

Living in Colorado Springs

What makes Colorado Spring a great place to live?

In Colorado Springs, you'll find more than purple mountains majesty to inspire you. If you like city life, but also enjoy the great outdoors, [Colorado Springs](#) may be the place for you.

The city rests at the base of Pikes Peak, the inspiration for the song “America the Beautiful” and a must-see for residents and visitors alike. The 14,115 foot summit is just one of dozens of area attractions, including scenic trains, museums, parks, a zoo and more. With a mild climate and plenty of sunshine, the Springs boasts some of the state’s [best recreation opportunities](#).

The city is also known for its robust high-tech and sports industries. Home to the U.S. Air Force Academy and four military bases, Colorado Springs is steeped in military history, memorialized in the Peterson Air and Space Museum. With the Olympic Training Center and dozens of sports federations nearby, it’s common to spot world-class athletes around town.

CITY OVERVIEW: COLORADO SPRINGS

Population: 478,961

Median household income: \$70,527

Median home value: \$318,200

Median gross rent between 2015-2019: \$1,565

Average commute: 21.4 min

Data from [Data USA](#) and the [U.S. Census](#)

Awards & Recognition

- Colorado Springs placed No. 2 in *Business Insider's* 2017 [“5 Best Cities for Veterans”](#)
- *WalletHub* ranked Colorado Springs as:
 - [The No. 5 best big city to live](#)
 - [No. 17 most educated city in America](#)
- Colorado Springs took No. 5 in *Kiplinger's* [“Best Cities to Live, Work and Play”](#)
- *U.S. News* rated Colorado Springs as the [No. 11 best place to live in the USA](#)
- *Forbes* named Colorado Springs the [No. 12 best place for business and careers](#)

Local Schools

Families in Colorado Springs have the opportunity to find public and private schools for their child's primary education.

- [Local schools guide](#)

Getting Around

[Mountain Metropolitan Transit](#) is Colorado Springs' public transit authority, making more than 10,000 trips each day. A bike also a great way to travel; Colorado Springs features more than 90 miles of bike lanes, 118 miles of urban trails and 61 miles of unpaved mountain bike trails. Explore the surrounding area via the New Santa Fe Regional, Pikes Peak Greenway and Fountain Creek Regional Trails, which form a continuous path from Palmer Lake to Fountain.

Faculty Housing Assistance Program

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Colorado: Adventures indoors and out

Whether you're a city or outdoors person – or a mix of both – Colorado is your playground.

With a mild climate and plenty of sunshine, Colorado residents relish their time outdoors. The numbers speak for themselves: Colorado boasts four national parks, two national recreation areas, three national historical trails, 11 national forests, 44 state parks and 323 state wildlife areas and 30 of the Rocky Mountains' highest peaks.

Breathtaking ski resorts and hiking trails continue to spellbind visitors and long-time Coloradoans alike.

Colorado's urban life offers endless recreation opportunities, too. A cultural hub, Denver is home to seven professional sports teams and the Denver Performing Arts Center—the largest facility of its kind.

Explore Nearby Cities

Preview nearby cities and towns, which offer an average commute of less than 30 minutes.

Living In Black Forest

Population	Median Household Income	Median Home Value	Median Gross Rent Between 2015-2019	Average Commute
14,081	\$119,747	\$547,000	\$2,064	28.4 min

Living In Fountain

Population	Median Household Income	Median Home Value	Median Gross Rent Between 2015-2019	Average Commute
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Living In Fountain

29,784	\$64,582	\$229,200	\$1,424	24.4 min
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Living In Manitou Springs

Population	Median Household Income	Median Home Value	Median Gross Rent Between 2015-2019	Average Commute
5,283	\$62,270	\$365,300	\$943	19.8 min

Living In Monument

Population	Median Household Income	Median Home Value	Median Gross Rent Between 2015-2019	Average Commute
7,398	\$107,168	\$381,600	\$1,586	26.4 min

Living In Security-Widefield

Population	Median Household Income	Median Home Value	Median Gross Rent Between 2015-2019	Average Commute
39,612	\$69,352	\$211,300	\$1,313	22.7 min

Living In Woodland Park

Population	Median Household Income	Median Home Value	Median Gross Rent Between 2015-2019	Average Commute
7,555	\$77,912	\$323,500	\$1,276	27.4 min

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