

Colorado Springs at a Glance

Form of Government:

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

Population: 414,658 (2009 est.)

College Population *: 32,839 (Fall 2007)

Median Age *: 33.6 (2008)

Median Household Income *: \$50,892 (2008)

Unemployment Rate *: 4.1% (August 2008)

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: 1,576 (2009 est.)

Parkland Acres: 15,266 (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 (2008 mill rate levied
for taxes payable in 2009):** 4.944 mills

**Average Sales Price of an Existing House in
Colorado Springs in 2006** *: \$261,925

**Property Taxes Paid on a \$261,925 House in
School District 11 Based on 2008 Mill Levy
Rate:**

\$1,266 total, City share is \$103

Serious Crimes per Thousand Population:

46.5 (Year 2007) compared to 2006 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 *:

- ▶ Aerospace / Defense / Homeland Security
- ▶ Biotechnology / Medical Device
Manufacturers
- ▶ Customer Service Operations
- ▶ Data Networking / Storage
- ▶ Information Technology
- ▶ National Sports Governing Bodies and
Sports Organizations
- ▶ Nonprofit National Organizations
- ▶ Semiconductor Manufacturers, Research and
Development
- ▶ Specialty Metals Manufacturing

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 (2008)

** American FactFinder (2006) (This total exceeds 100%)

Community Profile



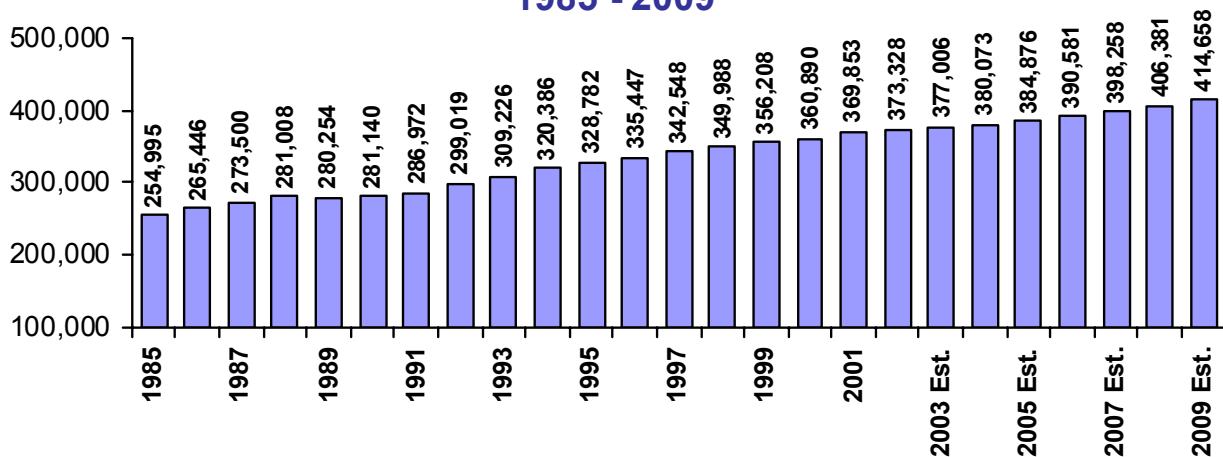
Colorado Springs is located at the foot of Pikes Peak, 70 miles south of Denver. With a 2009 estimated population of 414,658 and a land area of 194.5 square

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 the 1980s which saw a 31% increase in population. From 1990 through 2000, the population increased approximately 28%. The population has increased approximately 16.6% since 1998.

**Colorado Springs Population
1985 - 2009**



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.

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Top Ten Private Sector Employers (Excluding School Districts)

1. Penrose-St. Francis Health Services
2. Lockheed Martin Corporation
3. Broadmoor Hotel, The
4. Hewlett Packard
5. Atmel Corporation
6. Progressive Insurance Company
7. Verizon Business
8. Focus on the Family
9. ITT Industries Inc. – Systems Division
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 178 schools including public elementary, middle, junior, and senior high schools. Of that 178, there are 64 private, parochial, and charter schools. In addition, Colorado Springs has more than 28 colleges and universities and 30 vocational and two-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.

Largest Post-Secondary Schools in the City (Fall 2007)

School	# of Students
1. Pikes Peak Community College	10,526
2. University of Colorado at Colorado Springs	7,693
3. United States Air Force Academy	4,330
4. Colorado College	1,998
5. Colorado Technical University	1,926
6. Regis University	1,400
7. University of Phoenix	1,250
8. Nazarene Bible College	986
9. Colorado State University – Pueblo	589
10. Everest College	500

Source: *Economic Development Corporation*



A Guide to the Colorado Springs City Budget

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** contains the City Manager's Letter; Overview which includes the General Fund Summary, All Funds Summary, and Position Summary; Department Narratives; General Costs; Capital Improvements Program; 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 **General Fund Summary** section contains the economic, revenue, and expenditure overviews. The General Fund includes basic services such as Fire; Municipal Court; Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services; and Police. This section provides tables and graphs of revenue and expenditures.
- ➔ 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 **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 an organizational chart, department summary, operating budget, position summary, significant changes to the budget, performance indicators, and major objectives.
- ➔ The **General Costs** section contains information on general costs, internal services charges and allocations, and debt management.
- ➔ The **Capital Improvements Program** section provides a description of the City's ongoing capital improvements proposed for funding in 2009, as well as the funded 5-year CIP Plan, and a list of unfunded projects.
- ➔ The **Appendices** section includes a glossary of terms, budget development, financial policies, strategic plan, detailed revenue estimates, a list of human services contracts, the changes to the General Fund Budget, changes to user fees and charges, vehicle replacements, appropriations 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.

For further information, please contact Financial and Administrative Services via email at finance@springsgov.com or call 719-385-5919.