

Colorado State Briefing

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Executive Summary

POPULATION 5.6M	UNEMPLOYMENT 3.8% vs 4.4% national	FEDERAL GRANTS \$26.9B \$4,801/capita
CREDIT RATING (S&P) AA	SNAP HR1 TIER Elevated 9.4% PER	CONTRIBUTIONS \$1.3B

State of the State Preview

New Priorities	17
Dropped Priorities	4
Shifted Emphasis	5

- Affordability
- Agriculture
- Economy & Jobs
- Education
- Environment & Energy
- Government Reform
- Healthcare
- Housing
- Immigration
- Infrastructure
- Public Safety
- Social Services

SNAP / HR1 Compliance Risk

HR1 Tier	Elevated
Payment Error Rate (FY2024)	9.38%
State Cost Share (enacted)	\$90.0M (10%)
SNAP Participants	476.0K

Housing

Median Home Value	\$550,300 vs \$310,700 national
Median Gross Rent	\$1,771 vs \$1,238 national
Homeownership Rate	65.7% vs 67.8% national
Rent Burden	31.7% vs 29.7% national

Energy

Residential Price	null¢/kWh
Monthly Bill Estimate	\$null
Energy Mix	0% renewable 0% fossil 0% nuclear

Health

Life Expectancy	78.5 yrs (rank 13/51) vs 77.1 national
Uninsured Rate	8.4% (rank 29/51) vs 9.5% national
Overdose Death Rate	29.7 (rank 27/51) vs 30.8 national
Obesity Rate	25% (rank 1/51) vs 33.5% national
Infant Mortality	4.8 (rank 11/51) vs 5.6 national

Water

Community Water Systems	1109
Violation Rate	4.7% vs 3.6% national avg

Education

NAEP Math (4th Grade)	239.1
NAEP Reading (4th Grade)	220.9

Broadband

Broadband Adoption	94.5% vs 92% national
No Internet	3.2% vs 5.4% national
Computer Ownership	97.7% vs 95.9% national

Infrastructure

Infrastructure Grade	A
Bridge Condition	33.8% good 61.6% fair 4.6% poor (8,990 total)
Water Systems	5,053 total 237 with violations (4.7%)

Fiscal Health

Total Revenue	\$83.0B
Total Expenditure	\$79.1B
Total Debt	\$21.1B
Debt Per Capita	\$3,593
Tax Burden Per Capita	\$2,224
Credit Ratings	S&P: AA Moody's: Aa1 Fitch: N/A

FEMA Disasters

Active Disasters	15
Declarations (10yr)	23
Public Assistance Funding	\$2.0B
Individual Assistance	\$5K

Top Federal Funding Agencies

Agency	Amount	DOGE Risk
Department of Health and Human Services	\$12.0B	medium
Department of Transportation	\$1.6B	low
Department of Agriculture	\$1.6B	medium
Department of Energy	\$776.6M	high
Environmental Protection Agency	\$739.5M	high

Campaign Finance

Total Contributions	\$1.3B
Total Expenditures	\$1.1B
Data Source	Public Records