THE Colorado Economic Databook

A summary of regional economic indicators for the state of Colorado

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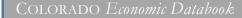
SUMMARY OF CURRENT COLORADO ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

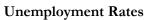
In Colorado, the unemployment rate was 2.9 percent in July, and total payroll employment grew 1.9 percent compared to the previous year. Employment growth was broad-based across industries, with the strongest gains in the professional and business services and educational services sectors. Colorado nominal personal income grew 5.1 percent in the first quarter of 2019 compared to the previous year, with workplace earnings up 4.7 percent. Home prices increased 4.8 percent in the first quarter of 2019 compared to a year ago, while single-family and multifamily permits recorded a -15.7 and -23.0 percent change, respectively, year-to-date through June 2019. In May 2019, crude oil production was up 8.0 percent over last year, while rig counts were slightly below year-ago levels. Colorado exports were 8.2 percent lower in the second quarter of 2019 over the same period in 2018.

This databook provides current economic indicators to help monitor trends and allow comparison of past information. These indicators include: employment; employment by industry; county and state unemployment; personal income; home prices; housing indicators; manufacturing activity; oil, gas and coal production; and exports. These indicators can be found on the following pages.

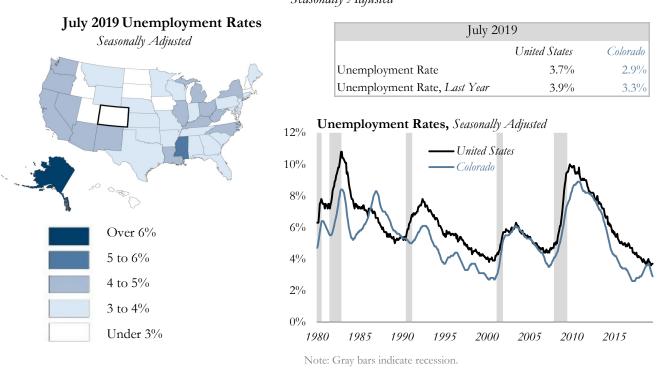


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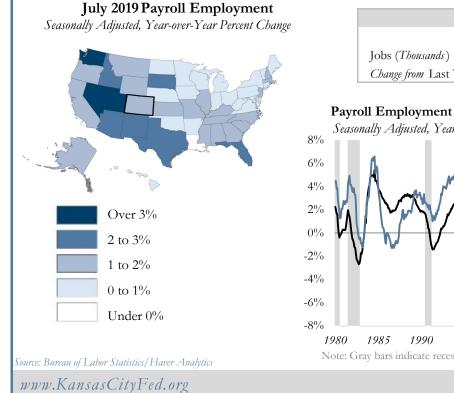


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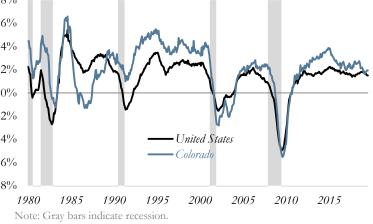
Payroll Employment

Seasonally Adjusted

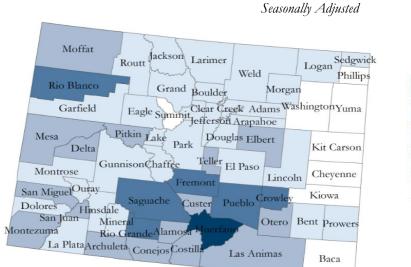


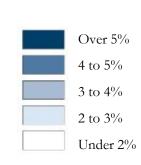
July 2019			
	United States	Colorado	
Jobs (Thousands)	151,431.0	2,787.0	
Change from Last Year	1.5%	1.9%	

Seasonally Adjusted, Year-over-Year Percent Change



COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT





		Percent Unemployed	Labor Force (Thousands)			Percent Unemployed	Labor Force (Thousands
	United States	3.7%	162,981.0	25	Bent	3.0	2.0
	Colorado	3.0	3,143.4	26	Montrose	3.0	22.6
1	Huerfano	5.4	2.6	27	Adams	2.9	275.0
2	Fremont	4.5	15.5	28	Ouray	2.8	2.6
3	Crowley	4.4	1.6	29	Arapahoe	2.8	370.3
4	Saguache	4.2	3.7	30	Prowers	2.7	6.3
5	Rio Blanco	4.2	2.8	31	Denver	2.7	421.5
6	Pueblo	4.1	76.3	32	Hinsdale	2.7	0.5
7	Rio Grande	4.0	5.6	33	Garfield	2.7	33.6
8	Costilla	3.9	1.9	34	Morgan	2.7	16.8
9	Montezuma	3.9	13.6	35	Mineral	2.6	0.6
10	Conejos	3.7	4.1	36	Jackson	2.6	1.0
11	Las Animas	3.7	6.7	37	Jefferson	2.6	341.3
12	Otero	3.7	8.7	38	Park	2.6	11.1
13	Alamosa	3.5	8.5	39	Weld	2.6	169.3
14	Delta	3.4	15.0	40	Broomfield	2.5	40.6
15	Mesa	3.4	78.0	41	Gilpin	2.5	3.8
16	Archuleta	3.4	7.2	42	La Plata	2.5	32.2
17	Moffat	3.3	7.8	43	Larimer	2.5	206.7
18	Pitkin	3.3	11.8	44	Chaffee	2.5	10.1
19	El Paso	3.2	345.4	45	Sedgwick	2.5	1.3
20	San Miguel	3.2	5.7	46	Clear Creek	2.4	6.2
21	Custer	3.1	2.1	47	Boulder	2.4	199.3
22	Teller	3.1	13.0	48	Logan	2.4	11.2
23	San Juan	3.1	0.5	49	Lake	2.4	5.1
24	Dolores	3.0	1.2	50	Douglas	2.4	195.1

June 2019 Unemployment Rates & Civilian Labor Force

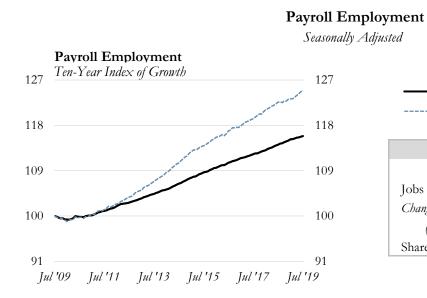
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics/Haver Analytics

COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT

June 2019 Unemployment Rates & Civilian Labor Force Seasonally Adjusted

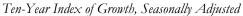
Seasonally Adjusted							
		Percent Unemployed	Labor Force (Thousands)			Percent Unemployed	Labor Force (Thousands)
51	Elbert	2.3	15.2	58	Kit Carson	1.9	4.4
52	Lincoln	2.3	2.5	59	Summit	1.9	22.8
53	Grand	2.3	10.0	60	Phillips	1.8	2.7
54	Eagle	2.3	37.7	61	Cheyenne	1.8	1.1
55	Gunnison	2.3	11.2	62	Kiowa	1.7	1.0
56	Routt	2.2	16.9	63	Baca	1.6	2.2
57	Washington	1.9	3.3	64	Yuma	1.5	6.4

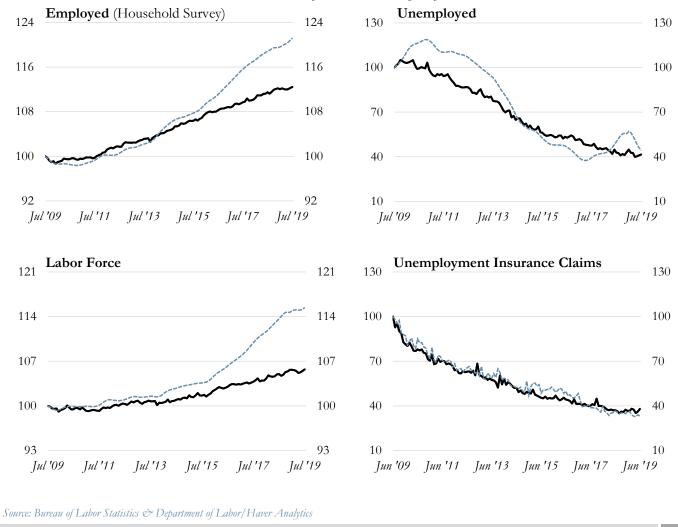
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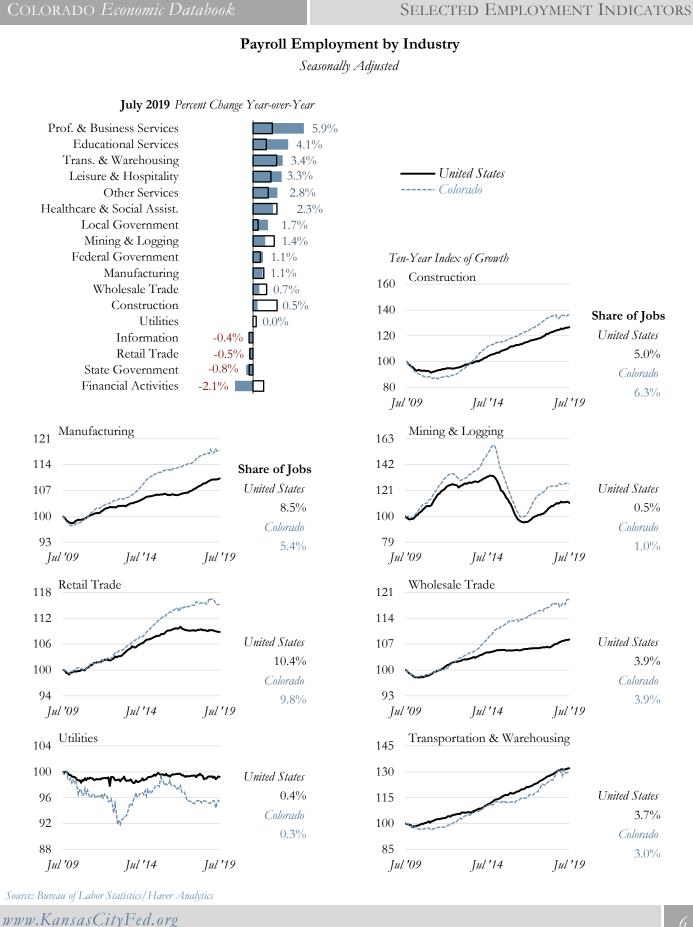


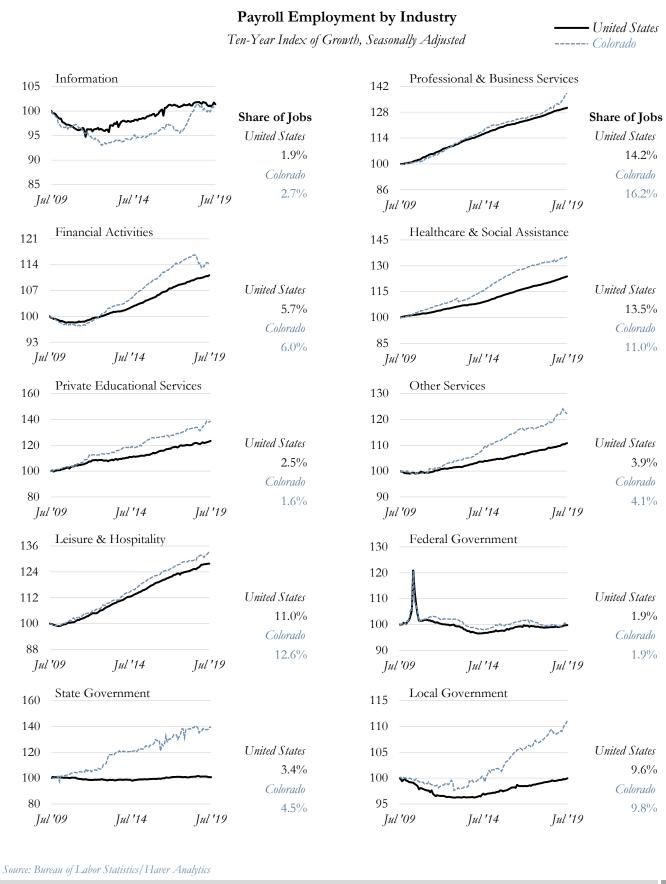
—— United States Colorado				
July	July 2019			
	United States	Colorado		
Jobs (Thousands)	151,431.0	2,787.0		
Change from Last Year	2,246.0	52.7		
(Thousands)				
Share of U.S. Employm	nent	1.8%		

Labor Force Dynamics

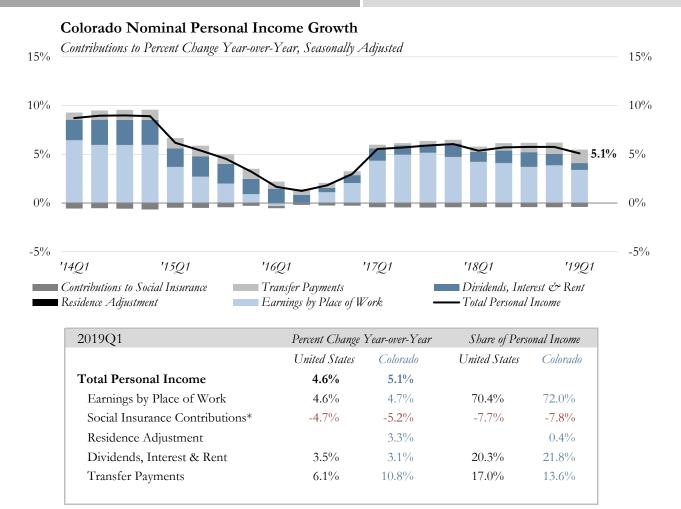




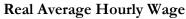


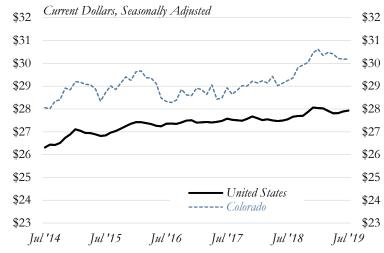


WAGE & INCOME INDICATORS



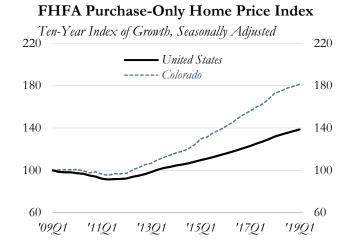
*Subtracted from personal income.



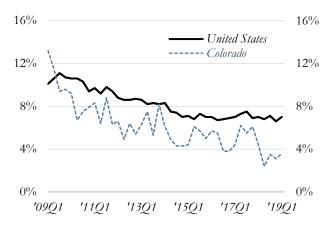


July 2019			
Average	United States	Colorado	
Hourly Wage	\$27.93	\$30.18	
Real Change from	n		

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis & Bureau of Labor Statistics/Haver Analytics

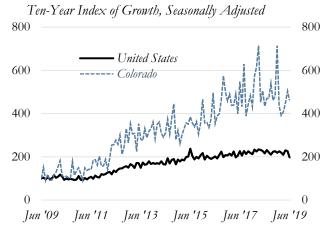


Rental Vacancy Rates



SELECTED HOUSING INDICATORS

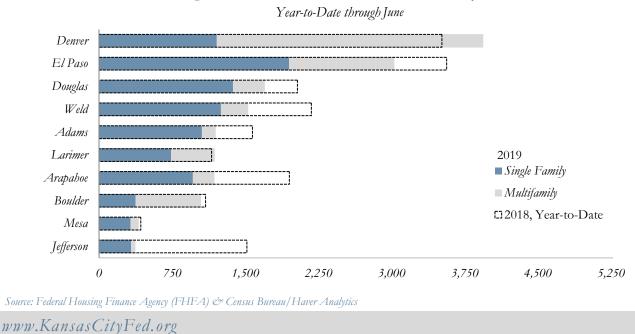
Housing Permits



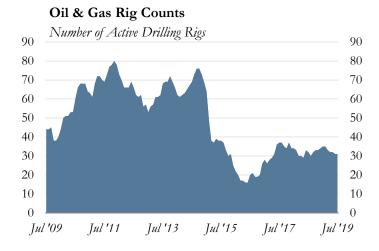
Summary Statistics			
	United States	Colorado	
Prices (2019Q1)*	5.1%	4.8%	
Vacancy Rates (2019Q1)	7.0%	3.6%	
Permits (Year-to-Date)*			
Single Family	-6.1%	-15.7%	
Multifamily	1.6%	-23.0%	

*Percent change year-over-year.

Top 10 Colorado Counties for Permit Activity



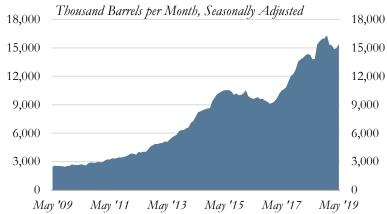
SELECTED ENERGY INDICATORS



Colorado Energy Activity

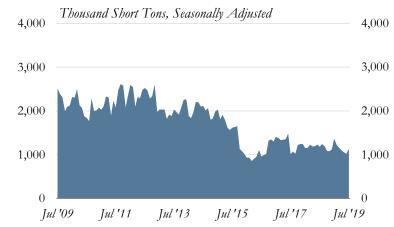
July 2019				
	United States	Colorado		
Rig Count	955	31		
Change from				
Last Month	-15	0		
Last Year	-95	-1		
Share of U.S.	Activity	3.2%		

Crude Oil Production



1	May 2019	01.1
	United States	Colorado
Production	368,817	15,380
Change from		
Last Month	0.1%	2.9%
Last Year	15.7%	8.0%
Share of U.S.	Activity	4.2%

Coal Production

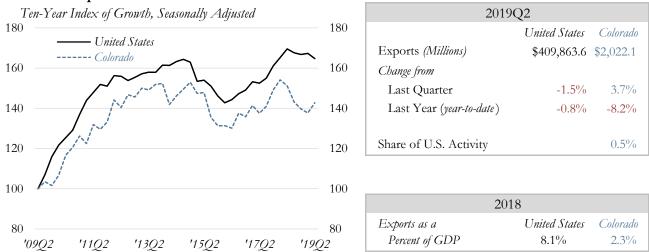


July 2019			
	United States	Colorado	
Production	58,458	1,130	
Change from			
Last Month	2.5%	10.8%	
Last Year	-7.2%	-4.4%	
Share of U.S. A	Activity	1.9%	

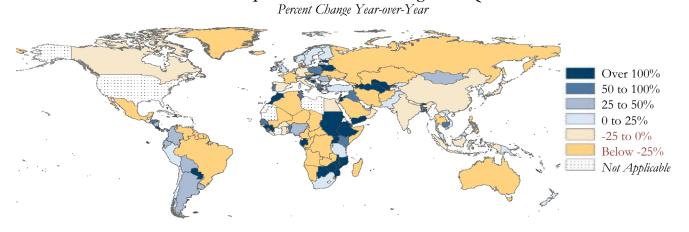
Source: Baker Hughes & Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration/Haver Analytics www.KansasCityFed.org

Selected Trade Indicators

Global Exports



Colorado Exports Year-to-Date through 2019Q2



To	p Markets	Share
1	Canada	17.6%
2	Mexico	13.0
3	China*	12.3
4	South Korea	6.8
5	Malaysia	5.4
6	Japan	5.1
7	Netherlands	4.0
8	Germany	3.3
9	United Kingdom	3.0
10	Switzerland	2.7

Τc	Share	
1	Computers & Electronics	22.1%
2	Food	19.6
3	Machinery (except Electrical)	11.3
4	Chemicals & Rare Earth Metals	9.3
5	Transportation Equip.	6.5
6	Misc. Manufactures	6.4
7	Fabricated Metal Products	5.0
8	Electronic Equip. & Appliances	3.0
9	Plastics & Rubber Products	2.8
10	Minerals & Ores	2.3

*Includes Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Macao.

Source: Census Bureau, WISERTrade & Bureau of Economic Analysis/Haver Analytics

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Pages 2 - 4: County unemployment rates typically lag state data releases by one month. Gray bars show recessionary periods as designated by the National Bureau of Economic Research. The "official" and most commonly reported unemployment rate is calculated as the number of unemployed workers divided by the total civilian labor force. These data are reported from the Bureau of Labor Statistics Current Population Survey, or commonly called the "Household" survey.

Pages 2 and 5: Nonfarm employment data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics Current Employment Survey are commonly called "Payroll" employment data. Estimates from this survey are revised throughout the year and a major revision or "benchmark" of the data occurs in March of each year. "Payroll" and "Household" surveys are released monthly, providing the most current estimates of employment published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Because methodologies differ between surveys, employment estimates also differ. For more information, visit:

http://www.bls.gov/web/empsit/ces_cps_trends.pdf

Initial claims show monthly applications for initial claims for state unemployment insurance benefits.

Pages 6 and 7: Payroll employment by industry is shown for each of the major two-digit North American Industrial Classification System industries.

Page 8: Personal income provides a measure of all income received by residents of a given geographic area. Data shown are in nominal terms (not adjusted for inflation). Transfer payments include social benefits such as unemployment insurance, Social Security, and Medicaid. Contributions to social insurance are subtracted from personal income. These contributions include taxes paid by businesses and employees that support social insurance programs such as unemployment insurance, Social Security, and Medicaid. The residence adjustment adds income received outside of a recipient's state of residence and makes a corresponding subtraction from the area where this income was earned or received. Real average hourly wages are calculated as total earnings divided by total employment for a given geographic area. Data are adjusted for inflation using the consumer price index for all urban areas (CPI-U) and are indexed to the most current month of data.

Page 9: Home price indices estimate regional growth in home values based on repeat sales data for detached single family residential properties. Monthly single and multifamily housing permits data are not revised, and therefore, may not sum to published year-end totals.

Page 10: The active rig count is the number of rigs actively exploring for or developing oil or natural gas. Rig counts provide an indicator of new drilling activity and potential for expanded crude oil or natural gas production. Coal production is shown as production during a given month.

Page 11: Exports measure the total physical movement of a given product from the United States to a foreign country.

Data Revisions

Most data are revised periodically to correct for errors and incorporate additional information as it becomes available. Data shown in this report are subject to change.

Seasonal Adjustments

Most data are seasonally adjusted to remove variance caused by seasonal fluctuations in economic activity. Data in this report show the seasonal adjustments of data publishers where available. In other cases, Census X-12 adjustments were applied.

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