

WELD COUNTY ON THE MAP!

- Greeley, ranked No. 1 in the state for most discretionary income. With an average salary of \$45,601, taxes of about \$10,000 and expenses of just under \$30,000, Greeley's discretionary income is \$5,106. (BizWest.com, 2017)
- Windsor named #1 best place to raise a family by WalletHub Study. Erie (#3) and Frederick (#6) were also in the top 10. (WalletHub, 2017)
- 7 out of 10 Cities in Weld County were named the safest places to live in Colorado according to the National Council for Home Safety and Security. (Nation Council for Home Safety and Security 217).
- Weld County was named the Taxpayer's Friendliest Community in the nation for saving taxpayers millions due to mill-levy reductions over the last 15 years. (American City County Exchange 2017)
- Weld County is #1 in the State for Incoming Investment with an index of 64.53 (SmartAsset 2017)
- Weld County (Greeley MSA) population growth ranks as the 4th fastest growing MSA in the nation from 2015 to 2016, up from 6th the previous year. (US Census Bureau, 3/2017)
- North Colorado Medical Center in Greeley named one of the Top 50 Hospitals on America's 100 Best Hospitals, which recognizes the top 100 hospitals in the nation for overall clinical excellence across a broad spectrum of conditions and procedures consistently for at least six consecutive years (*Healthgrades, 2/2016*)
- Aims Community College was ranked the 2nd Best Community College in Colorado (*Niche 3/2017*)
- Data released by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis ranks Weld County (Greeley MSA) #4 in the nation for GDP Growth in 2015, growing an astounding 9.9% from previous year. (*US Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2015*)
- According to the Glassdoor's Recession Recovery Index, Greeley ranks 4th in the nation for U.S. cities rebounding well from the recession. Key indicators considered: unemployment, the number of jobs, and wages. (*Bloomberg, 2015*)
- For the second year in a row in 2014, Weld County saw the greatest percentage of job growth of any of the nation's 339 largest counties. (*US Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2015*)
- Greeley/Weld County moved up the list 5 spots to #9 on the 2015 Best Performing U.S. Cities Index of the 200 largest metro areas based on job creation, sustainment and economic growth, rising from #10 in the 2013 ranking. (*Milken Institute Best Performing Cities Index, 12/2015*)
- Weld County (Greeley MSA) ranked #1 in Job Growth nationally in 2013 by recording a 6% increase in employment from Dec 2102-Dec 2013. With an unemployment rate of 5.4%; wages went up 4.8%, ranking Weld #8 in the nation for weekly wage growth. (*US Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2014*)
- Job growth in Weld County (Greeley MSA) is expected to grow at 3.8% annual, ranking the area 4th in the nation for projected job growth and is ranked #20 in the "Best Places" listing. (*Forbes Magazine, 2014*)
- Weld County has over 3,500 farms producing over \$1,500,000,000 of market value making it one of the top ten agricultural producing counties in the country and the richest one east of the Rocky Mountains. (*US 2012 Ag Census*)
- The University of Northern Colorado:
 - Ranks 12th in nation for "Colleges with Psychology at their core" and 44th for Teacher Education
 - First public university in Colorado accredited in both Business and Accounting
 - Online graduate degree program in education rated 1st in Colorado and 8th nationwide (*U.S. News & World Report*)
 - Orchestra rated the #1 University orchestra in the country 7 out of the last 10 years
 - Sport Administration graduate program is one of only two US programs ranked in the top 5 worldwide



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