

# Colorado Springs at a Glance

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**Form of Government:**

*Council-Manager*, nine-member Council (popularly elected mayor, four Council members elected at-large, four elected by district)

**Population:** 407,902 (2008 est.)

**College Population \*:** 31,840 (Fall 2006)

**Median Age \*\*:** 33.6 (2007)

**Median Household Income \*\*:** \$47,854 (2007)

**Unemployment Rate \*\*\*:** 4.3% (July 2007)

**Ethnicity \*\*\*\*:**

White (78.6%)  
Hispanic American/Latino (14.1%)  
Black/African American (6.8%)  
American Indian/Alaska Native (0.9%)  
Asian (2.8%)  
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (0.2%)  
Other (6.4%)  
Two or more races (4.3%)

**Area in Square Miles:** 194.5

**Street Miles:** 1,577 (2008 est.)

**Parkland Acres:** 14,366 (2008 est. including open space acquisition)

**Sales Tax Rate for 2007:**

City (2.5%); County (1.0%); State (2.9%)  
Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (1.0%)

**City Property Tax Rate (2007 mill rate levied for taxes payable in 2008):** 4.944 mills

**Average Sales Price of an Existing House in Colorado Springs in 2006 \*:** \$267,028

**Property Taxes Paid on a \$267,028 House in School District 11 Based on 2007 Mill Levy Rate:**  
\$1,291 total, City share is \$105

**Serious Crimes per Thousand:** 51.4 (Year 2006)  
compared to 2005 national average of 66.0 for cities 250,000-499,999; crimes include murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, and auto theft.

**Major Industries \*:**

Defense  
Manufacturers/Design  
Information Technology  
Customer Service Firms  
National Nonprofit Organizations

**Major Attractions \*:**

Garden of the Gods  
Pikes Peak – America's Mountain  
United States Air Force Academy  
United States Olympic Headquarters and Training Center  
Sky Sox Minor League Baseball

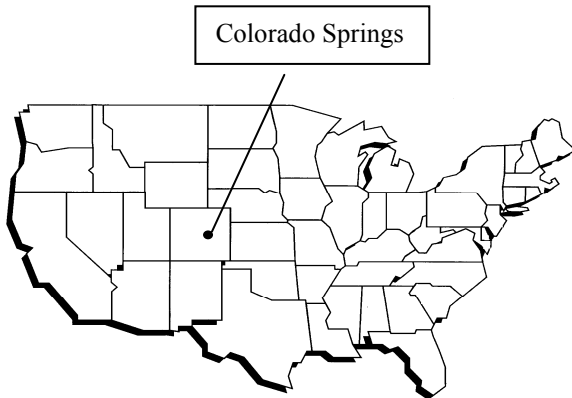
**Average # of Days of Sunshine \*:** 247

**Average Annual Precipitation \*:** 17.4 inches

## Sources:

- \* Colorado Springs Economic Development Corporation Fact Sheet (2007)
- \*\* Colorado State Demographers Office, (February 2007)
- \*\*\* U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics
- \*\*\*\* American Community Survey (This total exceeds 100%)

# Community Profile

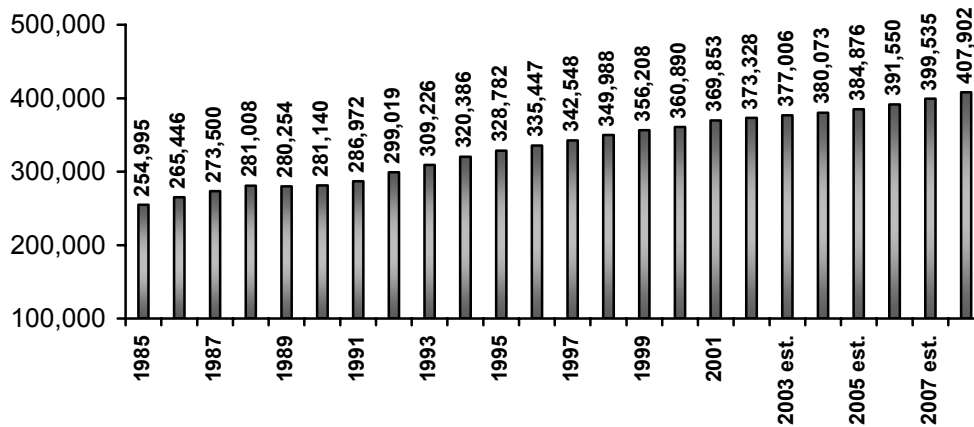


Colorado Springs is located at the foot of Pikes Peak, 70 miles south of Denver. With a 2008 estimated population of 407,902 and a land area of 194.5 square miles, Colorado Springs is the State’s largest city in terms of land and second only to Denver in population.

General William Jackson Palmer founded Colorado Springs in 1871, envisioning a resort community always in view of Colorado's famous Pikes Peak. Within seven years, the Antlers Hotel was built; and by 1918, the renowned Broadmoor Hotel was constructed, making Colorado Springs a tourist destination. At an elevation of 6,000 feet, the area also became a health mecca where thousands of people came to relieve their tuberculosis in the dry mountain air.

The population of Colorado Springs has grown dramatically since 1985. The 1980s saw a 31% increase in population; and from 1990 through 2000, the population increased approximately 28%. The population has increased approximately 16.6% since 1998.

**Colorado Springs Population  
1985 - 2007**



The local economy has been strong over the past decade, although recent trends indicate some slowing in the rate of economic growth. The economic base has become quite diversified with a mix of military installations, defense contracting, software development, semiconductor manufacturing, telecommunications, religious and nonprofit associations, and of course, tourism.

**TOP TEN PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYERS  
(Excluding School Districts)**

1. Penrose-St. Francis Health Services
2. Lockheed Martin Corporation
3. Atmel Corporation
4. Hewlett Packard
5. Broadmoor Hotel, The
6. Verizon Business
7. Progressive Insurance Company
8. ITT Industries Inc. – Systems Division
9. Lockheed Martin Information Systems & Global Services
10. United Services Automobile Association (USAA)

*Source: Economic Development Corporation*

Area military installations are a significant factor in the local economy. Five major military installations are in the City: Fort Carson, Schriever and Peterson Air Force Bases, Cheyenne Mountain Air Station, and the United States Air Force Academy. Other large employers contributing to the economy in Colorado Springs include software/systems firms, manufacturing, information processing companies, and national nonprofit associations.

Colorado Springs has 7 school districts with over 161 schools including public elementary, middle, junior, and senior high schools. Of that 161, over 50 are private, parochial, and charter schools. In addition, Colorado Springs has more than 28 colleges and universities and 30 vocational and 2-year schools.

Over the years, Colorado Springs has been a tourist destination due to its surrounding natural beauty and other features. Some of the more popular sightseeing in and around Colorado Springs include Garden of the Gods, Pikes Peak – America’s Mountain, United States Olympic Headquarters and Training Center, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, United States Air Force Academy, and The Broadmoor Hotel.

**TOP TEN POST-SECONDARY SCHOOLS  
(Fall 2006)**

School	# of Students
1. Pikes Peak Community College	10,111
2. University of Colorado at Colorado Springs	7,547
3. United States Air Force Academy	4,365
4. Colorado College	1,977
5. Colorado Technical University	1,926
6. Regis University	1,409
7. University of Phoenix	1,242
8. Colorado State University – Pueblo	589
9. Nazarene Bible College	532
10. Everest College	500

*Source: Economic Development Corporation*



# A Guide to the Colorado Springs City Budget

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This guide provides a brief overview of the budget document and helps identify the section in which the reader may be most interested. The *City Budget* begins with the City Manager's Letter and is followed by the Budget Development process, All Funds Summary, General Fund Summary, Position Summary, Department Narratives, General Costs, Enterprise Funds, Other Funds and Agencies, Capital Improvements, and Appendices.

- ➔ The **City Manager's Letter** provides an overview of the budget, the major financial and service issues, and strategies for the General Fund.
- ➔ The **Budget Development** section describes the annual City Budget development process and its component phases. It includes the financial policies and presents the budget process timeline used in the preparation of the budget. It also includes a summary of the City's Strategic Plan adopted by City Council.
- ➔ The **All Funds Summary** section provides an overview of budgets, a revenue overview for all funds, and a brief review of the City's financial and fund structure.
- ➔ The **General Fund Summary** section contains the economic, revenue, and expenditure overviews. The General Fund includes basic services such as Police; Municipal Court; Fire; Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services; and Public Works. This section provides tables and graphs of revenue and expenditures.
- ➔ The **Position Summary** section provides an overview of the distribution of employees by fund and division. It also presents changes in the number of employees between current year and prior year as well as historical budget information.
- ➔ The **Department Narratives** section contains summary information at the division level. This includes a mission statement, a list of services provided, operating budget, personnel summary, performance indicators, major objectives along with references to the Strategic Plan where indicated, and changes to the budget.
- ➔ The **General Costs** section contains information on general costs, internal services charges and allocations, and debt management.
- ➔ The **Enterprise Funds** section contains summary information at the division level. This includes a mission statement, list of services provided, sources of funds operating budget, personnel summary, performance indicators, major objectives, and changes to the budget.
- ➔ The **Other Funds and Agencies** section contains information on special revenue, internal services, and fiduciary funds.
- ➔ The **Capital Improvements** section provides a description of the City's ongoing capital improvements proposed for funding in 2008.
- ➔ The **Appendices** section includes a glossary of terms, detailed revenue estimates, a list of human services contracts, the changes to the General Fund Budget, changes to user fees and charges, unfunded budget requests, vehicle replacements, appropriation ordinances, and an index.

## Other Information:

Copies of this *Budget* are located at the Penrose and East Public Libraries, the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (UCCS), and other college libraries which express interest. The *Budget* can also be accessed on the City's website at SpringsGov.com under City Council & City Management, City Budget.

**For further information, please contact the Budget Department via e-mail at [budget@springsgov.com](mailto:budget@springsgov.com) or call 719-385-5970.**



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President

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Executive Director

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) presented an award of Distinguished Budget Presentation to the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado, for its annual budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2007. In order to receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as an operations guide, as a financial plan, and as a communications device.

The award is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current budget continues to conform to program requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA to determine its eligibility for another award.

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