

Economic Outlook for the State of Colorado

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Welcome and Introductions

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- Model demonstration

Model



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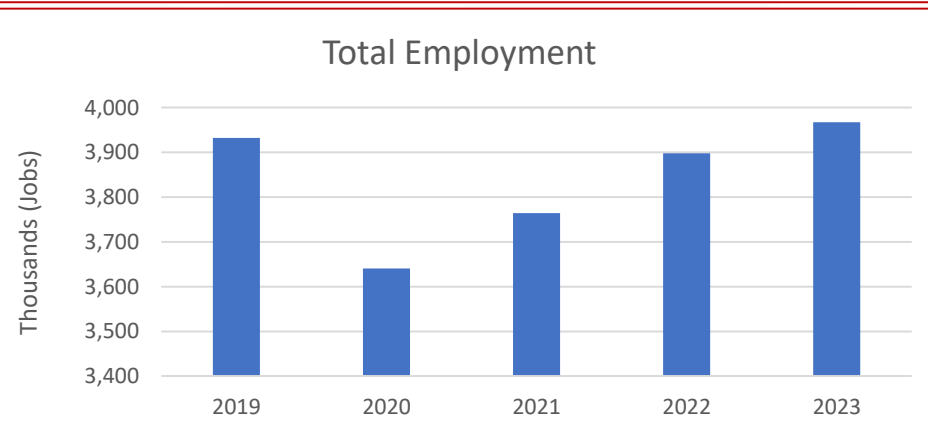
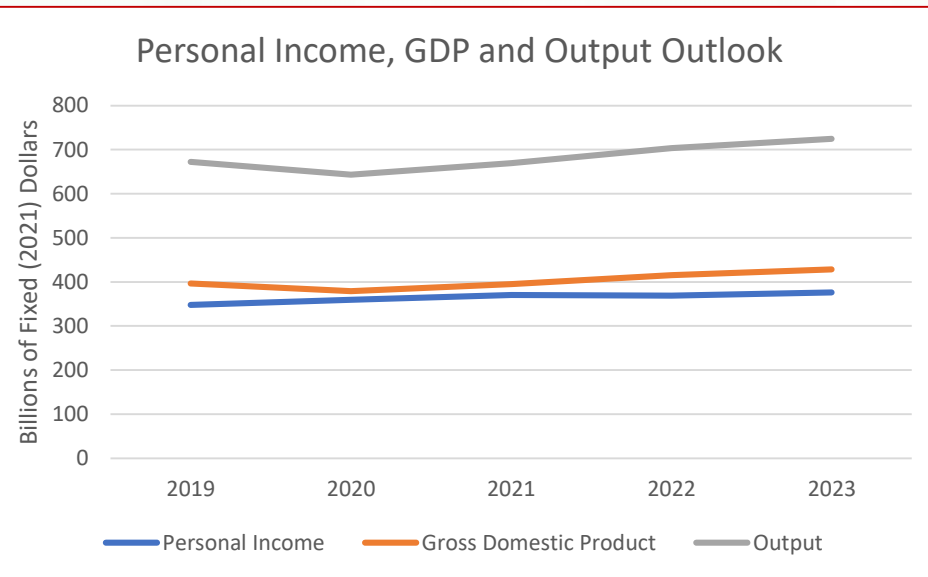
Colorado State Economy

- **Tourism** is a large industry in the state, mainly summer tourism but with a growing market for winter sports. **Ski resorts, craft breweries, historical sites, & national parks** all attract visitors.
- Major crops include **corn, wheat, hay, & sugar beets**.
- **Mining** has always been a source of income for CO. Today, top minerals include coal, petroleum, molybdenum, sand, & gravel. **Fracking** is growing.
- **Wind power** is slowly expanding; the vast majority of electricity is still powered by coal & natural gas.
- CO has a high concentration of **high-tech workers**, especially in **aerospace**. High-tech industries have been less impacted by COVID-19, as we will see later today.

Short-Term Outlook: Colorado



- Years 2019-2023
- Growth 2020-2021
 - Personal income : 3.0%
 - GDP: 4.2%
 - Output: 4.1%
 - Employment: 124 thousand jobs
- Uncertainty



REMI Regional Growth Matrix: Economic & Demographic Factors



Economic Factors

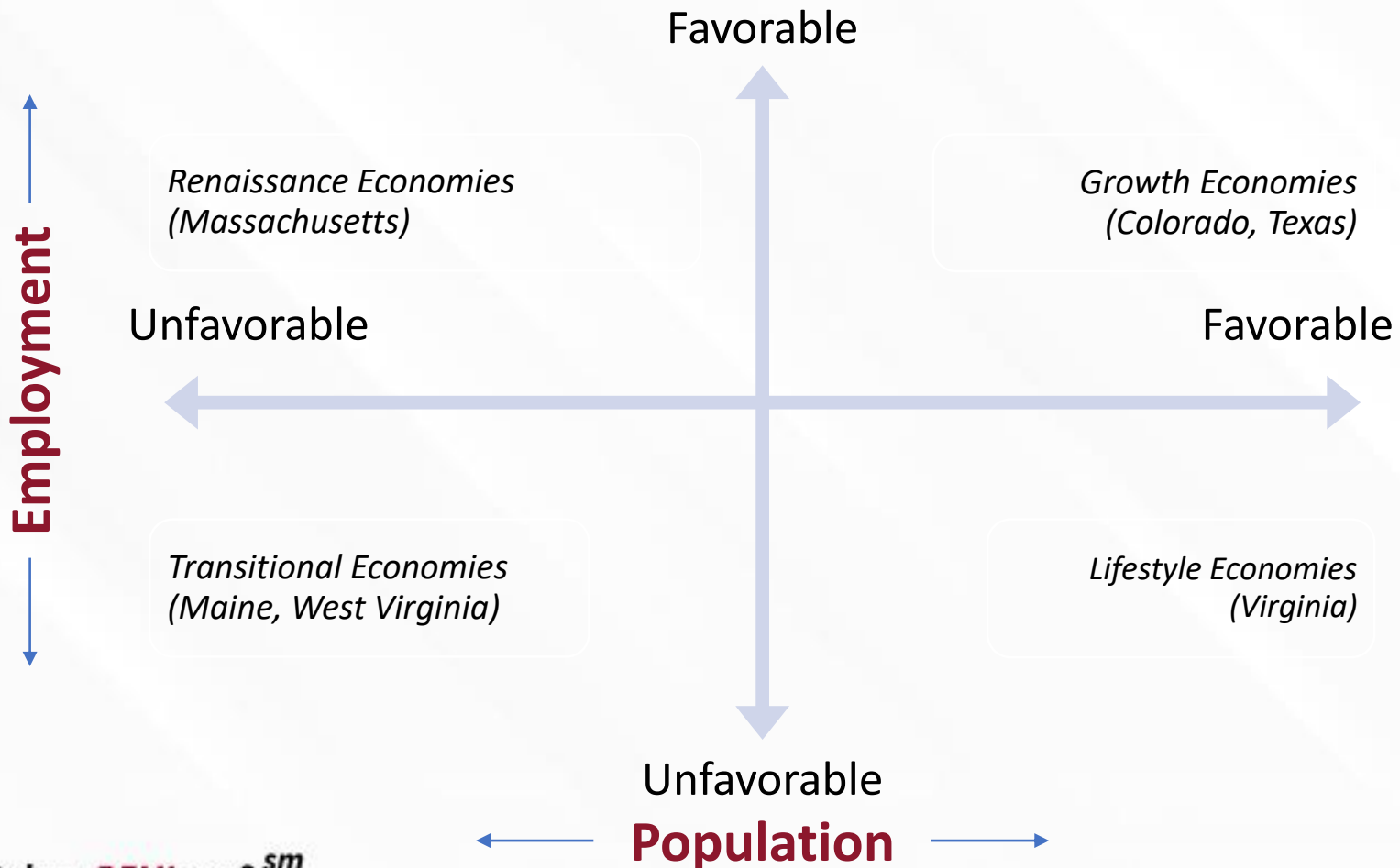
	Industry Growth	Industry Clusters	Pay	Productivity	Business Cost
Favorable	Growing	Strong	High-paid industries	High	Low
Unfavorable	Declining	Weak	Low-paid industries	Low	High

Demographic Factors

	Population Age	Retirees	Immigration	Amenities	Housing Cost
Favorable	Younger	Gains retirees	Immigration gateway	High	Low
Unfavorable	Older	Loses retirees	Low internat'l immigration	Low	High

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Regional Growth Matrix



Growth Matrix

Difference in Growth from US Average (2021-2022)



Data Sources

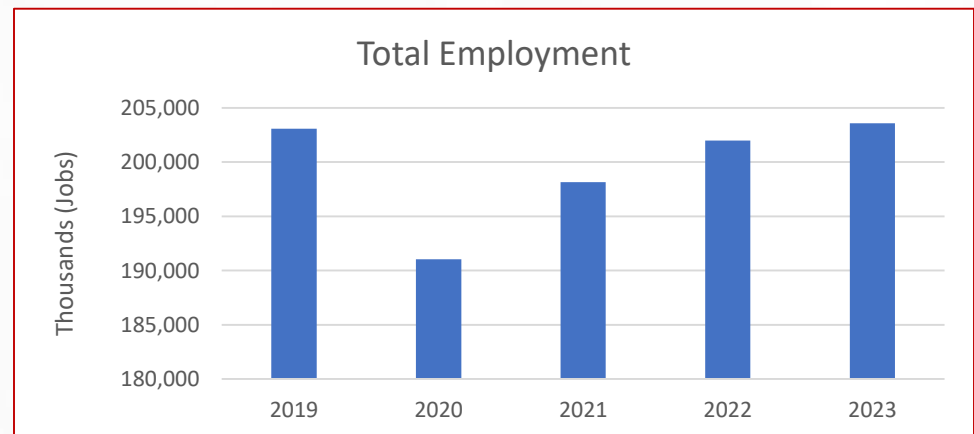
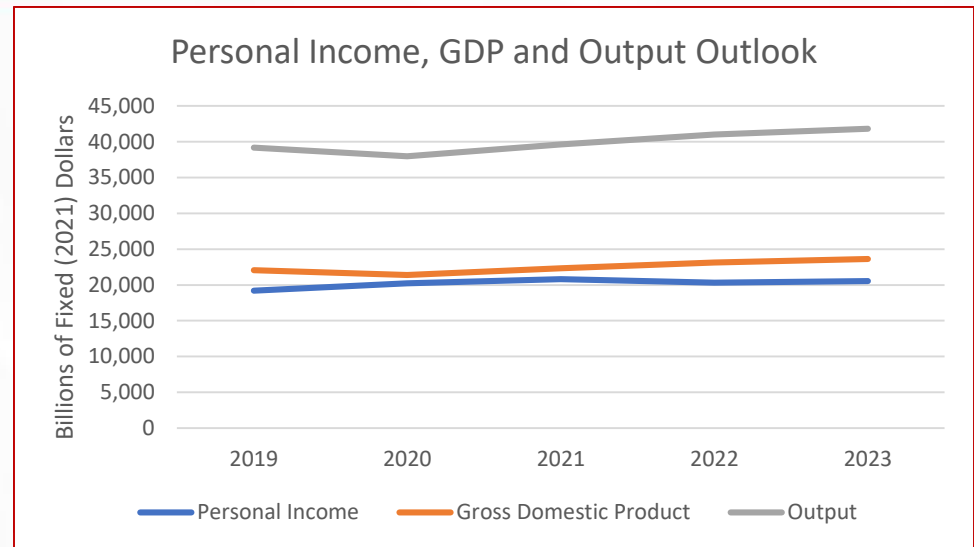
- Baseline (Standard National Control)
 - BLS Forecast Data
- Economic Forecast Update March 2021
 - 2019-2020 historical data from BEA
 - The U.S. Economic Outlook for 2020-2022 from the University of Michigan's Research Seminar in Quantitative Economics (RSQE)
 - An update to the Economics Outlook from CBO
 - Includes \$1.6 trillion stimulus, additional vaccination, and additional consumer spending¹

National Outlook

Short-Term Outlook: the U.S.

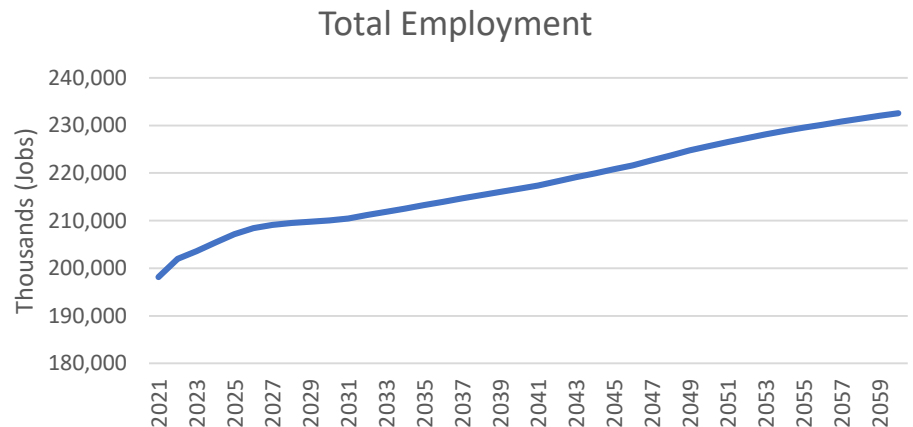
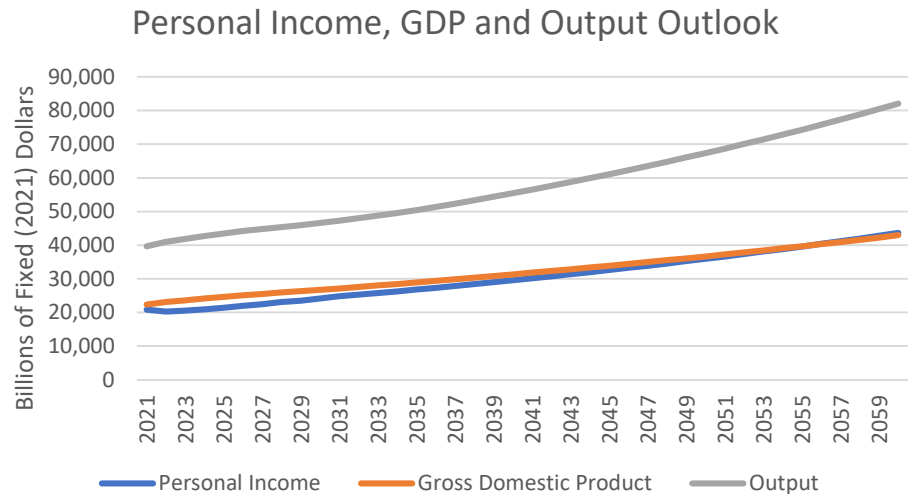


- Years 2019-2023
- Growth 2020-2021
 - Personal income: 2.9%
 - GDP: 4.4%
 - Output: 4.4%
 - Employment: +7 million jobs



Long-Term Outlook: The U.S.

- Years 2021-2060
- Average growth / year
 - Personal income: 1.9%
 - GDP: 1.8%
 - Output: 1.9%
 - Total employment: +1,038 thousand jobs



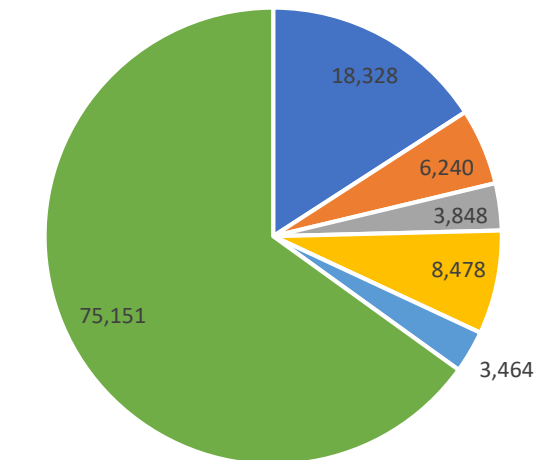
Regional Outlook: Colorado

Short-Term Outlook: Employment by Industry



- Industries with largest employment growth rates in 2021
- 2020 - 2021: 40,358 jobs increasing in the top 5 fast growing industries

Job Increase in The Fastest Growing Industries in 2021

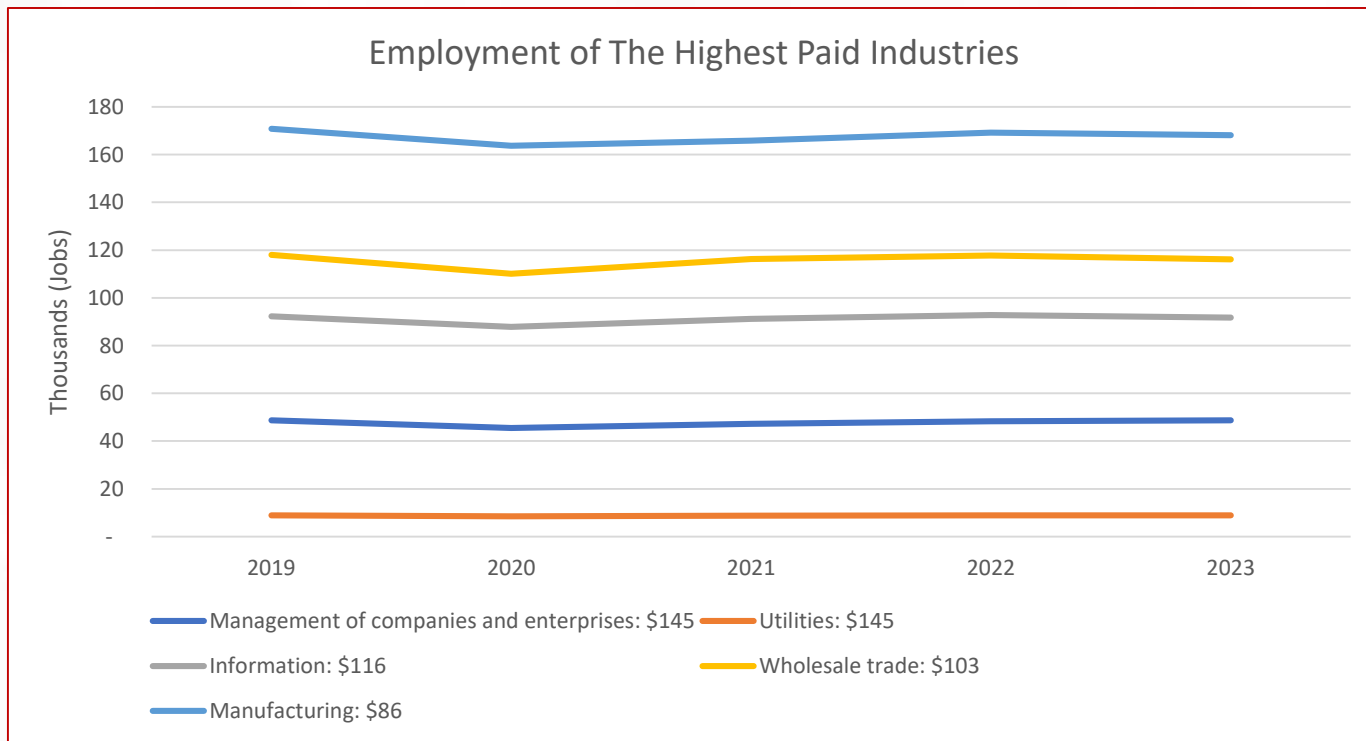


- Health care and social assistance: 5.68%
- Wholesale trade: 5.67%
- Educational services; private: 5.53%
- Other services (except public administration): 4.94%
- Arts, entertainment, and recreation: 4.52%
- All other industries

Short-Term Outlook: Employment by Industry



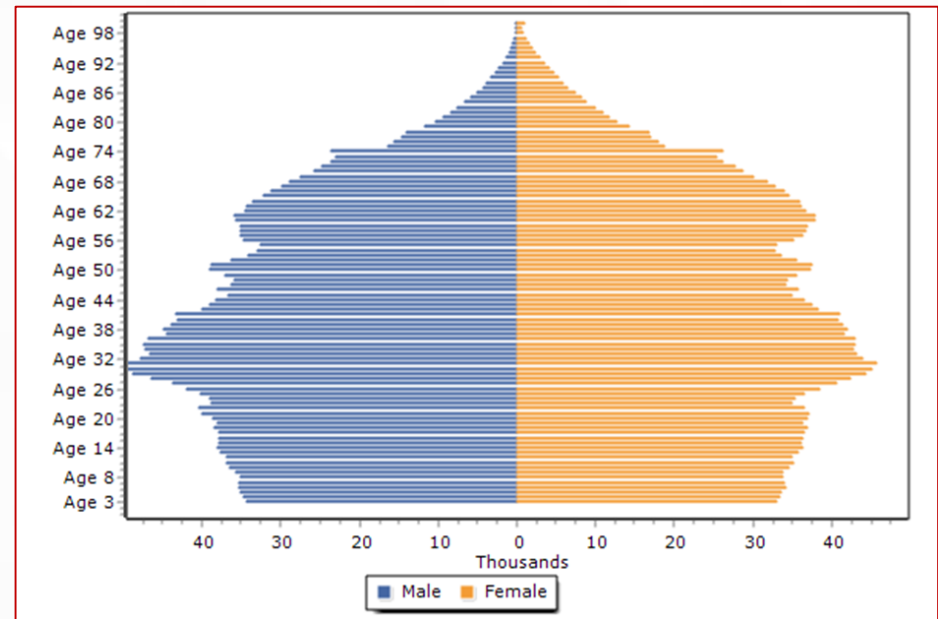
- Industries with highest average annual compensation rates in 2021



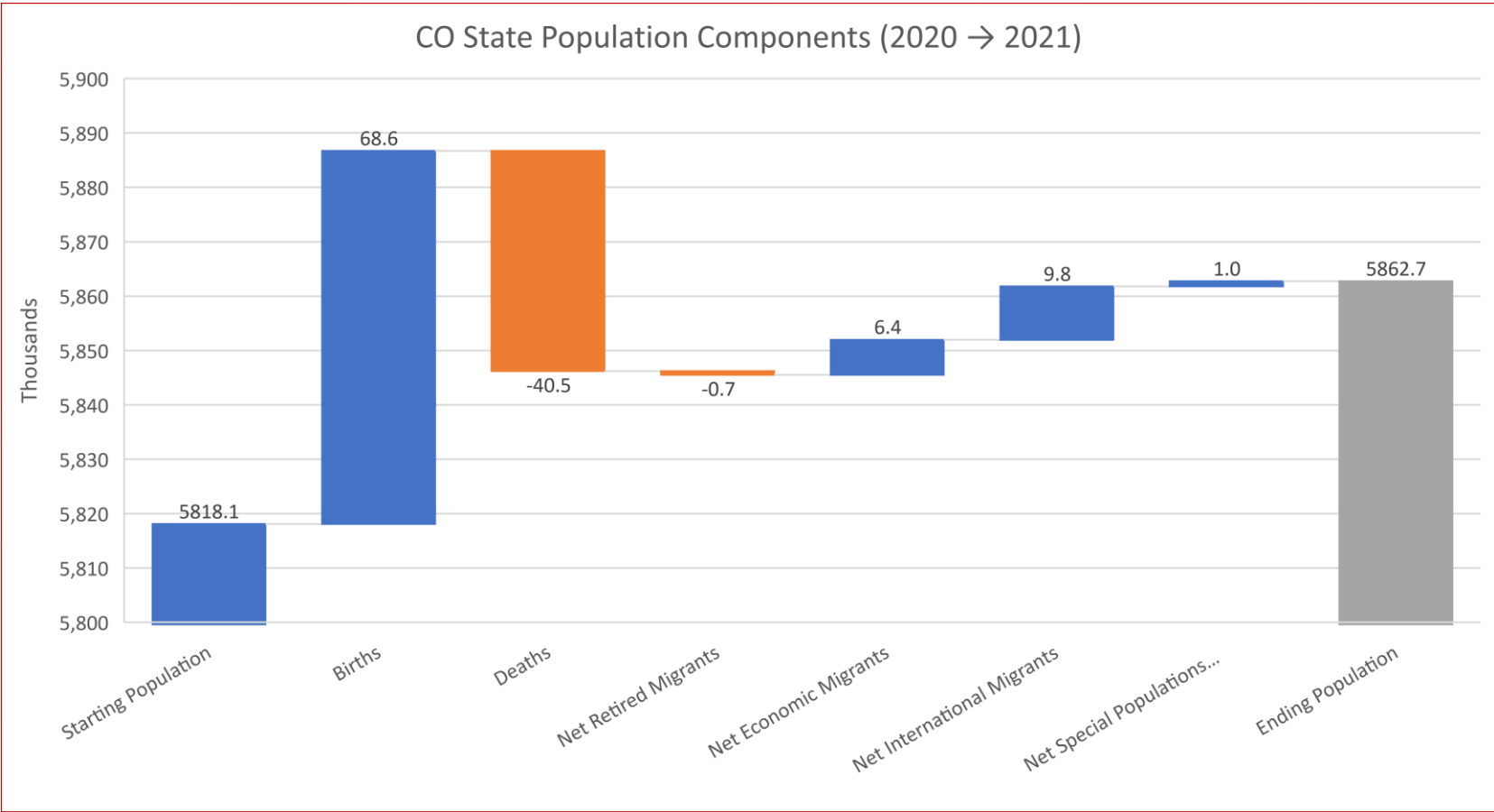
Short-Term Outlook: Population Pyramid (2021)



- Year 2021
- Constrictive
 - Elderly & shrinking



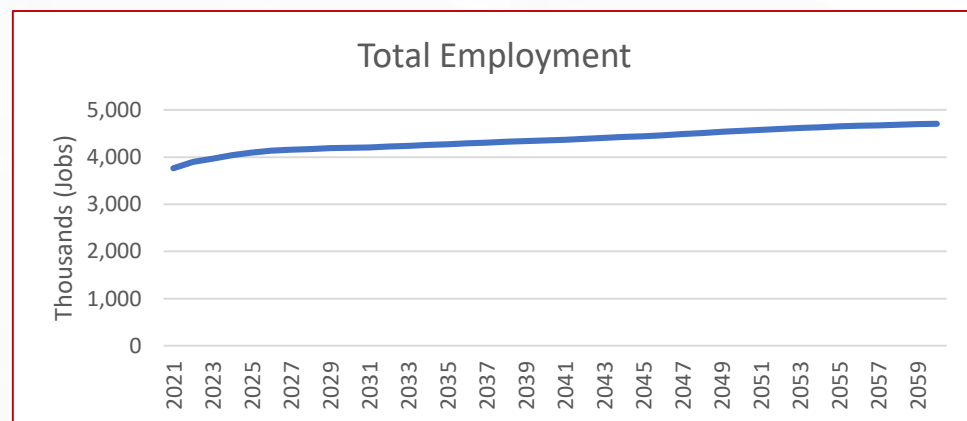
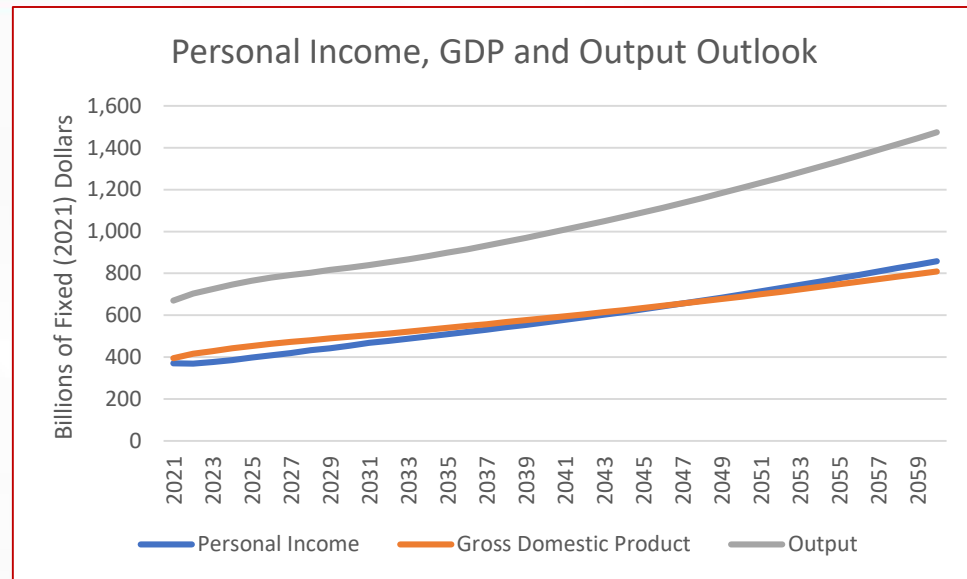
Short-Term Outlook: Population Components



Long-Term Outlook: Colorado



- Years 2021-2060
- Average growth / year
 - Personal income: 2.2%
 - GDP: 1.9%
 - Output: 2.1%
 - Total employment: 27 thousand jobs

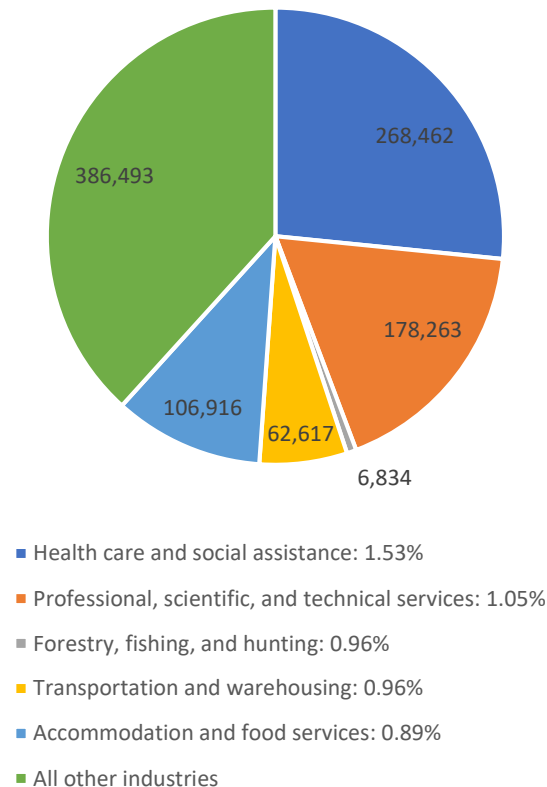


Long-Term Outlook: Employment by Industry



- Industries with fastest employment increasing
- 2020 - 2060: 623,092 jobs increasing in the top 5 fast growing industries

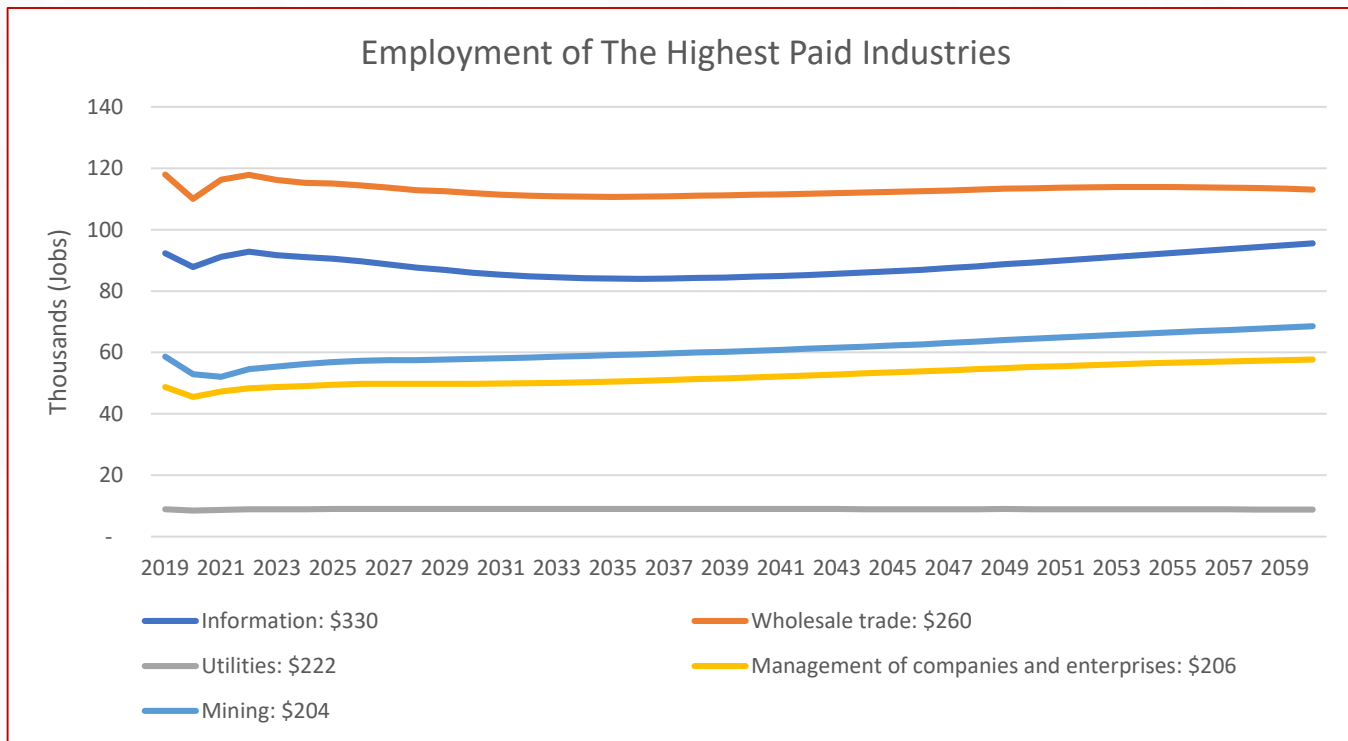
Job Increase in The Fastest Growing Industries
(2020 → 2060)



Long-Term Outlook: Employment by Industry



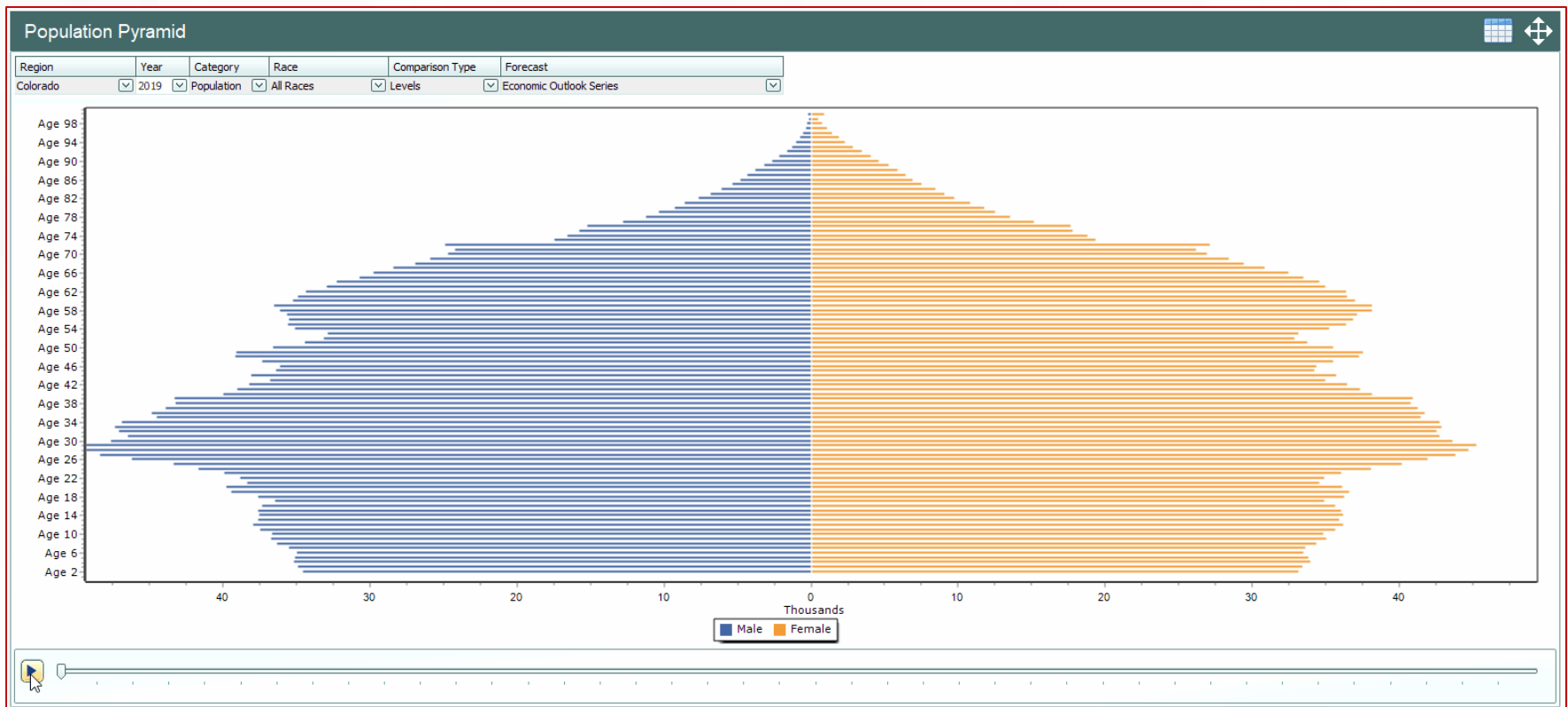
- Employment of industries with highest average annual compensation rates in 2060



Long-Term Outlook: Population Pyramid



- Year 2060

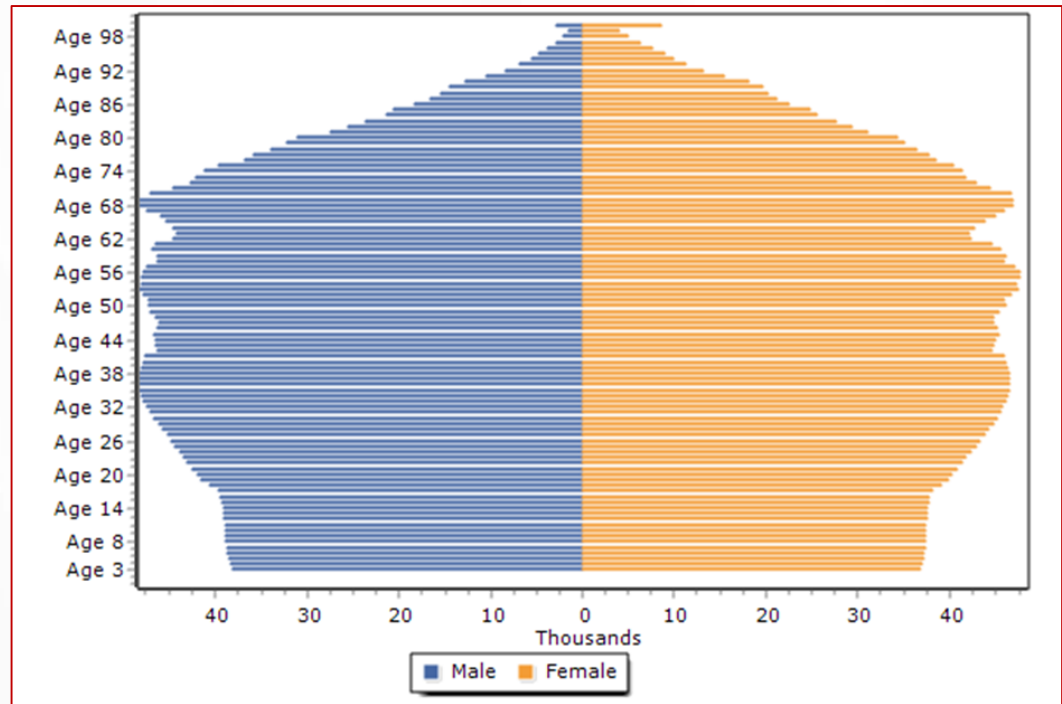


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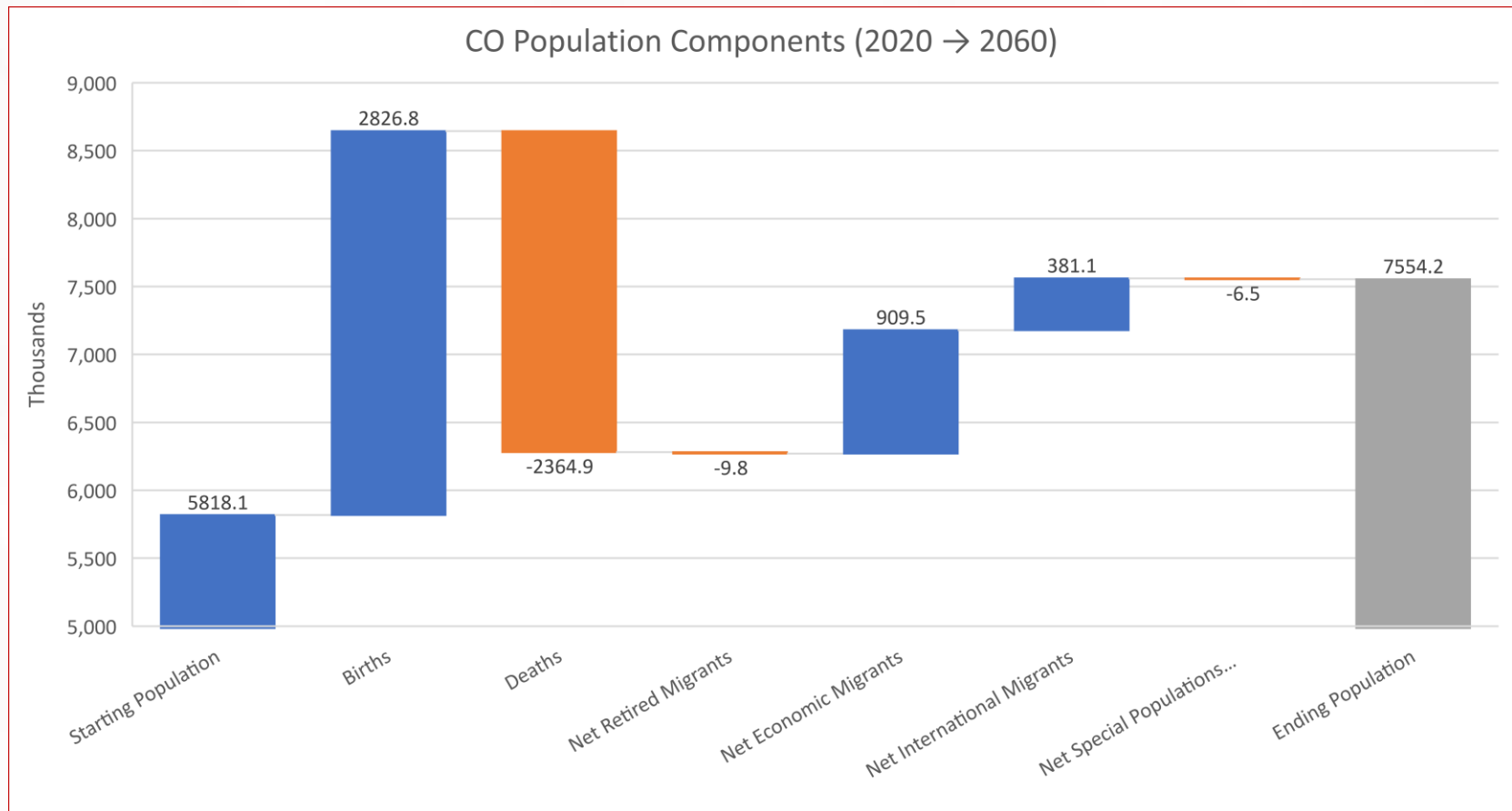
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- Year 2060
- Constrictive



Population Components



Model Demonstration

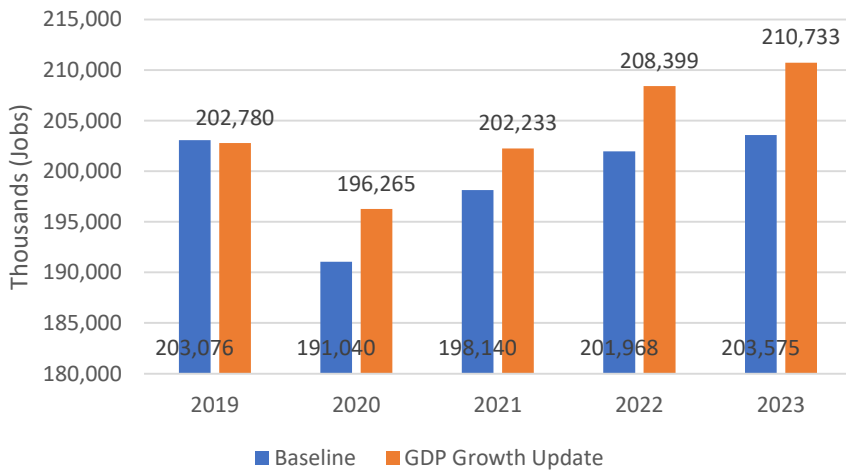
The Scenario

- Optimistic Outlook
 - Baseline – Total employment slowly comes back accompanied by steady growth
 - Uncertainty
 - large pent-up consumer demand
 - supports of vaccine
 - stimulus checks
- Macroeconomic update
 - Increase GDP growth rate by 2%
- Total Employment
 - The US vs Colorado

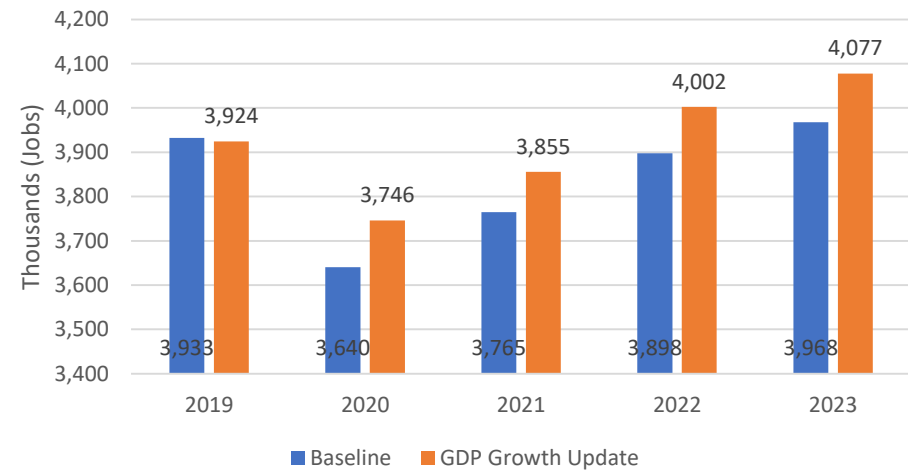
Optimistic Outlook

- Year 2019-2023

Total Employment of the US



Total Employment of Colorado



Conclusion

- Economic forecasts can be difficult
 - The outbreak of COVID-19
 - The election of a new president
 - General uncertainty about the economy
- REMI can help
 - Forecasts: Macro modeling used to clarify, calculate, and communicate
 - Simulations: What-if scenarios
 - Dynamic results

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