

**LABOR FORCE SUMMARY  
COLORADO**

Preliminary Estimates for December 2008 (in thousands)

<b>LABOR FORCE DATA</b>					
<b>SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*</b>				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>Dec-08</b>	<b>Nov-08</b>	<b>Dec-07</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	2,750.2	2,748.3	2,738.6	1.9	11.6
<b>Unemployment</b>	167.6	159.8	109.0	7.8	58.6
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	6.1	5.8	4.0	--	--
<b>Employment</b>	2,582.6	2,588.5	2,629.6	-5.9	-47.0
<b>UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:</b>					
	<b>Dec-08</b>	<b>Nov-08</b>	<b>Dec-07</b>	<b>Change from last:</b>	
				<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	2,743.1	2,749.1	2,740.7	-7.3	2.4
<b>Unemployment</b>	163.1	155.8	116.9	6.0	46.2
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	5.9	5.7	4.3	--	--
<b>Employment</b>	2,580.0	2,593.3	2,623.8	-13.3	-43.8

<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>					
<b>UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:</b>	<b>Dec-08</b>	<b>Nov-08</b>	<b>Dec-07</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Natural Resources &amp; Mining</b>	29.5	29.4	26.2	0.1	3.3
<b>Construction</b>	154.0	158.4	161.9	-4.4	-7.9
<b>Manufacturing</b>	140.6	141.6	146.1	-1.0	-5.5
<b>Trade, Transportation, &amp; Utilities</b>	439.2	438.0	447.1	1.2	-7.9
<b>Information</b>	76.8	76.4	76.8	0.4	0.0
<b>Financial Activities</b>	154.6	153.1	159.4	1.5	-4.8
<b>Professional &amp; Business Services</b>	340.0	347.3	351.5	-7.3	-11.5
<b>Educational &amp; Health Services</b>	254.0	253.8	245.1	0.2	8.9
<b>Leisure &amp; Hospitality</b>	274.2	264.0	275.5	10.2	-1.3
<b>Other Services</b>	93.8	93.4	93.3	0.4	0.5
<b>Government</b>	394.5	395.9	384.5	-1.4	10.0
<b>TOTAL NONAG</b>	2,351.2	2,351.3	2,367.4	-0.1	-16.2
<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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**LABOR FORCE SUMMARY**  
**COLORADO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS**

Preliminary Estimates for December 2008 (in thousands)

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

<b>LABOR FORCE DATA</b>					
<b>SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*</b>				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>Dec-08</b>	<b>Nov-08</b>	<b>Dec-07</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	1,395.6	1,403.4	1,393.1	-7.8	2.5
<b>Unemployment</b>	88.4	84.2	61.9	4.2	26.5
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	6.3	6.0	4.4	--	--
<b>Employment</b>	1,307.2	1,319.2	1,331.2	-12.0	-24.0
<b>UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:</b>					
				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>Dec-08</b>	<b>Nov-08</b>	<b>Dec-07</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	1,397.4	1,408.8	1,393.9	-11.4	3.5
<b>Unemployment</b>	87.7	82.7	61.1	5.0	26.6
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	6.3	5.9	4.4	--	--
<b>Employment</b>	1,309.7	1,326.1	1,332.8	-16.4	-23.1
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>					
<b>TOTAL NONAG</b>	1245.8	1255.5	1257.3	-9.7	-11.5

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

<b>LABOR FORCE DATA</b>					
<b>SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*</b>				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>Dec-08</b>	<b>Nov-08</b>	<b>Dec-07</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	179.5	179.1	177.3	0.4	2.2
<b>Unemployment</b>	8.9	8.7	6.8	0.2	2.1
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	4.9	4.9	3.8	--	--
<b>Employment</b>	170.6	170.4	170.5	0.2	0.1
<b>UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:</b>					
				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>Dec-08</b>	<b>Nov-08</b>	<b>Dec-07</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	180.2	181.1	178.2	-0.9	2.0
<b>Unemployment</b>	8.6	8.6	6.5	0.0	2.1
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	4.8	4.8	3.7	--	--
<b>Employment</b>	171.6	172.5	171.7	-0.9	-0.1
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>					
<b>TOTAL NONAG</b>	171.2	171.0	168.9	0.2	2.3

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

<b>LABOR FORCE DATA</b>					
<b>SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*</b>				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>Dec-08</b>	<b>Nov-08</b>	<b>Dec-07</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	315.7	315.4	318.2	0.3	-2.5
<b>Unemployment</b>	22.1	21.0	15.9	1.1	6.2
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	7.0	6.7	5.0	--	--
<b>Employment</b>	293.6	294.4	302.3	-0.8	-8.7
<b>UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:</b>					
	<b>Dec-08</b>	<b>Nov-08</b>	<b>Dec-07</b>	<b>Change from last:</b>	
				<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	315.1	316.7	317.7	-1.6	-2.6
<b>Unemployment</b>	21.7	20.7	15.6	1.0	6.1
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	6.9	6.5	4.9	--	--
<b>Employment</b>	293.4	296.0	302.1	-2.6	-8.7
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>					
<b>TOTAL NONAG</b>	259.5	260.0	263.7	-0.5	-4.2

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

<b>LABOR FORCE DATA</b>					
<b>SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*</b>				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>Dec-08</b>	<b>Nov-08</b>	<b>Dec-07</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	177.2	176.5	178.1	0.7	-0.9
<b>Unemployment</b>	8.8	8.6	6.7	0.2	2.1
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	5.0	4.9	3.7	--	--
<b>Employment</b>	168.4	167.9	171.4	0.5	-3.0
<b>UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:</b>					
	<b>Dec-08</b>	<b>Nov-08</b>	<b>Dec-07</b>	<b>Change from last:</b>	
				<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	176.5	178.0	177.6	-1.5	-1.1
<b>Unemployment</b>	8.7	8.4	6.6	0.3	2.1
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	4.9	4.7	3.7	--	--
<b>Employment</b>	167.8	169.6	171.0	-1.8	-3.2
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>					
<b>TOTAL NONAG</b>	137.8	138.9	139.4	-1.1	-1.6

**GRAND JUNCTION MSA (Mesa County)**

<b>LABOR FORCE DATA</b>					
<b>SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*</b>				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>Dec-08</b>	<b>Nov-08</b>	<b>Dec-07</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	83.6	83.2	81.0	0.4	2.6
<b>Unemployment</b>	3.9	3.7	2.8	0.2	1.1
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	4.6	4.5	3.5	--	--
<b>Employment</b>	79.7	79.5	78.2	0.2	1.5
<b>UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:</b>					
	<b>Dec-08</b>	<b>Nov-08</b>	<b>Dec-07</b>	<b>Change from last:</b>	
				<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	83.4	83.6	80.8	-0.2	2.6
<b>Unemployment</b>	3.9	3.6	2.8	0.3	1.1
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	4.6	4.3	3.5	--	--
<b>Employment</b>	79.5	80.0	78.0	-0.5	1.5
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>					
<b>TOTAL NONAG</b>	66.7	66.8	64.5	-0.1	2.2

**GREELEY MSA (Weld County)**

<b>LABOR FORCE DATA</b>					
<b>SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*</b>				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>Dec-08</b>	<b>Nov-08</b>	<b>Dec-07</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	122.9	122.0	122.6	0.9	0.3
<b>Unemployment</b>	7.8	7.5	5.6	0.3	2.2
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	6.3	6.2	4.6	--	--
<b>Employment</b>	115.1	114.5	117.0	0.6	-1.9
<b>UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:</b>					
	<b>Dec-08</b>	<b>Nov-08</b>	<b>Dec-07</b>	<b>Change from last:</b>	
				<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	122.1	122.7	122.2	-0.6	-0.1
<b>Unemployment</b>	7.6	7.3	5.5	0.3	2.1
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	6.3	5.9	4.5	--	--
<b>Employment</b>	114.5	115.4	116.7	-0.9	-2.2
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>					
<b>TOTAL NONAG</b>	83.6	84.2	83.9	-0.6	-0.3

**PUEBLO MSA (Pueblo County)**

<b>LABOR FORCE DATA</b>					
<b>SEASONALLY ADJUSTED*</b>				<b>Change from last:</b>	
	<b>Dec-08</b>	<b>Nov-08</b>	<b>Dec-07</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	74.5	74.6	73.9	-0.1	0.6
<b>Unemployment</b>	5.6	5.3	4.0	0.3	1.6
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	7.5	7.1	5.4	--	--
<b>Employment</b>	68.9	69.3	69.9	-0.4	-1.0
<b>UNADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY:</b>					
	<b>Dec-08</b>	<b>Nov-08</b>	<b>Dec-07</b>	<b>Change from last:</b>	
				<b>Month</b>	<b>Year</b>
<b>Total Civilian Labor Force</b>	74.4	74.8	74.0	-0.4	0.4
<b>Unemployment</b>	5.5	5.2	4.0	0.3	1.5
<b>Unemployment Rate (%)</b>	7.4	7.0	5.5	--	--
<b>Employment</b>	68.9	69.6	70.0	-0.7	-1.1
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DATA</b>					
<b>TOTAL NONAG</b>	59.1	59.4	59.4	-0.3	-0.3

Seasonally Adjusted MSAs not an official BLS series