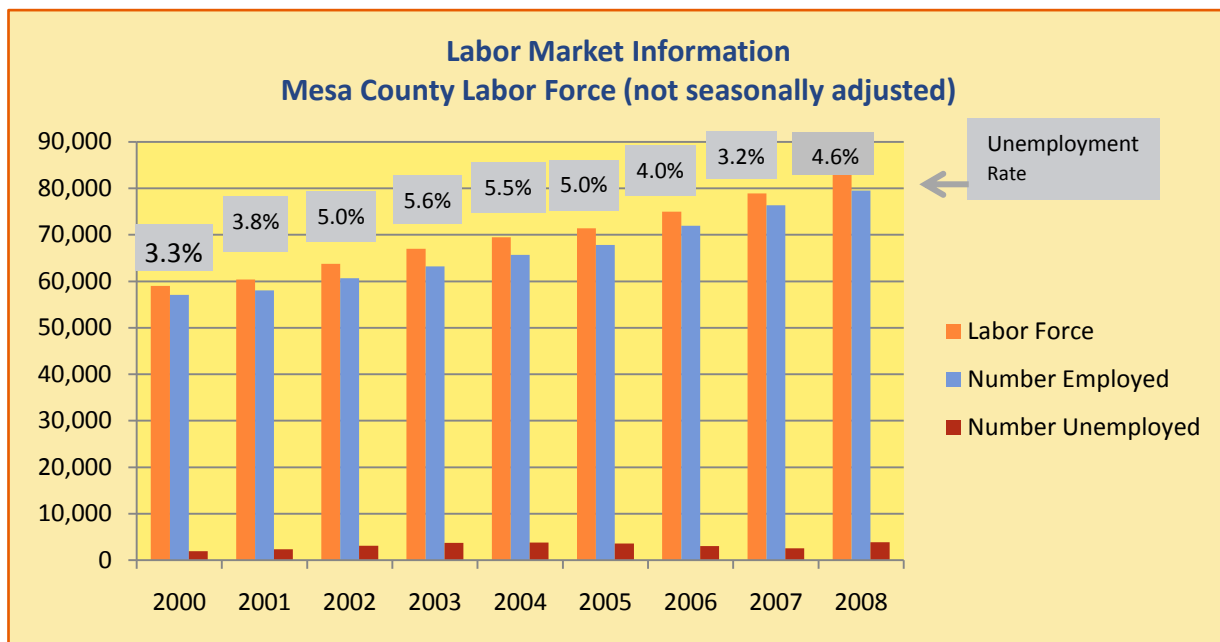


Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment Statistics December, 2008

Here is the labor force, employment and unemployment information for Mesa County . These figures are for the December, 2008 time period. These figures are not seasonally adjusted.

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Number Employed	Number Unemployed	Unemployment Rate	Preliminary Data
Mesa County	83,391	79,536	3,855	4.60%	Yes
Colorado	2,743,109	2,579,975	142,764	5.90%	Yes



The total civilian labor force in Mesa County for December 2008, was 83,391, of which 79,536 were employed and 3,855 were unemployed. The unemployment rate was 4.6 percent. The average weekly wage for Mesa County in 1st Quarter 2008 was \$716. This would be equivalent to \$17.90 per hour or \$37,232 per year, assuming a 40-hour week worked the year around. The total number of employees located in Mesa County in 1st Quarter 2008 was 62,413. The largest major industry sector was Health Care and Social Assistance (with 15 percent of the employment), followed by Retail Trade (44 & 45) (with 14 percent), and Accommodation and Food Services (with 10 percent).

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