

Springs at a Glance

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Council-Mayor:

Nine-member Council (as of April 2013, three Council members elected at-large, and six elected by district) and a popularly elected mayor as the City's chief executive.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Population: 436,354 (2013 est.)

College Population ¹: 40,211 (Fall 2011)

Median Age ¹: 34.9 (2011)

Median Household Income ¹: \$49,929 (2010)

Unemployment Rate ³: 9.8% (July 2012)

Ethnicity ²:

- White (81.3%)
- Hispanic American/Latino (16.7%)
- Black/African American (6.2%)
- American Indian/Alaska Native (0.5%)
- Asian (2.5%)
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (0.4%)
- Other (5.0%)
- Two or more races (4.1%)

Average # of Days of Sunshine ⁴: 284

Average Annual Precipitation ⁵: 16.2 inches

Serious Crimes per Thousand Population:

45 per 1,000 (Year 2010) compared to 2009 national average of 51.2 for cities with a population of 250,000-499,999; crimes include murder, sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, and auto theft

Elevation: 6,035 feet

LAND USE

Area in Square Miles: 194.85 (2012)

Street Lane Miles ⁶: 7,431 (2012)

Parkland Acres: 16,143 (2012)

Sources:

- ¹ Colorado Springs Economic Development Corporation Fact Sheet (2012)
- ² American FactFinder (2011). Hispanics may be of any race, so also are included in applicable race categories
- ³ United States Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics
- ⁴ National Weather Service Weather Forecast Office, 30-year average (2012)
- ⁵ Climate-Zone.com/climate/united-states/Colorado/colorado-springs/
- ⁶ The Streets Division began recording street miles as lane miles in 2008/2009 rather than centerline

ECONOMICS

Sales Tax Rate:

City (2.5%); County (1.0%); State (2.9%)
Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (1.0%)

City Property Tax Rate:

4.279 mills (2012 mill rate levied for taxes payable in 2013)

Median Sales Price of Existing Home:

\$180,000

Property Taxes Paid on a \$180,000 House in School District 11:

\$837 total, City share is \$61 (Based on 2011 Mill Levy Rate)

Major Industries ¹:

- Aerospace / Defense / Homeland Security
- Data Storage, Software IT
- Life Sciences
- National Nonprofits
- Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency
- Sports & Sports Related Organizations

COMMUNITY

Major Attractions:

- Cave of the Winds
- Cheyenne Mountain Zoo
- Garden of the Gods
- Pikes Peak – America's Mountain
- Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame & American Cowboy Museum
- Sky Sox Minor League Baseball
- United States Air Force Academy
- United States Olympic Headquarters and Training Center