

## 2005 Colorado Springs Rankings

Colorado **ranked 4<sup>th</sup>** in economic competitiveness by Suffolk University's Beacon Hill Institute. Colorado also ranked 3rd in the nation with the percentage of engineers and scientists in the workforce and ranked 2nd in the percentage of total wage and salary jobs in high technology. (12/05)

Colorado Springs **ranked 19<sup>th</sup>** in the America's Most Literate Cities study, ranking the 69 largest cities (population 250,000 and above) in the United States. This study focuses on six key indicators of literacy: the Internet, newspaper circulation, number of bookstores, library resources, periodical publishing resources, and educational attainment. Central Connecticut State University (11/05)

Colorado Springs has been identified in the book "Life 2.0: How People Across America Are Transforming Their Lives by Finding the Where of Their Happiness" by Richard Karlgaard. Karlgaard listed 150 top places to live and work in America, based on affordable housing, creative challenges and opportunity. Colorado Springs was noted for its "natural beauty and business friendliness" and **rated 6<sup>th</sup>** among smaller metro areas for creativity. (11/05)

Colorado Springs **ranked 8<sup>th</sup>** on Fast Magazine's 10 Fastest Cities in America. The magazine picked the 10 U.S. cities "that are showing the highest rates of growth among the creative class" (the scientists, engineers, artists, cultural creatives, managers and professionals who together comprise more than 30 percent of the U.S. economy). (10/05)

**Colorado is the leanest state** in the U.S., according to a study done by the Trust for America's Health advocacy group. (08/05)

Colorado Springs **ranked 14<sup>th</sup>** in Runner's World Magazine. Data factored into the decision-making: the number of running clubs per city; the annual number of road races; the amount of land set aside for park usage; air quality measurements; weather data and crime statistics. Runner's World also factored in the results of a poll in which its readers ranked their favorite running cities. (08/05)

Expansion Management has rated Colorado Springs as a **5 star** (top rating) Business Opportunity Metro. Rankings compared all 362 MSAs in the areas of public education, health care cost and availability, transportation and logistics infrastructure, quality of life, strength of pool of knowledge workers, government influences on the business climate, and, finally, the metro's reputation among prominent corporate site location consultants. (07/05)

Colorado Springs **ranked 19<sup>th</sup>** on Farmers Insurance Group's list of most secure places to live in America among 331 U.S. cities. (06/05)

Intel Corporation **ranked Colorado Springs 15<sup>th</sup>** on their list of most unwired cities. (06/05)

Colorado Springs **ranked 3<sup>rd</sup>** in the 2005 Best Cities for Relocating Families by Employee Relocation Council and Primacy Relocation. (05/05)

Colorado Springs **ranked 23<sup>rd</sup>** on the 2004 Forbes Best Places for Business and Careers list. The rankings are based on income and growth, cost of doing business, available labor, crime rates, housing costs and net migration. 150 metropolitan large metropolitan areas were ranked. [www.forbes.com](http://www.forbes.com) (05/05)

According to the Cyberstates 2005 report by the American Electronics Association, Colorado **ranked No. 2** for population with college degree, new companies and business starts. The survey also shows that among all 50 states, Colorado also **ranked No. 3** for Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grants and **No. 4** for long-term job growth and venture capital investment. (04/05)

Colorado Springs was listed in “America’s Top 100 Places to Live in 2005” report published by Relocate America. (04/05)

Colorado Springs **ranked 8<sup>th</sup>** among the nation’s 100 largest metro areas for business growth during the past four years according to a study completed by infoUSA. The state of Colorado ranked 2nd in the study. (03/05)

Colorado Springs **ranked in the top 10** for business growth during the past five years by *Sales Genie*® *Survey of U.S. Businesses*. The survey includes a report citing the number of businesses and the corresponding business growth/decline for the top 100 MSA's in the U.S. (03/05)

Colorado Springs **ranked as the 3<sup>rd</sup>** fittest city in the country as ranked by Men’s Fitness magazine. The survey was based on 14 categories ranging from the number of fitness centers to air quality to commute times. (01/05)

Colorado Springs has been **ranked 18<sup>th</sup>** in Expansion Management's "America's 50 Hottest Cities" list for 2004. The ranking is based on a survey of site selection professionals, and ranks cities according to their reputation as good places to expand or locate business. Expansion Management magazine ran the full story in its January 2005 issue. (01/05)