

Colorado by the Numbers

Year Colorado became a state:	1876
Nickname:	The Centennial State
Capital:	Denver
Time Zone:	Mountain Standard
Land Area:	103,717.5 sq. miles (8 th largest state in land area) Colorado has 54 mountain peaks over 14,000' in elevation
Highest point:	14,433 ft Mt. Elbert
Lowest elevation:	3,350 ft, the Arkansas River
Average altitude:	6,800 ft.
Average days of sunshine per year along Colorado's Front Range:	300
Population (2007):	4,861,515 (ranks 22 nd in U.S.)
Median Age:	35.6 years (ranks 41 st in U.S.; U.S. median age is 36.6)
Percent College Grads:	34.3% population age 25 and above (ranks 3 rd in the U.S.)
Percent of Population in Labor Force:	72.8% (population age 16 and over, 2006)
Per Capita Income:	\$41,042 (2007 Bureau of Economic Analysis estimate; ranks 10 th in U.S.)
Median Household Income:	\$52,015 - U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2006
Median Family Income:	\$64,614 - U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2006
Race/Ethnic Composition (Census Bureau's categories):	
White (non-Hispanic)	72%
Black	4%

American Indian	1%
Asian	3%
Two or more Races	2%
Hispanic, of any Race	20%

Note: Total may add up to more than 100% due to rounding

Economics

State GDP (2007): \$236.3 Billion

Per Capita GDP: \$40,805 (ranks 10th in U.S.)

Fortune 500 Company Headquarters: 10

- Qwest Communications – Telecommunications
- DISH Network – Telecommunications
- Liberty Media – Internet Services & Retailing
- Liberty Global – Telecommunications
- First Data – Financial Data Services
- Ball Corporation – Packaging, Containers
- ProLogis – Real Estate
- Molson Coors Brewing – Beverages
- Newmont Mining – Mining, Oil
- Western Union – Financial Data Services

GDP by Major Industry Sector:

TOTAL STATE GDP, 2007	Billions of Dollars
Agriculture/Forestry/Fisheries	\$2.0
Mining	\$10.9
Construction	\$12.4
Manufacturing	\$15.2
Transportation & Utilities	\$9.0
Wholesale Trade	\$13.2
Retail Trade	\$14.3
Information	\$21.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	\$44.1
Services	\$65.7
Government	\$28.0

Colorado has the second largest Space economy in the nation.

Colorado was ranked #3 in the US in Milken Institute's 2008 State Science & Technology Index

Colorado has the 3rd highest concentration of high tech workers, with 83 of every 1,000 private sector workers in high tech jobs.

Colorado has the 5th highest concentration of software publishers.

Colorado ranks #4 in New Energy Economy potential.

Top 5 Private Sector Employers

- Wal-Mart 24,686
- Kroger (King Soopers/City Market) 17,118
- Safeway, Inc. 12,075
- Centura Health 12,000
- Qwest Communications International 9,200

Federal Laboratories in Colorado

National Institute of Standards & Technology	Boulder
Climate Monitoring & Diagnostics Laboratory	Boulder
Department of Energy-Grand Junction Projects Office	Grand Junction
Environmental Technology Laboratory	Boulder
Forecast Systems Laboratory	Boulder
Institute for Telecommunication Sciences	Boulder
National Center for Atmospheric Research	Boulder
National Geomagnetic Information Center	Denver
National Seed Storage Laboratory	Ft. Collins
National Wildlife Research Center	Ft. Collins
Natural Hazards Research & Applications Information Center	Boulder
Rocky Mountain Research Station	Ft. Collins
Space Environment Laboratory	Boulder
Transportation Test Center	Pueblo

Major Universities (Public & Private)

- University of Colorado – Boulder
- University of Colorado – Denver & Health Sciences Center
- Colorado School of Mines
- Colorado State University
- University of Northern Colorado
- United States Air Force Academy
- University of Denver

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<i>Mesa Verde National Park, Rocky Mountain National Park, Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park, Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve</i>	
State parks	42
National forests and national grasslands	15
Scenic and historic byways	25
National monuments and recreations areas	10
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Vineyards	64
Microbreweries	100
Scenic and historic railways	10