

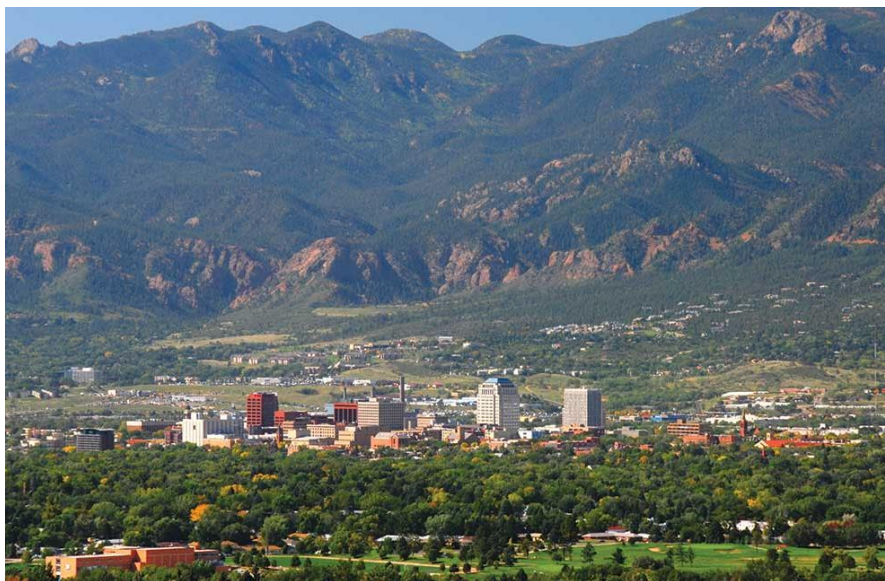


## COLORADO SPRINGS, CO AREA INFORMATION

With short commute times, affordable housing, great schools and friendly neighbors, it's no wonder Colorado Springs consistently ranks as one of the best places to live. As the state's second-largest community behind Denver, "The Springs" boasts a vibrant dining and arts scene, along with outdoor recreation for every season, and mountain views to match.

### Overview

- [Official website](#)
- [Visitors website](#)
- [Parks and Recreation](#) – over 9,000 acres of parkland and 500 acres of trails
- [Area Hospitals](#)
- Population 464,474 (2017)
- All 4 seasons with cold snowy winters, and hot dry summers



## Transportation

### By Car

- Most residents have a car for access to many of Colorado's scenic highways and byways. Interstate 25, considered to be part of the unofficial Pan-American Highway, runs through The Springs, stretching to Denver and northern Wyoming, and to southern New Mexico.

### Public Transportation

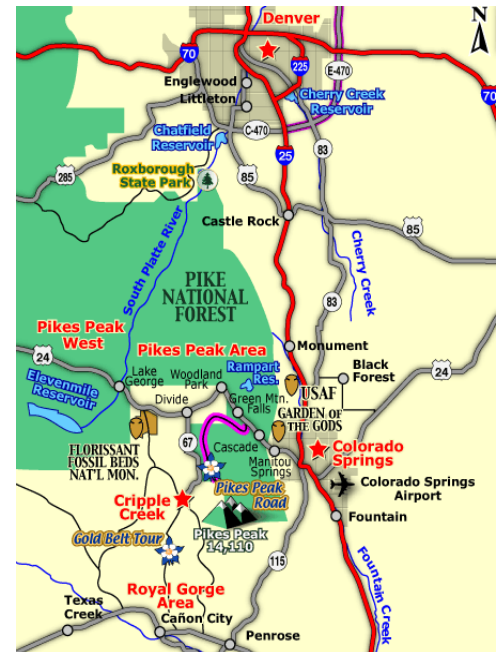
- Public transportation in Colorado Springs is served via an extensive bus service, the [Mountain Metropolitan Transport](#), or "Metro".

### By Bike

- Colorado Springs is home to an active [bicycling](#) community.

### By Air

- Colorado Springs Airport and Denver International Airport (85 miles away) serve the front range.



## Schools

Generally, to register your child for school you will need to have a passport and/or birth certificate, proof of immunizations, any applicable past school records and proof of residency. Most public schools have boundary areas, and you must show proof (i.e. copy of lease or home purchase agreement) to be allowed to register in that particular school. Please always confirm requirements with the school you are interested in before assuming that your child will be able to attend that school.

Grade level in the US public-school system is determined by the age of the child. School districts are usually very strict about the age requirement, but inquire with the school district you are interested in to determine if there are any exemptions for foreign students who are ahead in grade level. You may also want to ask about any gifted or advanced programs as well as their English as a Second Language (ESL) Programs. Some elementary schools also offer a pre-Kindergarten program for children who miss the deadline requirement. You may inquire at the school districts for availability, and contact your IOR Destination Services Consultant for more assistance with schooling questions.

- [Colorado Springs School District](#) offers traditional neighborhood schools and Magnet Schools for language immersion, science-based, and International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programs.
- 50 top [private schools](#) in Colorado Springs serve 6,179 students.

## Additional Resources

- [www.greatschools.org](http://www.greatschools.org)
- [www.eschoolprofile.com](http://www.eschoolprofile.com)
- [www.schooltree.org](http://www.schooltree.org)

## Area Recreation

Colorado Springs and the surrounding community is home to a wide array of performing arts venues, restaurants, museums, farmers' markets, art walks and unique events happening year-round.

[Peterson Air & Space Museum](#) is a collection of buildings, an airport and Medal of Honor Park contained within a State Historical District, site of the first Colorado Springs Municipal Airport founded in 1926.

[Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum](#) exhibits recount Native American influences in the region, the founding of Colorado Springs and its early rise as a health resort, as well as the area's mining history and its more recent significance as a center for military training and operations.

The outdoor adventure scene never gets old, with amazing natural beauty, such as [Garden of the Gods](#), a registered National Natural Landmark, and [Pikes Peak](#), the 14,115 foot peak which inspired "America the Beautiful". The safe and scenic Pikes Peak Highway provides you the opportunity to enjoy 19 miles of mountain terrain and vistas.

Hiking, rock climbing, white water rafting, and skiing are all easily accessible from Colorado Springs.

- [Calendar of Events](#)
- [Arts and Culture](#)
- [Museums](#)
- [The Great Outdoors](#)



## Driver's License

For general information and instructions on how to obtain an official state ID card or driver's license, visit the [Colorado Department of Revenue](#).

**Your IOR Destination Services Consultant will also assist you with the proper procedure.**