



Colorado Free Enterprise Competitiveness Index Ranking

17

Down from **10** in 2011

Colorado's declining free enterprise competitiveness and economic momentum should spur careful consideration about the state's direction.

Colorado's attractiveness as a destination has taken a hit as its affordability and public safety have deteriorated, and the state's economic momentum is now 19th in the nation.

Competitiveness Index:	2024 Rank	2011 Rank	Changed by:	Top Ranked State
Energy	22nd	20th	Dragged down by grid reliability	South Dakota
Healthcare	7th	1st	Dragged down by Medicaid spending and having too few insurers	New Hampshire
Housing	50th	47th	Near bottom for half a decade	West Virginia
Infrastructure	11th	8th	Dragged down by road conditions	Nevada
Public Safety	45th	24th	Dragged down by crime rate, homelessness, and drug overdoses	Wyoming
State Budget	36th	34th	Dragged down by share of jobs going to state and local government	Idaho