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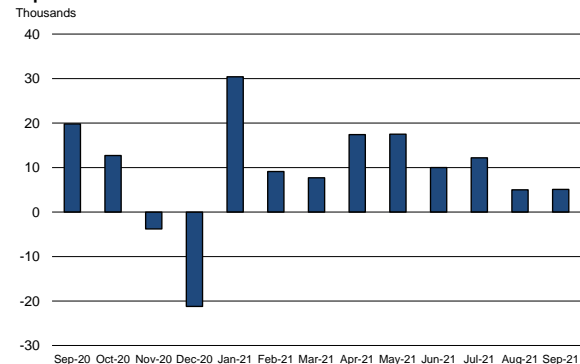Web: http://www.colmigateway.com

Colorado Employment Situation – September 2021

5,100 Nonfarm Payroll Jobs Added in September; Unemployment Rate Declines to 5.6%

Colorado unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted September 2020 - September 2021
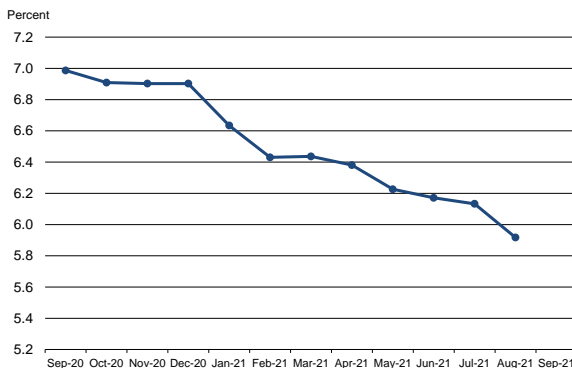
Colorado nonfarm payroll employment over-the-month change, seasonally adjusted, September 2020 - September 2021

Household survey data

According to the survey of households, Colorado's seasonally adjusted **unemployment rate** fell three-tenths of a percentage point in September to 5.6 percent. The national unemployment rate declined by four-tenths of a percentage point to 4.8 percent.

Other highlights from the household survey:

- Colorado's **labor force** decreased by 900 in September to 3,192,300. The share of Coloradans participating in the labor force was 68.2 percent last month. The state continues to experience a faster rate of recovery in the participation rate than the U.S.

- The **number of individuals employed** in Colorado grew by 9,300 in September to 3,013,500, which represents 64.3 percent of the state's 16+ population. Colorado has one of the highest employment-to-population ratios in the nation, ranking 7th in August.

- The **Colorado counties** with the highest unemployment rates in September were: Pueblo (7.0%), Huerfano (6.5%), Las Animas (5.8%), Fremont (5.7%), Adams (5.5%), and Bent (5.5%). County-level unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted and are directly comparable to Colorado's September unadjusted rate of 4.6 percent.

Establishment survey data

Employers in Colorado added 5,100 **nonfarm payroll jobs** from August to September for a total of 2,741,100 jobs, according to the survey of business establishments. Private sector payroll jobs increased 8,400 and government shed 3,300 jobs. Over the past 17 months, Colorado has gained back 297,900 of the 375,800 nonfarm payroll jobs lost between February and April of last year. That translates to a **job recovery rate** of 79.3 percent, which exceeds the U.S. rate of 77.8 percent.

Other highlights from the establishment survey:

- **August estimates** were revised down to 2,736,000, and the over the month change from July to August was a gain of 5,000 rather than the originally estimated increase of 5,600 (monthly revisions are based on additional responses from businesses and government agencies since the last published estimates).

- **Private industry sectors with significant job gains** in September were: leisure and hospitality (~3,800), trade, transportation, and utilities (~2,400), other services (~1,100), and professional and business services (~1,100). Significant over the month private sector **job loss** occurred in education and health services (~1,600).

- **Since September 2020**, nonfarm payroll jobs have increased 102,100, with the private sector growing by 92,700 jobs and government adding an additional 9,400 jobs. The largest **private sector job gains** were in leisure and hospitality (~41,800), professional and business services (~23,500), and trade, transportation, and utilities (~17,400). During that same period, manufacturing (~800) and construction (~600) **payroll jobs declined**. Colorado's **rate of job growth** over the past year is 3.9 percent, compared to the U.S. rate of 4.0 percent.

- Over the year, the **average workweek** for all Colorado employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased from 32.9 to 33.5 hours, while **average hourly earnings** increased from $31.02 to $32.46, a dollar and sixty-one cents more than the national average hourly earnings of $30.85.

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 **October 2021 Colorado Employment Situation** will be released at 8:00 AM on Friday, November 19, 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

This release provides information on industry employment and labor force statistics for September 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 12th of the month. Therefore, this release provides an estimate of Colorado's employment situation as vaccination rates among the adult population continued to increase and pandemic-related restrictions were relaxed for businesses across the state. Additionally, the September reference week overlaps a period in which COVID-19 case rates for Colorado and the nation remained elevated due to the Delta variant. For information on Colorado unemployment insurance claims activity and related statistics, visit 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.

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

SEPTEMBER 2021

EMPLOYMENT SITUATION SUPPLEMENTAL CHARTS

OCTOBER 22, 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 12th of the month. The reference week for September was specifically September 12th – September 18th.

Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

U.S. and Colorado Unemployment Rates
Declined Further in September

Percent

Historically high rate,
prior record 9.4% in 2010*

Decrease in September unemployment rate due to a gain in total employment (+9.3k), coupled with a small decline in the labor force (-0.9k). Number of unemployed Coloradans dropped by 10,200, to 178,800. The state's unemployment rate has fallen by five-tenths of a percentage point over the past two months.

Historically low rates

Month	Colorado	U.S.
Jan-20	2.7	3.5
Feb-20	2.8	3.5
Mar-20	4.7	4.4
Apr-20	12.1	14.8
May-20	11.6	13.3
Jun-20	11.3	11.1
Jul-20	7.4	10.2
Aug-20	7.1	8.4
Sep-20	7.0	7.8
Oct-20	6.9	6.9
Nov-20	6.9	6.7
Dec-20	6.9	6.7
Jan-21	6.6	6.3
Feb-21	6.4	6.2
Mar-21	6.4	6.0
Apr-21	6.4	6.1
May-21	6.2	5.8
Jun-21	6.2	5.9
Jul-21	6.1	5.4
Aug-21	5.9	5.2
Sep-21	5.6	4.8

■ Colorado ■ U.S.

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

Colorado's Labor Force Participation Rate Remains Slightly Below Pre-Pandemic Rate of 68.7 Percent
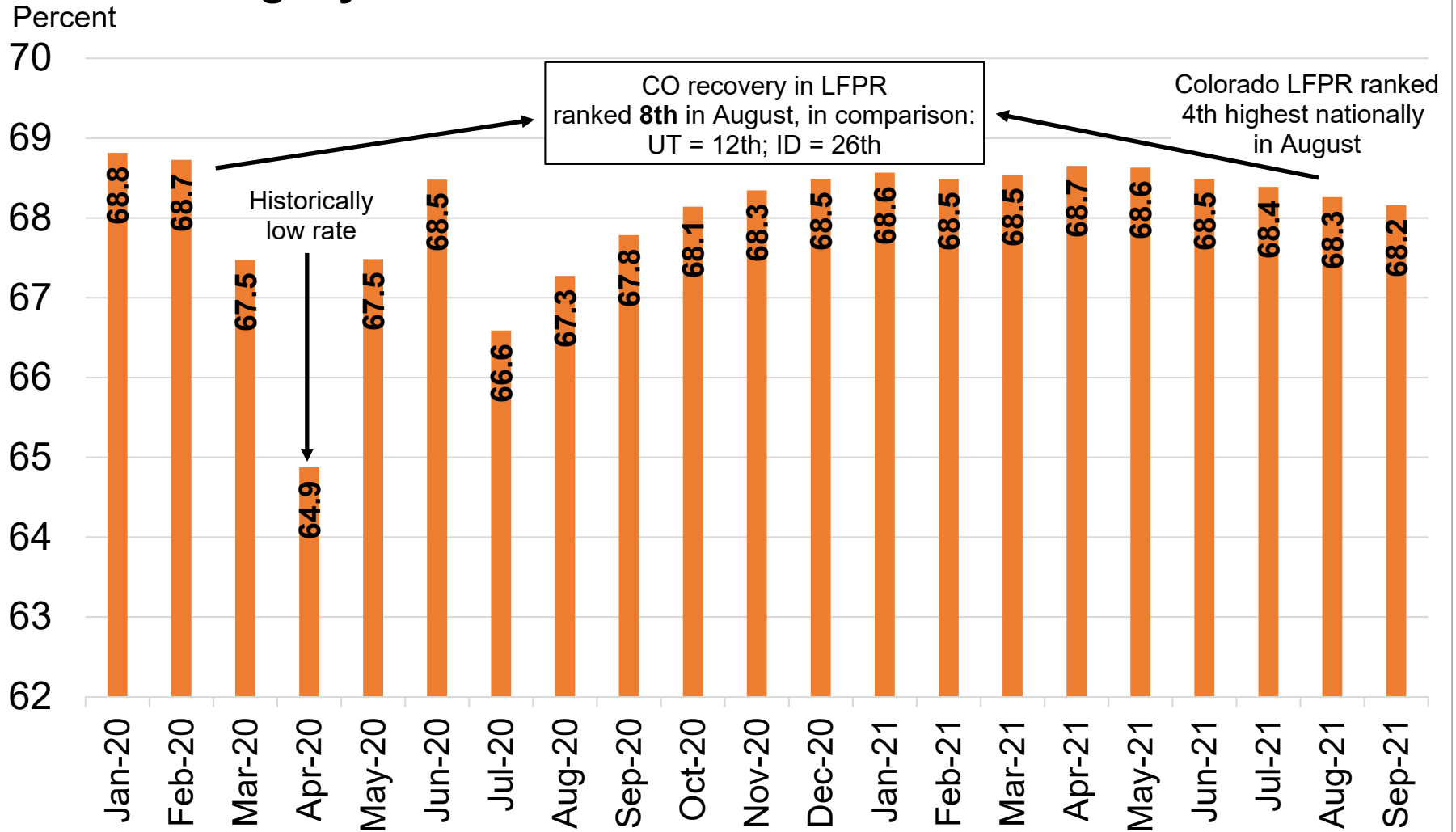
Percent

CO recovery in LFPR ranked **8th** in August, in comparison: UT = 12th; ID = 26th

Colorado LFPR ranked 4th highest nationally in August

Historically low rate

Month	Rate
Jan-20	68.8
Feb-20	68.7
Mar-20	67.5
Apr-20	64.9
May-20	67.5
Jun-20	68.5
Jul-20	66.6
Aug-20	67.3
Sep-20	67.8
Oct-20	68.1
Nov-20	68.3
Dec-20	68.5
Jan-21	68.6
Feb-21	68.5
Mar-21	68.5
Apr-21	68.7
May-21	68.6
Jun-21	68.5
Jul-21	68.4
Aug-21	68.3
Sep-21	68.2

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

Colorado's Employment-to-Population Ratio Essentially Flat Over Past Six Months
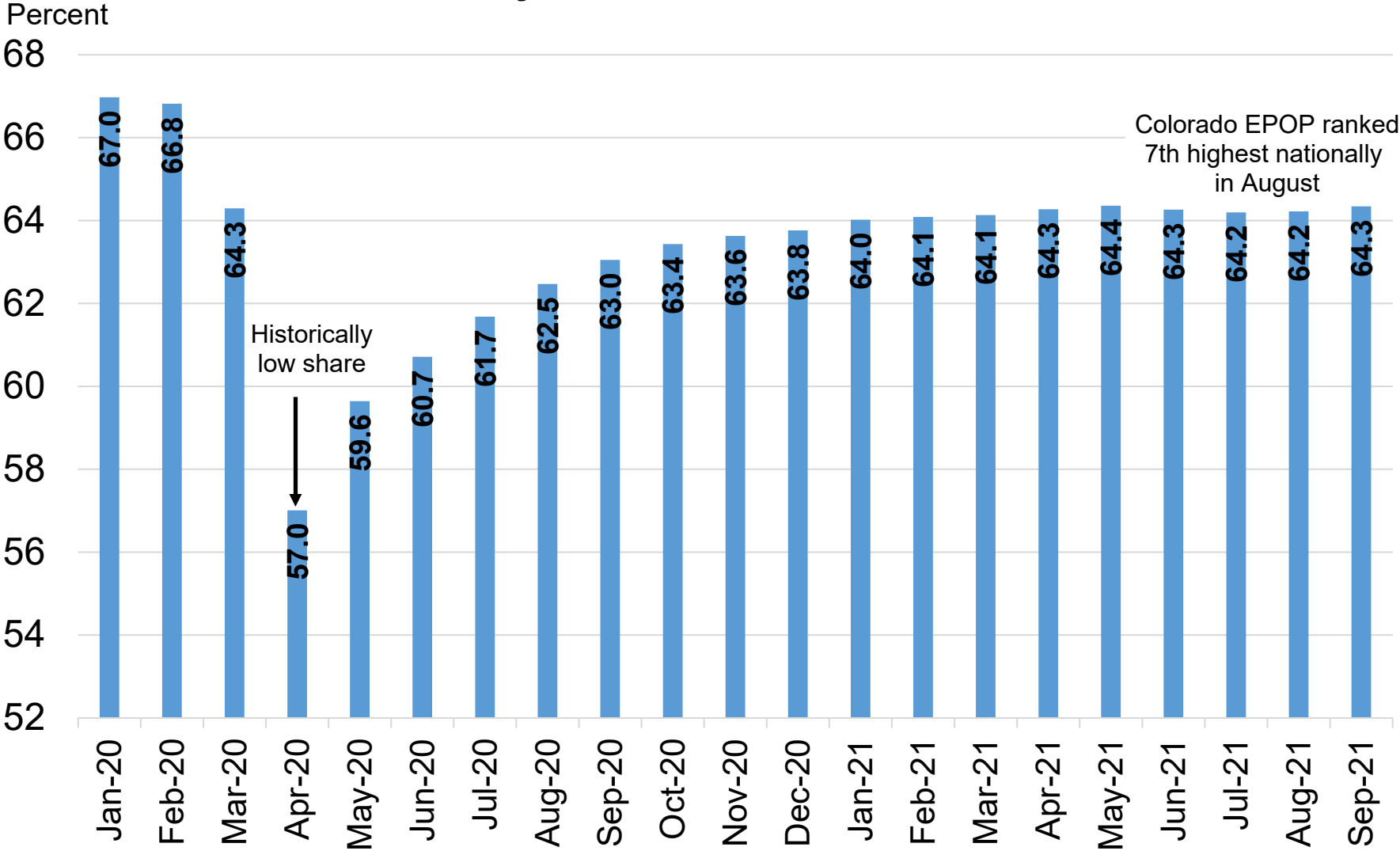
Percent

Colorado EPOP ranked 7th highest nationally in August

Historically low share

Month	Value
Jan-20	67.0
Feb-20	66.8
Mar-20	64.3
Apr-20	57.0
May-20	59.6
Jun-20	60.7
Jul-20	61.7
Aug-20	62.5
Sep-20	63.0
Oct-20	63.4
Nov-20	63.6
Dec-20	63.8
Jan-21	64.0
Feb-21	64.1
Mar-21	64.1
Apr-21	64.3
May-21	64.4
Jun-21	64.3
Jul-21	64.2
Aug-21	64.2
Sep-21	64.3

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 Added 5,100 Total Nonfarm Jobs Last Month; Lower Pace of Job Gains Mirrors U.S. for September

114,400 total nonfarm jobs added in 2021

9,400
-500
-12,300
-363,500
76,600
45,700
27,600
26,100
19,800
12,700
-3,800
-21,200
30,400
9,100
7,700
17,400
17,500
10,000
12,200
5,000
5,100

Loss of 375,800 total nonfarm payroll jobs in March and April

Gain of 297,900 **total nonfarm** payroll jobs since April 2020.
That represents a **job recovery rate** of over 79%.
Comparable rate for the U.S.during that period approximately 78%.

Jan-20 Feb-20 Mar-20 Apr-20 May-20 Jun-20 Jul-20 Aug-20 Sep-20 Oct-20 Nov-20 Dec-20 Jan-21 Feb-21 Mar-21 Apr-21 May-21 Jun-21 Jul-21 Aug-21 Sep-21

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

8,400 Private Sector Jobs Added in September; August Numbers Revised Up 800

104,000 private jobs added in 2021

90,100
50,400
25,800
22,200
21,000
13,500
6,300
-300
-13,000
-1,800
-23,000
-349,200
26,500
10,900
6,400
15,400
16,500
7,900
6,200
5,800
8,400

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

Gain of 302,200 **private** payroll jobs since April 2020.
That represents a **job recovery rate** of about 83%.
Comparable rate for the U.S. during that period of time around 81%.

Jan-20 Feb-20 Mar-20 Apr-20 May-20 Jun-20 Jul-20 Aug-20 Sep-20 Oct-20 Nov-20 Dec-20 Jan-21 Feb-21 Mar-21 Apr-21 May-21 Jun-21 Jul-21 Aug-21 Sep-21
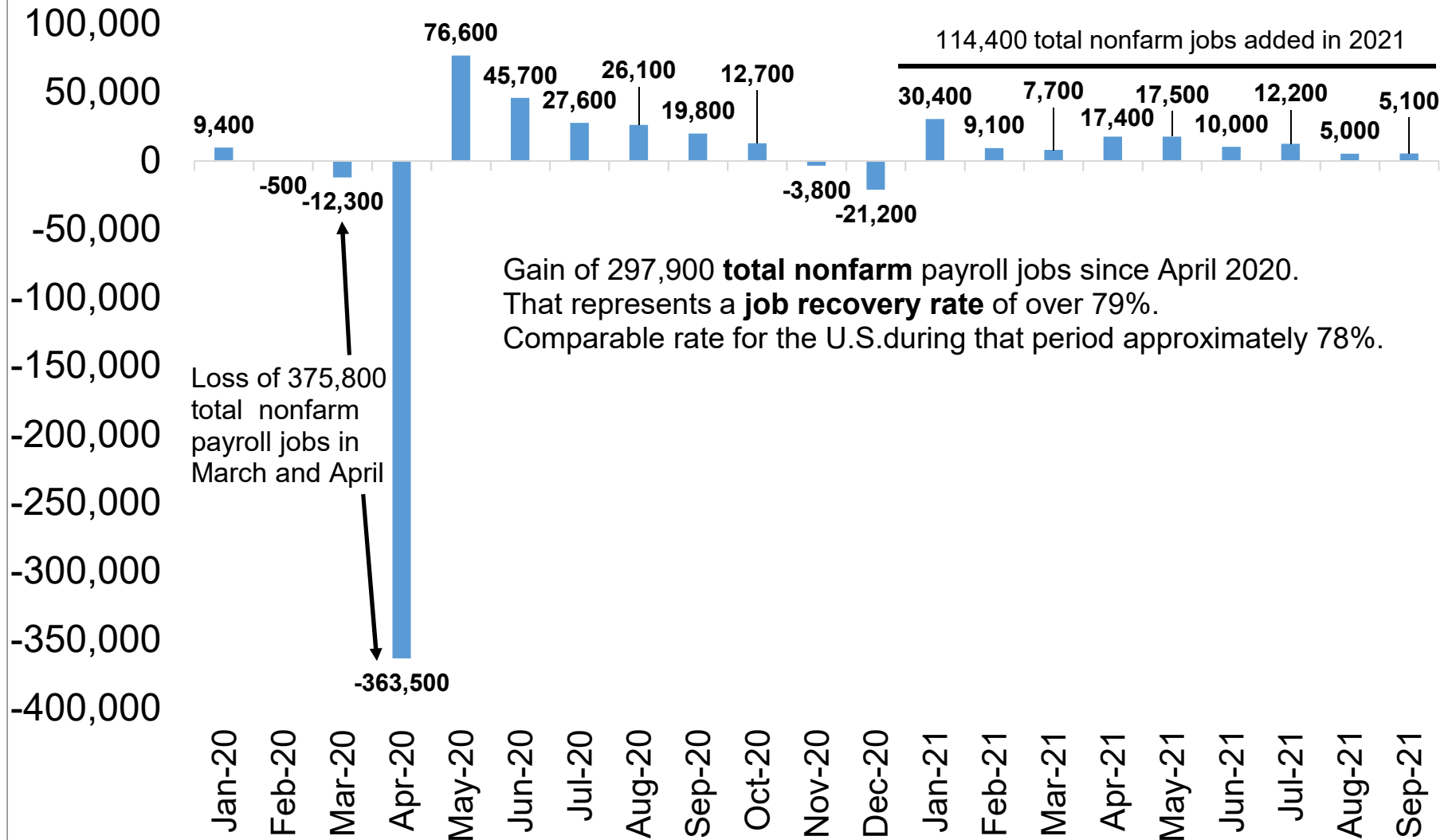
Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment; Bureau of Labor Statistics
Data seasonally adjusted

The National and Colorado Rates of Job Recovery Continue to Improve Throughout the Summer

Change in Payroll Jobs as a Share of Jobs Lost in March and April 2020

Legend:
- CO Private Sector — 83.4%
- CO Total Nonfarm — 79.3%
- US Private Sector — 80.7%
- US Total Nonfarm — 77.8%

Job Recovery Rates Through September

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

Colorado Total Nonfarm Employment and the Gap Between Different Measures of Recovery Baselines
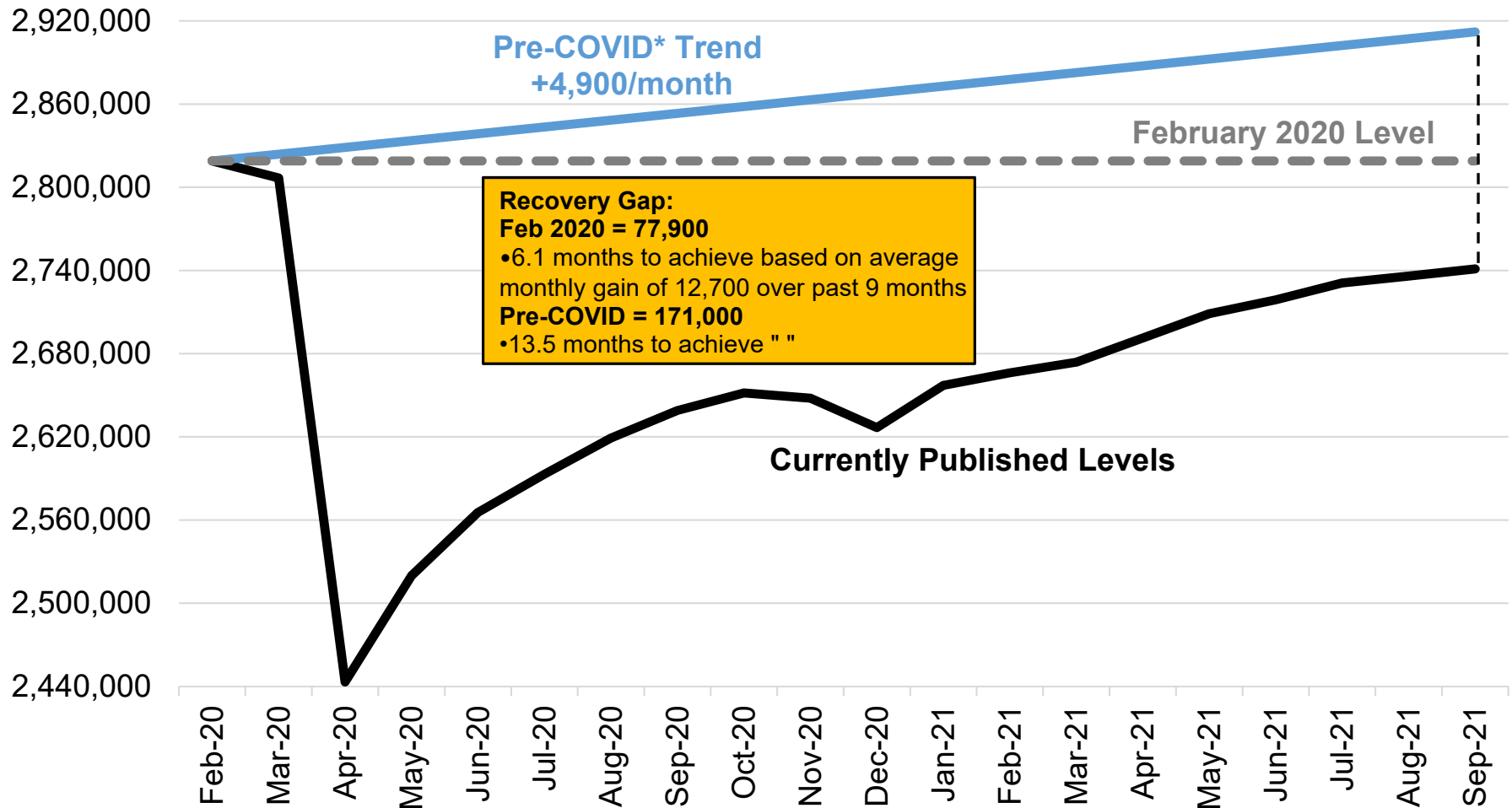
Pre-COVID* Trend +4,900/month

February 2020 Level

Recovery Gap:
Feb 2020 = 77,900
•6.1 months to achieve based on average monthly gain of 12,700 over past 9 months
Pre-COVID = 171,000
•13.5 months to achieve " "

Currently Published Levels

Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment; Bureau of Labor Statistics
Data seasonally adjusted
*Note: the blue line represents the trendline in the level of total nonfarm employment if the 2019 average monthly gain of 4,900 payroll jobs had held constant. This can be used as a baseline if no pandemic-related recession had occurred and job growth had continued at an uninterrupted pace.

Several Industries Had Notable Gains in September, Gov. Losses Due to Seasonal Distortions in Education

3,800 Leisure & Hospitality

2,400 Trade, Transportation & Utilities

1,100 Other Services

1,100 Professional & Business Services

Information

Financial Activities

Construction

Mining & Logging

Manufacturing

-1,600 Private Education & Health Services

-3,300 Government

The majority of the seasonally-adjusted losses in government came from the local government education component of that sector. Per the BLS, "most back-to-school hiring typically occurs in September. Hiring this September was lower than usual, resulting in a decline after seasonal adjustment. Recent employment changes are challenging to interpret, as pandemic-related staffing fluctuations in public and private education have distorted the normal seasonal hiring and layoff patterns."

Over the month change in payroll jobs of **+/- 1,000** identified as a data label in this chart

Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment; Bureau of Labor Statistics
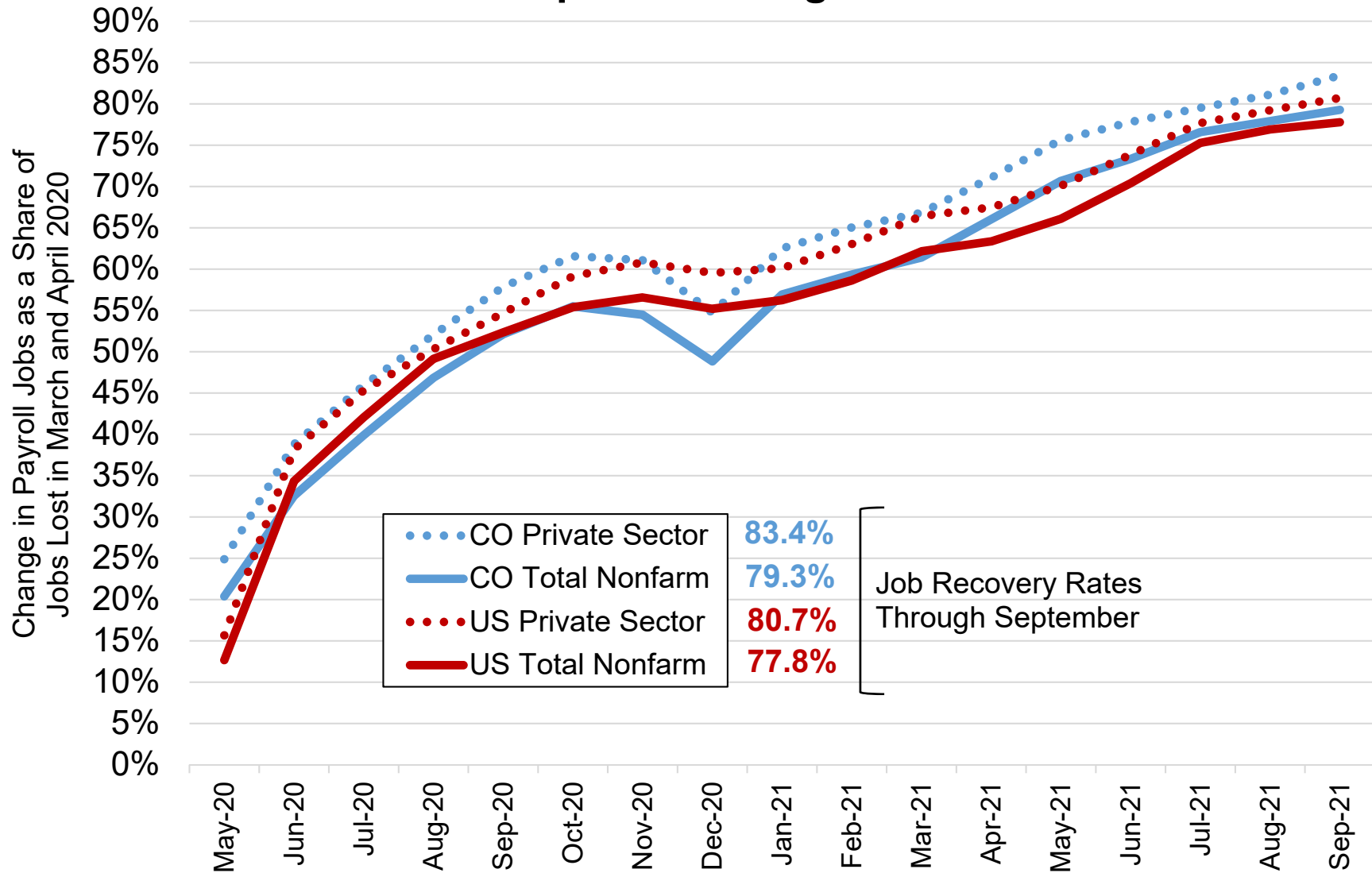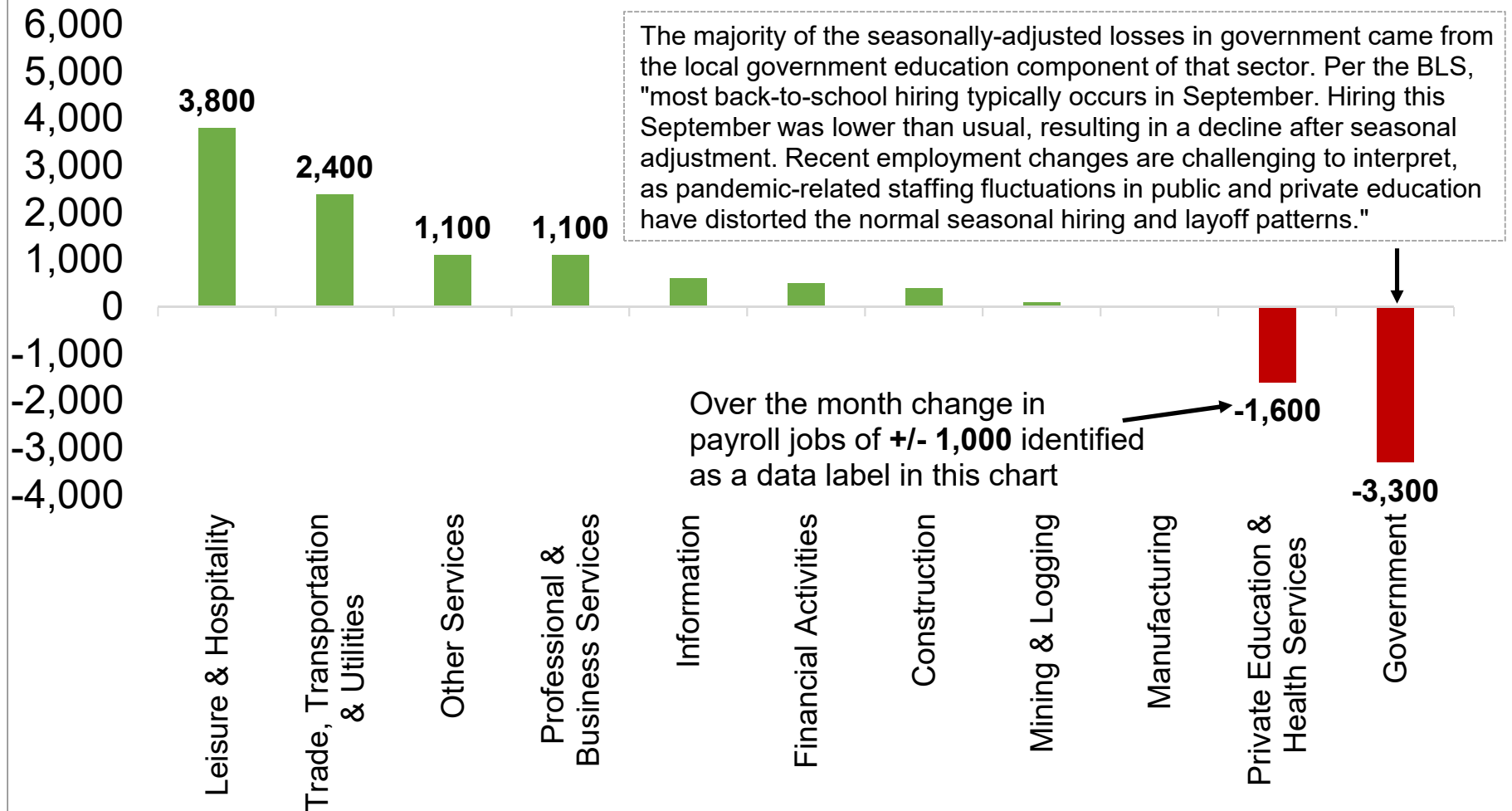Data seasonally adjusted
Note: BLS description on seasonal impacts to education estimates can be viewed on page 4 of their September employment situation press release: https://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empsit.pdf.

Change in Payroll Jobs First Nine Months of 2021, by Industry Sector

Industry Sector	Change
Accommodation and Food Services	59,000
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	14,700
Professional, Scientific, and Technical	13,100
Government	10,400
Other Services	5,300
Transportation Warehousing and Utilities	3,600
Wholesale Trade	3,400
Private Educational Services	2,200
Real Estate, Rental and Leasing	1,900
Information	1,600
Mining and Logging	1,400
Private Health Care and Social Assistance	1,200
Management of Companies and Enterprises	1,000
Administrative and Support and Waste Mgmt	900
Manufacturing	200
Retail Trade	-1,000
Construction	-1,900
Finance and Insurance	-2,600

52% of total gain during period in this sector

Total Nonfarm: +114,400

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

Change in Payroll Jobs First Nine Months of 2021, by Colorado Substate Area
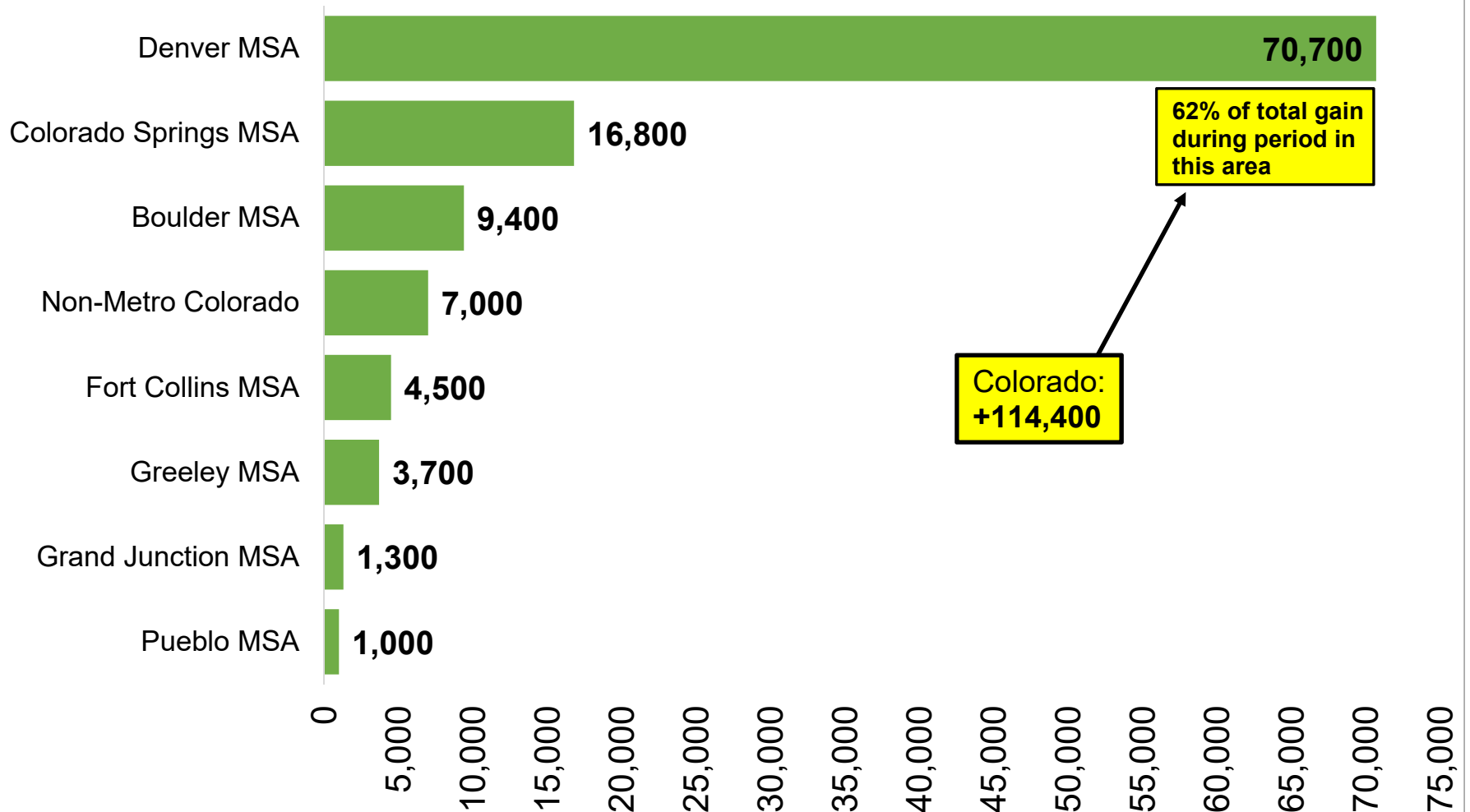
Substate Area	Change
Denver MSA	70,700
Colorado Springs MSA	16,800
Boulder MSA	9,400
Non-Metro Colorado	7,000
Fort Collins MSA	4,500
Greeley MSA	3,700
Grand Junction MSA	1,300
Pueblo MSA	1,000

62% of total gain during period in this area

Colorado: +114,400

Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment; Bureau of Labor Statistics
Data seasonally adjusted
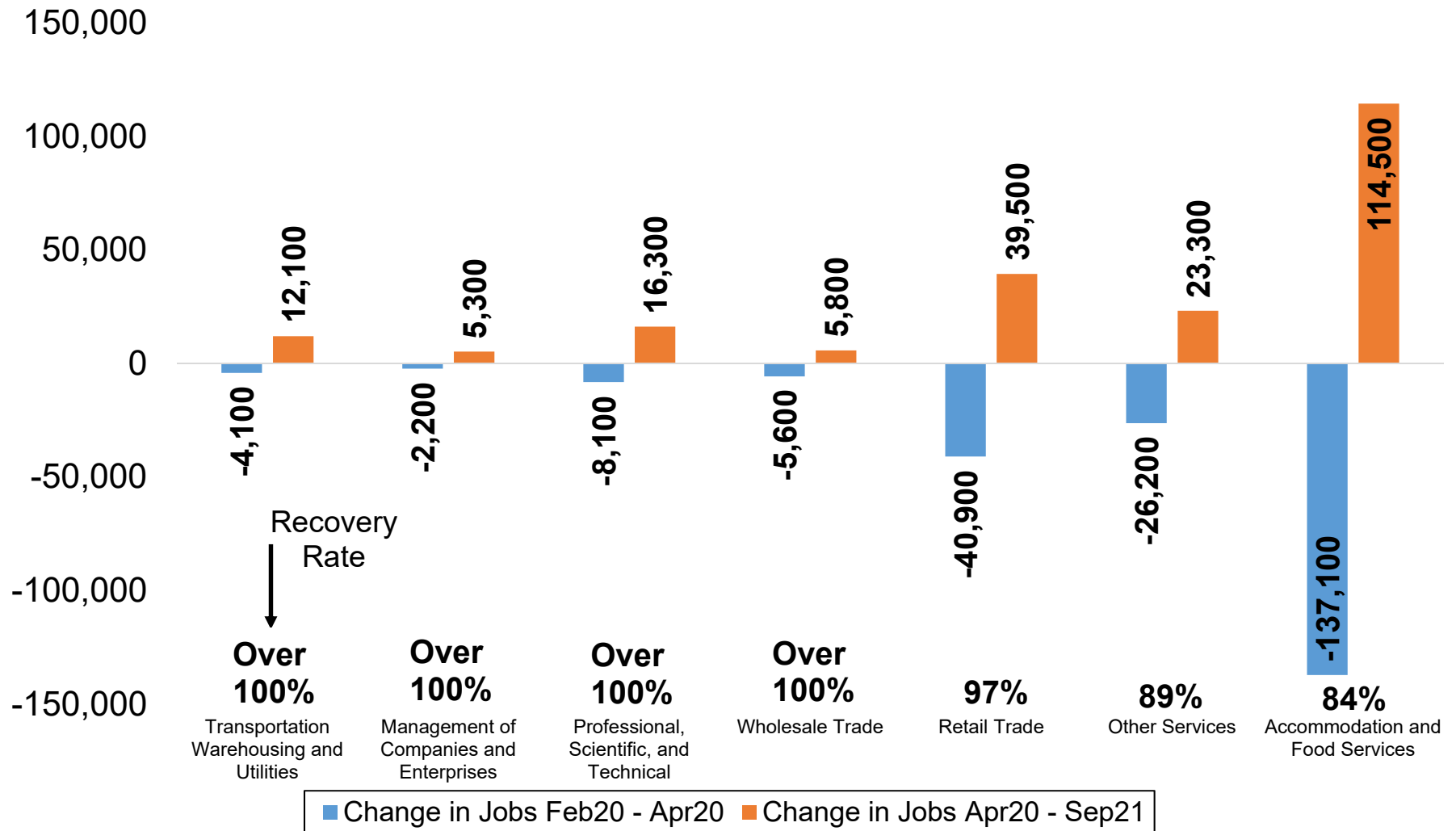Note: MSA = Metropolitan Statistical Area; Non-Metro Colorado = residual of state that is not an MSA (47 counties)

Colorado Industry Sectors with the
Fastest Payroll Job Recovery Rates

Recovery
Rate

Over 100%	**Over 100%**	**Over 100%**	**Over 100%**	**97%**	**89%**	**84%**
Transportation Warehousing and Utilities	Management of Companies and Enterprises	Professional, Scientific, and Technical	Wholesale Trade	Retail Trade	Other Services	Accommodation and Food Services

Data values (blue = Feb20–Apr20, orange = Apr20–Sep21):
- Transportation Warehousing and Utilities: -4,100 / 12,100
- Management of Companies and Enterprises: -2,200 / 5,300
- Professional, Scientific, and Technical: -8,100 / 16,300
- Wholesale Trade: -5,600 / 5,800
- Retail Trade: -40,900 / 39,500
- Other Services: -26,200 / 23,300
- Accommodation and Food Services: -137,100 / 114,500

■ Change in Jobs Feb20 - Apr20   ■ Change in Jobs Apr20 - Sep21

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

Colorado Industry Sectors with Payroll Job Recovery Rates Between 47 and 83 Percent
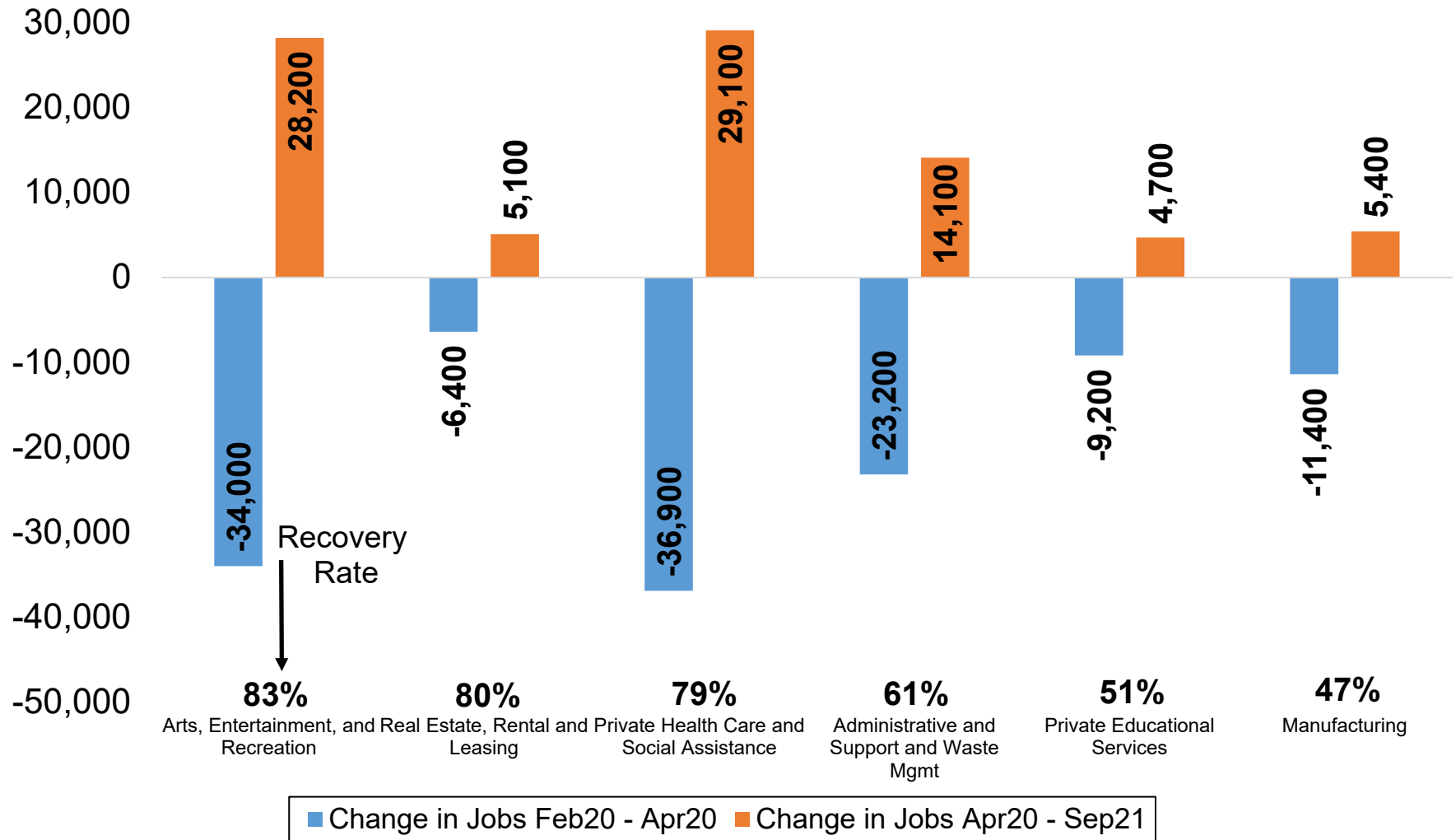
Recovery Rate

	83%	80%	79%	61%	51%	47%
	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	Real Estate, Rental and Leasing	Private Health Care and Social Assistance	Administrative and Support and Waste Mgmt	Private Educational Services	Manufacturing

Change in Jobs Feb20 - Apr20: -34,000, -6,400, -36,900, -23,200, -9,200, -11,400
Change in Jobs Apr20 - Sep21: 28,200, 5,100, 29,100, 14,100, 4,700, 5,400

■ Change in Jobs Feb20 - Apr20   ■ Change in Jobs Apr20 - Sep21

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

Movie theaters included within information sector

Recovery Rate

These industries have job recovery rates much slower than other industries

These industries have continued job loss since April 2020

27%	0%	
Construction	Information	Finance and Insurance Mining and Logging Government

Legend: ■ Change in Jobs Feb20 - Apr20   ■ Change in Jobs Apr20 - Sep21

Values shown: Construction -11,000 / 3,000; Information -3,300 / 0; Finance and Insurance -300 / -900; Mining and Logging -2,300 / -3,300; Government -13,600 / -4,300

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

Total Nonfarm Job Recovery Rates by Colorado Substate Area
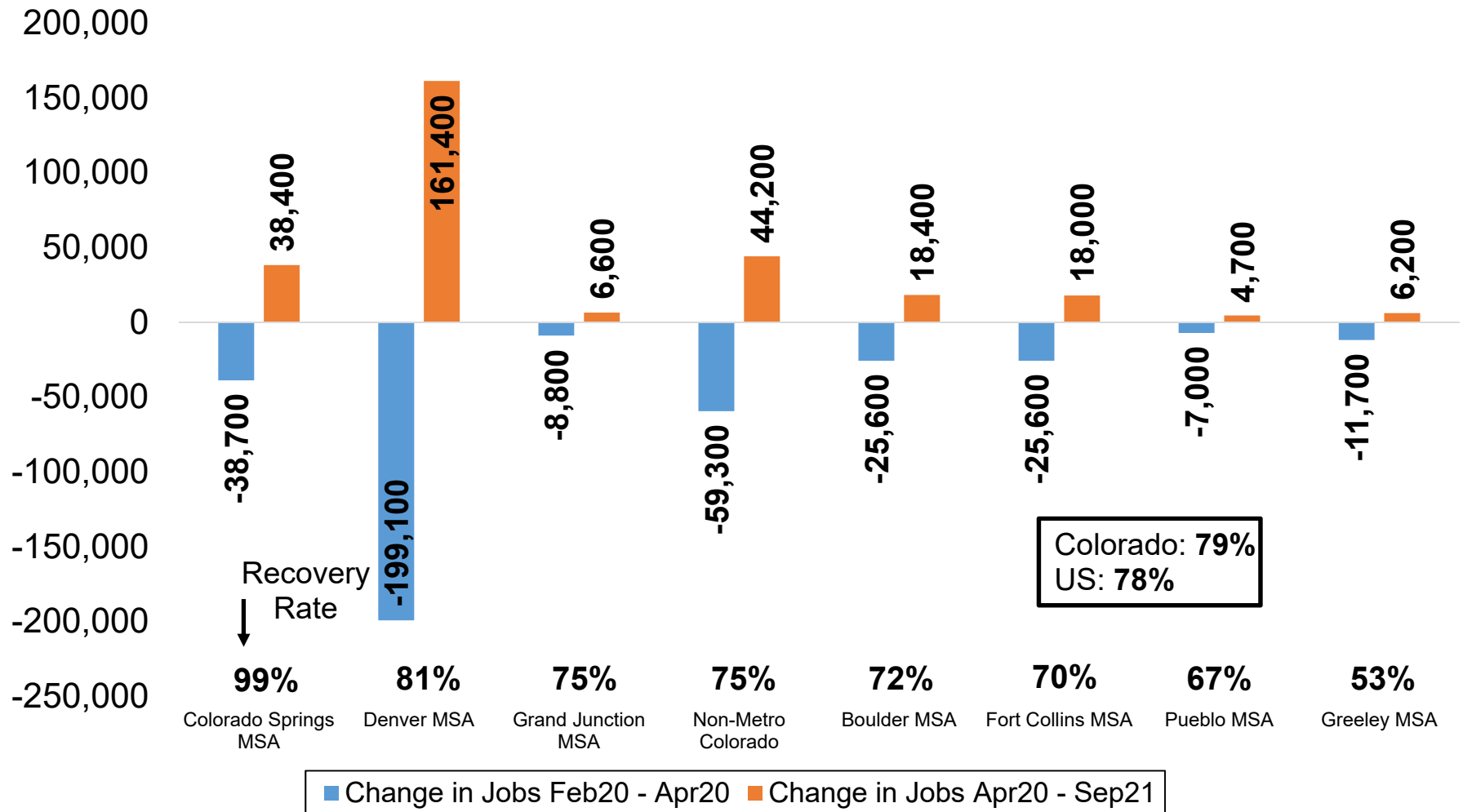
	Colorado Springs MSA	Denver MSA	Grand Junction MSA	Non-Metro Colorado	Boulder MSA	Fort Collins MSA	Pueblo MSA	Greeley MSA
Change in Jobs Feb20 - Apr20	-38,700	-199,100	-8,800	-59,300	-25,600	-25,600	-7,000	-11,700
Change in Jobs Apr20 - Sep21	38,400	161,400	6,600	44,200	18,400	18,000	4,700	6,200
Recovery Rate	99%	81%	75%	75%	72%	70%	67%	53%

Colorado: **79%**
US: **78%**

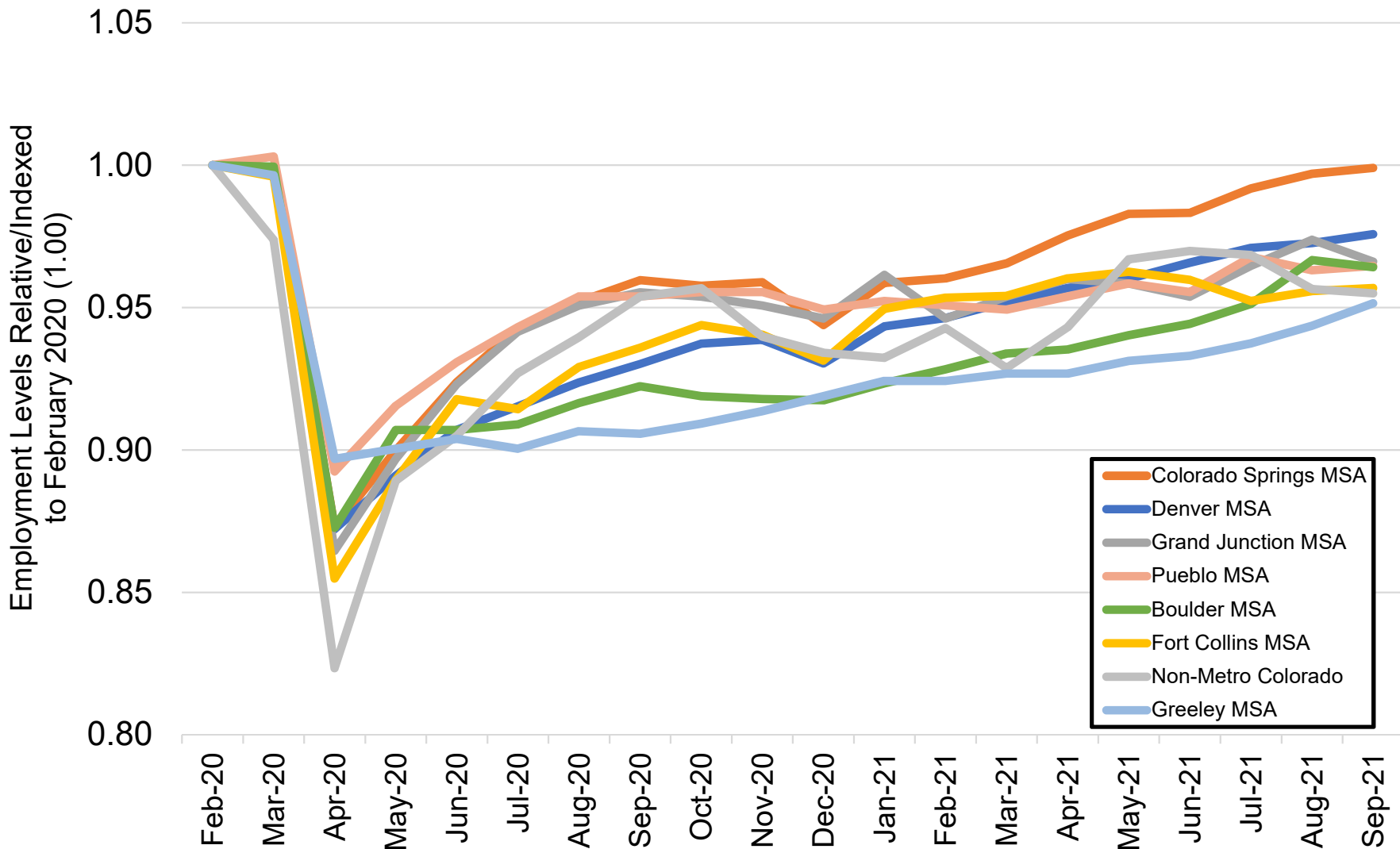■ Change in Jobs Feb20 - Apr20   ■ Change in Jobs Apr20 - Sep21

Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment; Bureau of Labor Statistics
Data seasonally adjusted
Note: MSA = Metropolitan Statistical Area; Non-Metro Colorado = residual of state that is not an MSA (47 total counties)
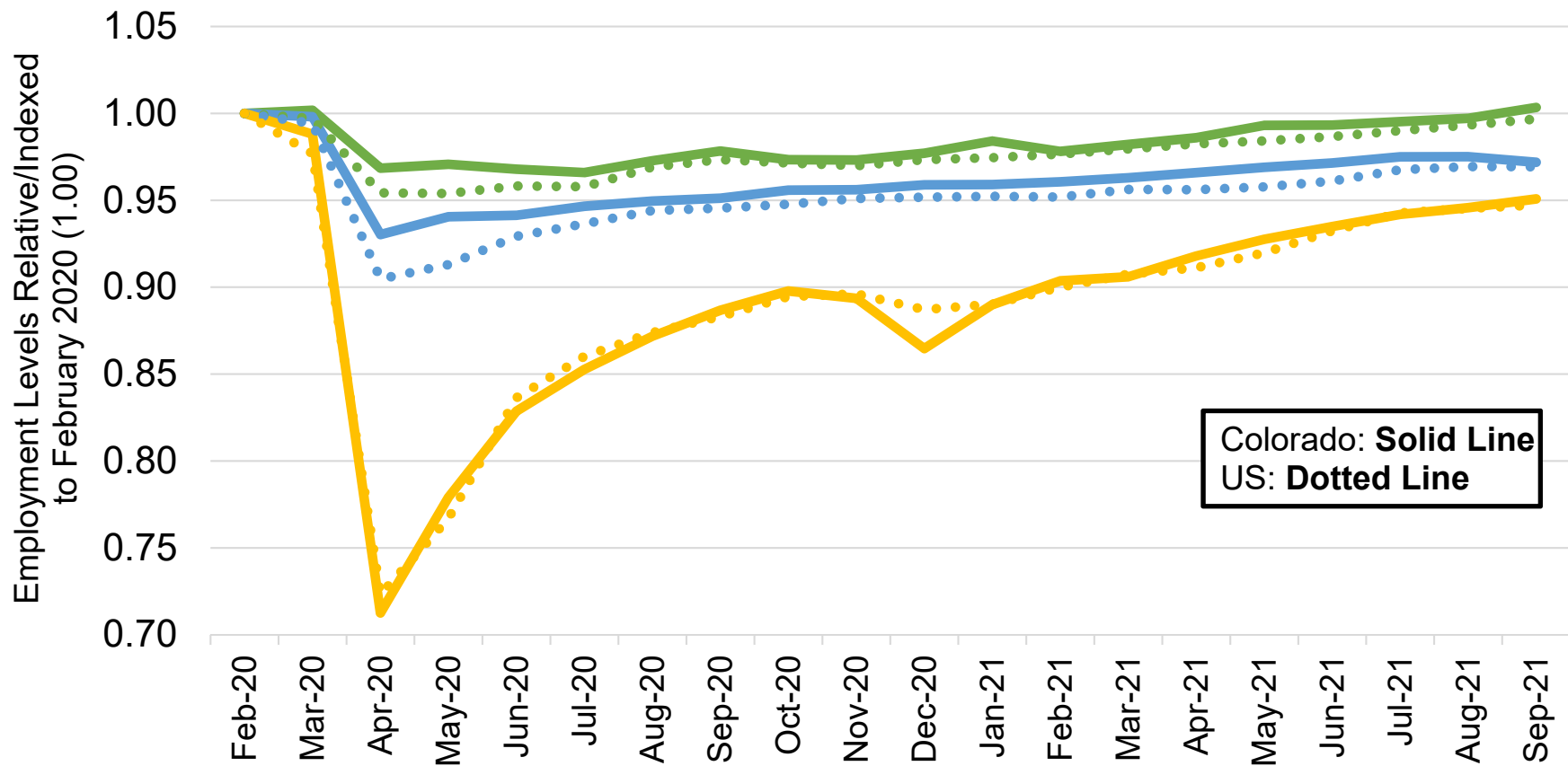
Colorado Job Loss & Recovery by Colorado Substate Area

Legend:
- Colorado Springs MSA
- Denver MSA
- Grand Junction MSA
- Pueblo MSA
- Boulder MSA
- Fort Collins MSA
- Non-Metro Colorado
- Greeley MSA

Y-axis: Employment Levels Relative/Indexed to February 2020 (1.00)

Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment; Bureau of Labor Statistics
Data seasonally adjusted. Note: MSA = Metropolitan Statistical Area; Non-Metro Colorado = residual of state that is not an MSA (47 counties).

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

Colorado: **Solid Line**
US: **Dotted Line**

y-axis: Employment Levels Relative/Indexed to February 2020 (1.00)

y-axis values: 0.70, 0.75, 0.80, 0.85, 0.90, 0.95, 1.00, 1.05

x-axis: Feb-20, Mar-20, Apr-20, May-20, Jun-20, Jul-20, Aug-20, Sep-20, Oct-20, Nov-20, Dec-20, Jan-21, Feb-21, Mar-21, Apr-21, May-21, Jun-21, Jul-21, Aug-21, Sep-21
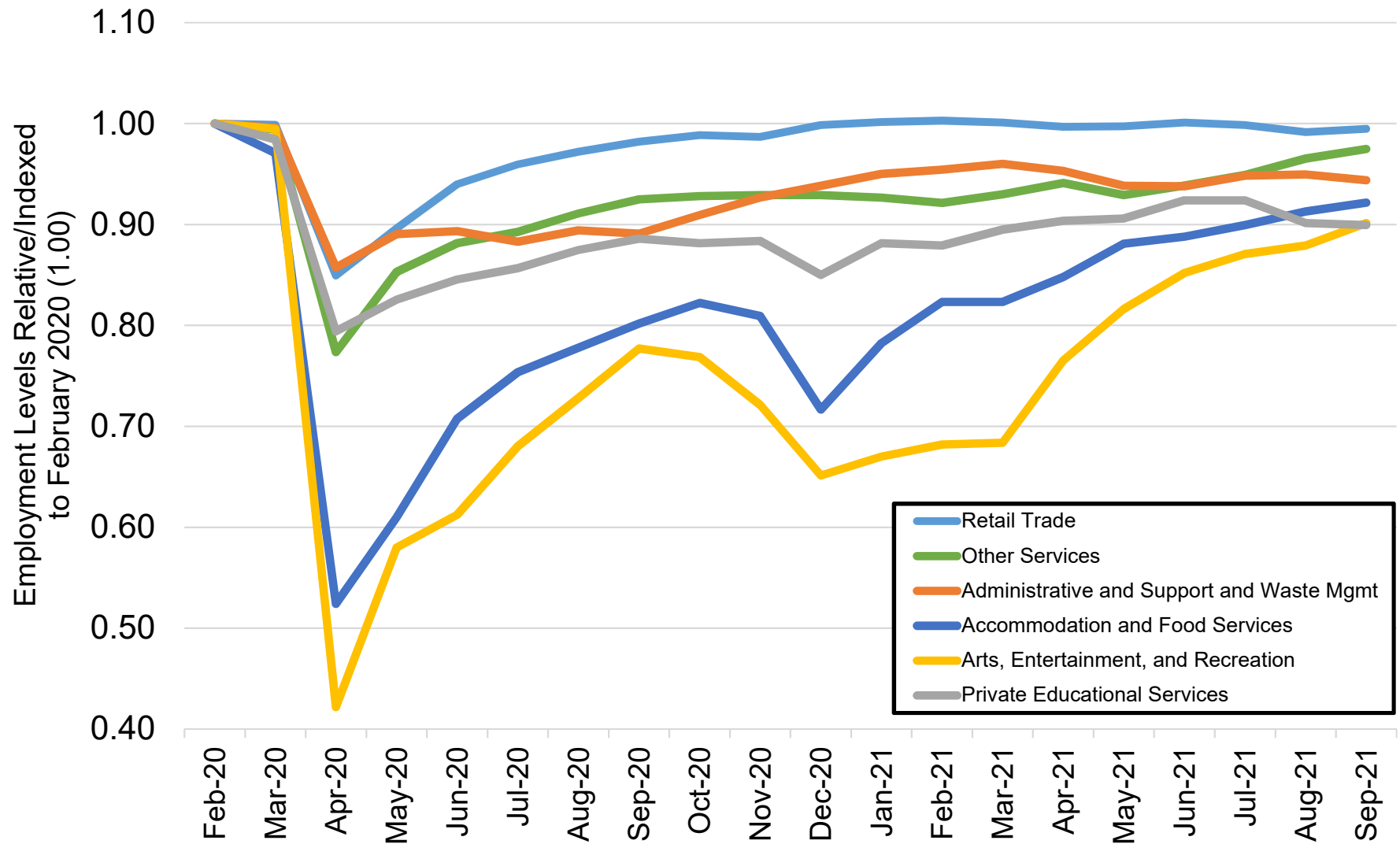
Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment; Bureau of Labor Statistics
Data seasonally adjusted. Note: low, medium, and high wage industries are determined by the 2019 state-level average weekly wage estimates from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages. Low wage industries include: retail 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 assistanc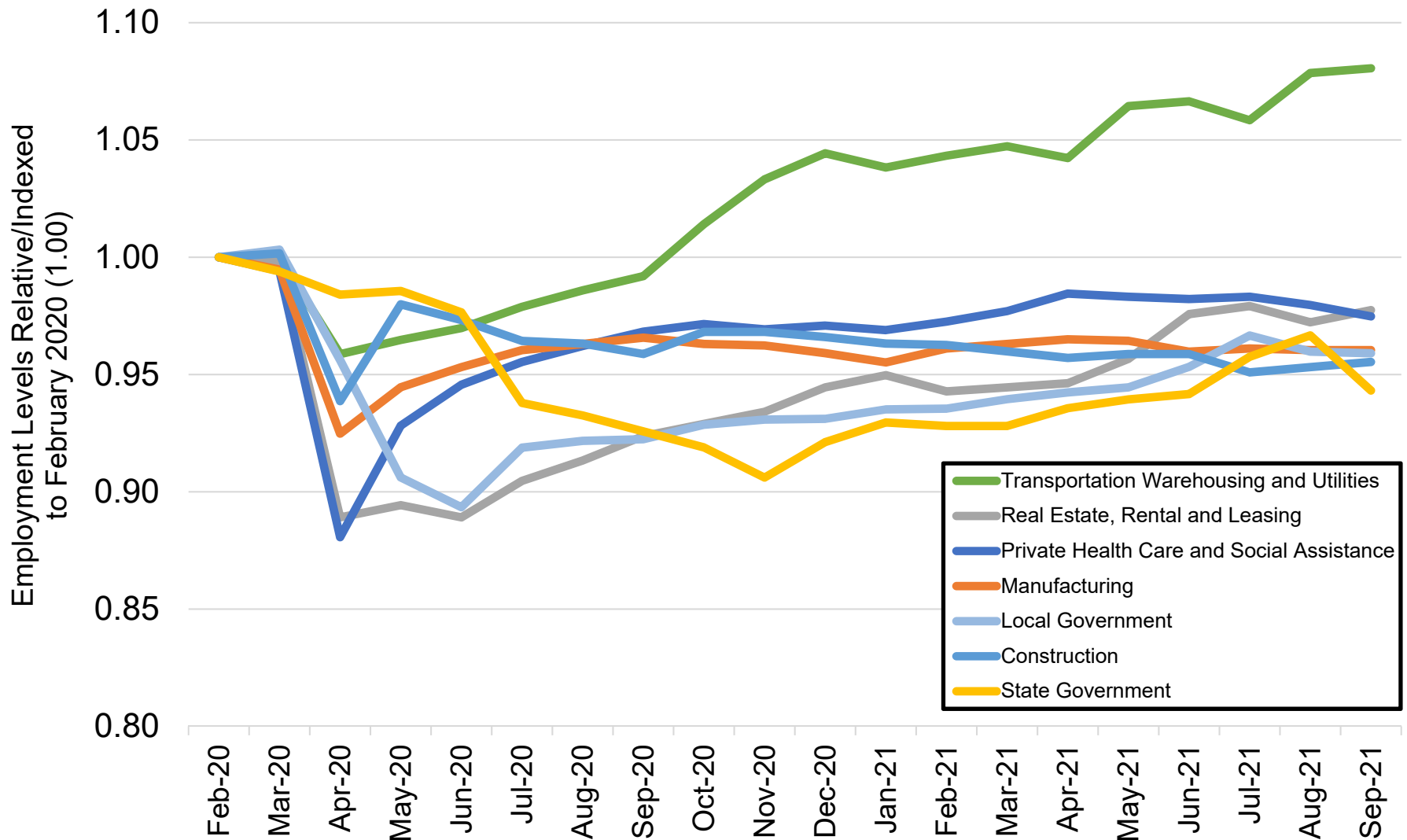e; state government; and local government. High wage industries include: mining and logging; wholesale trade; finance and insurance; professional and technical services; management of companies; and federal government.

Colorado Job Loss & Recovery by Low Wage Industries

Legend:
- Retail Trade
- Other Services
- Administrative and Support and Waste Mgmt
- Accommodation and Food Services
- Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation
- Private Educational Services

Y-axis: Employment Levels Relative/Indexed to February 2020 (1.00)

X-axis: Feb-20, Mar-20, Apr-20, May-20, Jun-20, Jul-20, Aug-20, Sep-20, Oct-20, Nov-20, Dec-20, Jan-21, Feb-21, Mar-21, Apr-21, May-21, Jun-21, Jul-21, Aug-21, Sep-21
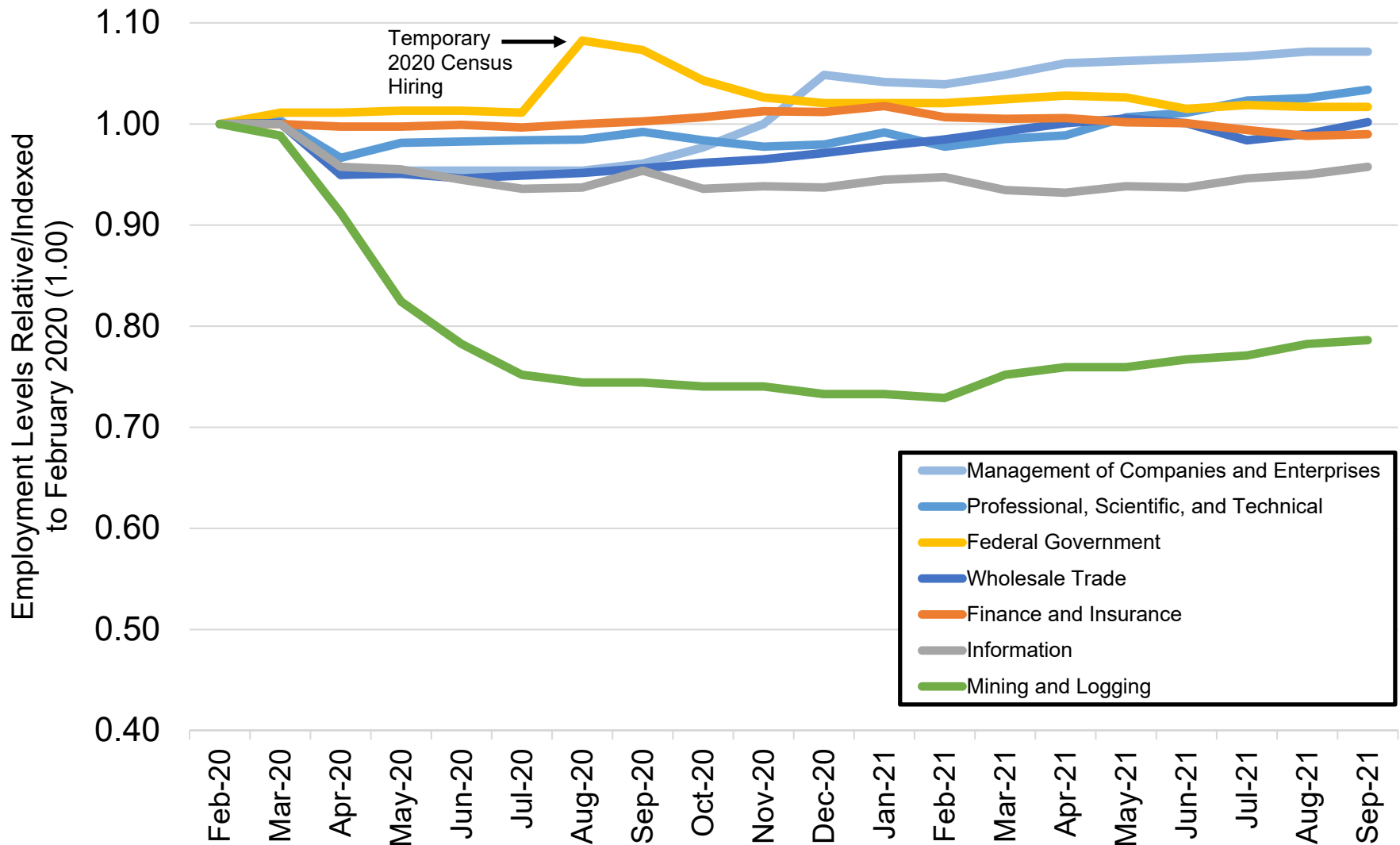
Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment; Bureau of Labor Statistics
Data seasonally adjusted. Note: low wage industries are determined by the 2019 state-level average weekly wage estimates from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

Colorado Job Loss & Recovery by Medium Wage Industries

Y-axis: Employment Levels Relative/Indexed to February 2020 (1.00)

Legend:
- Transportation Warehousing and Utilities
- Real Estate, Rental and Leasing
- Private Health Care and Social Assistance
- Manufacturing
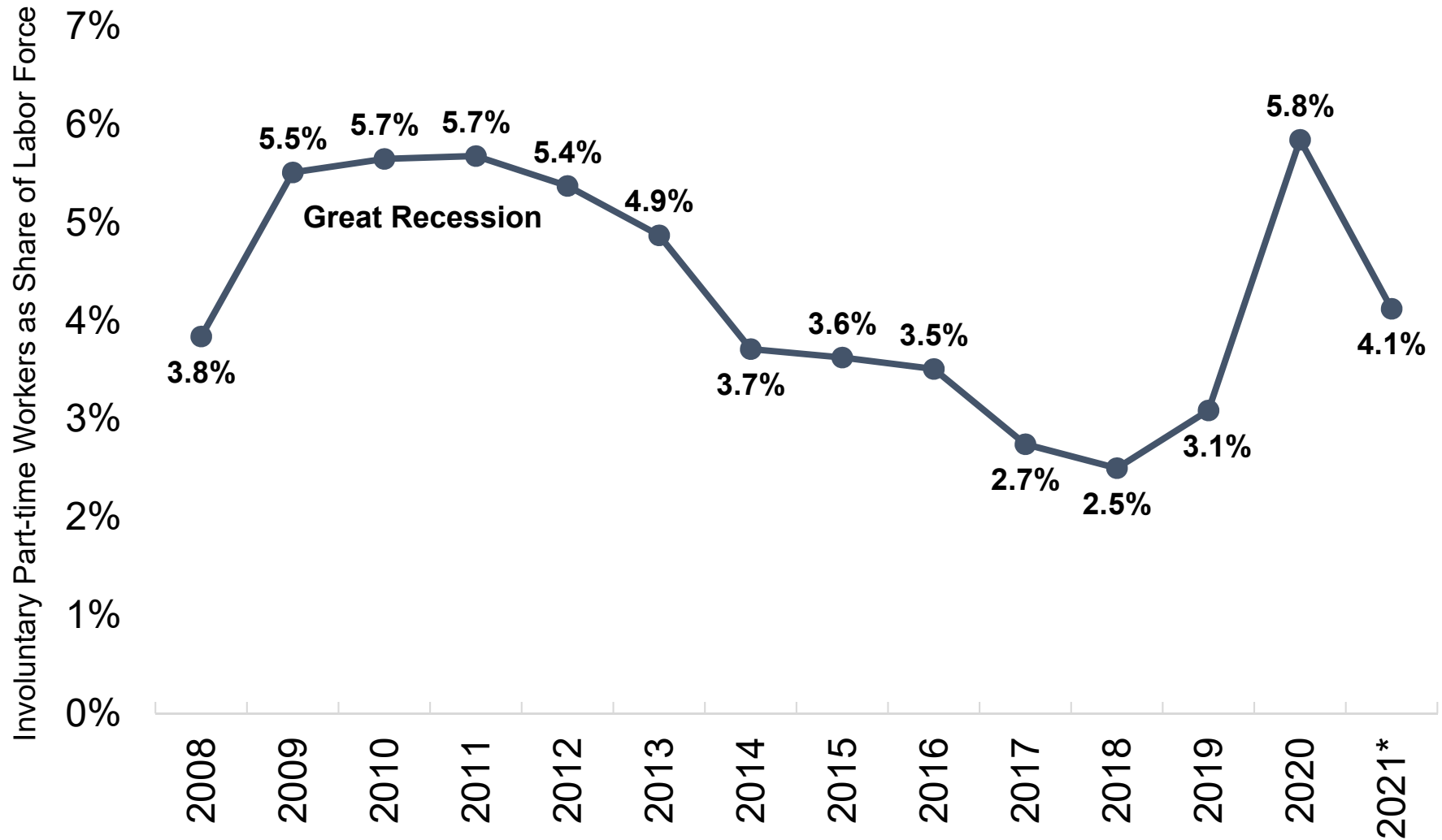- Local Government
- Construction
- State Government

Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment; Bureau of Labor Statistics
Data seasonally adjusted. Note: medium wage industries are determined by the 2019 state-level average weekly wage estimates from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

Colorado Job Loss & Recovery by High Wage Industries

Temporary
2020 Census
Hiring →

Employment Levels Relative/Indexed to February 2020 (1.00)

1.10
1.00
0.90
0.80
0.70
0.60
0.50
0.40

Feb-20 Mar-20 Apr-20 May-20 Jun-20 Jul-20 Aug-20 Sep-20 Oct-20 Nov-20 Dec-20 Jan-21 Feb-21 Mar-21 Apr-21 May-21 Jun-21 Jul-21 Aug-21 Sep-21

Management of Companies and Enterprises
Professional, Scientific, and Technical
Federal Government
Wholesale Trade
Finance and Insurance
Information
Mining and Logging

Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment; Bureau of Labor Statistics
Data seasonally adjusted. Note: high wage industries are determined by the 2019 state-level average weekly wage estimates from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages.

Involuntary Part-Time Workers as Share of Labor Force

Involuntary Part-time Workers as Share of Labor Force (y-axis)

- 2008: 3.8%
- 2009: 5.5%
- 2010: 5.7%
- 2011: 5.7%
- 2012: 5.4%
- 2013: 4.9%
- 2014: 3.7%
- 2015: 3.6%
- 2016: 3.5%
- 2017: 2.7%
- 2018: 2.5%
- 2019: 3.1%
- 2020: 5.8%
- 2021*: 4.1%

Great Recession
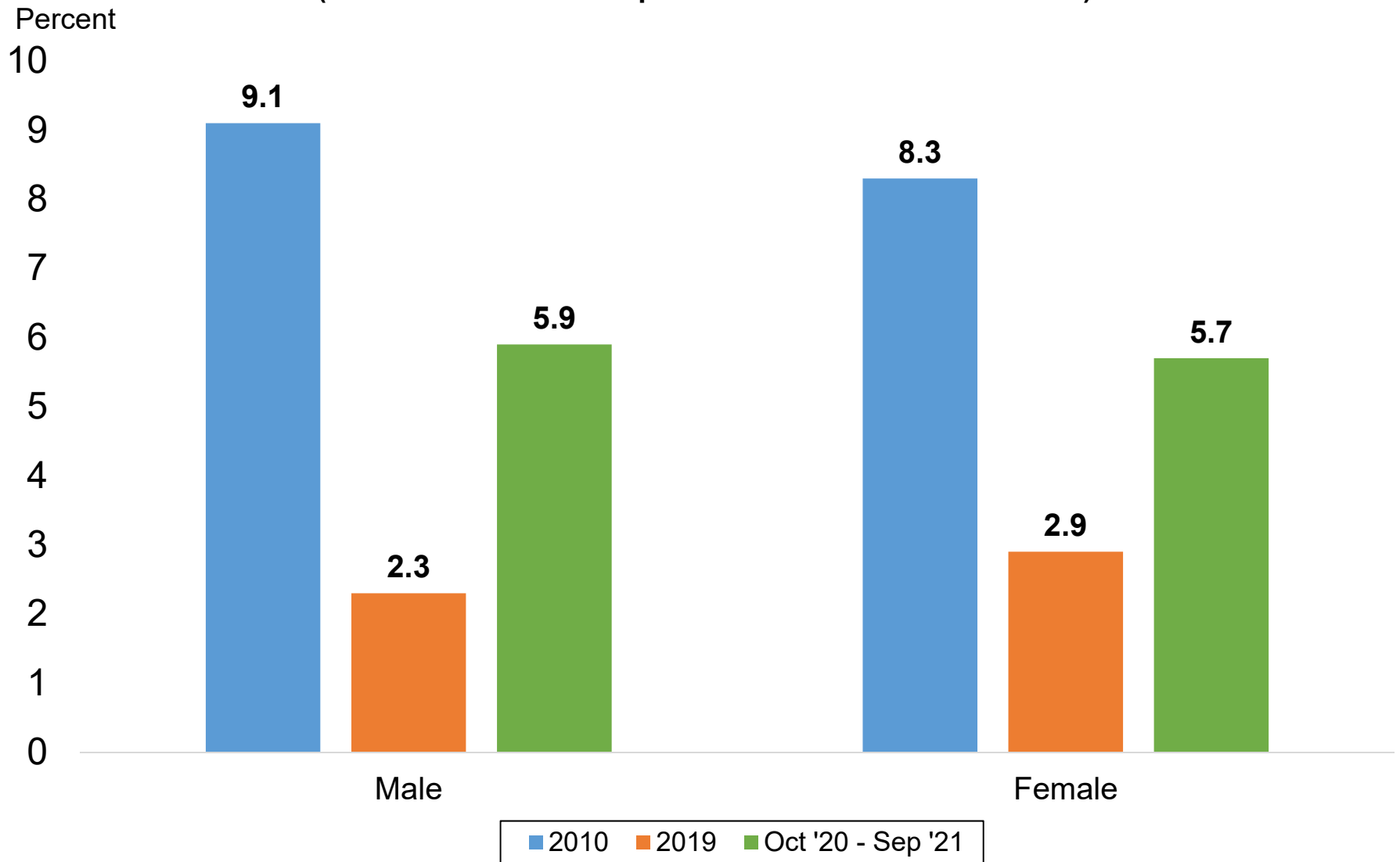
Source: Current Population Survey
Data not seasonally adjusted. Involuntary part-time workers are those individuals who are working part-time hours (34 hours or less), but prefer full-time hours (35+ hours).
*Average through the first nine months of 2021.

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

Percent

9.1 (Male, 2010)
2.3 (Male, 2019)
5.9 (Male, Oct '20 - Sep '21)

8.3 (Female, 2010)
2.9 (Female, 2019)
5.7 (Female, Oct '20 - Sep '21)
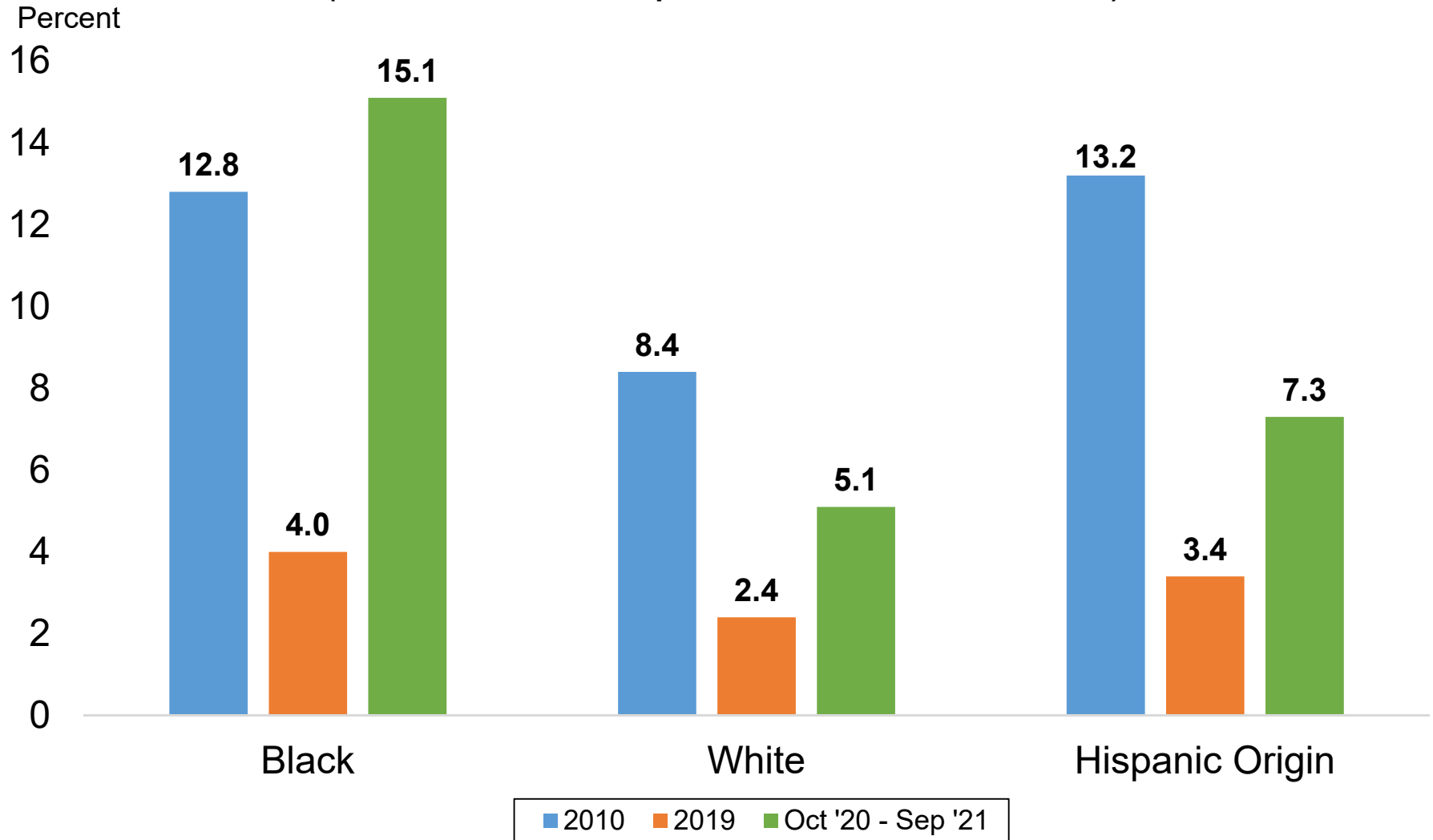
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■ 2010 ■ 2019 ■ Oct '20 - Sep '21

Source: Current Population Survey
Data not seasonally adjusted. Unemployment rates by gender for individuals 16 years and older.

Unemployment Rates by Race & Ethnicity
(Most recent 12-month period available vs. 2010 & 2019)

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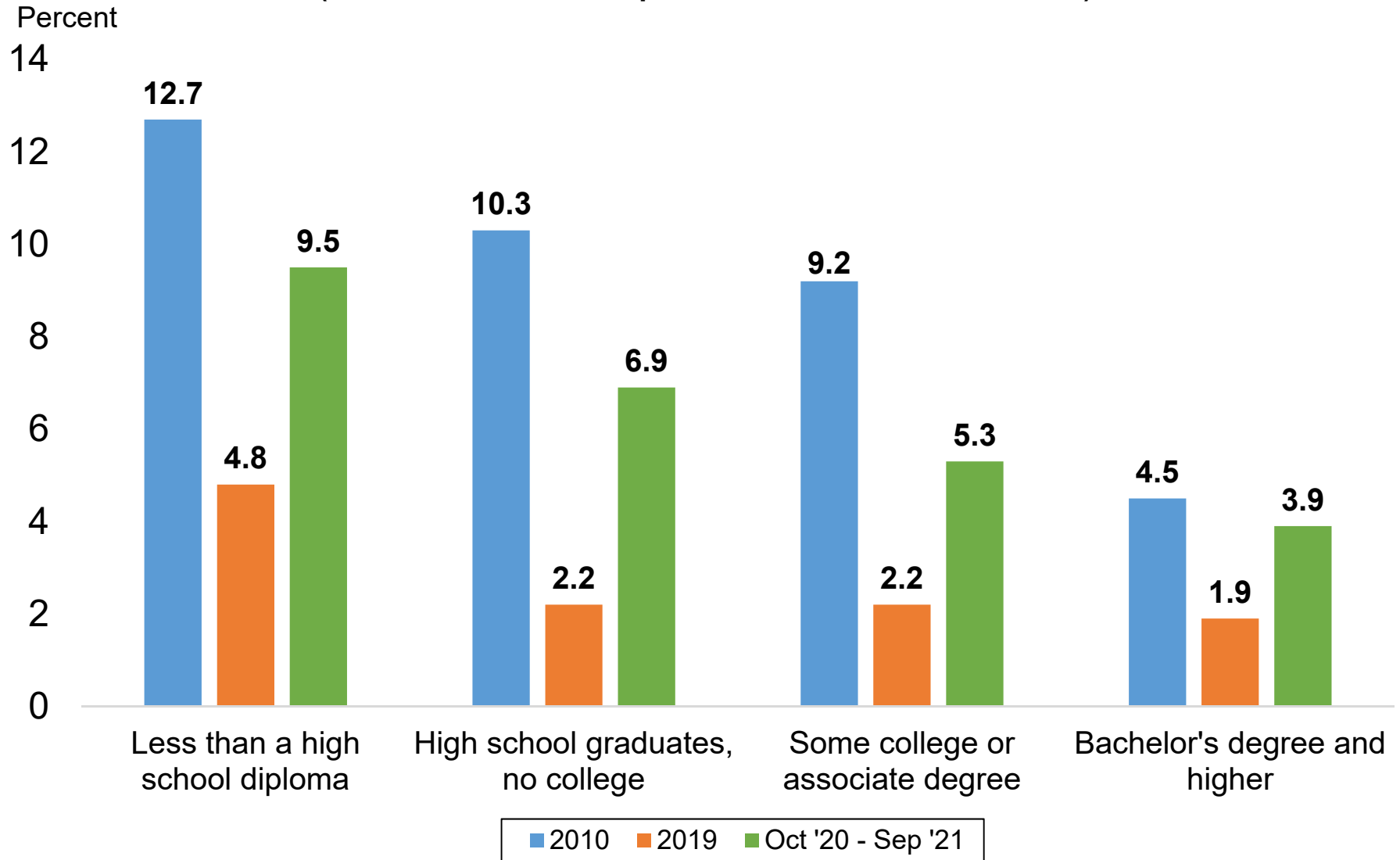| Race/Ethnicity	2010	2019	Oct '20 - Sep '21
Black	12.8	4.0	15.1
White	8.4	2.4	5.1
Hispanic Origin	13.2	3.4	7.3

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)

Percent

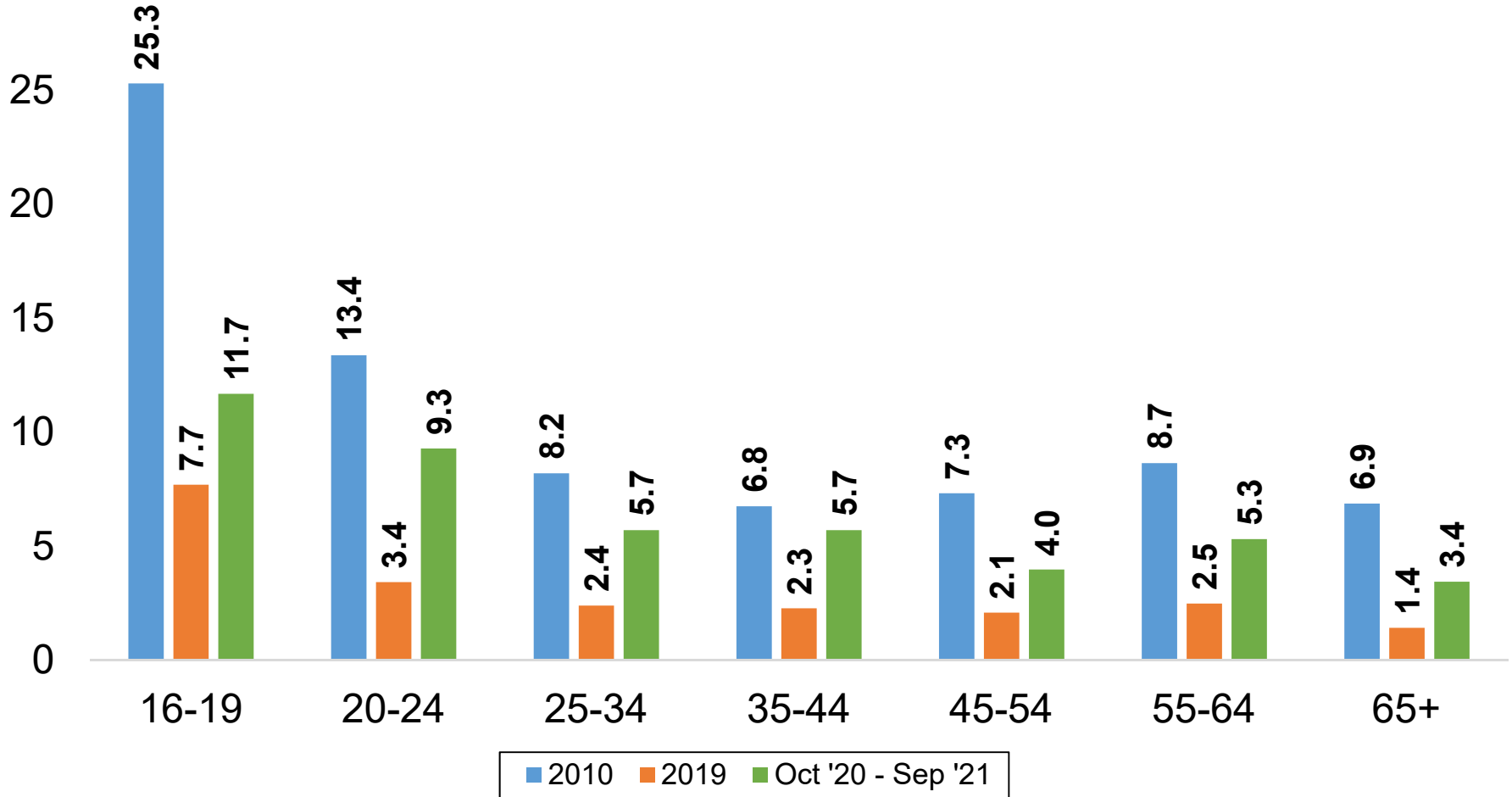|	2010	2019	Oct '20 - Sep '21
Less than a high school diploma	12.7	4.8	9.5
High school graduates, no college	10.3	2.2	6.9
Some college or associate degree	9.2	2.2	5.3
Bachelor's degree and higher	4.5	1.9	3.9

Source: Current Population Survey
Data not seasonally adjusted. Unemployment rates by educational attainment for individuals 25 years and over.

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

Percent

Age Group	2010	2019	Oct '20 - Sep '21
16-19	25.3	7.7	11.7
20-24	13.4	3.4	9.3
25-34	8.2	2.4	5.7
35-44	6.8	2.3	5.7
45-54	7.3	2.1	4.0
55-64	8.7	2.5	5.3
65+	6.9	1.4	3.4

■ 2010　■ 2019　■ Oct '20 - Sep '21

Source: Current Population Survey
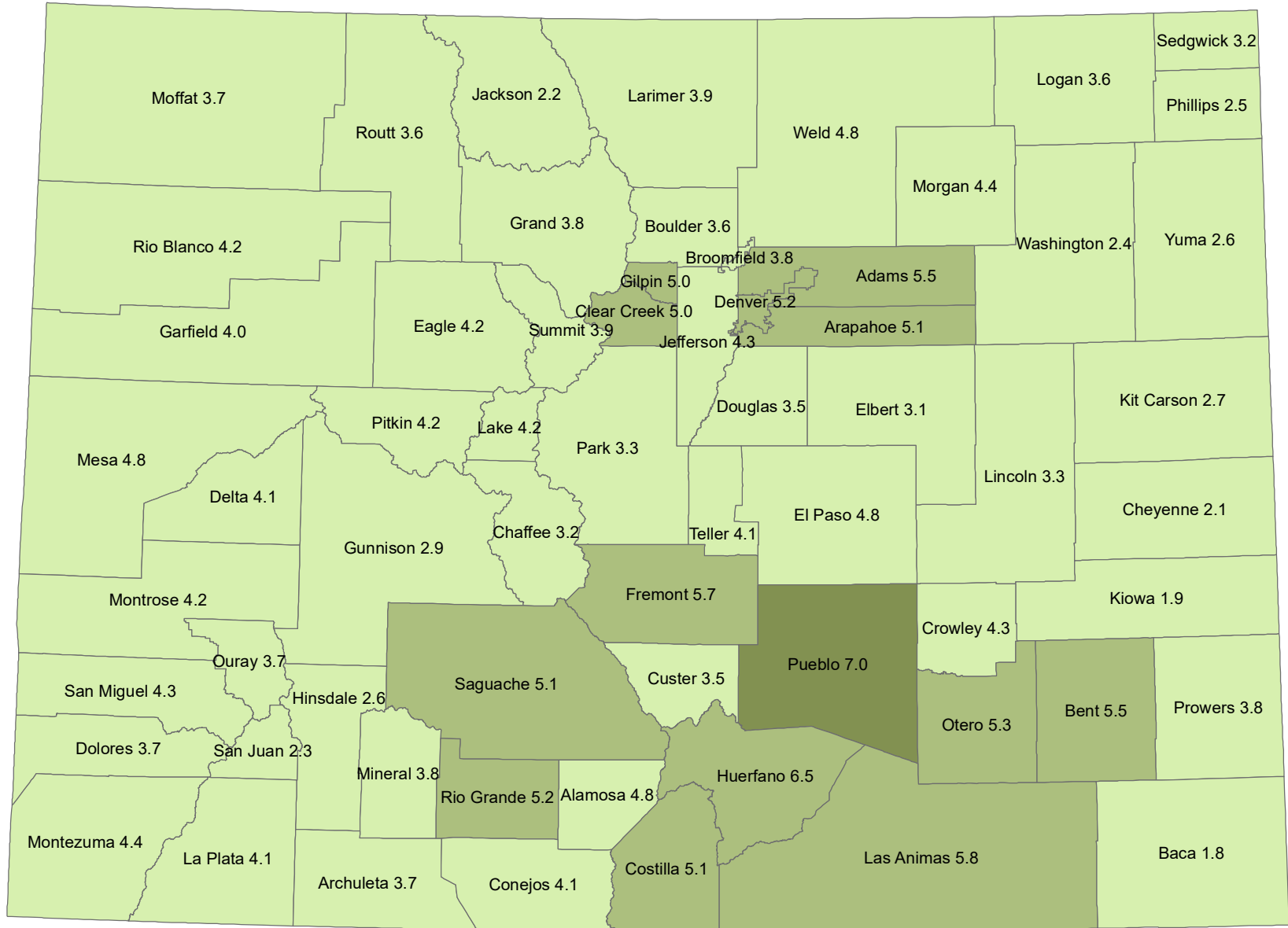Data not seasonally adjusted.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY
COLORADO
Preliminary Estimates for September 2021

LABOR FORCE DATA (VALUES IN THOUSANDS)

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED:

	Sep-21	Aug-21	Sep-20	Change from last: Month	Change from last: Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	3,192.3	3,193.2	3,133.3	-0.9	59.0
Unemployment	178.8	188.9	218.9	-10.1	-40.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	5.9	7.0	-0.3	-1.4
Employment	3,013.5	3,004.2	2,914.4	9.3	99.1

UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:

	Sep-21	Aug-21	Sep-20	Change from last: Month	Change from last: Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	3,211.2	3,195.5	3,152.2	15.6	58.9
Unemployment	148.5	171.0	213.8	-22.5	-65.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	5.4	6.8	-0.8	-2.2
Employment	3,062.6	3,024.5	2,938.4	38.2	124.2

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA (VALUES IN THOUSANDS)

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED:

	Sep-21	Aug-21	Sep-20	Change from last: Month	Change from last: Year
Mining & Logging	20.6	20.5	19.5	0.1	1.1
Construction	171.3	170.9	171.9	0.4	-0.6
Manufacturing	145.6	145.6	146.4	0.0	-0.8
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	489.4	487.0	472.0	2.4	17.4
Information	74.7	74.1	74.4	0.6	0.3
Financial Activities	173.6	173.1	172.0	0.5	1.6
Professional & Business Services	449.7	448.6	426.2	1.1	23.5
Educational & Health Services	341.6	343.2	339.0	-1.6	2.6
Leisure & Hospitality	318.5	314.7	276.7	3.8	41.8
Other Services	112.8	111.7	107.0	1.1	5.8
Government	443.3	446.6	433.9	-3.3	9.4
TOTAL NONAG	2,741.1	2,736.0	2,639.0	5.1	102.1
Labor Disputants	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:

	Sep-21	Aug-21	Sep-20	Change from last: Month	Change from last: Year
Mining & Logging	20.8	20.5	19.3	0.3	1.5
Construction	175.3	176.2	174.7	-0.9	0.6
Manufacturing	146.6	146.2	146.2	0.4	0.4
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	486.1	487.2	468.7	-1.1	17.4
Information	74.2	74.0	73.8	0.2	0.4
Financial Activities	173.8	174.5	171.4	-0.7	2.4
Professional & Business Services	453.1	455.6	428.2	-2.5	24.9
Educational & Health Services	340.2	342.2	337.2	-2.0	3.0
Leisure & Hospitality	317.7	329.5	276.0	-11.8	41.7
Other Services	112.3	113.2	106.9	-0.9	5.4
Government	444.2	433.1	435.9	11.1	8.3
TOTAL NONAG	2,744.3	2,752.2	2,638.3	-7.9	106.0
Labor Disputants	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
September 2021

Moffat 3.7
Jackson 2.2
Larimer 3.9
Sedgwick 3.2
Logan 3.6
Phillips 2.5
Routt 3.6
Weld 4.8
Morgan 4.4
Grand 3.8
Boulder 3.6
Washington 2.4
Yuma 2.6
Rio Blanco 4.2
Broomfield 3.8
Adams 5.5
Gilpin 5.0
Denver 5.2
Clear Creek 5.0
Garfield 4.0
Eagle 4.2
Summit 3.9
Arapahoe 5.1
Jefferson 4.3
Douglas 3.5
Elbert 3.1
Kit Carson 2.7
Pitkin 4.2
Lake 4.2
Mesa 4.8
Park 3.3
Lincoln 3.3
Cheyenne 2.1
Delta 4.1
El Paso 4.8
Gunnison 2.9
Chaffee 3.2
Teller 4.1
Montrose 4.2
Kiowa 1.9
Fremont 5.7
Crowley 4.3
Ouray 3.7
Pueblo 7.0
San Miguel 4.3
Hinsdale 2.6
Saguache 5.1
Custer 3.5
Bent 5.5
Prowers 3.8
Otero 5.3
Dolores 3.7
San Juan 2.3
Mineral 3.8
Huerfano 6.5
Montezuma 4.4
Rio Grande 5.2
Alamosa 4.8
La Plata 4.1
Las Animas 5.8
Baca 1.8
Archuleta 3.7
Conejos 4.1
Costilla 5.1

Source: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment
Labor Market Information

Less than 5%
5% - 6.9%
7% - 9.9%
10% and greater
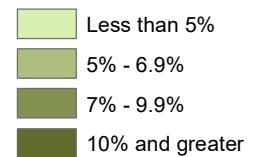
Not Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force							
	September 2021				August 2021		
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Colorado	3,211,153	3,062,638	148,515	4.6	3,195,523	3,024,476	171,047	5.4
Metropolitan Statistical Area								
Boulder	199,873	192,647	7,226	3.6	196,196	187,529	8,667	4.4
Colorado Springs	374,267	356,398	17,869	4.8	371,242	350,562	20,680	5.6
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood	1,724,964	1,642,588	82,376	4.8	1,712,072	1,618,456	93,616	5.5
Fort Collins	207,697	199,624	8,073	3.9	204,993	195,396	9,597	4.7
Grand Junction	77,183	73,463	3,720	4.8	76,677	72,327	4,350	5.7
Greeley	170,424	162,163	8,261	4.8	168,846	159,403	9,443	5.6
Pueblo	78,478	72,962	5,516	7.0	78,120	71,892	6,228	8.0
Counties								
Adams	283,378	267,835	15,543	5.5	281,907	264,570	17,337	6.1
Alamosa	8,497	8,087	410	4.8	8,654	8,195	459	5.3
Arapahoe	379,150	359,680	19,470	5.1	375,952	354,169	21,783	5.8
Archuleta	7,777	7,487	290	3.7	7,856	7,509	347	4.4
Baca	2,278	2,237	41	1.8	2,334	2,278	56	2.4
Bent	1,946	1,839	107	5.5	1,981	1,863	118	6.0
Boulder	199,873	192,647	7,226	3.6	196,196	187,529	8,667	4.4
Broomfield	41,413	39,827	1,586	3.8	41,249	39,349	1,900	4.6
Chaffee	10,542	10,204	338	3.2	10,883	10,461	422	3.9
Cheyenne	1,113	1,090	23	2.1	1,178	1,151	27	2.3
Clear Creek	6,315	6,000	315	5.0	6,250	5,899	351	5.6
Conejos	4,094	3,926	168	4.1	4,208	4,010	198	4.7
Costilla	1,812	1,720	92	5.1	1,826	1,719	107	5.9
Crowley	1,573	1,505	68	4.3	1,605	1,525	80	5.0
Custer	2,265	2,186	79	3.5	2,272	2,169	103	4.5
Delta	14,784	14,180	604	4.1	15,008	14,261	747	5.0
Denver	436,426	413,788	22,638	5.2	433,119	407,590	25,529	5.9
Dolores	1,177	1,134	43	3.7	1,200	1,145	55	4.6
Douglas	201,980	194,966	7,014	3.5	200,628	192,205	8,423	4.2
Eagle	32,862	31,495	1,367	4.2	33,698	32,104	1,594	4.7
El Paso	360,659	343,348	17,311	4.8	357,841	337,836	20,005	5.6
Elbert	15,615	15,126	489	3.1	15,576	14,964	612	3.9
Fremont	16,727	15,767	960	5.7	17,272	16,135	1,137	6.6
Garfield	31,357	30,091	1,266	4.0	32,245	30,754	1,491	4.6
Gilpin	4,007	3,806	201	5.0	3,957	3,734	223	5.6
Grand	8,636	8,308	328	3.8	9,027	8,614	413	4.6
Gunnison	11,604	11,270	334	2.9	11,620	11,226	394	3.4
Hinsdale	470	458	12	2.6	503	487	16	3.2
Huerfano	2,829	2,645	184	6.5	2,866	2,644	222	7.7
Jackson	980	958	22	2.2	1,054	1,027	27	2.6
Jefferson	345,022	330,285	14,737	4.3	341,961	324,979	16,982	5.0
Kiowa	1,019	1,000	19	1.9	1,080	1,052	28	2.6
Kit Carson	4,296	4,178	118	2.7	4,509	4,380	129	2.9
La Plata	31,887	30,595	1,292	4.1	31,887	30,346	1,541	4.8
Lake	4,503	4,316	187	4.2	4,539	4,312	227	5.0
Larimer	207,697	199,624	8,073	3.9	204,993	195,396	9,597	4.7
Las Animas	6,793	6,397	396	5.8	6,822	6,366	456	6.7
Lincoln	2,431	2,350	81	3.3	2,582	2,476	106	4.1
Logan	11,279	10,872	407	3.6	11,464	10,973	491	4.3
Mesa	77,183	73,463	3,720	4.8	76,677	72,327	4,350	5.7
Mineral	423	407	16	3.8	431	410	21	4.9
Moffat	7,570	7,293	277	3.7	7,547	7,215	332	4.4
Montezuma	13,157	12,572	585	4.4	13,482	12,779	703	5.2
Montrose	21,986	21,060	926	4.2	22,600	21,451	1,149	5.1
Morgan	16,156	15,441	715	4.4	16,886	16,039	847	5.0
Otero	8,503	8,050	453	5.3	8,683	8,153	530	6.1
Ouray	2,746	2,644	102	3.7	2,788	2,659	129	4.6
Park	11,658	11,275	383	3.3	11,473	10,997	476	4.1
Phillips	2,381	2,321	60	2.5	2,562	2,488	74	2.9
Pitkin	10,801	10,345	456	4.2	10,991	10,472	519	4.7
Prowers	6,219	5,982	237	3.8	6,448	6,164	284	4.4
Pueblo	78,478	72,962	5,516	7.0	78,120	71,892	6,228	8.0
Rio Blanco	3,062	2,932	130	4.2	3,045	2,887	158	5.2
Rio Grande	5,610	5,318	292	5.2	5,925	5,560	365	6.2
Routt	15,659	15,091	568	3.6	16,083	15,407	676	4.2
Saguache	3,338	3,168	170	5.1	3,493	3,289	204	5.8
San Juan	570	557	13	2.3	562	543	19	3.4
San Miguel	4,708	4,506	202	4.3	4,793	4,559	234	4.9
Sedgwick	1,188	1,150	38	3.2	1,237	1,192	45	3.6
Summit	20,068	19,285	783	3.9	20,493	19,574	919	4.5
Teller	13,608	13,050	558	4.1	13,401	12,726	675	5.0
Washington	3,045	2,972	73	2.4	3,177	3,087	90	2.8
Weld	170,424	162,163	8,261	4.8	168,846	159,403	9,443	5.6
Yuma	5,542	5,399	143	2.6	5,976	5,796	180	3.0

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Metropolitan Statistical Area								
Boulder	199,873	192,647	7,226	3.6	194,964	183,699	11,265	5.8
Colorado Springs	374,267	356,398	17,869	4.8	363,333	339,768	23,565	6.5
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood	1,724,964	1,642,588	82,376	4.8	1,685,554	1,563,282	122,272	7.3
Fort Collins	207,697	199,624	8,073	3.9	206,002	194,333	11,669	5.7
Grand Junction	77,183	73,463	3,720	4.8	76,958	72,003	4,955	6.4
Greeley	170,424	162,163	8,261	4.8	167,019	155,312	11,707	7.0
Pueblo	78,478	72,962	5,516	7.0	78,153	71,822	6,331	8.1
Counties								
Adams	283,378	267,835	15,543	5.5	276,729	255,197	21,532	7.8
Alamosa	8,497	8,087	410	4.8	8,467	7,964	503	5.9
Arapahoe	379,150	359,680	19,470	5.1	371,107	342,220	28,887	7.8
Archuleta	7,777	7,487	290	3.7	7,424	6,984	440	5.9
Baca	2,278	2,237	41	1.8	2,126	2,085	41	1.9
Bent	1,946	1,839	107	5.5	1,799	1,722	77	4.3
Boulder	199,873	192,647	7,226	3.6	194,964	183,699	11,265	5.8
Broomfield	41,413	39,827	1,586	3.8	40,418	37,954	2,464	6.1
Chaffee	10,542	10,204	338	3.2	10,146	9,625	521	5.1
Cheyenne	1,113	1,090	23	2.1	1,092	1,063	29	2.7
Clear Creek	6,315	6,000	315	5.0	6,170	5,705	465	7.5
Conejos	4,094	3,926	168	4.1	4,055	3,871	184	4.5
Costilla	1,812	1,720	92	5.1	1,865	1,729	136	7.3
Crowley	1,573	1,505	68	4.3	1,540	1,467	73	4.7
Custer	2,265	2,186	79	3.5	2,157	2,069	88	4.1
Delta	14,784	14,180	604	4.1	14,652	13,794	858	5.9
Denver	436,426	413,788	22,638	5.2	428,695	393,765	34,930	8.1
Dolores	1,177	1,134	43	3.7	1,168	1,110	58	5.0
Douglas	201,980	194,966	7,014	3.5	195,812	185,601	10,211	5.2
Eagle	32,862	31,495	1,367	4.2	35,061	32,464	2,597	7.4
El Paso	360,659	343,348	17,311	4.8	350,164	327,378	22,786	6.5
Elbert	15,615	15,126	489	3.1	15,022	14,415	607	4.0
Fremont	16,727	15,767	960	5.7	15,842	14,792	1,050	6.6
Garfield	31,357	30,091	1,266	4.0	31,790	30,007	1,783	5.6
Gilpin	4,007	3,806	201	5.0	3,955	3,614	341	8.6
Grand	8,636	8,308	328	3.8	9,141	8,585	556	6.1
Gunnison	11,604	11,270	334	2.9	11,595	11,114	481	4.1
Hinsdale	470	458	12	2.6	469	455	14	3.0
Huerfano	2,829	2,645	184	6.5	2,686	2,460	226	8.4
Jackson	980	958	22	2.2	984	955	29	2.9
Jefferson	345,022	330,285	14,737	4.3	336,402	314,133	22,269	6.6
Kiowa	1,019	1,000	19	1.9	961	942	19	2.0
Kit Carson	4,296	4,178	118	2.7	4,170	4,067	103	2.5
La Plata	31,887	30,595	1,292	4.1	32,071	30,339	1,732	5.4
Lake	4,503	4,316	187	4.2	4,724	4,413	311	6.6
Larimer	207,697	199,624	8,073	3.9	206,002	194,333	11,669	5.7
Las Animas	6,793	6,397	396	5.8	6,679	6,210	469	7.0
Lincoln	2,431	2,350	81	3.3	2,365	2,264	101	4.3
Logan	11,279	10,872	407	3.6	11,071	10,582	489	4.4
Mesa	77,183	73,463	3,720	4.8	76,958	72,003	4,955	6.4
Mineral	423	407	16	3.8	437	416	21	4.8
Moffat	7,570	7,293	277	3.7	7,400	7,030	370	5.0
Montezuma	13,157	12,572	585	4.4	13,030	12,303	727	5.6
Montrose	21,986	21,060	926	4.2	21,963	20,706	1,257	5.7
Morgan	16,156	15,441	715	4.4	16,162	15,272	890	5.5
Otero	8,503	8,050	453	5.3	8,311	7,831	480	5.8
Ouray	2,746	2,644	102	3.7	2,662	2,509	153	5.7
Park	11,658	11,275	383	3.3	11,244	10,678	566	5.0
Phillips	2,381	2,321	60	2.5	2,384	2,329	55	2.3
Pitkin	10,801	10,345	456	4.2	11,084	10,265	819	7.4
Prowers	6,219	5,982	237	3.8	6,186	5,912	274	4.4
Pueblo	78,478	72,962	5,516	7.0	78,153	71,822	6,331	8.1
Rio Blanco	3,062	2,932	130	4.2	3,006	2,858	148	4.9
Rio Grande	5,610	5,318	292	5.2	5,470	5,129	341	6.2
Routt	15,659	15,091	568	3.6	15,890	14,931	959	6.0
Saguache	3,338	3,168	170	5.1	3,449	3,187	262	7.6
San Juan	570	557	13	2.3	613	593	20	3.3
San Miguel	4,708	4,506	202	4.3	5,333	4,952	381	7.1
Sedgwick	1,188	1,150	38	3.2	1,171	1,136	35	3.0
Summit	20,068	19,285	783	3.9	21,188	19,535	1,653	7.8
Teller	13,608	13,050	558	4.1	13,169	12,390	779	5.9
Washington	3,045	2,972	73	2.4	2,910	2,815	95	3.3
Weld	170,424	162,163	8,261	4.8	167,019	155,312	11,707	7.0
Yuma	5,542	5,399	143	2.6	5,515	5,360	155	2.8

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Colorado LMI Data Overview
September 2021

Employment					
				Change from previous:	
	Sep-21	**Aug-21**	**Sep-20**	**Period**	**Year**
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment (SA)	2,741,100	2,736,000	2,639,000	5,100	102,100
Total Resident Employment (SA)	3,013,500	3,004,200	2,914,400	9,300	99,100
	Q1 2021	**Q4 2020**	**Q1 2020**		
UI Covered Total Employment	2,615,044	2,625,077	2,732,544	(10,033)	(117,500)
UI Covered Private Employment	2,200,827	2,203,562	2,301,497	(2,735)	(100,670)

Unemployment					
				Change from previous:	
	Sep-21	**Aug-21**	**Sep-20**	**Period**	**Year**
Unemployment (SA)	178,800	188,900	218,900	(10,100)	(40,100)
Percent Unemployed (SA)	**5.6%**	**5.9%**	**7.0%**	(0.3)	(1.4)
	Sep-21	**Aug-21**	**Sep-20**		
Initial Claims	14,878	45,812	22,520	(30,934)	(7,642)
Continued Weeks Claimed	173,107	231,479	599,983	(58,372)	(426,876)

Wages and Earnings					
				Change from previous:	
	Q1 2021	**Q4 2020**	**Q1 2020**	**Period**	**Year**
Total Average Weekly Wage	$1,337	$1,376	$1,283	($39)	$54
Private Average Weekly Wage	$1,365	$1,398	$1,309	($33)	$56
	Sep-21	**Aug-21**	**Sep-20**		
Average Weekly Earnings (Construction)	$1,220.19	$1,234.69	$1,058.11	($14.50)	$162.08
Average Weekly Earnings (Manufacturing)	$1,063.42	$1,048.32	$1,061.10	$15.10	$2.32

CO Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund					
				Change from previous:	
	Aug-21	**Jul-21**	**Aug-20**	**Period**	**Year**
Employer Contributions	$85,464,300	$52,757,667	$54,668,700	$32,706,632	$30,795,600
Benefits Paid	$80,939,668	$85,743,976	$307,282,584	($4,804,308)	($226,342,916)
Average Weekly Benefit Amount	$371.73	$370.77	$358.96	$0.96	$12.77
Duration (weeks)	32.46	21.29	42.11	11.17	(9.65)
Outstanding Title XII Loan Balance	$1,014,167,919	$1,014,167,919	$115,601,651	$0	898,566,268

Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers					
Not seasonally adjusted				**% Change from previous:**	
	Sep-21	**Jul-21**	**Sep-20**	**Period**	**Year**
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood	286.186	285.268	273.860	0.3%	4.5%
US City Average	274.310	273.003	260.280	0.5%	5.4%

(Most current data available for all categories)