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RESOURCE WEBSITES

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The list below contains topics, web sites and comments for several of the most common sources of socioeconomic and natural resource data. “Primary” data sites contain links to the most requested economic and demographic data. Under “primary” you will find The Colorado State Demographer’s web site that contains economic and demographic data specific to Colorado. Other topics are listed in alphabetical order after “Primary”. Under “Index” are listed several useful “index sites” that provide “hot links” to a multitude of other data sources. This guide is constantly being updated. NOTE: These links are provided for your general information. The information on some of these sites has not been formally evaluated and inclusion of these links DOES NOT constitute an endorsement of any business or organization. The links provided are maintained by their respective organization, and they are solely responsible for their content and policies.

If you find a site that isn’t useful, out of date, or have another site that you would recommend please send comments to me at paul@region10.net.

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Topic	Sub – Topic	Web Site	Comments
Primary Data Site	Census Bureau home page	http://www.census.gov	Primary site for population and economic data
Primary Data Site	Census Bureau – American Fact Finder	http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/BasicFactsServlet	Site to access Census 2000 data. Continually updated with new releases
Primary Data Site	Census Bureau Quick Facts	http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd	30 + most frequently requested national, state and county level variables with links to sources. Updated with Census 2000.
Primary Data Site	Bureau of Labor Statistics Home Page	http://stats.bls.gov	Primary data site for employment, wages, consumer and producer prices, inflation and productivity
Primary Data Site	Reference USA Business and Residential Data	http://www.referenceusa.com/terms.asp?si=29554189642206	Searchable updated Business and Residential Databases available free through Montrose Library District (must have library card)

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Primary Data Site	Bureau of Economic Analysis Home Page	http://www.bea.gov/	Primary data site for U.S. economic growth including: gross domestic product (GDP); gross state product; personal income and employment; and balance of payments.
Primary Data Site	Population and Economic data	http://dola.colorado.gov/demog	Colorado State Demographer's main web site with several demographic and economic selections
Agriculture	USDA Economics and Statistics System	http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu	Search all of USDA for reports and data sets
Agriculture	Economic Research Service	http://www.ers.usda.gov	Reports, publications and data sets on agriculture, food, the environment, and rural development
Agriculture	Colorado Agricultural Statistic Service	http://www.nass.usda.gov/co	Provides a breakdown of general agricultural statistics for the state of Colorado. Also provides a breakdown of commodity production by county. (Primarily quarterly and annual commodity information)
Agriculture	USDA, NASS	NASS - 2002 Census of Agriculture	2002 Census of Agriculture, Subject Series and Special Studies. (Census data ranging from land use to age of operator)
Agriculture	Colorado Department of Agriculture	http://www.ag.state.co.us/resource/resource.html	The Resource Analysis Section produces special reports targeting key issues and trends affecting Colorado agriculture.
Business Resources	Colorado Business Resource Guide	http://www.state.co.us/oed/business-resource-guide/index.cfm	Terrific resource for new businesses in the state. Information on starting a business, business planning, resources, marketing, and bookkeeping. Many valuable links. Also available in hard copy.

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Economics	Personal income, Per capita income Employment, Transfer payments	http://www.bea.gov/regional/reis/default.cfm?selTable=CA1-3&section=2	The REIS database, produced by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, provides economic data for states, counties, and metropolitan areas. Statistics in the data base include: personal income, per capita income, full and part employment, transfer payments, and farm income and expenses variables.
Economics	Economic projections	http://dola.colorado.gov/dlg/demog/economy_worksheets.html	Colorado regional and county projections for jobs, employment, income, labor force, and population.
Economics	Labor Shed and Commute Shed Reports and Mays	http://lehdmap3.did.census.gov/themap3/	Allows you to choose a geographic area, then see where workers who live there actually work, or to see where workers who work in that area actually live. Can create both tables of data and maps on this site.
Economics	Employment, unemployment , labor force by county BETTER!	http://www.bls.gov/lau/data.htm	Multiple County and State employment /unemployment data plus graphs by month (current to one month)
Economics	Base Industry Analysis	http://dola.colorado.gov/demog_webapps/economic_base_analysis	A summary of industries that bring money into the county or region
Economics	Tourism Jobs	http://dola.colorado.gov/demog/Economy/Tourism.pdf	A study on the economic impact of tourism in Colorado and its counties.
Economics	Poverty and Median HH Income	http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/saipe/county.html also by single county at: http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd	Poverty rates and Median HH Income available through 2007 by age
Economics	Poverty Guidelines	http://www.usac.org/res/documents/li/pdf/Income_Requirements.pdf	USAC Poverty Guidelines in a handy one page sheet , incl. calculations of HH Income as percentages above the poverty line by HH size.

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Economics	Assessed Value	http://www.dola.state.co.us/PropertyTax/Publications/ColoAssessedValuesIntro.htm	Total Taxable Assessed Value
Economics	Cost of Living	http://www.cde.state.co.us/artemis/ga4/ga425internet/2005.pdf	Cost of Living by school district - Legislative Council Feb 2006
Economics	Cost of Living	http://www.state.co.us/gov%5Fdir/leg%5Fdir/lcsstaff/schfin/2005/05PaceyCOLAreport.pdf	Cost of Living by school district 2005 Paley Study
Economics	Consumer Price Index	http://stats.bls.gov	Click on "Consumer Price Index" to get a list of the index from 1913 to present or Click on "Inflation Calculator" to quickly convert historical values to current values.
Economics	Consumer Expenditure Survey	http://stats.bls.gov/cex/home.htm	Consumer expenditures by region and income group.
Economics	Statistical Abstract of the United States	http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/	Statistics on social and economic conditions in the United States
Economics	Regional Economic Conditions	http://www2.fdic.gov/recon/	At this site user can drill down to any state, MSA, or county to view standard graphs, tables, and maps depicting economic conditions and how they have changed over time.
Economics	National and Colorado overview	http://www.state.co.us/gov_dir/leg_dir/lcs/chronicle/chindex.html	Briefing on recent economic activity
Economics	Economic Conditions	http://www.epinet.org/	Research and data on current economic issues. State and national.
Economics	Socio-Economic Profiles	http://www.headwaters-economics.org/profiles/colorado.html	These profiles are created by Headwater Economics and contain tables and figures that illustrate long-terms trends in population; employment and personal income by industry...

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Economics	Retail Sales	http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/Revenue-Main/XRM/1213954128545	Retail Sales data for Counties and Cities
Economics	Local Government Retail Sales & tax data	http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite?c=Page&cid=1213954128545&pageName=Revenue-Main%2FXRMLayout	Colorado Retail Sales and Sales Tax Summaries
Education	K-12 and Post Secondary data	http://nces.ed.gov	National Center for Education Statistics
Education	K-12	http://nces.ed.gov/ccd/ccddata.html	Information and datasets on public schools and school districts in the US
Education	K-12	http://www.cde.state.co.us/index_stats.htm	Colorado Department of Education facts and statistics by school district.
Government	Colorado	http://www.colorado.gov/colorado/agencies.html	State of Colorado's main web site with links to all state agencies with web sites.
Government	County and Municipal Financial Compendium	http://www.dola.state.co.us/LGS/TA/compendium.htm	Local government finances
Health	Children	http://www.aecf.org/kidscount	KIDS COUNT -Annie E Casey Foundation – national and state level data tracking the status of children in the United States.
Health	Children	http://www.coloradokids.org	Kids Count In Colorado - Colorado Children's Campaign - county level data tracking the status of children in Colorado

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Health	Birth and death statistics from records Survey data on various health topics	http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/hs/hsshom.asp	Colorado Department of Health and Environment. The Health Statistics Section is made up of two units, the Vital Statistics Unit and the Survey Research Unit. Data is available on a county level from 1990 through 1998 in most situations. 1999 birth data is currently available.
Health	Fatal occupational injuries	http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/hs/cfoi/	State level data beginning in 1991
Health	County comparisons	http://datawarehouse.hrsa.gov/	Community Health Status Project – compares counties to similar ones across the US.
Health	Heart disease and stroke statistics	http://www.americanheart.org/statistics/	American Heart Association national and state level data
Health	Nutrition and food costs	http://www.usda.gov/cnpp/	U.S. Dept of Agriculture Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion
Housing	Housing Units	http://dola.colorado.gov/dlg/demog/housing_colo_estimates.html	County level
Housing	Units, permits, households, vacancies.	http://dola.colorado.gov/cedis.html	Along the “Housing” row, select level of geography for State, regional, county or municipal level Vacant Units, Building Permits, Total housing units, Households, and Ave. Household size.
Health Care	Rural Health Care	http://www.coruralhealth.org/crhc/index.html	The Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC) is an independent, non-profit, membership-based organization that serves as the State Office of Rural Health for Colorado.

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Health Care	National, State and Local Data	http://www.coloradohealthinstitute.org/	Information Clearinghouse — to serve as a centralized information clearinghouse for national, state and local data and related resources. CHI provides technical assistance in the acquisition, assessment, and use of data to inform decision-making related to health and health care.
Natural Resources	Water quality, hazardous waste	http://tree2.epa.gov/ceis/ceis.nsf	Site provides an environmental profile for every state, county, and U.S. territory. Profile contains graphs and brief descriptions on air quality, drinking water systems, surface water quality, hazardous waste, and reported toxic releases. (As of 3/2/01 this site was unavailable because it was being updated)
Natural Resources	Renewable energy, energy efficiency	http://www.nrel.gov/learning/	This National Renewable Energy Laboratory (located in Golden Colorado) site contains information on renewable energy and energy efficiency. Primarily information not data.
Natural Resources	Land use	http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/data-sets/land/89003	State, regional, and national estimates of 15 major land uses including cropland, pasture, grazing, forest, and urban uses for Census of Agriculture. This data is somewhat out of date and the data set was produced in 1996. However, it is a great time series set for the years it does cover.
Natural Resources	Wind	http://www.cogreenpower.org	Site provides information on wind power in the state of Colorado but no data on actual usage.
Natural Resources	Air	http://www.epa.gov/air/data/index.html	This site contains information and data on air pollution across the United States. Thousands of monitoring stations operated by EPA, national, state, and local agencies, collect the data.
Natural Resources	Various	http://ndis.nrel.colostate.edu/	Provides a easy to use GIS format product with following information by county: Wildlife habitat, vegetation patterns, major rivers, national forests, BLM land, conservation sites, high priority areas, concerns if developed, development patterns, etc. Great site for mapping.

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Natural Resources	Water	http://cwrri.colostate.edu/	Colorado Water Resources Research Institute. Provides info and links to Colorado water issues and data
Natural Resources	Water, watersheds	http://cfpub.epa.gov/surf/locate/index.cfm	Locates watersheds by a variety of levels (i.e., state, county, river, watershed name) and then provides an environmental profile of the watershed with charts and graphs.
Natural Resources	National Forest, National Grasslands	http://www.fs.fed.us/land/staff	Once you are at "Lands and Realty Management", click "Land Area Reports" on left, the year, and then Table 6 to get national forest and national grassland acreage by state, congressional district.
Neighborhoods	Socio-Economic Characteristics	http://www.piton.org/	The Piton Foundation develops and implements programs to improve public education, expand economic opportunities for families, and strengthen low-income neighborhoods in Denver.
Neighborhoods	Socio-Economic Characteristics	http://www.denvergov.org/Census/	City & County of Denver's Web site. Limited to neighborhoods/tracts within the City & County.
Population	Census 2000 Population, age, race/ethnicity, gender, housing.	http://dola.colorado.gov/dlg/demog/census.html	The demography section has created several tables from the Census 2000 results. Uses this site as an alternative to the Census site.
Population	Inter-censal population estimates	http://dola.colorado.gov/dlg/demog/pop_totals.html	The State Demographer keeps the most current population data for the state, its counties and municipalities. From this web site you can select a variety a ways to see how population has been changing.
Population	Estimates by gender and age	http://dola.colorado.gov/demog_webapps/population_age_gender	Population by both age and gender. If you do not want an age breakdown, enter 0 as your age grouping.

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Population	Households and Families	http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/hh-fam.html	Household and Family Statistics
Recreation and Tourism	National Parks	http://www.nps.gov	Provides a format to search for all national parks in a given state, and allows you to set up search criteria for different outdoor activities. Data also available on acreage, money generation, and visitation by park.
Recreation and Tourism	National Forests	http://www.fs.fed.us/	Provides a format to search for all national forests in a given state, and allows you to set up search criteria for different outdoor activities.
Recreation and Tourism	Federal Lands	http://www.recreation.gov	Provides a format to search for all federal lands in a given state, and allows you to set up search criteria for different outdoor activities
Welfare	General	http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/forcounties.htm	Home page for Colorado Department of Human Services. Not much data is available on this site, except in some annual reports.
Welfare	Children	http://www.aecf.org/kidscount	KIDS COUNT -Annie E Casey Foundation – national and state level data tracking the status of children in the United States.
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Welfare	Substance abuse	http://info@casacolumbia.org	National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse
Welfare	Crime	http://fisher.lib.Virginia.EDU/crime/	Juvenile and adult arrests by offense by county by year.

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Welfare	Food Stamps	http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp	Federal food stamp site that provides state level annual and monthly data on program usage. Also provides links to other information on food stamps.
Welfare	TANF and Food Stamps	Call 303-866-3096 or 970-491-5706	County level data from 95 to present. Not available online but call the County Information Service to receive data.
Welfare	Various	http://www.urban.org/hotopics.htm	The Urban Institute produces several national and state reports on economic, social welfare and community topics.
Welfare	Program participation rates	http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/opre/	National Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families - Office of Planning Research and Evaluation. National and state trend data and reports.