

**LABOR FORCE SUMMARY**  
**COLORADO**

Preliminary Estimates for December 2003 (in thousands)

<b>LABOR FORCE DATA</b>					
<b>SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*</b>				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>Dec 2003</b>	<b>Nov 2003</b>	<b>Dec 2002</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	2,485.9	2,480.8	2,441.7	5.1	44.2
<b>Unemployment</b>	143.0	138.0	142.6	5.0	0.4
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	5.8	5.6	5.8	--	--
<b>Employment</b>	2,342.9	2,342.8	2,299.1	0.1	43.8
*To facilitate the evaluation of labor market developments, recurrent yearly movements in labor force data associated with the Current Population Survey have been isolated and removed by the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method.					
<b>UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:</b>				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>Dec 2003</b>	<b>Nov 2003</b>	<b>Dec 2002</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	2,479.2	2,488.5	2,435.3	-9.3	43.9
<b>Unemployment 1/</b>	139.8	138.6	138.9	1.2	0.9
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	5.6	5.6	5.7	--	--
<b>Employment 2/</b>	2,339.4	2,349.9	2,296.4	-10.5	43.0
<b>Nonagricultural</b>	2,322.6	2,331.2	2,271.2	-8.6	51.4
<b>Agricultural</b>	16.8	18.7	25.2	-1.9	-8.4

<b>Wage and Salary Employment Data</b>					
<b>UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:</b>				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>Dec 2003</b>	<b>Nov 2003</b>	<b>Dec 2002</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Natural Resources &amp; Mining</b>	14.1	14.2	13.2	-0.1	0.9
<b>Construction</b>	143.8	149.9	154.0	-6.1	-10.2
<b>Manufacturing</b>	150.6	151.0	162.2	-0.4	-11.6
<b>Trade, Transp., &amp; Utilites</b>	417.6	414.6	425.9	3.0	-8.3
<b>Information</b>	84.5	84.0	90.0	0.5	-5.5
<b>Financial Activities</b>	154.6	154.0	148.7	0.6	5.9
<b>Prof. &amp; Business Services</b>	288.5	288.0	279.4	0.5	9.1
<b>Educat. &amp; Health Services</b>	218.0	216.7	212.4	1.3	5.6
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	252.9	243.0	250.3	9.9	2.6
<b>Other Services</b>	85.0	84.6	85.4	0.4	-0.4
<b>Government</b>	365.6	367.8	373.8	-2.2	-8.2
<b>TOTAL NONAG</b>	2,175.2	2,167.8	2,195.3	7.4	-20.1
<b>Labor Disputants</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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

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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