



Software

Computer Software in Colorado

Image Software
3D Nature
Advanced Internet
Bass-Trigon Software
Ciber
CoCreate Software
Configuresoft, Inc.
CSG Systems International
eCollege.com
eFence, Inc.
Encoda Systems
Encorp
Evolving Systems
Global Med Technologies
HealtheTech, Inc.
Immediant Corporation
Intelliden Corporation
Interactive Business Systems
Inc.
InfoNow Corp.
Jabber
Optx Corporation
Oracle
QuarkXpress
Quovadx, Inc.
Parascript
Petroleum Place
Riskology, Inc.
Rogue Wave Software
SecurityInc
Security Network Solutions
SignalSoft Corp.
SofTec Solutions
Spectrum Human Resource
Statera
Systems Corp.
Symantec
TrenStar, Inc.

Industry Associations

CTEK
Internet Chamber of
Commerce
Colorado Software &
Internet Association
Rocky Mountain AeA

Profile and Trends in Colorado

Software is a significant contributor to the Colorado economy. Colorado is ranked 5th in the United States for software services employment, with the Boulder-Longmont region ranking as the leading area in the country for software employment for the past six years. Growth of this industry is partly driven by the market demand of Colorado's strong high-tech sector. In a recent study conducted by the Progressive Policy Institute, Colorado ranked 1st in the nation for high-tech jobs (as a percentage of total employment) and second for the concentration of technology firms.

Software is a problem solver and an enabling technology that makes many other types of products better, more efficient, and higher value. Growth areas identified for Colorado include homeland security, system security, data management areas, web-based solutions for home consumers, scientific software for astronomical and atmospheric applications, defense and aerospace applications, software for biopharmaceutical and health sector applications, and GPS-based, hand-held, remote-use applications.

Colorado Software Companies

The Colorado Technology Alliance lists 577 major software companies in the state, and the *Denver Business Journal's* "Technology Directory of Colorado" lists more than 900 companies in the software industry. Yet, industry leaders estimate there are upwards of 3,100 small software companies, consultants or custom developers with between one and 200 employees.

Colorado Strengths

The software industry in Colorado has many competitive strengths, including an educated labor force, access to excellent universities and colleges, people with innovative ideas, an entrepreneurial culture, a friendly business climate, and a cluster of software companies with diverse products and services. In addition, the industry is supported by the Colorado Software and Internet Association, a trade organization offering public policy, advocacy, programming, affinity, and leadership for software companies, manufacturers, vendors, partners, and end-users.

Colorado High-Tech Rankings

- 1st in high-tech employment concentration
- 12th in total high-tech employment
- 6th in average high-tech wages
- 11th in number of high-tech establishments