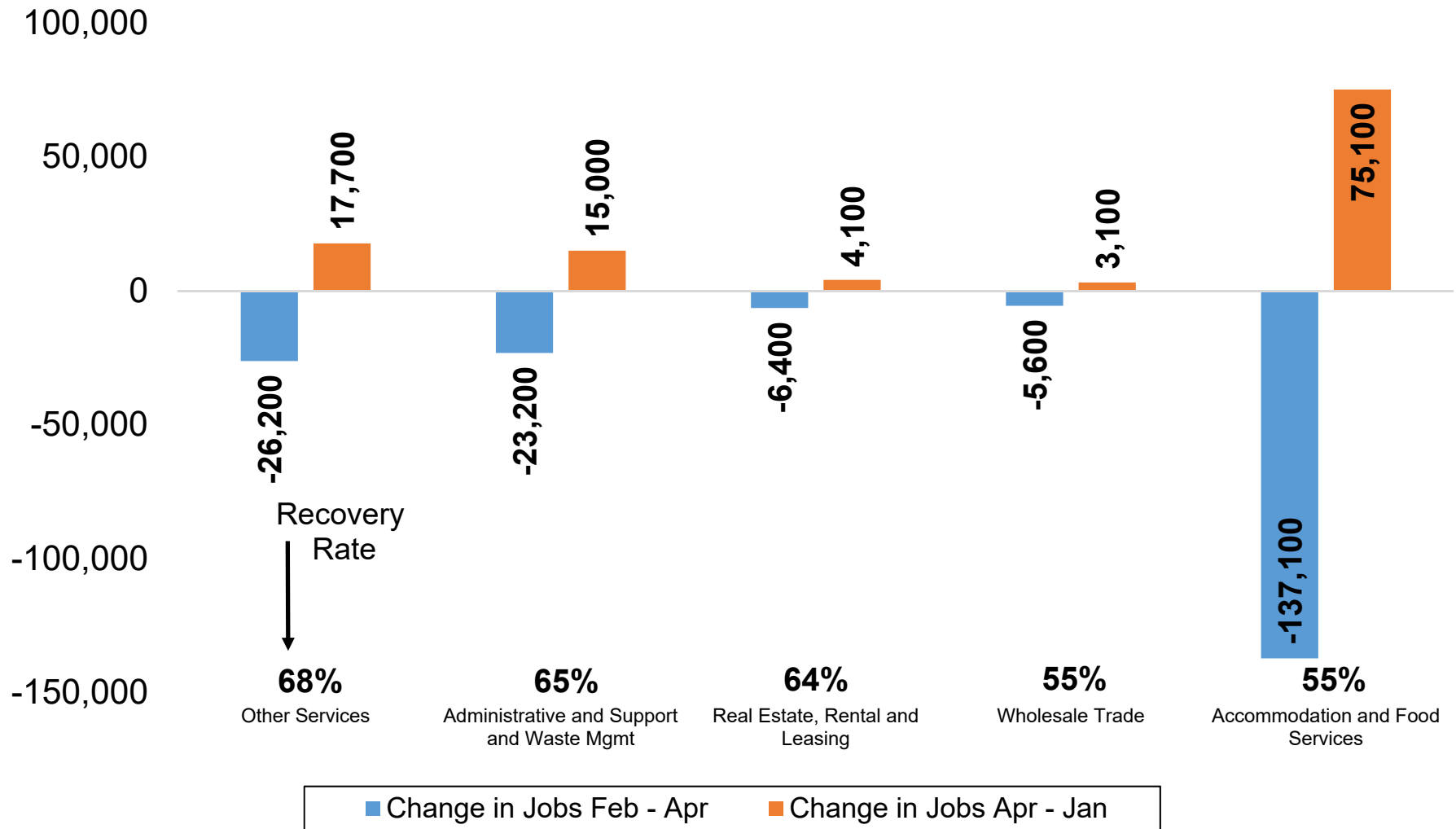
# Colorado Industry Sectors with the Fastest Payroll Job Recovery Rates



Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment; Bureau of Labor Statistics  
 Data seasonally adjusted

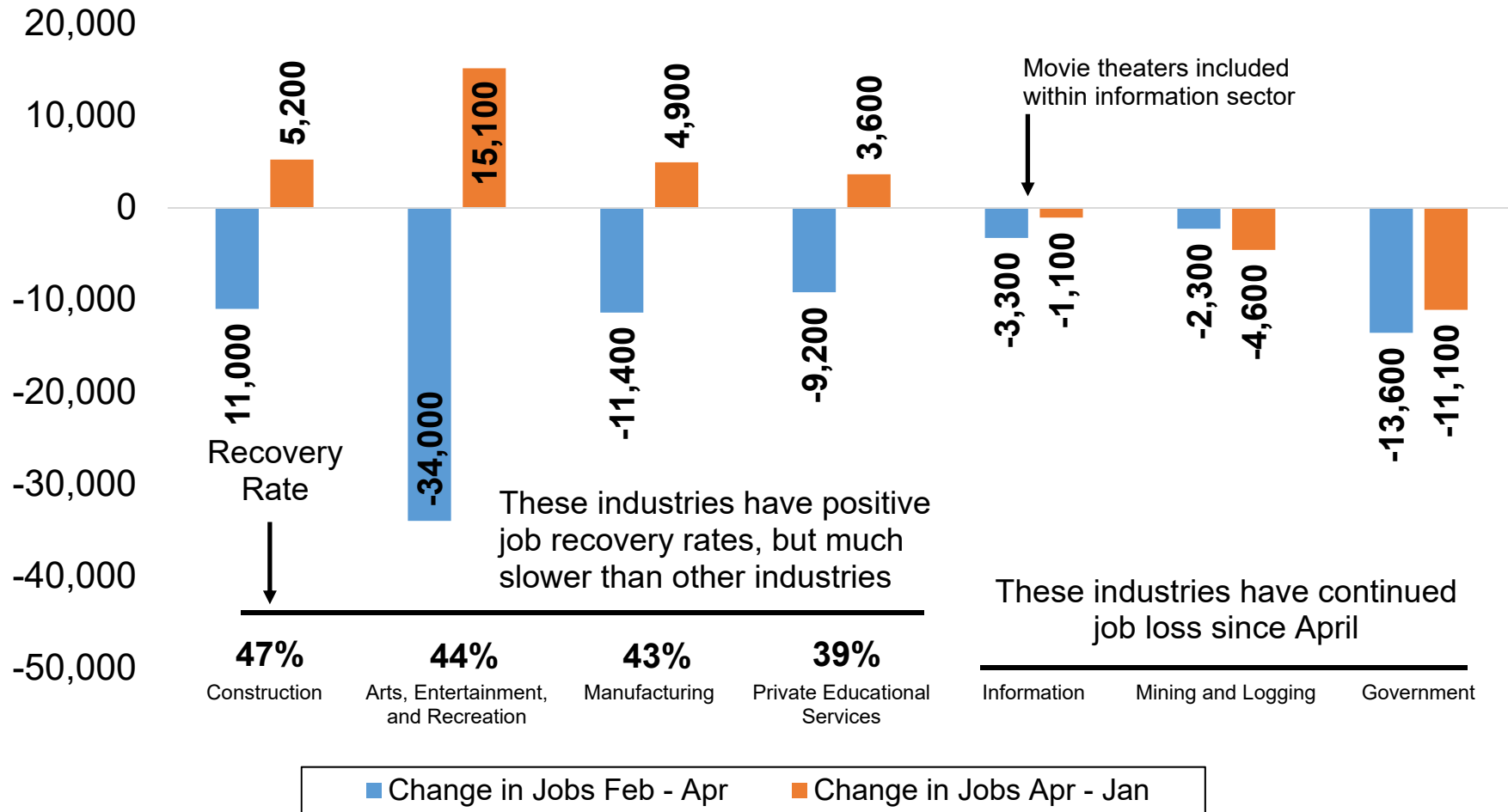


## Colorado Industry Sectors with Payroll Job Recovery Rates Between 55 and 68 Percent



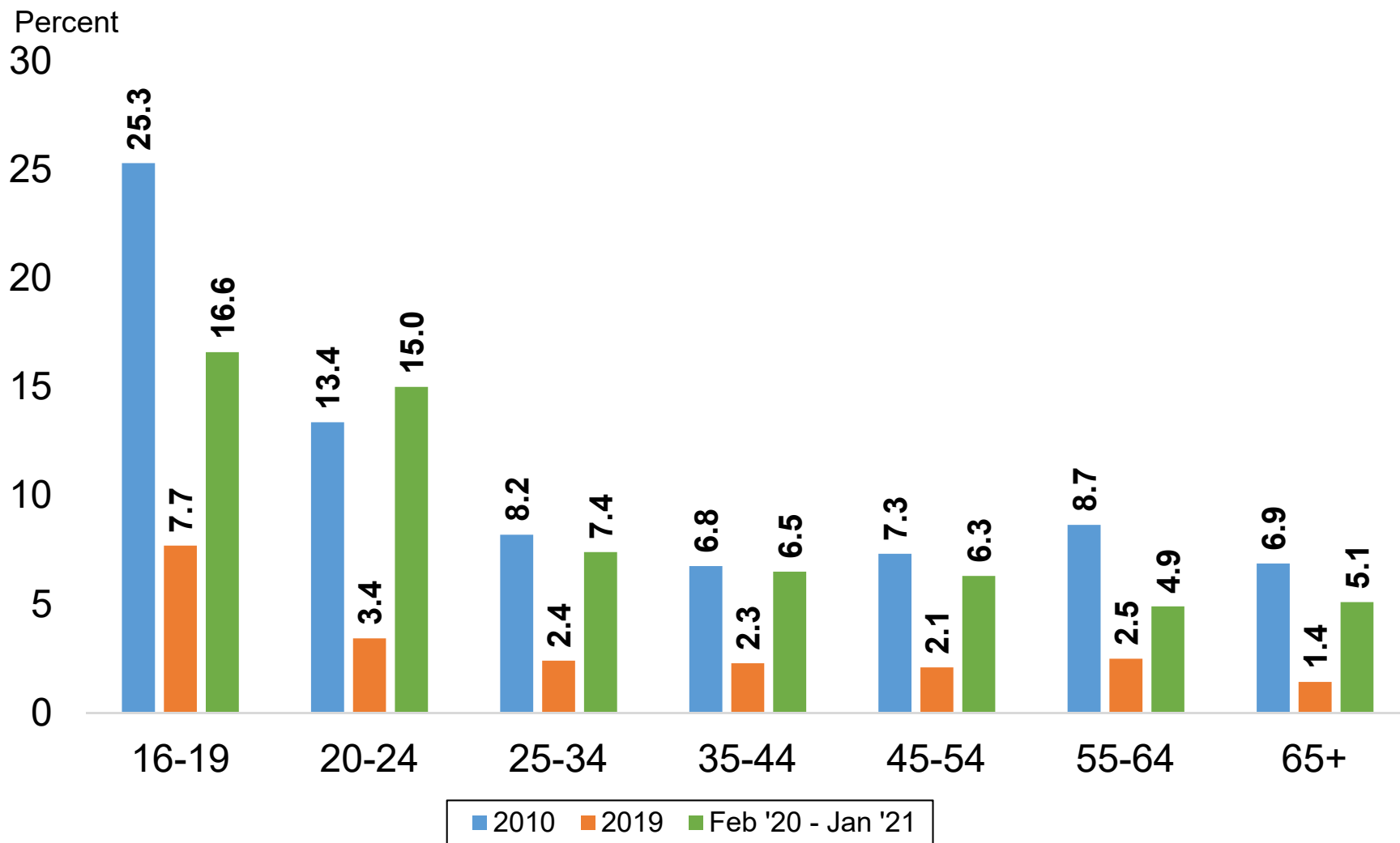
Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment; Bureau of Labor Statistics  
Data seasonally adjusted

## Colorado Industry Sectors with Relatively Low Recovery Rates or with Continued Losses in Payroll Jobs



Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment; Bureau of Labor Statistics  
Data seasonally adjusted

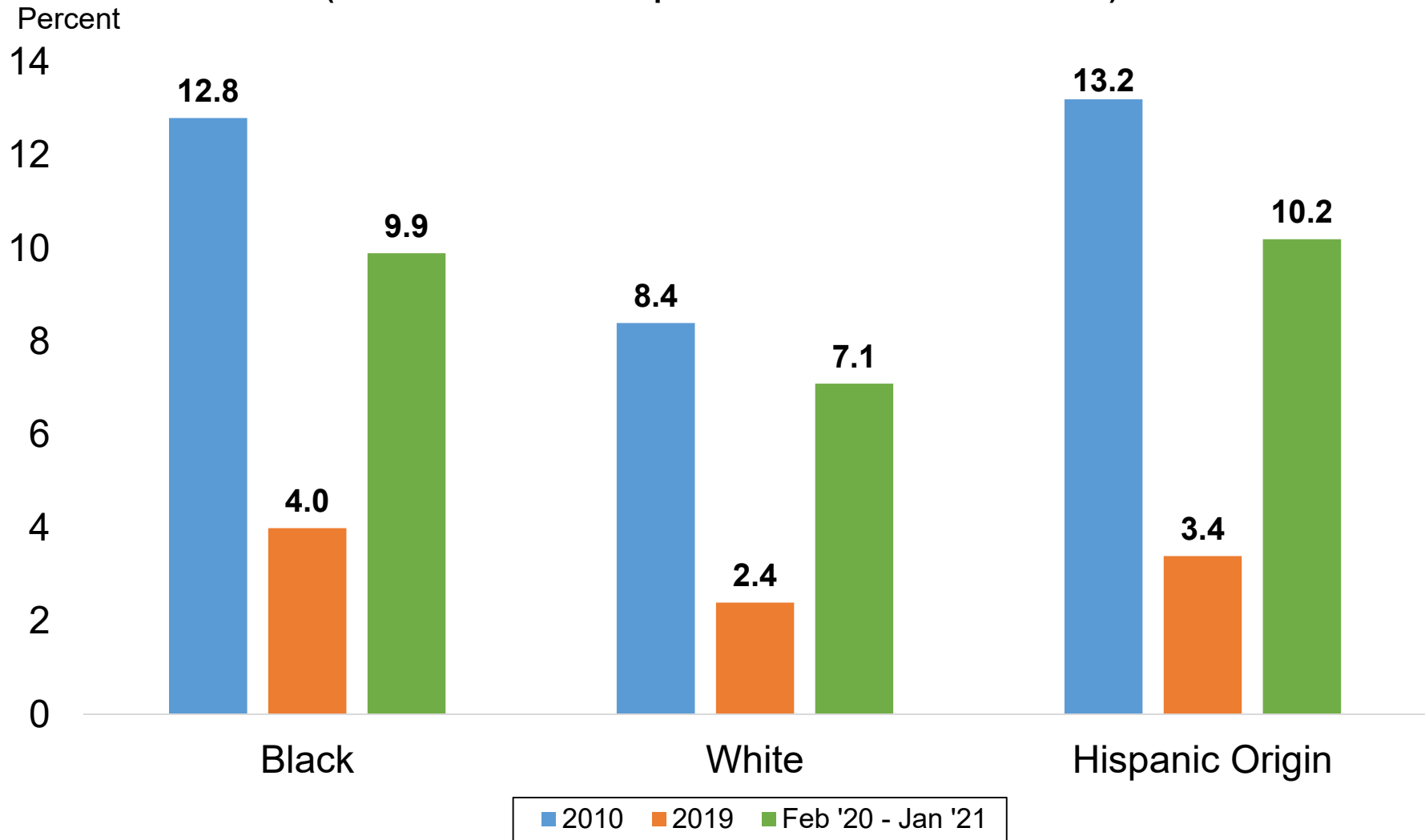
## Unemployment Rates by Age Group (Most recent 12-month period available vs. 2010 & 2019)



Source: Current Population Survey  
Data not seasonally adjusted.

## Unemployment Rates by Race & Ethnicity

(Most recent 12-month period available vs. 2010 & 2019)

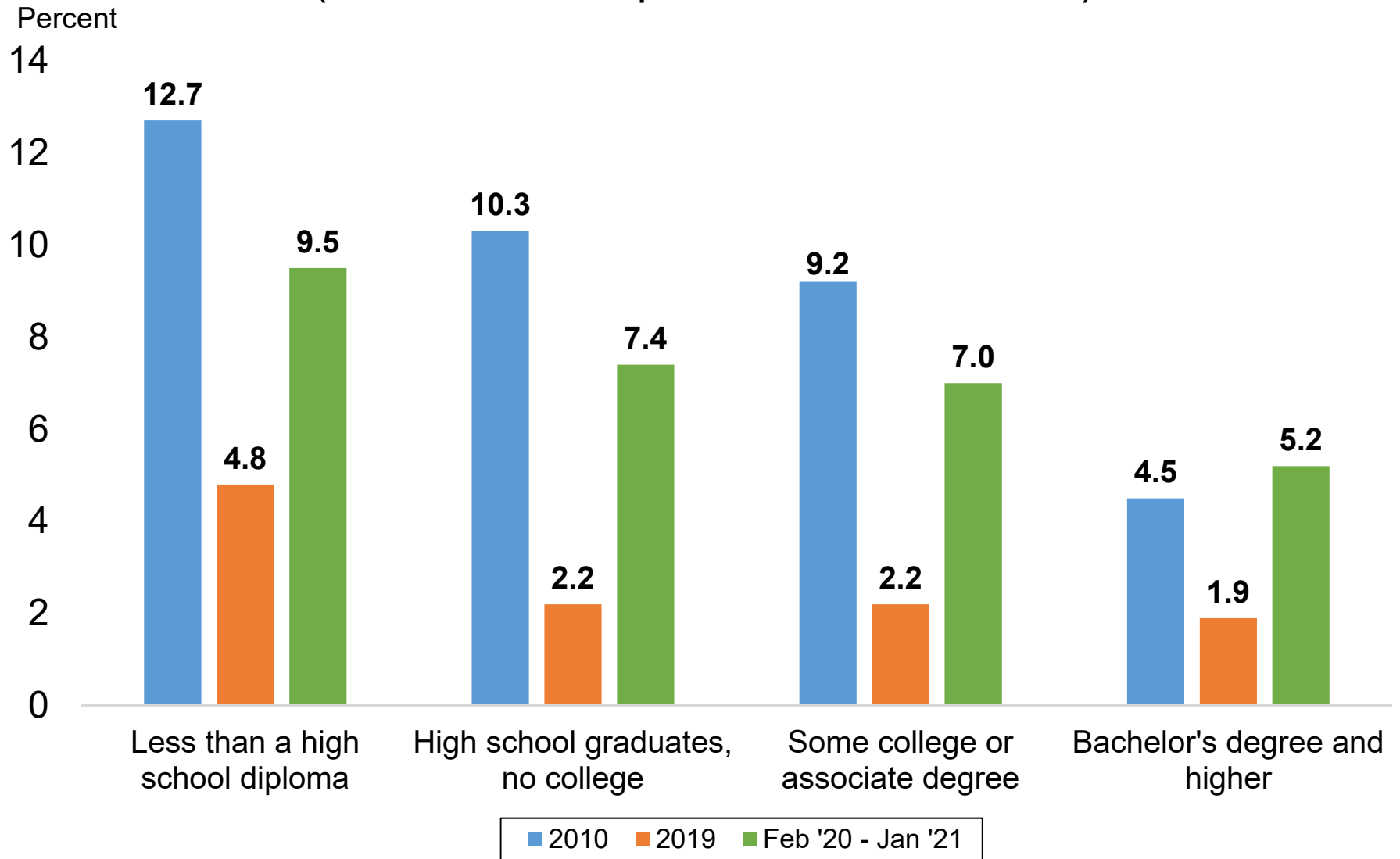


Source: Current Population Survey

Data not seasonally adjusted. Other race categories excluded due to small sample size. Hispanic origin category is not mutually exclusive (i.e. hispanic and non-hispanic ethnicities are represented in both race categories).

# Unemployment Rates by Educational Attainment

(Most recent 12-month period available vs. 2010 & 2019)



Source: Current Population Survey

Data not seasonally adjusted. Unemployment rates by educational attainment for individuals 25 years and over.

## Unemployment Rates by Gender

(Most recent 12-month period available vs. 2010 & 2019)

Percent

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Source: Current Population Survey

Data not seasonally adjusted. Unemployment rates by gender for individuals 16 years and older.

**LABOR FORCE SUMMARY  
COLORADO**

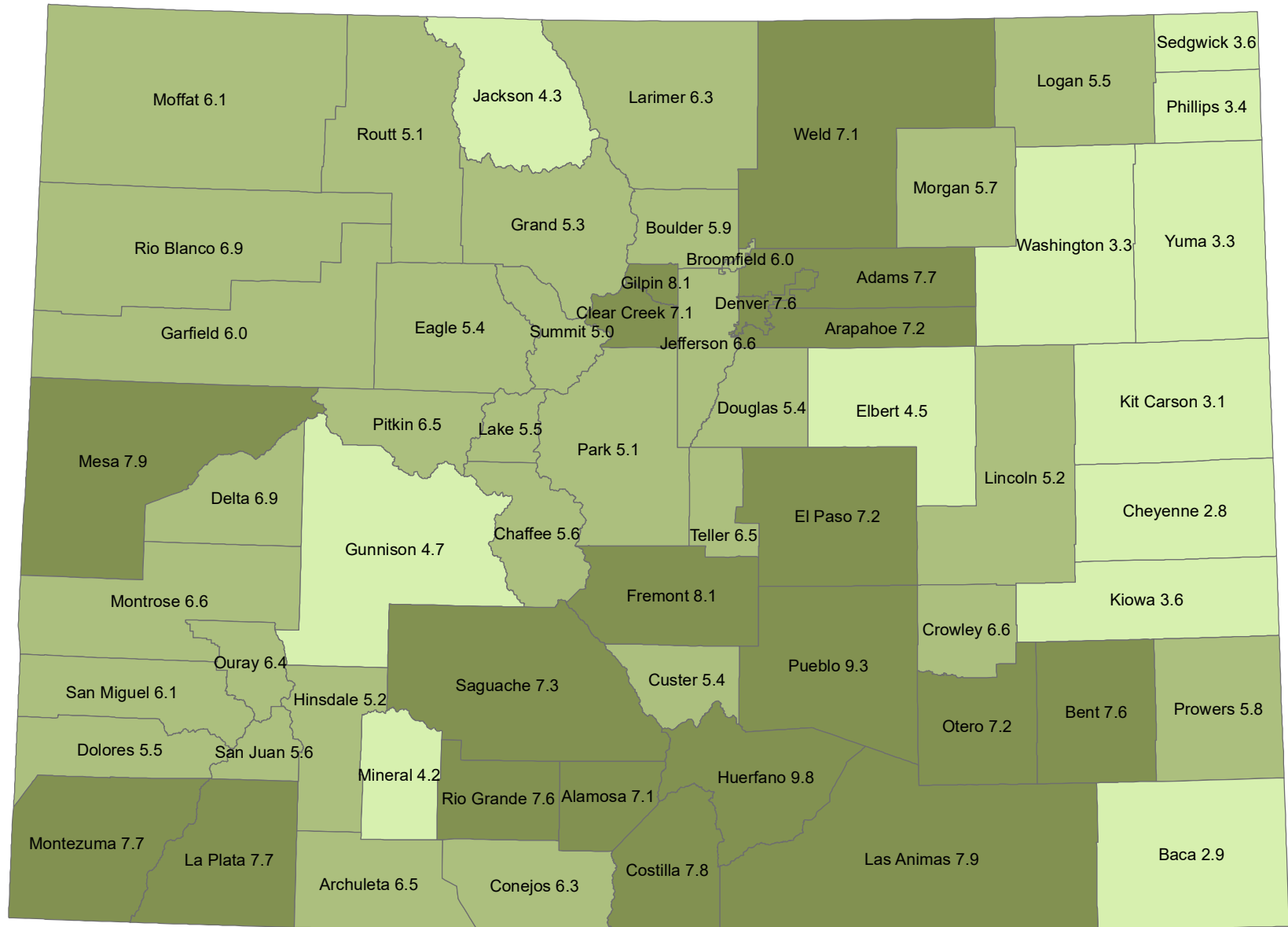
Preliminary Estimates for January 2021

<b>LABOR FORCE DATA (VALUES IN THOUSANDS)</b>					
<b>SEASONALLY ADJUSTED:</b>				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>Jan-21</b>	<b>Dec-20</b>	<b>Jan-20</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	3,183.2	3,176.6	3,154.5	6.7	28.7
<b>Unemployment</b>	211.0	219.3	84.4	-8.3	126.6
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	6.6	6.9	2.7	-0.3	3.9
<b>Employment</b>	2,972.3	2,957.3	3,070.2	15.0	-97.9
<b>UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:</b>				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>Jan-21</b>	<b>Dec-20</b>	<b>Jan-20</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	3,170.5	3,172.8	3,144.9	-2.3	25.6
<b>Unemployment</b>	218.2	219.8	90.6	-1.6	127.6
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	6.9	6.9	2.9	0.0	4.0
<b>Employment</b>	2,952.3	2,953.0	3,054.2	-0.7	-102.0

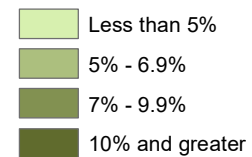
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA (VALUES IN THOUSANDS)</b>					
<b>SEASONALLY ADJUSTED:</b>				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>Jan-21</b>	<b>Dec-20</b>	<b>Jan-20</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	19.3	19.2	26.5	0.1	-7.2
<b>Construction</b>	173.5	173.2	179.9	0.3	-6.4
<b>Manufacturing</b>	145.1	145.4	151.4	-0.3	-6.3
<b>Trade, Transportation, &amp; Utilities</b>	484.6	483.4	482.7	1.2	1.9
<b>Information</b>	73.6	73.1	78.0	0.5	-4.4
<b>Financial Activities</b>	176.1	174.3	175.8	1.8	0.3
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	438.9	434.7	446.9	4.2	-8.0
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	337.9	338.2	354.2	-0.3	-16.3
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	266.0	244.8	347.1	21.2	-81.1
<b>Other Services</b>	107.2	107.5	115.6	-0.3	-8.4
<b>Government</b>	436.5	432.9	461.4	3.6	-24.9
<b>TOTAL NONAG</b>	2,658.7	2,626.7	2,819.5	32.0	-160.8
<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>Jan-21</b>	<b>Dec-20</b>	<b>Jan-20</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Mining &amp; Logging</b>	19.2	19.1	26.6	0.1	-7.4
<b>Construction</b>	167.2	171.9	173.6	-4.7	-6.4
<b>Manufacturing</b>	144.3	145.8	150.8	-1.5	-6.5
<b>Trade, Transportation, &amp; Utilities</b>	486.2	498.0	483.0	-11.8	3.2
<b>Information</b>	73.5	73.1	77.9	0.4	-4.4
<b>Financial Activities</b>	174.4	175.0	175.3	-0.6	-0.9
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	429.3	434.8	437.1	-5.5	-7.8
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	338.2	339.8	352.2	-1.6	-14.0
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	263.6	244.1	344.4	19.5	-80.8
<b>Other Services</b>	106.4	107.3	114.2	-0.9	-7.8
<b>Government</b>	425.9	436.5	451.5	-10.6	-25.6
<b>TOTAL NONAG</b>	2,628.2	2,645.4	2,786.6	-17.2	-158.4
<b>Labor Disputants</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

# NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED Unemployment Rates January 2021



Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment  
Labor Market Information





## Not Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force

	January 2021				December 2020			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
<b>Colorado</b>	3,170,455	2,952,250	218,205	6.9	3,172,790	2,952,986	219,804	6.9
<b>Metropolitan Statistical Area</b>								
Boulder	193,590	182,103	11,487	5.9	194,209	182,989	11,220	5.8
Colorado Springs	361,956	335,912	26,044	7.2	362,167	335,522	26,645	7.4
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood	1,690,216	1,572,027	118,189	7.0	1,688,103	1,568,503	119,600	7.1
Fort Collins	206,895	193,886	13,009	6.3	207,118	193,965	13,153	6.4
Grand Junction	76,281	70,285	5,996	7.9	76,533	71,032	5,501	7.2
Greeley	169,323	157,221	12,102	7.1	170,162	158,144	12,018	7.1
Pueblo	78,837	71,483	7,354	9.3	79,446	72,239	7,207	9.1
<b>Counties</b>								
Adams	278,529	257,038	21,491	7.7	278,095	256,801	21,294	7.7
Alamosa	8,461	7,857	604	7.1	8,688	8,074	614	7.1
Arapahoe	370,563	343,973	26,590	7.2	370,213	343,017	27,196	7.3
Archuleta	7,198	6,731	467	6.5	7,325	6,829	496	6.8
Baca	2,278	2,213	65	2.9	2,363	2,307	56	2.4
Bent	1,976	1,825	151	7.6	2,019	1,908	111	5.5
Boulder	193,590	182,103	11,487	5.9	194,209	182,989	11,220	5.8
Broomfield	40,664	38,216	2,448	6.0	40,664	38,135	2,529	6.2
Chaffee	9,947	9,389	558	5.6	10,006	9,465	541	5.4
Cheyenne	1,143	1,111	32	2.8	1,202	1,168	34	2.8
Clear Creek	6,172	5,732	440	7.1	6,226	5,719	507	8.1
Conejos	4,121	3,863	258	6.3	4,238	4,017	221	5.2
Costilla	1,849	1,704	145	7.8	1,889	1,744	145	7.7
Crowley	1,566	1,463	103	6.6	1,561	1,466	95	6.1
Custer	2,126	2,011	115	5.4	2,110	2,006	104	4.9
Delta	14,504	13,503	1,001	6.9	14,721	13,787	934	6.3
Denver	428,499	395,862	32,637	7.6	428,033	394,810	33,223	7.8
Dolores	1,138	1,075	63	5.5	1,246	1,171	75	6.0
Douglas	197,257	186,681	10,576	5.4	196,940	186,234	10,706	5.4
Eagle	37,667	35,627	2,040	5.4	36,888	34,655	2,233	6.1
El Paso	348,918	323,717	25,201	7.2	349,171	323,370	25,801	7.4
Elbert	15,262	14,568	694	4.5	15,388	14,683	705	4.6
Fremont	15,696	14,420	1,276	8.1	15,559	14,380	1,179	7.6
Garfield	33,396	31,395	2,001	6.0	33,139	31,241	1,898	5.7
Gilpin	3,944	3,626	318	8.1	3,953	3,616	337	8.5
Grand	10,009	9,477	532	5.3	9,927	9,280	647	6.5
Gunnison	11,606	11,058	548	4.7	11,746	11,161	585	5.0
Hinsdale	384	364	20	5.2	405	383	22	5.4
Huerfano	2,735	2,466	269	9.8	2,762	2,517	245	8.9
Jackson	915	876	39	4.3	964	923	41	4.3
Jefferson	338,060	315,644	22,416	6.6	337,348	314,816	22,532	6.7
Kiowa	1,025	988	37	3.6	1,068	1,040	28	2.6
Kit Carson	4,438	4,302	136	3.1	4,540	4,412	128	2.8
La Plata	32,067	29,609	2,458	7.7	32,189	29,767	2,422	7.5
Lake	5,146	4,864	282	5.5	5,005	4,709	296	5.9
Larimer	206,895	193,886	13,009	6.3	207,118	193,965	13,153	6.4
Las Animas	6,644	6,121	523	7.9	6,728	6,217	511	7.6
Lincoln	2,462	2,333	129	5.2	2,506	2,379	127	5.1
Logan	11,301	10,682	619	5.5	11,508	10,904	604	5.2
Mesa	76,281	70,285	5,996	7.9	76,533	71,032	5,501	7.2
Mineral	548	525	23	4.2	523	503	20	3.8
Moffat	7,547	7,090	457	6.1	7,562	7,165	397	5.2
Montezuma	12,703	11,722	981	7.7	12,721	11,856	865	6.8
Montrose	21,995	20,554	1,441	6.6	22,087	20,723	1,364	6.2
Morgan	16,691	15,732	959	5.7	16,898	15,962	936	5.5
Otero	8,461	7,850	611	7.2	8,529	7,935	594	7.0
Ouray	2,497	2,336	161	6.4	2,417	2,260	157	6.5
Park	11,266	10,687	579	5.1	11,243	10,672	571	5.1
Phillips	2,543	2,457	86	3.4	2,692	2,622	70	2.6
Pitkin	11,422	10,677	745	6.5	11,472	10,588	884	7.7
Prowers	6,362	5,994	368	5.8	6,632	6,266	366	5.5
Pueblo	78,837	71,483	7,354	9.3	79,446	72,239	7,207	9.1
Rio Blanco	3,005	2,799	206	6.9	3,051	2,874	177	5.8
Rio Grande	5,596	5,169	427	7.6	5,752	5,378	374	6.5
Routt	17,367	16,485	882	5.1	17,264	16,096	1,168	6.8
Saguache	3,467	3,213	254	7.3	3,633	3,404	229	6.3
San Juan	465	439	26	5.6	444	416	28	6.3
San Miguel	5,614	5,273	341	6.1	5,579	5,107	472	8.5
Sedgwick	1,186	1,143	43	3.6	1,248	1,198	50	4.0
Summit	25,286	24,030	1,256	5.0	25,006	23,363	1,643	6.6
Teller	13,038	12,195	843	6.5	12,996	12,152	844	6.5
Washington	3,069	2,969	100	3.3	3,141	3,043	98	3.1
Weld	169,323	157,221	12,102	7.1	170,162	158,144	12,018	7.1
Yuma	5,736	5,548	188	3.3	6,095	5,919	176	2.9

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<b>Colorado</b>	3,170,455	2,952,250	218,205	6.9	3,144,882	3,054,241	90,641	2.9
<b>Metropolitan Statistical Area</b>								
Boulder	193,590	182,103	11,487	5.9	195,246	190,604	4,642	2.4
Colorado Springs	361,956	335,912	26,044	7.2	356,510	344,760	11,750	3.3
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood	1,690,216	1,572,027	118,189	7.0	1,679,189	1,633,041	46,148	2.7
Fort Collins	206,895	193,886	13,009	6.3	204,578	199,252	5,326	2.6
Grand Junction	76,281	70,285	5,996	7.9	75,811	72,711	3,100	4.1
Greeley	169,323	157,221	12,102	7.1	169,082	164,310	4,772	2.8
Pueblo	78,837	71,483	7,354	9.3	77,202	73,981	3,221	4.2
<b>Counties</b>								
Adams	278,529	257,038	21,491	7.7	275,696	267,118	8,578	3.1
Alamosa	8,461	7,857	604	7.1	8,249	7,925	324	3.9
Arapahoe	370,563	343,973	26,590	7.2	367,609	357,381	10,228	2.8
Archuleta	7,198	6,731	467	6.5	6,678	6,442	236	3.5
Baca	2,278	2,213	65	2.9	2,108	2,066	42	2.0
Bent	1,976	1,825	151	7.6	1,844	1,792	52	2.8
Boulder	193,590	182,103	11,487	5.9	195,246	190,604	4,642	2.4
Broomfield	40,664	38,216	2,448	6.0	40,799	39,782	1,017	2.5
Chaffee	9,947	9,389	558	5.6	9,396	9,131	265	2.8
Cheyenne	1,143	1,111	32	2.8	1,096	1,077	19	1.7
Clear Creek	6,172	5,732	440	7.1	6,085	5,944	141	2.3
Conejos	4,121	3,863	258	6.3	4,026	3,865	161	4.0
Costilla	1,849	1,704	145	7.8	1,823	1,745	78	4.3
Crowley	1,566	1,463	103	6.6	1,536	1,461	75	4.9
Custer	2,126	2,011	115	5.4	2,023	1,958	65	3.2
Delta	14,504	13,503	1,001	6.9	13,982	13,394	588	4.2
Denver	428,499	395,862	32,637	7.6	423,254	411,344	11,910	2.8
Dolores	1,138	1,075	63	5.5	1,109	1,064	45	4.1
Douglas	197,257	186,681	10,576	5.4	198,724	194,046	4,678	2.4
Eagle	37,667	35,627	2,040	5.4	38,888	38,085	803	2.1
El Paso	348,918	323,717	25,201	7.2	343,639	332,291	11,348	3.3
Elbert	15,262	14,568	694	4.5	15,353	14,991	362	2.4
Fremont	15,696	14,420	1,276	8.1	14,700	13,972	728	5.0
Garfield	33,396	31,395	2,001	6.0	33,481	32,415	1,066	3.2
Gilpin	3,944	3,626	318	8.1	3,849	3,757	92	2.4
Grand	10,009	9,477	532	5.3	10,373	10,135	238	2.3
Gunnison	11,606	11,058	548	4.7	11,515	11,261	254	2.2
Hinsdale	384	364	20	5.2	387	373	14	3.6
Huerfano	2,735	2,466	269	9.8	2,532	2,352	180	7.1
Jackson	915	876	39	4.3	894	870	24	2.7
Jefferson	338,060	315,644	22,416	6.6	336,534	327,680	8,854	2.6
Kiowa	1,025	988	37	3.6	941	927	14	1.5
Kit Carson	4,438	4,302	136	3.1	4,285	4,206	79	1.8
La Plata	32,067	29,609	2,458	7.7	31,213	30,322	891	2.9
Lake	5,146	4,864	282	5.5	5,275	5,167	108	2.0
Larimer	206,895	193,886	13,009	6.3	204,578	199,252	5,326	2.6
Las Animas	6,644	6,121	523	7.9	6,343	6,097	246	3.9
Lincoln	2,462	2,333	129	5.2	2,350	2,279	71	3.0
Logan	11,301	10,682	619	5.5	10,907	10,613	294	2.7
Mesa	76,281	70,285	5,996	7.9	75,811	72,711	3,100	4.1
Mineral	548	525	23	4.2	570	557	13	2.3
Moffat	7,547	7,090	457	6.1	7,350	7,052	298	4.1
Montezuma	12,703	11,722	981	7.7	12,467	11,788	679	5.4
Montrose	21,995	20,554	1,441	6.6	21,459	20,721	738	3.4
Morgan	16,691	15,732	959	5.7	16,234	15,800	434	2.7
Otero	8,461	7,850	611	7.2	8,120	7,774	346	4.3
Ouray	2,497	2,336	161	6.4	2,366	2,288	78	3.3
Park	11,266	10,687	579	5.1	11,286	10,998	288	2.6
Phillips	2,543	2,457	86	3.4	2,510	2,467	43	1.7
Pitkin	11,422	10,677	745	6.5	11,276	11,001	275	2.4
Prowers	6,362	5,994	368	5.8	6,150	5,987	163	2.7
Pueblo	78,837	71,483	7,354	9.3	77,202	73,981	3,221	4.2
Rio Blanco	3,005	2,799	206	6.9	2,899	2,789	110	3.8
Rio Grande	5,596	5,169	427	7.6	5,294	5,017	277	5.2
Routt	17,367	16,485	882	5.1	17,197	16,837	360	2.1
Saguache	3,467	3,213	254	7.3	3,414	3,248	166	4.9
San Juan	465	439	26	5.6	499	482	17	3.4
San Miguel	5,614	5,273	341	6.1	6,177	6,062	115	1.9
Sedgwick	1,186	1,143	43	3.6	1,161	1,132	29	2.5
Summit	25,286	24,030	1,256	5.0	25,734	25,322	412	1.6
Teller	13,038	12,195	843	6.5	12,871	12,469	402	3.1
Washington	3,069	2,969	100	3.3	2,878	2,816	62	2.2
Weld	169,323	157,221	12,102	7.1	169,082	164,310	4,772	2.8
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# Colorado LMI Data Overview

## January 2021

Employment					
	Jan-21	Dec-20	Jan-20	Change from previous:	
				Period	Year
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment (SA)	2,658,700	2,626,700	2,819,500	32,000	(160,800)
Total Resident Employment (SA)	2,972,258	2,957,291	3,070,164	14,967	(97,906)
	<b>Q3 2020</b>	<b>Q2 2020</b>	<b>Q3 2019</b>		
UI Covered Total Employment	2,590,498	2,465,917	2,761,346	124,581	(170,848)
UI Covered Private Employment	2,179,182	2,047,290	2,337,320	131,892	(158,138)

Unemployment					
	Jan-21	Dec-20	Jan-20	Change from previous:	
				Period	Year
Unemployment (SA)	210,956	219,269	84,380	(8,313)	126,576
Percent Unemployed (SA)	6.6%	6.9%	2.7%	(0.3)	3.9
	<b>Dec-20</b>	<b>Nov-20</b>	<b>Dec-19</b>		
Initial Claims	123,845	54,909	10,316	68,936	113,529
Continued Weeks Claimed	424,290	410,528	96,240	13,762	328,050

Wages and Earnings					
	Q3 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2019	Change from previous:	
				Period	Year
Total Average Weekly Wage	\$1,234	\$1,227	\$1,170	\$7	\$64
Private Average Weekly Wage	\$1,233	\$1,238	\$1,166	(\$5)	\$67
	<b>Jan-21</b>	<b>Dec-20</b>	<b>Jan-20</b>		
Average Weekly Earnings (Construction)	\$1,166.40	\$1,179.07	\$1,150.93	(\$12.67)	\$15.47
Average Weekly Earnings (Manufacturing)	\$1,057.94	\$1,061.76	\$1,075.70	(\$3.82)	(\$17.76)

CO Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund					
	Dec-20	Nov-20	Dec-19	Change from previous:	
				Period	Year
Employer Contributions	\$12,840,179	\$42,069,774	\$2,788,248	(\$29,229,594)	\$10,051,931
Benefits Paid	\$177,026,736	\$145,965,879	\$36,934,495	\$31,060,857	\$140,092,241
Average Weekly Benefit Amount	\$390.38	\$371.86	\$447.90	\$18.52	(\$57.52)
Duration (weeks)	12.84	30.81	12.82	(17.97)	0.02
End of Month Balance	(\$839,300,789)	(\$698,666,954)	\$1,121,026,752	(\$140,633,835)	(\$1,960,327,541)

Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers					
	Jan-21	Nov-20	Jan-20	% Change from previous:	
				Period	Year
Not seasonally adjusted					
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood	272.156	271.837	270.952	0.1%	0.4%
US City Average	261.582	260.229	257.971	0.5%	1.4%

(Most current data available for all categories)