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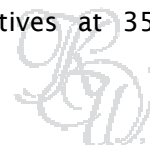
Information about Denver

Metro Denver Business Climate

- Colorado received an 'A' for Business Vitality based on business competitiveness and entrepreneurial energy - *2006 Development Report Card for the States*
- Colorado also received an 'A' for Development Capacity based on the positioning of the state for future economic growth - *2006 Development Report Card for the States*
- Fort Collins is the number one "Best Place to Live." Westminster also ranked 24, and Longmont ranked 61 on the same list - *Money Magazine, 2006*
- Metro Denver is the second most competitive place in the nation to do business - *San Diego Regional Economic Development Corp. Study, 2005*
- Colorado ranked fifth of the 50 states for long-term employment growth - *Corporation for Enterprise Development, 2006*
- Colorado also ranked fifth of the 50 states for short-term development growth - *Corporation for Enterprise Development, 2006*
- Colorado ranked second for Economic Freedom - *Economic Freedom of North America, 2005 Annual Report*
- Metro Denver ranked in the top ten for business growth in the past five years - *infoUSA, 2005*
- Seventeen Colorado companies made *Fortune's 1000* list - *2006*
- Colorado ranked third in the nation for economic competitiveness based on ability to generate income and promote growth - *Suffolk University's Beacon Hill Institute, 2005*
- Colorado has the largest space economy in terms of private employment - *Development Research Partners, 2006*
- Colorado entrepreneurial activity ranked second in the U.S. - *Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, 2006*

Metro Denver Transportation

- Denver International Airport was voted the third best airport in the Americas and the third best airport in the world among airports with more than 25 million passengers annually - *AETRA passenger survey, 2006*
- Denver International Airport was the fourth busiest airport in the nation in March 2006 - *U.S. Bureau of Transportation*
- Denver International Airport was the sixth busiest airport in the nation last year, and eleventh busiest in the world - *Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 2006*
- The nation's largest multi-modal transportation project--T-REX--under construction in Metro Denver, will be completed in November 2006 - *Colorado Department of Transportation*
- FasTracks is the largest one-time build out of any mass transit system in U.S. history - *Regional Transportation District, 2006*
- Denver has the nation's fourth shortest commute time for executives at 35.3 minutes - *TheLadders.com, 2005*





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- Denver is the fourth easiest city in terms of getting out of town for the weekend - *MapQuest Summer Survey, 2006*

Metro Denver Workforce

- For the seventh straight year, Colorado ranked first in concentration of tech workers - *AeA (former American Electronics Association), 2006*
- Colorado ranked third of the 50 states in the percentage of scientists and engineers as a percent of labor force - *Beacon Hill, 2006*
- Colorado ranked number two for percent of population with a bachelor's degree or higher - *Morgan Quitno, 2006*
- University of Denver's Daniels College of Business ranked eighth on the *Wall Street Journal's* 2005 ranking of regional business schools.
- The Leeds School of Business at the University of Colorado at Boulder in one of the top ten "hot spots" for entrepreneurial education - *Fortune Small Business, 2006*
- Boulder ranked as the number one spot for brainpower in the nation - *American City Business Journals, 2005*

Venture Capital in Metro Denver

- Colorado ranked fifth in the first quarter 2006 for venture capital investment - *PricewaterhouseCoopers, Thomson Venture and the National Venture Capital Association, 2006*
- Eighteen Colorado companies were awarded \$107.2 million in the first quarter 2006 - *Ernst & Young, 2006*

Quality of Life in Metro Denver

- Denver ranked third on the list of 'Best Cities for Relocating Families' - *Worldwide ERC, Primary Relocation, Sperling's Best Places, 2006*
- Denver has the nation's largest park system, with more than 200 parks in the city limits, and 20,000 acres of parks in nearby mountains.
- For the third consecutive year, Denver ranked as the best city in the nation for singles, thanks to the area's booming job market, relatively low cost of living, and large university population - *Forbes Magazine, 2006*
- Denver ranked as the fifth fittest city in the nation - *Men's Fitness Magazine, 2005*
- Denver ranked sixth out of the 50 largest metro areas in the nation for being one of the "Cleanest Cities in America" - *Reader's Digest, 2005*
- Boulder is the best place to retire for "outdoor addicts"- *Fortune, 2006*
- Denver ranked as the ninth most sustainable city based on making its resources sustainable for future generations to enjoy without passing on a major cost burden - *SustainLane.com, 2006*
- Colorado ranked fifth of the 50 states in the percent of households with computers - *Corporation for Enterprise Development, 2006*





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Metro Denver Healthcare

- Colorado currently has the lowest obesity rate in the nation and, as a result, annual health insurance rates in the Denver area are about \$400 cheaper than the national average - *Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, 2006*
- National Jewish Medical and Research Center in Denver was named the top respiratory hospital in the country for the ninth year in a row - *U.S. News & World Report, 2006*
- The University of Colorado Hospital was cited for excellence in nine of 16 medical specialties - *U.S. News & World Report, 2006*
- Children's Hospital in Denver ranked seventh among hospitals that specialize in children's diseases - *U.S. News & World Report, 2006*

