



“We continue to work closely with industry to make sure students and jobseekers can navigate pathways to in-demand careers.”

— Gov. John Hickenlooper, speaking at the Oct. 2015 release of the Colorado Workforce Development Council’s annual Colorado Talent Pipeline Report

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Colorado

Pop. (2014): 5,296,229

Median household income: \$60,940

Credit Rating: AA/Stable

Pop. growth 2013–2018: 6.50%

Median age: 36.3

Right-to-work state: No

Legislative Update

- A new law allows taxpayers who make renewable energy investments in an enterprise zone to elect to receive a refund from the state equal to 80 percent of their investment tax credit in amounts that may be up to \$750,000 annually, foregoing 20 percent of the credit for the ability to receive the refund.
- “If one believes that preventing the legislature from harming the business climate is a success, then the 2015 session was a success,” read a summary from the Colorado Association of Commerce & Industry.
- Among the dead measures opposed by the CACI were a resolution that would have put a constitutional amendment to increase the state minimum wage on the ballot; and a measure that “would have set in motion state studies of business tax incentives without insuring fairness and objectivity.”

Rankings that Matter

Business Tax Climate	18
Legal Climate	16
Higher Ed. R&D Expenditure	17 (1,232,376)
ACT Career Readiness Certificates . . .	44 (1,110)
Lowest Electric Power Cost	27 (10.25)
Fiscal Solvency	22
College Attainment	4(47.6%)

