



# Colorado: The Center for Life Sciences

Colorado's strategic location in the center of the United States offers unparalleled access to talent, infrastructure, and opportunities, making it an ideal destination for talent, investors, and life sciences companies seeking to start, relocate, or expand.

# Start, Relocate, and Expand Here

## Talent + Inclusivity

### Smart, Welcoming Professionals



Educated, motivated people and top-ranked academic and research institutions contribute to Colorado's reputation as a leading national and international location for innovation talent, with close to 41,000 life sciences professionals and an average salary of \$123,000. If you want to work with us, we welcome you!

**#2**

Percentage of Bachelor's  
Degree Holders in U.S.  
(WalletHub, 2025)

**#4**

Most Educated  
State in U.S.  
(WalletHub, 2025)

**46%**

Residents in Denver/Boulder  
Hold a Bachelor's  
Degree or Higher  
(Metro Denver EDC, 2023)

**41,000**

Life Sciences Professionals  
(BIO, 2024)

## Capital + Growth

### Investing in the Future



Inventive leaders say their dollars go farther in Colorado. With an eight-year streak of more than \$1 billion raised by life sciences organizations each year, investors choose Colorado for big bets.

**\$2.15B**

Raised by Colorado Life  
Sciences Organizations in 2024  
(Colorado BioScience Association)

**8<sup>th</sup>**

Straight Year of Life Sciences  
Fundraising Over \$1B  
(Colorado BioScience Association)

**\$2.4B**

Raised in 2021,  
a Record-Breaking Year  
(Colorado BioScience Association)



## Location + Real Estate

Centered for Life Sciences Success



We work at the heart of health innovation and leading-edge technology, supported by a leading global airport, easy freight options, and millions of square feet of lab space planned or under construction.

**#1**

Largest Airport in the U.S.  
and #2 in the World  
(Denver International Airport)

**227**

Nonstop Destinations  
(Denver International Airport)

**730M**

Pounds of Cargo  
Volume in 2024  
(Denver International Airport)

**3.5M**

Square Feet of  
Lab Space Planned or  
Under Construction  
(Colorado BioScience Association)

## Lifestyle + Culture

From Arts to Adventure, Fine Dining to Pro Sports



Colorado's more than 3,400 majestic mountains attract the adventurous. With world-class museums, legendary outdoors activities, Michelin-starred restaurants, destination craft breweries, and leading pro sports teams, there's something for everyone.

**#1**

Highest Average Elevation  
in the U.S.  
(Colorado Climate Center)

**2**

Colorado Cities in the Top Ten  
'Best Places to Live' List  
(U.S. News & World Report, 2024-2025)

**#3**

Healthiest Community  
in the U.S.  
(U.S. News & World Report, 2024)

**~300**

Days of Sunshine  
Every Year  
(Metro Denver EDC)





## Community + Infrastructure

### Ready for High-Growth Companies

Our welcoming community is right-sized for collaboration, with life sciences clusters along Colorado's Front Range. Creative partnerships translate visionary thinking into real results for patients.



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R1 Designated  
Research Universities  
(Carnegie Classification)

#5

University of Colorado  
System Ranked Among  
Leading Universities for  
Startup Creation  
(AUTM)

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Federal Labs, One of the  
Largest Concentrations  
in the U.S.  
(COLABS)

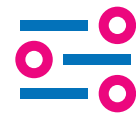
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CLIA-Accredited Labs  
(CLIA)

## Costs + Incentives

### Innovation-Focused Business Climate

Our elevated environment inspires our sunny business climate. Ranked in the top 20 globally for life sciences R&D (CBRE), Colorado offers costs lower than other major life sciences hubs and state support for companies considering relocation.



\$150.8M \$2.9B

State-Funded Grants for  
Advanced Industries Since 2016  
(Colorado OEDIT)

Follow-On Capital for  
Advanced Industries  
(Colorado OEDIT)

#4

Overall Economy  
(U.S. News & World Report, 2024)

#4

State for Higher Education  
(U.S. News & World Report, 2024)



TRANSFORM LIVES HERE

# Innovation-Friendly Elevation



See our *interactive map* with Academic + Research Institutions, Anchor Companies, Life Sciences Developments, Innovation Centers, and Campaign Partners on our website: [coloradohealthimpact.com](https://coloradohealthimpact.com) →

## U.S. 36 CORRIDOR 31.6%

**CONCENTRATIONS:** Biotech & Pharma, Digital Health, MedTech, AgBio & Animal Health

High-tech corridor connects Boulder, magnet for science and technology talent, CU Boulder, and federal labs, to Denver. Cities including Broomfield, Lafayette, Louisville, Superior, and Westminster house some of the best-known life sciences companies in the state.

## METRO DENVER 22.3%

**CONCENTRATIONS:** MedTech, Digital Health

The state's inventive spirit flourishes in the State Capitol, where innovators work at the intersection of life sciences and technology. Leading corporations, promising startups, and a concentration of academic and research institutions contribute to the vibrant business community.

## NORTHERN COLORADO 16.8%

**CONCENTRATIONS:** MedTech, AgBio & Animal Health

CSU, Colorado's land grant institution, and the University of Northern Colorado are educating the next generation of innovators. Northern Colorado includes the state's largest concentrations of AgBio and animal health companies and the Centers for Disease Control's Division of Vector Borne Diseases.

## AURORA 10.9%

**CONCENTRATIONS:** Biotech & Pharma, MedTech, Precision Medicine, Data Analytics, Diagnostics

The University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus is a world-class medical destination at the forefront of transformative education, science, medicine, and healthcare. It ranks as one of the top academic institutions in the world for innovation and includes two of the top hospitals in the nation, 4,500 future healthcare professionals at six professional schools, and close to 25,000 employees, faculty, and staff.

Integrated with the campus is Fitzsimons Innovation Community, home to more than 80 life sciences companies with direct access to clinicians and researchers at CU Anschutz to accelerate health breakthroughs.

## SOUTH METRO DENVER 10.6%

**CONCENTRATIONS:** MedTech, Biotech & Pharma

A quick drive or light rail trip from downtown Denver, the South Metro area attracts health innovation, technology, and content & connectivity companies who choose locations close to where their employees live. The area is home to several leading medical device companies and Colorado Health & Tech Centers - Greenwood Village.

## COLORADO SPRINGS 5.8%

**CONCENTRATIONS:** MedTech

With stunning views of Pikes Peak, Colorado Springs is known for its quality of life and active military community, anchored by the U.S. Air Force Academy, the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD), and the U.S. Space Command. It's a fast-growing center for technology and health innovation.

## WESTERN SLOPE 2.0%

**CONCENTRATIONS:** MedTech

Colorado's mountain and western communities attract mavericks and entrepreneurs who love the easy access to some of the world's best skiing, hiking, and mountain biking. State incentives support investment in rural communities.



# Our Partners

Dedicated partners from across the state's life sciences community demonstrate Colorado's commitment to collaboration with the new Hub for Health Impact. The partnership's goal is to encourage life sciences companies to choose Colorado for expansion and relocation.

## INNOVATORS



Metro Denver EDC



Aurora Economic Development Council

## LEADERS



Sterling Bay



## CONNECTORS



## SUPPORTERS



Funding and Support from the State of Colorado



COLORADO  
Office of Economic Development  
& International Trade



# Questions? Talk to a Colorado Life Sciences Expert!



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JOIN US!

# Everyone's Welcome



## About Colorado Hub for Health Impact

Smart, inclusive, forward-thinking, and highly educated people lead life sciences innovation in Colorado, the Hub for Health Impact. Here, in the center of the United States, the country's top talent transforms every aspect of health and care. Our community is right-sized for high-growth organizations, with excellent infrastructure, lab and office space, outstanding academic and research institutions, and successful companies at all stages of commercialization. More than 20 life sciences organizations, economic development groups, local governments, developers, and builders joined together in 2024, launching the national economic development campaign to attract high-growth health innovation companies to Colorado.

More: [coloradohealthimpact.com](https://coloradohealthimpact.com) →