

What's Great About Greeley

Appealing in size and “nature”

- 2006 population: approaching 90,000
- 340 days of sunshine every year
- Front Range mountain views; 20 miles from the tall and terrific Rocky Mountains
- Residents and visitors equally comfortable in cowboy hats or business suits
- Home to one of the nation's largest rodeos and one of the best philharmonics.

Opportunities and economic stability

- Global Insights ranked Greeley area 11th in annual economic growth, 1994 to 2004
- May 2006 – Greeley places in the top 20 of Inc. Magazine's 2006 Hot Cities list; 18th on the small cities list and 23rd overall out of 393 communities;
- February 2006 – Milken Institute ranks Greeley in the top 10 percent of best performing small cities for job and salary growth;
- Offers affordable housing opportunities compared with other Front Range communities;
- A million new square feet of retail development added in the past four years and more than 600,000 new square feet of commercial/office space added in the same time frame;
- In 2005, completed more than \$100 million of a \$200 million expansion at North Colorado Medical Center, Greeley's regional hospital.

Family oriented and progressive

- Voters approved \$250 million for new schools and school renovations.
- In 2002 & 2005 voters also approved new funding for more than \$125 million in quality of life and public safety improvements:
- New Greeley History Museum, and Ice Haus (NHL size indoor hockey center)
- New Family FunPlex (Greeley's 2nd Recreation Center with aquatics features)
- Other new projects: state-of-the-art police headquarters; trails and trailheads; outdoor pool and free splash parks; 15 parks, and more . . . *all of the above while maintaining one of the lowest sales tax rates in Northern Colorado.*

Excellence, success and diversity

- Residents volunteer. In Colorado, only two other cities have more volunteer boards/commissions than Greeley.
- Greeley appreciates diversity through its active citizens and annual celebrations

Focused on education

- Greeley/Evans School District 6
 - August 2006 – Students record significant improvement on CSAP testing
- University of Northern Colorado – enrollment approximately 12,000
 - Listed among the best educational bargains in the country for three straight years in *America's Guide to the 100 Best College Buys.*
 - UNC's Monfort College of Business - *Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.*
- Aims Community College – More than 14,000 students on 3 campuses
 - One of the largest and most comprehensive two-year colleges in Colorado