

State: Colorado (CO)

Capital City: Denver

Major Cities: Colorado Springs, Aurora, Fort Collins, Westminster, Centennial

Major Companies: Telecommunications Giant Qwest, Samsonite luggage, Gates belts and hoses, Kuerst canned vegetables, Coors beer

Major Sectors/Economy:

- Colorado's ranching, farming, and mining industries have a proud history and are integral to the state's communities and economic prosperity
- Active entrepreneurial communities and vibrant institutions of higher education span the state and buoy innovative industries such as aerospace, biochemistry, clean energy, advanced technology manufacturing, information technology, and software development
- # 4 State for start-up activity - Kauffman Index, 2015
- # 1 State in private aerospace employment concentration
- # 3 State for concentration of high-tech workers
- The average annual wage for manufacturers in Colorado is 43 percent higher than the average annual wage for all industries
- The largest sectors in the economy of Colorado are agriculture, mining, manufacturing, and services sector (mainly tourism)
- Companies operating in manufacturing sector include Vestas (makes wind blades and turbines) and Ball Aerospace and Technologies Corp (manufactures NASA products such as spacecraft and telescopes)
- Colorado is also home to some advanced technology companies such as IBM, Oracle, and Arrow Electronics
- 5,900 Manufacturing firms with 150,700 Employees and \$7.52 Billion Total exports
- 1,400 Electronics Firms with 28,100 Employees and \$3.2 Billion Annual Payroll
- 10,900 Technology and Information companies 149,400 Employees and \$100 Million Exports

Climate:

The climate of Colorado is more complex than states outside of the Mountain States region. Unlike most other states, southern Colorado is not always warmer than northern Colorado

University Eligibility and Fee:

University	Bachelors Eligibility	Bachelors Fee Range/yr	Masters Eligibility	Masters Fee Range/yr
Colorado State University-Fort Collins	GPA – 3.7 SAT– 1040-1220 ACT – 22-28	\$27,327	GRE-310+ GPA – 3.5/75%+ TOEFL -92/IELTS – 6.5	\$27,596
University of Colorado Boulder	GPA – 3.7 SAT– 1070-1300 ACT – 24-30	\$35,482	GRE-312 GPA – 3.5/75%+ TOEFL -92/IELTS – 6.5	\$51,414
Colorado School of Mines	GPA – 3.8 SAT– 1250-1420 ACT – 28-32	\$36,270	GRE-315 GPA – 3.5/75%+ TOEFL -92/IELTS – 6.5	\$38,936
University of Colorado Denver	GPA – 3.4 SAT– 970-1220 ACT – 20-25	\$24,408	GRE-290+ GPA – 3.0/65%+ TOEFL -80/IELTS – 6.5	\$20,755

University Key points:

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Colorado State University-Fort Collins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded in 1870 • 33,058 enrollments for Fall 2017 • In year 2012, CSU spent \$375.9 million on R&D • U.S. News & World Report's "Best Colleges" ranked CSU as 58th among public universities. • U.S. News & World Report America's Best Graduate Schools Rankings: Top Engineering Schools – 63rd • CSU has 169,935 living alumni • Student-faculty ratio is 18:1 • Acceptance Rate 77.4%
University of Colorado Denver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded in - 1912 • Students-18900 • Academic staff-4023 • Graduates - 90,000+ Alumni • Experience - 600+ highly coveted student internships awarded every year. • offer more than 100 academic degrees and programs • 51 master's programs, 13 doctoral • Student Faculty Ratio - 15:1 • Employed 2 Years after Graduation - 89% • Median Earnings 6 Years After Graduation- \$53,700/ year
University of Colorado Boulder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded: 1876 • U.S. News & World Report ranked the University of Colorado Boulder tied for 104th best among all national universities, tied for 44th among public universities in the U.S., and 50th best among all universities globally for 2020

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2 in the nation in Atomic/ Molecular/ Optical Physics • #5 in the nation in Ceramics, #6 in the nation in Quantum Physics • #8 in the nation in Environmental Law • #9 in the nation in Geology • #10 in the nation in Aerospace Engineering Sciences • Alumni: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3 U.S. Supreme Court justices ○ 5 Nobel Prize winners ○ 5 National Medal of Science winners ○ 9 MacArthur 'genius grant' fellows ○ 18 CU Boulder-affiliated astronauts ○ 51 Fulbright fellows since 2006 ○ 12 Nobel Laureates • CUB nine colleges and schools offer 90+ degree programs and more than 3,600 academic courses • Endowment: \$1.45 billion system-wide (2019) • Top 50 university for National Science Foundation research funding • First Division 1 zero-waste stadium and athletic program, First U.S. Green Building Council-certified Leed Platinum research lab in the U.S. (SEEC), • #1 public university for NASA awards
Colorado School of Mines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded: 1874 • Ranking: No. 1 Mineral and Mining Engineering, Qs World University Rankings • No. 62 Top Research Universities, Forbes, 2018 • No. 16 Top U.S. College Towns with The Best Public Transportation, Great Value Colleges, 2019 • U.S. News & World Report: No. 32 Top Public Schools, No. 4 Petroleum Engineering, No. 43 Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs • 30000+ Alumni worldwide • Endowment: \$289.0 million