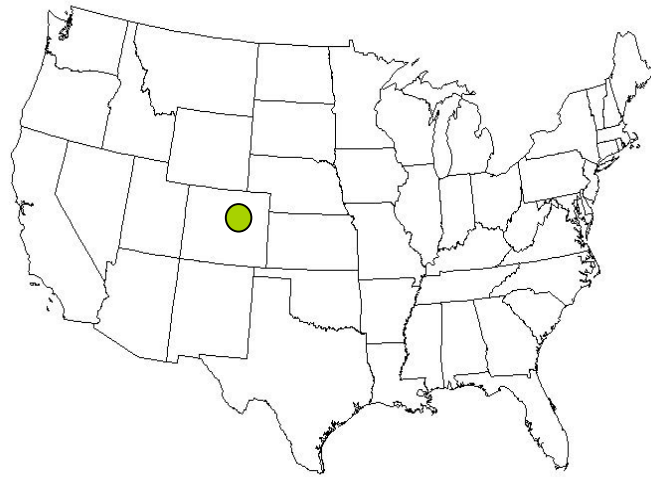
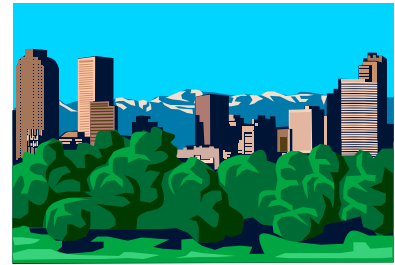


Denver: The Mile High City



Live in Denver



About Denver

Metropolitan Denver’s skyline includes a panoramic view of the Rocky Mountains. Rich cultural offerings combined with **300 days of sunshine a year** and the nation’s **largest urban park system** help Denver top lists of the most livable cities in the country.

With over a half a million people, Denver enjoys a **diversity** that includes one of the nation’s largest Latino populations.

Recreation

Easy access to the mountains and outdoor activities encourage a **year-round healthy, fit lifestyle** for Denver residents. For **sports** fans, major baseball, basketball, football, and other teams draw more than six million spectators a year. **Prestigious museums**, the largest **performing arts** complex west of New York, and a lively **music scene** round out a lifestyle that supports the mind as well as the body.

Economy

Denver’s geography makes the city a natural hub for multiple **transportation networks** as well as a center for the **telecommunications industry**; its time zone and elevation enable communication and real-time satellite uplink with both coasts and six continents in the same business day.

Aerospace, aviation, bioscience, energy, financial services, and information technology – software – industries drive job growth in the region’s **knowledge-based economy**. The metropolitan area supports the **largest contingent of federal employees** outside of Washington, D.C., including a high concentration of federally funded **science** and **research** labs.

Ranking high as a **green** and **sustainable** city, Denver promotes **energy innovation and smart city growth**, including advanced transportation development that will connect the entire region with light rail, commuter rail, and bus rapid transit within the next ten years, with improvements already succeeding. Denver’s **well-educated populace** – over a third have a Bachelor’s degree or higher – has access to **twelve public and private four-year universities** in the metropolitan area.

Denver Weather

Average Annual Temperature	50.1°
Warmest Month (average)	July (88°)
Coldest Month (average)	January (47°)
Average Annual Rainfall	15.81 inches

Denver Quality of Life

Average Commute	24.5 minutes
Recreation	Hiking, biking, skiing, river rafting, and more!

Major Area Employers

- Qwest Communications
- Kroger
- Centura Health
- Safeway
- Lockheed-Martin
- Wells Fargo

Denver Cost of Living (Average)

Average Per Capita Income	\$27,676
Housing (2-bedroom apt.):	\$872
Median house price:	\$225,100
Transportation	Access to a car essential
Annual Childcare (preschool)	\$7,000

Denver's low cost of living, close to the **national average**, is easier on the wallet than California or East Coast cities. A Resident's salary in Denver provides a lifestyle that costs twice as much in New York, with housing expenses in Denver **over 200% lower than the Big Apple**. From healthcare to groceries to utilities to transportation, Denver's citizens get more for their dollar as they enjoy all that the region has to offer.

Cost of Living Calculator

How does the cost of living in Denver compare to other U.S. cities?



(Check out the CNN Money calculator: <http://cgi.money.cnn.com/tools/costofliving/costofliving.html>).

Work for Denver Public Schools

District Reform Strategy

The district adopted "**The Denver Plan**" in late **2005**, a reform strategy based on three goals:

1. Ensuring that all children learn from a **highly skilled faculty** in every school that is empowered by robust professional development and timely assessment data;
2. **Highly trained principals** and assistant principals who will serve as instructional leaders of the faculty in DPS schools; and
3. **Collaboration** among the Denver community and all DPS stakeholders who will support all children in a safe, orderly, and enriching environment in every school and classroom.

Major **initiatives** include:

- **ProComp**: a merit pay system that rewards teachers for improving student achievement;
- **School Performance Framework**: an evaluative tool that measures the progress of actual students against themselves and against peers from the entire state of Colorado to make sure that DPS is moving all of its students forward;
- **New Schools**: an RFP for schools that will improve student achievement and increase graduation rates.

District Leadership

Michael Bennet became Superintendent of Denver Public Schools in 2005. Prior to his hiring, Bennet was **Chief of Staff** to Denver's Mayor John Hickenlooper for two years.

A former Editor-in-Chief of the Yale Law Review, Bennett served as **Counsel in the Clinton Administration** and managed investments of over \$500 million as a **corporate turnaround specialist** in

DPS Quick Stats:

# Schools	151
# Students	69,167
# Employees	13,087
# Teachers	4,555
Total District Revenue	\$713 million
Governance Model	Elected School Board
Superintendent	Michael F. Bennet (since June 2005)

About DPS Students

% Low Income Students	65%
% English Language Learners	20%
% Hispanic	57.3%
% White	20.39%
% Black	18.08%
% Asian	3.14%
% American Indian	1.09%
Graduation Rate	52%
Completer Rate	60.7%
Dropout Rate	10.4%

the private sector before joining the City of Denver. During Bennett's tenure, Denver's reading scores have **increased 6.2%** and math scores have **increased 6%**, more than **twice** the improvement shown statewide. In the middle grades, Denver has seen **gains** of **10%** in reading and **9%** in math.

Denver Residents and Alumni

Connie Casson

Deputy Strategy Officer, Denver Public Schools
The Broad Residency Class of 2005-2007
M.B.A., McCombs School of Business, University of Texas at Austin
B.A., History, University of Notre Dame

Shayne Spalten

Chief Human Resources Officer, Denver Public Schools
The Broad Residency Class of 2008-2010
J.D., Harvard Law School
B.A., Political Science, Stanford University
Previous Employers: Hale Friesen; Steptoe & Johnson; the University of Colorado.

Resources

Living in Denver:

City of Denver	http://www.denvergov.org/
Citysearch	http://denver.citysearch.com/
CNN	http://cgi.money.cnn.com/tools/costofliving/costofliving.html
Craigslist	http://denver.craigslist.org/
Denver Chamber of Commerce	http://www.denverchamber.org/Default.aspx
Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation	http://www.metrodenver.org/ http://www.yournewcomerguide.com/Denver/moving-to-denver/
The Denver Post	http://www.denverpost.com/
The Regional Transportation District	http://www.rtd-denver.com/
Wikipedia	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Denver
Yelp	http://www.yelp.com/denver/

Working in Denver Public Schools:

Denver ProComp	http://denverprocomp.org/
Denver Public Schools	http://www.dpsk12.org/

Denver Public Schools Foundation

<http://www.dpsfoundation.org/>

The Denver Plan

<http://thedenverplan.dpsk12.org/>

EdWeek

<http://www.edweek.org/ew/news/states/co/>