



- Colorado **ranked as the 9th** fastest-growing state according to the Kauffman Foundation's Information Technology and Innovation Foundation recent study. The Rocky Mountain States have a strong demand for energy and agriculture, now generally having a lower unemployment and faster growth than the rest of the country. (02/07)
- Colorado Springs was **ranked 4th** greatest place to live according to Earth Day Network's new environmental report card. The new report evaluates a long list of environmental and health indicators including toxics and waste; air quality; drinking and surface water; quality of life; parks and recreation opportunities; human and public health; and global warming and climate change. (02/07)
- Colorado Springs **ranked in the top 50** of Expansion Management's "America's 50 Hottest Cities" list for 2007. 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 2007 issue. (02/07)
- Colorado **ranked as the most heart-healthy state** by Center for Disease Control and Prevention. (02/07)
- Colorado Springs **ranked as the 3rd** 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. (02/07)
- Colorado Springs **ranked 7th** in "the Best Cities in America to have a Baby" according to FitPregnancy magazine, encompassing everything from doctors and hospitals to doulas, midwives, breastfeeding success rates, birth and health risk, stroller-friendly trails and parks, affordability, and a whole lot more. (01/07)
- Colorado Springs **ranked 12th** in Cooking Light's magazine "Cooking Light 20 Best Cities", encompassing the best in healthful cuisine and lifestyle. (01/07)
- Colorado **ranked 4th** 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 1st** in the percentage of total wage and salary jobs in high technology share of all business establishments. (12/06)
- Colorado Springs **ranked 7th** in the nation as a prime candidate for cost-effective and secure data centers according to InformationWeek's "The Best and Worst Cities for Data Centers" study. (10/06)
- Colorado Springs Utilities **ranked 3rd** in the nation among medium-sized utilities for their customer service according to a survey conducted by J.D. Power and Associates. (10/06)
- Colorado Springs **ranked 16th** in CNNMoney.com's America's smartest cities. Rankings were based on such things as the number of booksellers, libraries and newspaper circulation - as well as educational attainment. (08/06)
- Colorado **ranked as the 5th** best state for business according to Forbes Magazine with Colorado Springs **ranking 35th overall**. Rankings were based on cost of labor, energy and taxes, educational attainment, net migration and projected population growth. (08/06)
- Colorado Springs **ranked 1st** in CNNMoney.com's Best Places to Live, Best Big Cities. Rankings were based on housing, education, quality of life, leisure and culture, weather health. (07/06)
- Colorado **ranked 2nd** for entrepreneurs according to a study by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. (07/06)
- Colorado Springs **ranked 1st** for medium size cities according to Sperlings Best Places ranking of Top "Chill" Cities. The study researched both the behavior of a city's residents and the opportunities that a city provides for its residents to hang out and enjoy their lives together. (06/06)



- Colorado Springs **ranked as 4th** smartest city, according to Bizjournals.com. The ranking reflects the community's collective brainpower, which is tied to its residents' abilities to innovate, create, compete -- and make money. (06/06)
- Colorado Springs **ranked 9th** for safest driving city by Researchers with Allstate Insurance Company. The report analyzed two years of internal crash data to calculate the chance that drivers in 200 of the nation's most populated cities would be involved in an accident. (05/06)
- Colorado Springs **ranked in the top 20** for areas with the cleanest air in the American Lung Association (ALA) State of the Air 2006 report. (04/06)
- Colorado Springs **ranked 4th** in the nation with areas having the highest percentage of residents with a high school diploma. Colorado Springs also ranked 17th in the nation with areas having the highest percentage of residents with a bachelors degree. (04/06)
- Colorado was **ranked 4th** lowest in the national for per capita taxes, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. (03/06)
- Colorado Springs **ranked 2nd** in the nation for the best city for walking, according to Prevention magazine and the American Medical Association. Criteria included percentage of people who regularly walk (either for fitness or to get to/from work) and “walker-friendly” attributes such as low crime rates, mild temperatures, participation in recreation activities and pet ownership. (03/06)
- Colorado Springs **ranked as the 6th** 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. (01/06)