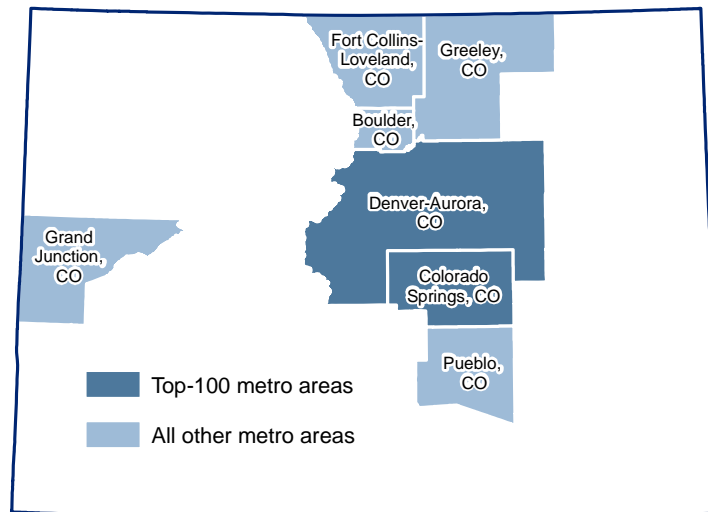




## MetroNation Profile: Colorado's Metropolitan Areas

This state profile demonstrates the importance of Colorado's metropolitan areas, in terms of their contribution to the state's population, employment, and economic output.



Colorado has two of the nation's 100 largest metropolitan areas—Denver and Colorado Springs—which alone account for 63 percent of the state's population, 66 percent of the state's jobs, and 71 percent of the state's gross domestic product (GDP).

All seven of Colorado's metros constitute 86 percent of the state's population, 87 percent of the state's jobs, and 89 percent of the state's GDP.

Rank* Metro area	Population		Jobs		GDP	
	Total	Share of state	Total	Share of state	Total (in millions)	Share of state
21 Denver-Aurora, CO	2,361,778	50.6%	1,261,495	53.3%	\$131,551	61.4%
82 Colorado Springs, CO	586,719	12.6%	290,869	12.3%	\$21,354	10.0%
<b>Colorado metros in top 100 nationally</b>	<b>2,948,497</b>	<b>63.2%</b>	<b>1,552,364</b>	<b>65.5%</b>	<b>\$152,905</b>	<b>71.3%</b>
137 Boulder, CO	279,508	6.0%	169,127	7.1%	\$15,448	7.2%
160 Fort Collins-Loveland, CO	271,842	5.8%	136,538	5.8%	\$9,716	4.5%
222 Greeley, CO	228,158	4.9%	83,004	3.5%	\$6,268	2.9%
281 Grand Junction, CO	129,746	2.8%	59,556	2.5%	\$3,788	1.8%
288 Pueblo, CO	150,974	3.2%	58,268	2.5%	\$3,381	1.6%
<b>All seven Colorado metros</b>	<b>4,008,725</b>	<b>86.0%</b>	<b>2,058,857</b>	<b>86.9%</b>	<b>\$191,506</b>	<b>89.3%</b>

\*Employment rank among all metro areas nationwide, based on Bureau of Economic Analysis 2005 wage and salary employment; rank is for entire metro, which may include areas outside of the state. However, population, jobs, and GDP numbers only include the in-state portions of the metros

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