

**LABOR FORCE SUMMARY  
COLORADO**

Preliminary Estimates for December 2005 (in thousands)

<b>LABOR FORCE DATA</b>					
<b>SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*</b>				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>Dec-05</b>	<b>Nov-05</b>	<b>Dec-04</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	2,544.5	2,539.0	2,544.1	5.5	0.4
<b>Unemployment</b>	118.1	126.1	136.9	-8.0	-18.8
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	4.6	5.0	5.4	-0.4	-0.8
<b>Employment</b>	2,426.4	2,412.9	2,407.2	13.5	19.2
<b>UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:</b>					
				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>Dec-05</b>	<b>Nov-05</b>	<b>Dec-04</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	2,538.6	2,540.2	2,522.3	-1.6	16.3
<b>Unemployment 1/</b>	114.5	122.2	139.4	-7.7	-24.9
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	4.5	4.8	5.5	-0.3	-1.0
<b>Employment 2/</b>	2,424.1	2,418.0	2,382.9	6.1	41.2

<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>					
<b>UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:</b>	<b>Dec-05</b>	<b>Nov-05</b>	<b>Dec-04</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Natural Resources &amp; Mining</b>	16.8	16.6	15.3	0.2	1.5
<b>Construction</b>	161.6	165.0	153.4	-3.4	8.2
<b>Manufacturing</b>	152.7	152.6	155.7	0.1	-3.0
<b>Trade, Transp., &amp; Utilites</b>	427.8	421.5	421.1	6.3	6.7
<b>Information</b>	74.9	75.1	78.8	-0.2	-3.9
<b>Financial Activities</b>	161.5	159.5	158.2	2.0	3.3
<b>Prof. &amp; Business Services</b>	314.9	313.3	304.5	1.6	10.4
<b>Educat. &amp; Health Services</b>	228.3	227.1	222.9	1.2	5.4
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	260.8	248.6	256.0	12.2	4.8
<b>Other Services</b>	88.8	88.4	87.6	0.4	1.2
<b>Government</b>	375.3	376.3	369.6	-1.0	5.7
<b>TOTAL NONAG</b>	2,263.4	2,244.0	2,223.1	19.4	40.3
<b>Labor Disputants</b>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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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**COLORADO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS**

Preliminary Estimates for December 2005 (in thousands)

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

<b>LABOR FORCE DATA</b>					
UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:	Dec-05	Nov-05	Dec-04	Change from last:	
				Month	Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,302.1	1,303.4	1,312.8	-1.3	-10.7
Unemployment	60.3	64.2	71.0	-3.9	-10.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	4.9	5.4	-0.3	-0.8
Employment	1,241.8	1,239.2	1,241.8	2.6	0.0
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>					
TOTAL NONAG	1,201.8	1,197.4	1,189.1	4.4	12.7

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

<b>LABOR FORCE DATA</b>					
UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:	Dec-05	Nov-05	Dec-04	Change from last:	
				Month	Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	169.8	170.3	168.9	-0.5	0.9
Unemployment	6.4	7.0	7.8	-0.6	-1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.8	4.1	4.6	-0.3	-0.8
Employment	163.4	163.3	161.1	0.1	2.3
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>					
TOTAL NONAG	166.0	165.7	161.2	0.3	4.8

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

<b>LABOR FORCE DATA</b>					
UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:	Dec-05	Nov-05	Dec-04	Change from last:	
				Month	Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	299.5	300.0	299.1	-0.5	0.4
Unemployment	14.1	15.0	16.0	-0.9	-1.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	5.0	5.4	-0.3	-0.7
Employment	285.4	285.0	283.1	0.4	2.3
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>					
TOTAL NONAG	256.3	255.0	251.8	1.3	4.5

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

<b>LABOR FORCE DATA</b>					
UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:				Change from last:	
	Dec-05	Nov-05	Dec-04	Month	Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	164.5	165.6	163.7	-1.1	0.8
Unemployment	6.7	7.1	7.4	-0.4	-0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.1	4.3	4.5	-0.2	-0.4
Employment	157.8	158.5	156.3	-0.7	1.5
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>					
TOTAL NONAG	132.4	132.6	130.0	-0.2	2.4

**GRAND JUNCTION MSA (Mesa county)**

<b>LABOR FORCE DATA</b>					
UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:				Change from last:	
	Dec-05	Nov-05	Dec-04	Month	Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	69.2	69.7	69.4	-0.5	-0.2
Unemployment	2.9	3.0	3.7	-0.1	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	4.3	5.3	-0.1	-1.1
Employment	66.3	66.7	65.7	-0.4	0.6
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>					
TOTAL NONAG	56.6	56.5	55.9	0.1	0.7

**GREELEY MSA (Weld county)**

<b>LABOR FORCE DATA</b>					
UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:				Change from last:	
	Dec-05	Nov-05	Dec-04	Month	Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	110.6	112.3	108.3	-1.7	2.3
Unemployment	5.1	5.2	5.6	-0.1	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	4.6	5.2	0.0	-0.6
Employment	105.5	107.1	102.7	-1.6	2.8
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>					
TOTAL NONAG	78.9	79.2	76.7	-0.3	2.2

**PUEBLO MSA (Pueblo county)**

<b>LABOR FORCE DATA</b>					
UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:				Change from last:	
	Dec-05	Nov-05	Dec-04	Month	Year
Total Civilian Labor Force	69.8	69.7	69.3	0.1	0.5
Unemployment	4.2	4.3	4.8	-0.1	-0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.0	6.2	6.9	-0.2	-0.9
Employment	65.6	65.4	64.5	0.2	1.1
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>					
TOTAL NONAG	57.4	57.0	55.9	0.4	1.5