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“Colorado has long been a vital contributor to the nation’s defense industry. More recently, we have proven to be a hub for innovation with five of the top 25 metropolitan areas for startups in the country located here, and our advanced industries are thriving.”

—Gov. John Hickenlooper, announcing that the state was awarded \$6.6 million from the US Department of Defense to continue to create jobs and grow small and medium sized businesses in the advanced manufacturing sector



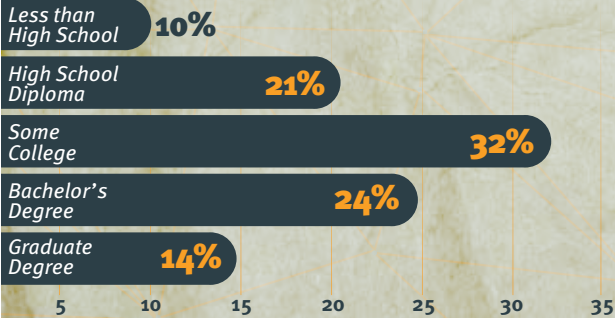
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Gov. John Hickenlooper (D)

Colorado

Pop. (2014): 5,296,229 Pop. growth 2014—2019: 4.64%
Median household income: \$65,991 Median age: 36
Right-to-work state: No

Workforce Education by Percentage



Rankings that Matter

GDP.....	18 (\$ 273,721*)
Business Tax Climate.....	20
Small Business Policy.....	9
ACT Career Readiness Certificates.....	44 (477)
High School Graduation.....	23 (82%)
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*Real GDP in US millions

Legislative Update

- The Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) announced close to \$2 million awarded for both Proof-of-Concept and Early Stage Capital and Retention Grants in the Advanced Industry Accelerator Grant Program.
- The \$9-million Marijuana Research Grant program was signed into

law in July 2014. According to the Marijuana Policy Project, total state tax revenue from medical and retail marijuana sales in fiscal year 2014 is projected to total about \$100 million.

- The Colorado Helps Advanced Manufacturing Program (CHAMP) launched an interactive website: MfgWorksCO.com.

Did You Know?

Four Colorado cities were listed in the top 20 of the nation’s “best performing cities” for job quality, creation and retention as well as the strength of tech industries. Boulder lands at No. 9 on the list, Greeley is ranked 10th, Denver-Aurora-Broomfield is 15th and Fort Collins-Loveland is ranked 20th.

Colorado is the 8th healthiest state in the nation according to the American Health Rankings from the United Health Foundation.

Selected Corporate Facility Projects 2014

Company	City	County	Type	New/ Expansion	Product	Investment (\$ millions)	Employment
Charles Schwab	Denver	Jefferson	OF	N	Financial Services	\$230	
DigitalGlobe	Westminster	Adams	OF	N	Telecommunication	92	505
Charter Communications	Parker	Douglas	RD	N	Cable TV	26	55
FMC Technologies	Brighton	Adams	MF	N	Machinery	12	50
RavenBrick	Denver	Jefferson	MF	E	Windows	10	25
Cargill	Fort Collins	Larimer	RD	E	Testing Lab	10	
Noble Energy	Greeley	Weld	MF	E	Oil and Gas	9	260
Surefire Medical	Westminster	Adams	MF/HQ	E	Medical Equipment	4	39
Layer3 TV	Denver	Jefferson	HQ	N	Cable Provider	3	300
Meurer Research	Golden	Jefferson	MF	E	Machinery	1	95
SCL Health	Broomfield	Jefferson	HQ	N	Hospitals		150

MF = Manufacturing OF = Office HQ = Headquarters RD = Research & Development DW = Distribution/Warehouse



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