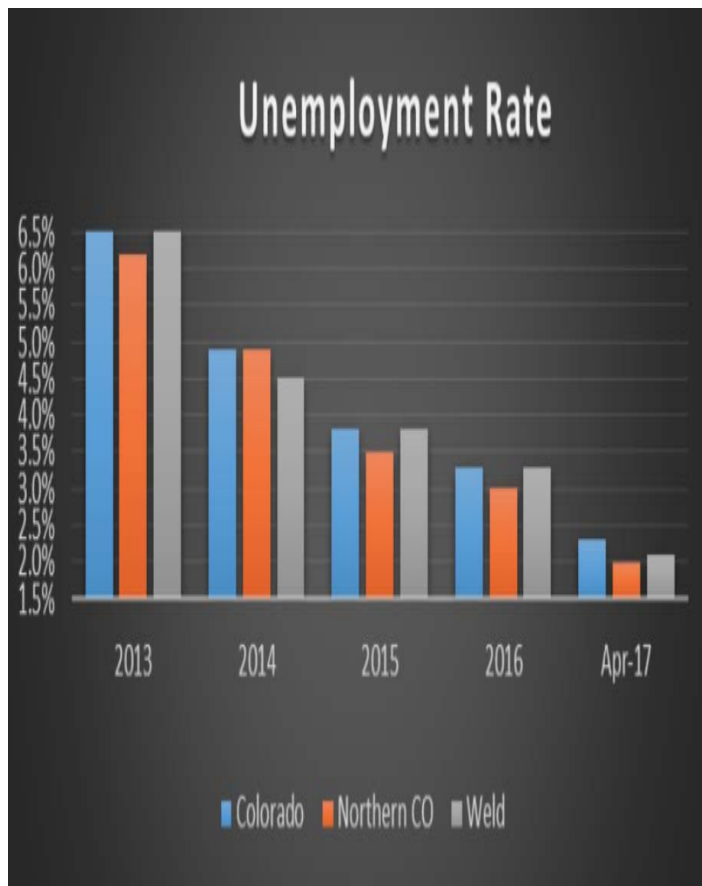




# Economic Dashboard & News

## *June 2017 - Northern Colorado (Weld and Larimer Counties)*

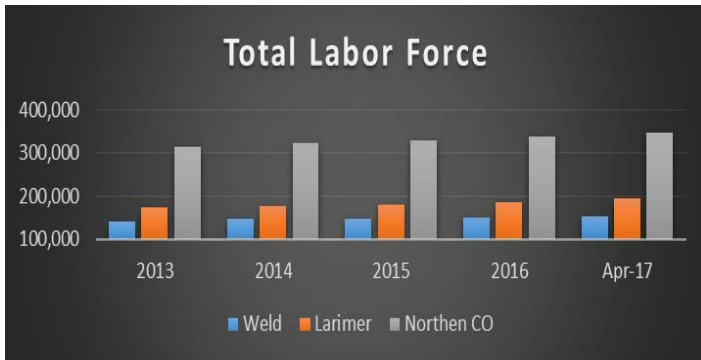
Weld County continues to grow according to state officials. [Click here](#) for a complete copy of our Economic Dashboard and read on for more news from Upstate Colorado Economic Development.



### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

The labor market is very tight, with continued declines in Q2 2017. The Weld unemployment has steadily reduced from 6.6% in 2013 to 2.1% as of April 2017 – Well below what is considered full employment. The current NOCO unemployment rate is 2% and CO is 2.6%

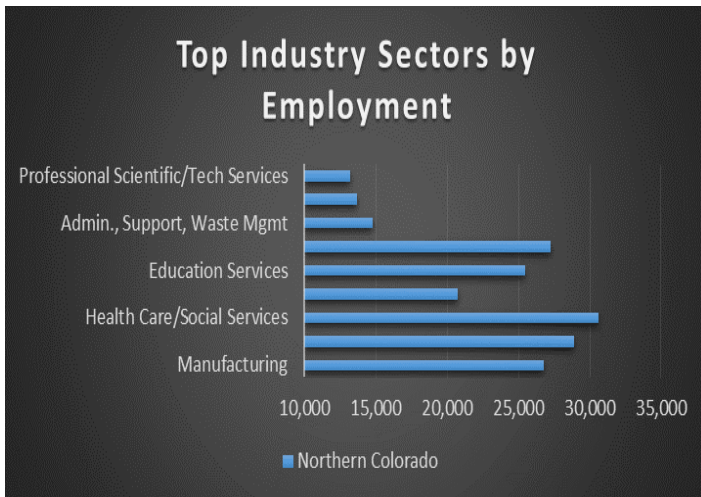
Source: Colorado Department of Labor, April, 2017



**Labor Availability**

The Northern Colorado labor force has slowly grown from 314,776 in 2013 to 342,717 in 2017 – an addition of 27,941 potential employees or an 8.1% growth rate over five years.

*Source: Colorado Department of Labor, April, 2017*



**EMPLOYMENT DISTRIBUTION**

The top Industry sectors employing at least 10,000+ include Health Care at 30,607, Retail at 28,897, Accommodation/Food Services at 27,266 and Manufacturing at 26,787.

*Source: Colorado Department of Labor, Q3, 2016*

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# Upstate Operations

Big News on the Operations Front. The Upstate Board of Directors voted unanimously to provide operational support to the Bright Futures Program. Upstate is proud to lend assistance to this unique workforce program that provides a cash stipend to **Every Graduating High School Senior in Weld County**. These stipends will help provide the next generation of workforce with the ability to help meet the challenges of developing skills that potential employers are looking for as they fill positions.

Upstate Colorado is currently hiring the first ever Director for this program. [Click](#)

[Here for the Job Description](#)

The Deadline for resumes is this Sunday, June 18, 2017

## Investor Update

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Along with all of our Community Partners we want to recognize some of our private sector Investors who, this spring, have recently recommitted or joined us for the first time. We sincerely thank the following organizations who continue to provide us with critical resources that support economic development in the region. Thank You: ***Atmos Energy, Banner Health, BNSF Railway, Broe Real Estate Services, Coan, Payton & Payne, LLC, First National Bank, Martin Marietta Materials Inc., Omaha Track, Inc and United Power.***

We encourage you to support these groups and all of our investors along with our communities to help provide sustainable economic development in our region. If you are interested in getting involved or reengaged in our organization just [Click Here to drop us a note](#). We look forward to partnering with you.

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## Community Spotlight



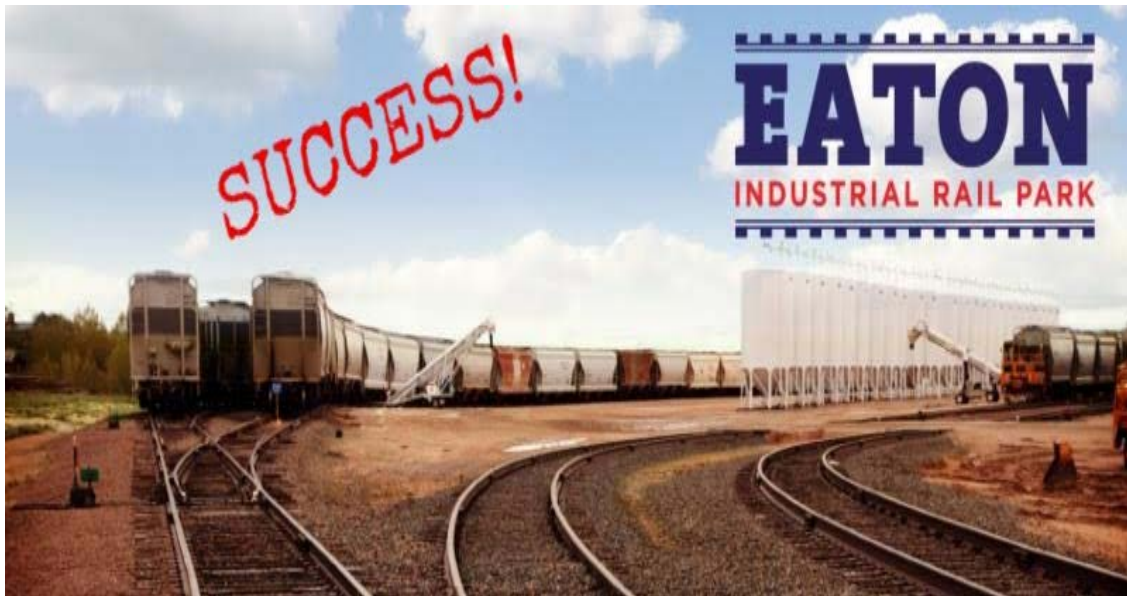
Located less than 7 miles East of I-25 in the heart of the largest agriculture and energy-producing County in Colorado; **Milliken** is a prime, affordable location for businesses looking to be centrally located. There is easy access to several major transportation networks. Milliken continues to grow as people take advantage of the business friendly community and the expedited permitting process. Development ready sites include several large industrial zoned parcels. Affordable residential opportunities and commercial growth are making Milliken a desirable location for expanding businesses.

Opportunity is right outside your window as long as you take the time to look. If you do not have time then check out the contact information below.

For more community information go to [www.millikenco.gov](http://www.millikenco.gov) or contact Walt

Elish, Milliken Economic Development Consultant at 970-660-5026 or [welish@millikenco.gov](mailto:welish@millikenco.gov).

## Private Partner Spotlight



Omaha Track owns and manages a 160 acre, rail-served industrial park in Eaton that includes over eight (8) miles of available track to meet multi-commodity customer transloading and switching needs. With available land for development, Omaha Track will work with any entity to build a rail served facility and develop on-site warehousing, distribution and manufacturing space, etc. The Eaton Industrial Rail Park is one of the key industrial park locations in Weld County – thank you Omaha Track for your investment and development efforts!

For more information please call or email Bud Mushlitz: (402) 618-7927 / [bud@omahatrack.com](mailto:bud@omahatrack.com) or visit Omaha Track on their website at <https://www.omahatrack.com/>.

## Recent News

Saddle up its going to be a wild ride! Get your bike out and get ready to tour Weld County. Congratulations to our Upstate Communities that have been selected to participate in this years [PEDAL the Plains](#).

Weld County continues to lead the State : [The Denver Post](#)

Here is a great story about one of our Upstate Colorado Investors partnering with one of our our local communities: [PVREA, Silicon Ranch Corp. partner on solar-power farm in Kersey](#)

### More News:

[Study: Weld County has largest amount of incoming investments in state](#)  
[Infrastructure improvements pave way for countywide, northern Colorado growth](#)

#### 2017 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL





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