



### **About Fountain**

Year founded: 1859  
Population: 22,078 (2008)  
Area: 17.9 square miles, with approx. 4,000 acres under annexation  
Elevation: 5,546 feet  
Latitude: 30 501 '50" north  
Longitude: 104 50 '25" west  
Number of employees: 183 FTE 5 PT  
Miles of trails and bike paths in the City: 13  
Parks: 100 acres, including ten mini-pavilions, six large pavilions,  
one large gazebo, one skateboard park, multiple baseball and softball fields,  
one riding and roping arena, climbing wall and numerous other facilities.

Located 10 miles south of Colorado Springs, 30 miles north of Pueblo along I-25 and Colorado's Rocky Mountain front range, Fountain residents enjoy the scenic view of Pikes Peak and a slower small town life style, steeped in frontier town and ranching roots.

Incorporated in 1903, the City of Fountain is a full service municipality, with its own electric and water utilities. The Mayor and a 6-member City Council governs the city, with advisory boards and commissions such as the Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, and the Economic Development Commission, and the Board of Adjustment. The City Manager administers all the departments. Fountain is a Home Rule City.

Fountain is one of the fastest growing communities in the County, averaging around 7% growth from 2002 to 2008. In 2009, the rate has changed to 2%, the historic national average.

The city is prepared for growth, with the Comprehensive Plan recently updated in 2005. Other documents for good planning include Transportation Master Plan, Trails Master Plan, Comprehensive Development Plan, Population Projections, Fountain Strategic Downtown Plan, Water System Master Plan, and Water Resources Study. All these plans are online at [www.fountaincolorado.org](http://www.fountaincolorado.org).

## Historic Fountain



Fountain can trace its roots to the Ute Indians choosing the confluence of Jimmy Camp Creek and Fountain Creek as wintering grounds. Rich with game, trappers followed, setting up trading posts along the Fountaine Qui Bouille or “bubbling springs.”

*Trappers and traders* There are many stories about Jimmy's Camp, a trading post said to connect the forts on the Plains to forts on the front range of the Rockies. Some say Jimmy was an Irishman, some say a soldier, and others say a trader. His camp laid along the creek, on "Trappers Trail," Cherokee Trail," or "Jimmy's Camp Trail," depending on whose version is told. All agree Jimmy was killed in his camp around 1842. Every tale tells of different version of "who dun it!"

*Pony Express* Fountain is said to have had a Pony Express stop at one of its first houses, which doubled as a post office. Mail later came by rail. The post office moved to Barney's Food Market on Main Street in 1926. The first post office in El Paso County was in Fountain Valley. Fountain's post office remains the oldest one in the County.

*Stage coach route* A stage coach road connected Canyon City and Denver in 1873. The Colorado gold rush increased its patronage. Coaches ran day and night, stopping only to switch horses or allow buffalo herds to pass... our first traffic jams! Stage coaches gave way to rail eventually.

*Deep roots in ranching* Settlers arrived in covered wagons, farms sprung up and soon the valley was alive with cattle, dairies and merchants. The main crops were sugar beets, cherries, beans, grain, corn, and alfalfa. In 1919 the town was still surrounded by farms, and the irrigation ditches still flow to today. In 1898 the Fountain Trading Company was established and still stands today at 117 Main Street. This mercantile store provided supplies to miners, traders, ranchers, trappers, and farmers. The oldest church in El Paso County is just 2 blocks north.

*Founded 1859* The town of Fountain was founded in 1859, the same year as Colorado City, Denver, Golden and Central City. It was built with the idea it would some day be the biggest city in the state, possibly the state capitol. Even then the town had big ideas!

*The BIG Blast!!!* But the big idea went up in smoke, quite literally, in 1888, when a train broke loose in Colorado Springs, gained speed approaching Fountain and slammed into a rail car. The fire spread to a car full of explosives. The blast was felt 13 miles north in Colorado Springs. Residents of Monument, 33 miles to the north, reported it woke almost everyone in town! Today the annual "Main Street Blast" dance is held in the heart of historical downtown Fountain.

Fountain rebuilt itself and was incorporated as a town in 1903. It remains one of the oldest incorporated towns in the Pikes Peak region.

By 1942 the war had arrived and Fountain had a new neighbor. Named after Kit Carson, Fort Carson was founded in 1942 and has played a major role in the community. Between 1942 and 1956, trains of up to 300 mules were a common sight to carry equipment, weapons and supplies over mountainous terrain. For 13 years the mule Hambone carried supplies for Fort Carson and was buried with full military honors. Today "the Mountain Post" has over 18,000 soldiers and expects to add another 12,000 by 2008.

In 2008, volunteers started work on an historic walking tour, and forming an official historic district registered with the State Office of Historic Preservation.

**VISIT THE FOUNTAIN VALLEY HISTORIC MUSEUM** at the corner of Main Street and Iowa in downtown Fountain. Staffed by local volunteers, its hours are Fridays and Saturdays 1 to 4pm Fridays and 10am to 4pm on Saturdays. Call 719-322-2005 for tours.



## City Government



The City of Fountain is a full service municipality, with its own police, fire, electric and water departments. (719) 322-2000 is the main phone line.

Founded in 1859, and chartered in 1976, the City is governed by a Mayor and Council members (3 at-large and 3 by ward). As a Home Rule City, local affairs are mostly directed by local ordinances and resolutions which cannot conflict with State law. Council elections are non-partisan. Organizational structure is Council-Manager.

Advisory boards and committees assist the Council in its work, including Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Board, and the Economic Development Commission. There is also a Municipal Court office and courtroom located at City Hall. All meetings are posted by the City Clerk at the Fountain Post Office, main fire station on Hwy 85, and City Hall. The schedule is available on-line at <http://www.fountaincolorado.org/egov/apps/events/calendar.egov?&fCS=>

All departments are administered by the City Manager. Departments include:

- City Clerk
- Code Enforcement
- Court
- Economic Development
- Finance
- Fire
- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- Planning
- Police
- Public Works
  - Streets
  - Parks
- Utilities
  - Electric
  - Water

The City web page has a section for each department for detailed information.

## COST OF LIVING

### Cost of Living

#### **Colorado Springs area cost of living** (Source: ACCRA now CCER): 2009

6.8% below national average. The Fountain Valley area is generally lower than Colorado Springs' due to lower housing costs (the same home and lot in Colorado Springs is \$15,000 to \$40,000 more, depending on the neighborhood).



### Home prices 2009

The median sales price of a single family home in the Fountain Valley area as of November 2009 was \$164,000. Townhomes and condos went for a median sales price of \$98,950, with the average at \$101,678. Brand new houses are in the \$200,000 to \$300,000 range. The average list price for single family or patio homes was \$203,632. Home values in Colorado hold better than most of the USA, especially in the Pikes Peak Region. Both Money Magazine and the Wall Street Journal reported this in early 2009.

### Residential Utilities

**Residential Electric:** Source: City of Fountain Utilities Dept. 2009

Fountain Electric Department serves most of the City

Rates are listed under "Customer Services" on the Utilities Department web page at

<http://www.fountaincolorado.org/departament/division.asp?fDD=18-100>

*Residential electric estimates* January 2009:

Approximately 700kWh           \$73.52 (Including Street Light Charge)

*Customer service contact:* (719) 322-2092

*-Some sections of Fountain are served by:*

Mountain View Electric Association Rates: <http://www.mvea.org/rates/residential.html>

Colorado Springs Utilities Rates: : [http://www.csu.org/wa/rate/elec\\_ratecalc.jsp](http://www.csu.org/wa/rate/elec_ratecalc.jsp)

## **Electric rate comparison for 700 kWh residential 2006**

Mountainview Electric	\$93.24
Fountain	\$71.22
Black Hills Energy	\$79.44
Xcel Energy	\$84.15
Colorado Springs	\$60.74

### **Residential Water:** Source: City of Fountain Utilities Dept. 2009

Fountain Water Department serves most of the City:

Rates are listed under "Customer Services" on the Utilities Department web page at <http://www.fountaincolorado.org/departments/division.asp?fDD=17-105>

*-Residential water estimates January 2009:*

10,000 gallons \$38.90

*Customer service contact: (719) 322-2072*

*-Some sections of Fountain are served by:*

Widefield Water and Sanitation District: <http://wwsdonline.com/index.php?page=about-us>

Security Water and Sanitation District: <http://www.securitywsd.com>

### **Residential Gas** Source: Black Hills Energy 2009

Black Hills Natural Gas serves most of the City:

Rates: <http://www.blackhillsenergy.com/customers/energyrates>

*-Residential gas 2009:*

Residential \$10.00 monthly facility charge plus \$.58341/therm

*-Customer service contact: 1-888-890-5554*

*-Sections of Fountain north of Fontaine Blvd are served by:*

Colorado Springs Utilities Rates: [http://www.csu.org/wa/rate/elec\\_ratecalc.jsp](http://www.csu.org/wa/rate/elec_ratecalc.jsp)

### **Waste Water** Source: Fountain Sanitation District 2009

Fountain Sanitation District serves most of the City:

Rates: <http://www.fountainsanitation.com/Rates/RatesAndFees.htm>

*-Residential users pay a flat fee of \$17.25 a month.*

*-Customer service contact: (719) 382-5303*

*-Some sections of Fountain are served by:*

Widefield Water and Sanitation District: <http://wwsdonline.com/index.php?page=rates>

Security Water and Sanitation District: <http://www.securitywsd.com/>

## TAXES

County, City and Special Districts tax rates are on line at the State Department of Revenue at <http://www.revenue.state.co.us/> , as well as Sales Tax Rates by Business Location and Sales Tax Rate Charts. See [www.taxcolorado.com](http://www.taxcolorado.com) or call 303-238-7378

**Retail sales** (pay to State, State remits to the city) Jan 10: Source: State Dept Revenue

Source: <https://www.taxview.state.co.us/QueryTaxrates.aspx>

City	3.75 %
County	1.0%
State	<u>2.9%</u>
TOTAL	7.65%

Note: there are several exemptions to this tax

**Income tax** (pay to State) Sep 09: Source: State Dept Revenue

State individual income tax 4.63% of federal taxable income

State business and corporate income: 4.63% flat rate (below national average)

**Real estate property taxes 2009** [http://trs.elpasoco.com/Mill\\_Levies.htm](http://trs.elpasoco.com/Mill_Levies.htm)

Based on 7.96% of market value, assessed at mill levy of 49.557.

<u>Taxing Entity</u>	<u>Mill Levy</u>
City of Fountain	10.239
Fountain Sanitation District	4.501
Fountain-Ft Carson School District #8*	24.301
El Paso County	7.748
Pikes Peak Library District	3.540
Road and Bridge-County Share	0.791
Road and Bridge-City of Fountain share	0.791
<u>SE Water Conservancy District</u>	<u>0.943</u>
Total	52.610

\*Note: Widefield School District rate is 47.683 mills and includes the community library and recreation facilities, unlike all other school districts. Parts of northern Fountain are in the Widefield School District.

**Special districts:**

Within the City, there are several special districts, like the Jimmy Camp Creek Drainage District, so when building structures, ask about the specific location.

**Vehicle:**

Annual license based on empty vehicle weight and type.

Annual registration based on year, weight and taxable value.

## EDUCATION

### K-12 SCHOOLS



#### **Fountain Fort Carson District 8**

*www.ffc8.k12.co.us or call (719) 382-1300*

Serving Fountain and Fort Carson

#### FACILITIES

- Well maintained up to date facilities
  - State of the art new high school
  - State of the art new elementary school
- 7 Elementary schools
- 2 Middle schools
- 1 Comprehensive High School
- 1 Secondary (6-12) school

#### ENROLLMENT

Total 7,365 in Fall 2009

#### GRADUATION RATE and SCORES

- 87.8% graduation rate
- Above average and rising CSAP scores (Colorado Student Assessment Program)
- One of the lowest gaps in minority achievement in the state
- Administration and teachers are among best paid in the region, providing for superior qualifications
- One of the longest instructional calendar days in the region, leading to educational excellence

#### AWARDS and ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Guest of Governor in speech about raising student achievement (only school in state invited)
- Mountainside Governor's Award
- Met 118 out 128 No Child Left Behind achievement targets.
- Abrams Elementary School designated by the U.S. Department of Education as a Blue Ribbon School.

## PROGRAMS

- Full-day kindergarten and half-day kindergarten at all schools in district
- Benchmark Performance assessment program allows students and teachers to individualize instruction
- Teachers trained in how to differentiate or individualize instruction for all students including “gifted”
- High Horizons - career and college planning at middle schools
- Before and after-school supplementary academic and recreation programs
- Competitive interscholastic and intramural athletics at middle and high schools
- Music programs - competition against other schools at middle and high schools
- Band programs - competition against other schools at middle and high schools
- School Resource Officers
- Full time Counselor in every building
- Interactive Counseling Center and other programs to assist students with transitioning into a new school
- Peer Mediation programs
- Child Focus Teams to design specialized educational programming for students
- School-wide character development programs
- Advanced academic courses at middle and high schools
- Strong vocational training programs and partnerships
- Junior ROTC program
- Closed campus

**Widefield School District 3**  
*www.wsd3.org or call (719) 391-3000*



Serving students in northern Fountain (north of Mesa Ridge Parkway), Security, Widefield, and rural areas. Widefield is the only school district in the state that also administers the community's public library and park-and-recreation district. About one-third of the district's students are from active military families.

**FACILITIES**

One of largest school districts in the state, established in 1874

- 9 elementary schools (grades K-5)
- 3 junior high schools (grades 6-8)
- 2 high schools (grades 9-12)
- 1 alternative high school (grades 9-12)
- 1 charter school (grades K-6)
- Widefield Community Center (including preschool)
- Widefield Head Start and Preschool Program

**ENROLLMENT**

8,600 in fall of 2009

**STAFF**

- Total staff: 1,077
- Certified employees (teachers, counselors, nurses, etc: 590)

**GRADUATION RATE and SCORES**

Graduation rate annually: 90 percent or higher (well above the state average)

- African-American graduation rate annually first or second in Colorado among districts that graduate 50 or more African-American students

- Hispanic graduation rate annually in the top five in Colorado among districts that graduate 50 or more Hispanic students.
- CSAP scores for all ethnicities above the state average in nearly every category.
- All schools accredited.

## **PROGRAMS**

- Free full-day kindergarten in every elementary school
- Outstanding preschool programs
- Before- and after-school child care at "Junior Academy" in every elementary school
- Three elementary focus schools (extra emphasis on foreign language, visual and performing arts, math and science, and Core Knowledge curriculum)
- AVID and 21st Century Learning in junior high and high school
- Strong support for military families and students • Growing vocational programs
- Extensive honors and advanced placement coursework for students' college prep
- One of the state's first character education programs
- Gifted and talented services
- Full array of extra- and co-curricular activities
- Competitive interscholastic and intramural athletics
- Competitive junior-high programs in most sports
- Music programs (some of the state's best)
- Closed campuses
- School resource officers
- District security coordinator
- Non-privatized, outstanding food-service program
- Junior ROTC programs at both high schools

## **Fountain Valley School**

*www.fvs.edu or call (719) 390-7035*



Fountain Valley School is an independent, coeducational, college-preparatory, boarding and day school located 5 minutes north of Fountain. Founded in 1930, to compete with the most prestigious schools back East, the School's 1,100-acre campus is located on the beautiful Bradley Ranch, with panoramic views of the Rockies. The campus boasts historic Southwestern-style buildings, complete with prairie pastures and equestrian facilities.

### **FACILITIES:**

Froelicher Academic Building includes 28 classrooms and 3 computer labs.

State-of-the-art science teaching facility

Tutt Visual Arts Center-Bedford Gallery and visual arts studios

Frautschi Campus Center

Lewis Perry Jr. Chapel

Hawley Library

Hacienda Complex—The original Bradley Ranch Hacienda

Penrose Sport Complex

Performing Arts Center

Chase Stone Health Center

Residence Halls Include Boies Penrose Residence Hall, Sage Residence Hall, Perry Residence Hall, as well as the new Residence Hall Complex (Figge House, Sinclaire House and Ballantine House)

### **ENROLLMENT:**

250 (156 boarding, day 94), students represent 27 states and 13 countries

### **FACULTY and STAFF 2008-2009:**

35 Full-time and 5 Part-time

30 live on campus

Student to faculty ratio 6 to 1

Ave core class size: 12

## Higher Education

2 and 4- year colleges, universities and graduate schools in the area

*College (2 yr. program)*

### **Pikes Peak Community College**

*5675 S. Academy Blvd. • Colorado Springs, CO 80906*

*Phone 800.456.6847 or 719.576.7711*

Pikes Peak Community College (PPCC) has three full-service campuses in Colorado Springs. Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association, the college is the largest postsecondary educational institution in Colorado Springs and offers the most widely accessible and affordable education in the region. Serving the residents of El Paso, Teller, and Elbert Counties, PPCC offers more than 125 programs of study in transfer liberal arts and sciences areas and career and technical training. For details, see:

<http://www.ppcc.cccoes.edu/>

### **Everest College (formerly Blair Junior College)**

*1815 Jet Wing Drive • Colorado Springs, CO 80916*

*Phone 719.638.6580 • Fax 719.638.6818*

Everest College was founded in Pueblo, Colorado as Brown's School of Business in 1897. In 1918, Mr. and Mrs. George Blair purchased Brown's Business College and renamed it Blair's Business College. In June of 2006, the name of the college was changed to Everest College. It was among the first group of business colleges in the United States to be accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS). programs include Accounting, Administrative Assistant, Business Accounting, Business Administration, Computer Information Science, Criminal Justice, Homeland Security Specialist, Legal Assistant/Paralegal, Medical Administrative Assistant, Medical Assisting, Medical Insurance Billing/Coding, and Office Administration. For details, see:

<http://www.everest.edu/>

### **Pueblo Community College**

*Pueblo Community College • Pueblo, CO 81004*

*Phone 719.549.3200*

Pueblo Community College is approved by the Colorado Commission on Higher Education, which approves degrees, and by the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education which approves certificates. PCC is a technologically advanced community college that is actively staffed to provide a skilled and educated workforce both for local industry and to firms outside the Pueblo area. The Gorsich Advanced Technology Center that opened in 1997 on the Pueblo campus was designed to utilize state-of-the-art equipment to provide students with the highly technical skills needed to step right into the workforce upon graduation and to be tremendously marketable throughout the state. The Pueblo Community College Curriculum and Academic Standards Committee reviews and approves new programs, or changes to existing programs, before they are sent to the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education for final state approval. Pueblo Community College grants Certificates of Completion (CERT), Associate of Science (AS), Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of General Studies (AGS), and Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees. For details, see:

<http://www.pueblocc.edu/>

**IntelliTec Medical Institute (formerly Technical Trades Institute)**

2345 North Academy Blvd. • Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Phone 719.596.7400 • Fax 719.596.2464

IntelliTec Medical Institute in Colorado Springs is [accredited](#) through the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools. They offer both certificate and associate degree programs, and maintain small classroom sizes to provide you medical training with personal one-on-one attention.

IntelliTec Medical Institute was established in 1966 as PPI Health Careers School, and offered a [Medical Laboratory Technician program](#). Their curriculum was expanded to include a [Medical Assistant program](#) and was first accredited in 1970.

For details, see:

<http://www.intellitecmedical.edu/>

<i>Colleges (4yr. program)</i>
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**Colorado College**

*The Colorado College • 14 East Cache La Poudre St. • Colorado Springs, CO 80903 Phone 719.389.6000*

Colorado College (CC) was established in 1874, two years before Colorado became a state. A private liberal arts college, CC adopted the Block Plan in 1970 as a teaching method. The plan divides the academic year into eight three-and-a-half week segments, or blocks. Students take one principal course at a time and professors teach one. Class size averages 13 students, and offers more than 80 majors, minors, and specialized programs.

For details, see:

<http://www.coloradocollege.edu/index.asp>

**Nazarene Bible College**

*1111 Academy Park Loop • Colorado Springs, CO 80910*

Phone 719.884.5000

Nazarene Bible College exists to glorify Jesus Christ as Lord by preparing adults to *evangelize, disciple* and *minister* to the world. Since 1967 Nazarene Bible College has fulfilled its mission of preparing men and women for ministry.

For details, see:

<http://www.nbc.edu/>

### **UCCS (University of Colorado at Colorado Springs)**

*1420 Austin Bluffs Parkway Colorado Springs, CO 80918*

*Phone 719. 255.8227 or 800.990.8227*

The Colorado Springs campus of the University of Colorado was established in 1965 and is the fastest growing of the four in the UC system. The campus houses 5 colleges: Business, Education, Engineering and Applied Sciences, College of Letters, Arts & Sciences, and Beth-El College of Nursing & Health Sciences. Also hosted are the Chancellor's Leadership Class, Excel Centers Extended Studies, Graduate Schools, Theatreworks and online programs. The University of Colorado's El Pomar Institute for Innovation and Commercialization (EPIIC) was created in the spring of 2008 at UCCS as part of a revitalization of a former campus unit, the Colorado Institute for Technology Transfer and Implementation (CITTI) which was originally established in 1991 through a grant from El Pomar Foundation, which was matched by the University of Colorado. EPIIC is located on the campus of the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (UCCS). The thrust of EPIIC is to play a role in the early development of new ideas and products and to aid people in taking their ideas to market.

For details, see:

<http://www.uccs.edu/>

### **United States Air Force Academy**

*USAF Academy, CO 80840*

*Phone 719.333.8826 or 719.333.1110*

Congress authorized creation of the Air Force Academy in 1954. Its doors opened in Colorado Springs in 1958. Its mission is to train cadets to be officers, with over 35,000 graduates to date. The Air Force Academy is both a military organization and a university. Much of the Academy is set up like most other Air Force bases, particularly the 10th Air Base Wing, but the superintendent, commandant, dean of faculty and cadet wing are set up in a manner resembling a civilian university.

For details, see:

<http://www.usafa.af.mil/>

### **University of Phoenix**

*University of Phoenix - South Circle Learning Center, 2864 South Circle Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80906*

*Phone 719.527.9000*

University of Phoenix in Colorado Springs offers degree programs in education, teacher education, technology, healthcare and more. Classes are held in the evening or on the weekends for certificates, undergraduate and graduate degrees. It is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association.

For details, see:

<http://www.phoenix.edu/campus-locations/co/southern-colorado-campus/south-circle-drive-learning-center.html>

### **Colorado State University-Pueblo**

*2200 Bonforte Blvd. • Pueblo, CO 81001-4901*

*Phone 719.549.2462*

Colorado State University-Pueblo is a comprehensive state university with an enrollment of more than 4,000 students on a 275 acre campus. Fully accredited and part of the Colorado State University System, CSU-Pueblo provides professional coursework, a small professor-to-student ratio, and state-of-the-art technology. Students can choose from twenty-seven undergraduate programs in the College of Science and Mathematics, the Hasan School of Business, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, and the College of Education, Engineering and Professional Studies. For details, see:

<http://www.colostate-pueblo.edu/>

### **Regis University - Colorado Springs Campus**

*7450 Campus Drive, Suite 100 • Colorado Springs, CO 80920*

*Phone 800.568.8932 • Fax 719.264.7095*

Founded in 1877, Regis University is one of 28 Jesuit colleges and universities in the United States. Regis University educates students in a variety of formats to encourage lifelong learning, from a traditional, classroom-based undergraduate education (16 week semesters), to the accelerated pace of an online graduate degree program for working professionals. It is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA), with these schools served: School for Professional Studies, Master Business Administration, Master Science in Computer Information Systems, and Master Science in Management. For details, see:

<http://www.regis.edu/>

### **DeVry University**

*Colorado Springs Center • 1175 Kelly Johnson Blvd. • Colorado Springs, CO 80920*

*Phone 719.632.3000 • Fax 719.866.6770*

Located near the Air Force Academy, DeVry's center features 13 classrooms, three lecture/computer labs and an academic support center. The university offers undergraduate business and technology programs. For details, see:

[http://www.devry.edu/locations/campuses/loc\\_coloradosprings.jsp](http://www.devry.edu/locations/campuses/loc_coloradosprings.jsp)

### **Colorado Technical University**

*4435 N. Chestnut • Colorado Springs, CO 80907*

*Phone 719.598.0200 or 800-559-9287*

CTU Colorado Springs currently offers professionally focused Associate, Bachelor's and Master's degrees in many of today's in-demand professional fields. Our campus also offers innovative, executive-format doctorate programs in Management and Computer Science.

For details, see:

<http://www.coloradotech.edu/Colorado-Springs/About-CTU-Colorado-Springs.aspx>

**University of Colorado at Colorado Springs**

*1420 Austin Bluffs Parkway Colorado Springs, CO 80918*

*Phone 719.255.8227 or 800.990.8227*

For details, see:

<http://www.uccs.edu/>

**Webster University**

*5475 Tech Center Drive, Suite 110 • Colorado Springs, CO 80919*

*Phone 719.590.7340 • Fax 719.590.7343*

Webster University has provided innovative higher education to residents and military personnel in the Colorado Springs metropolitan area since 1977 when they opened their first campus at Peterson Air Force Base.

For details, see:

<http://www.webster.edu/coloradosprings/>

**Regis MBA Program - Colorado Springs Campus**

*7450 Campus Drive, Suite 100 • Colorado Springs, CO 80920*

*Phone 800.568.8932 • Fax 719.264.7095*

For details, see:

<http://www.regis.edu/>

## QUALITY OF LIFE

### Climate

Coldest Month:	January
Average Low Temperature:	28 degree
Warmest Month:	July
Average High Temperature:	78 degrees
Annual Avg. Days of Sunshine:	275
Annual Average Humidity:	38%-68%
Average Wind Speed:	10 m.p.h
Annual Average Snowfall:	26.2"
Annual Average Precipitation:	15.42

### Crime rate

Fountain is a very safe city for families. Compared to other cities in the region, Fountain enjoys a lower crime rate and safer streets. With crime statistics lower than Colorado Springs, and Colorado Springs ranked nationally as one of the safest in the USA top 100 cities, Fountain fares well.



### Colorado Offenses Known to Law Enforcement 2008

2008	Population	Total Crime
Colorado Springs	380,307	20,263
Cripple Creek	1,012	74
Fountain	19,669	690
Manitou Springs	5,161	202
Monument	2,588	183
Pueblo	104,951	2,776
Woodland Park	6,501	145

Source: 2008, Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI)

--Staff:  
43 sworn officers  
--Stations: 1

## **Fire and Ambulance service**

The City of Fountain Fire Department covers 16.4 square miles within City limits and 16 miles of Interstate 25 from mile-post 132 south to the Pueblo County line, mile post 116. the main line number is (719) 382-7800.

--Staff:

25 career Fire Fighters

65 Volunteer Fire Fighters

--Stations: 3

--Services:

Fire Suppression, Fire Prevention and Education, Basic and Advanced Medical Life Support, Ambulance transport, Hazardous Materials Unit, Heavy Rescue Unit, Technical Rescue Team and Wildland Fire Team.

--Average response time: 4.5 minutes

--ISO Rating 5

--Ambulance service:

The city provides 24-hour a day, 7 days a week ambulance service. Areas outside the city are served by a private ambulance service under contract to El Paso County.

## **Library**

**Pikes Peak Library District** has a branch in Fountain. The new building was completed in 2006 on 230 S. Main Street, just south of City Hall in downtown Fountain.

The facility has areas dedicated to teens and children, a reading area, a collection of over 30,000 items, and a state-of-the-art computer center. The Fountain Library was built through partnerships with the City of Fountain and the Fountain/Ft. Carson School District. Grants from the Chapman Family Foundation, Gates Family Foundation, and the Boettcher Foundation helped make this library a reality. The library was nominated for an El Pomar Foundation Award for Excellence to recognize its innovative use of community partnerships. Volunteers donate approximately 85 hours per month to the branch, which is equal to the work of one half-time employee in a year.

For information call Pikes Peak Library District Fountain (719) 382-5347 or see <http://library.ppld.org>.

### **Security Public Library**

*715 Aspen Dr., Security CO 80911*

*Phone 719.391.3191*

As the only public library supported by a school district, the Security Public Library is unique among Colorado's public libraries. Established in 1961, the library has grown from one small room to a modern 7,600 square foot facility.

For details, see: <http://www.securitypubliclibrary.org>

## **Healthcare**

Private medical services are available in Fountain, with Colorado Springs Healthcare Partnership general practitioners, HealthSouth Rehab center, some private general practitioners and pediatricians, chiropractors and dentists. Peak Vista Community Health Center is located in the Lorraine Center on 301 East Iowa.

Colorado Springs provides the closest hospitals- Memorial Hospital and Penrose Community Hospital. Fort Carson provides services for eligible military personnel and their families at Evans Army Community Hospital, with Tri-Care as the insurer.

## **Family services and facilities**

- YMCA 719-382-1561
- El Paso County Health Dept (WIC) 719-578-3199
- El Paso County Human Services 719-444-8303
- Child protection 719-444-5700
- Food assistance 719-444-5349
- Pikes Peak Mental Health 719-572-6330
- Peak Vista Community Health Center 719-322-0777
- Pikes Peak Community Action Agency 719-382-8515

Other services and facilities include:

- Fountain Valley Chamber Commerce 719-382-3190
- Fountain Valley Historical Society 719-322-2000
- Fountain Valley Senior Center 719-520-6470
- U.S. Post Office at HWY 85 and Ohio Avenue 800-275-8777

## **Transportation**

There are several public transportation routes available in the area commuting from and to Colorado Springs. For more information: <http://www.springsgov.com/SectionIndex.aspx?SectionID=16>

## **COLORADO SPRINGS AIRPORT**

More than 2 million passengers pass through Colorado Springs Airport (COS) each year. The airport serves as the first impression for thousands of visitors, giving them a breathtaking view of Pikes Peak and a taste of Colorado hospitality. In addition, COS is a major catalyst in the growth and development of the Colorado Springs region, and plays a significant role in bringing new business, conventions and tourism to the area. For details: <http://www.springsgov.com/AirportIndex.aspx>

## **Our neighbors**

### **Our military neighbors**

Fountain is blessed with several military neighbors. They include:

- Fort Carson.....<http://www.carson.army.mil>
- Air Force Academy.....<http://www.usafa.af.mil>
- Cheyenne Mountain.....<http://www.norad.mil/about/CMOC.html>
- Schriever AFB.....<http://www.schriever.af.mil>
- Peterson AFB.....<http://www.peterson.af.mil>

### **Colorado Springs**

Fountain is located just south of Colorado Springs, a city of over 380,000 in 2008.

<http://www.springsgov.com/> or <http://www.coloradospringschamber.org>

## Local Attractions



### **City of Fountain parks, recreation and trails:**

City-owned parks cover over 120 acres, plus El Paso County operates over 925 acres in the immediate area. In the urban area there are 12.5 miles of multi-purpose trail. See

<http://www.fountaincolorado.org/department/index.asp?fDD=16-0> about our parks. The Parks Master Plan can be found at <http://www.fountaincolorado.org/department/index.asp?fDD=16-0>

**The Fountain Creek Regional** Park and its nature center is located on Hwy 85. It has 10 1/2 miles continuous miles of trail from Palmer Lake to the City of Fountain. It is a part of El Paso County's New Santa Fe Regional Trail, the City's Pikes Peak Greenway and the Fountain Creek Regional Trail.

Parks include:

- Aga Park, located at the corner of El Paso Street and Alabama Avenue
- Mayors Park, located at 300 Iris Drive, west of North Santa Fe Avenue
- Conley Park is a neighborhood park located in the Conley Subdivision
- Fountain Mesa Park is located at 7393 Fortman Avenue
- Metcalfe Park is the City's largest park and is located at 704 East Ohio Avenue
- Hibbard Park is a neighborhood park located in the Heritage subdivision.

Pavilions may be rented at Aga Park, Fountain Mesa Park and Metcalfe Park. Call (719) 322-2000 for more information and fees.

## **Regional Attractions**

### **Air Force Academy**

The United States Air Force Academy Visitor Center provides information on the Academy, including maps for self-guided tours, and an information film about the Academy and cadet life.

(719) 333-8723

### **Cheyenne Mountain Zoo**

The zoo is located at the base of Cheyenne mountain and is home to more than 500 animals. Admission includes access to the Will Rogers Shrine of the Sun.

4250 Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Rd

(719) 633-9925 <http://www.cmzoo.org>

### **Garden of the Gods**

Explore red-sandstone rock formations by foot or horse. This 1300 acre park is registered as a National Natural Landmark.

Visitor Center

1805 N. 30th St

Colorado Springs, CO

(719) 634-6666 <http://www.gardenofgods.com>

### **Pikes Peak Cog Railway**

The Manitou and Pikes Peak Cog Railway, the highest cog railway in the world, climbs nine miles from Manitou Springs to the 14,110 summit of Pikes Peak.

Cog Road Depot

515 Ruston Ave

Manitou Springs, CO

(719) 685-5401 <http://www.cograilway.com>

### **Pikes Peak Highway**

The Pikes Peak Highway is open year round and climbs 19 miles from Cascade to the summit of Pikes Peak. Check for road closure as weather conditions warrant temporary closures during the winter season. Pikes Peak Highway hosts the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb each 4th of July where over 50 drivers "race to the clouds"!

City of Colorado Springs

(719) 685-4400 <http://www.ppihc.com>

### **Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo**

Enjoy Pikes Peak or Bust parade, live entertainment, refreshments and competitive rodeo event. Competitive events include bareback, saddle bronc, bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping, women's barrel racing and a wild horse race.

Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame and Museum of the American Cowboy

Visit the gallery, art exhibits, video theatre presentations, rodeo and cowboy gear and memorabilia, live rodeo animals, rodeo arena, sculpture garden and Rodeo America store.

101 Pro Rodeo Drive

Colorado Springs, CO

(719) 593-8840 <http://www.prorodeo.com>

**Pueblo Reservoir**

Water lovers will enjoy swimming, water-skiing, boating, sailing, and fishing on Lake Pueblo. Lake Pueblo has 4500 acres of surface water, 9600 acres of park and 400 campsites.

**Pueblo State Park**

640 Pueblo Reservoir Road

Pueblo, CO 81005

(719) 561-9320 ext. 0 <http://parks.state.co.us/Parks/LakePueblo>

**Pueblo Zoo**

The zoo exhibits more than 300 animals of 110 different species from throughout the world. The zoo is being developed as a "biopark," a place where animals are exhibited in natural settings, where the interdependence of Earth's life - plants and animals, including humans - is made clear for all to see.

Pueblo Blvd and Goodnight

Pueblo, CO

(719) 561-1452 <http://www.pueblozoo.org>

**Sky Sox AAA Minor League Baseball**

The Colorado Springs Sky Sox is the AAA affiliate of the Colorado Rockies. The Sky Sox play home games in the Sky Sox Stadium from April to Labor Day.

Powers Blvd and Barnes Rd

Colorado Springs, CO

(719) 597-1449 Tickets:(719) 591-SOXX <http://www.skysox.com>

**Seven Falls**

Beautiful panoramic views and seven separate falls tumbling 181 feet down a sheer granite cliff make some call this the "Grandest Mile of Scenery in Colorado".

P.O. Box 118

Colorado Springs, CO

(719) 632-0765 <http://www.sevenfalls.com>

Other regional attractions include baseball, football, basketball and hockey teams within a one hour drive and 20 major skiing areas within a three hour drive. For information on other regional attractions visit <http://www.pikes-peak.com/ListAttractions.aspx?t=Attractions>