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 2004 Best Performing Cities  
 Top 200 Metros

Extracted Colorado Only

| 2,003 Rank | 2,004 Rank | City                     | City Code | 5-yr Job Growth 1998 - 2003 |      | 1-yr Job Growth 2002 - 2003 |      | 5-yr Wages & Salaries Growth 1997 - 2002 |      | 1-yr Wages & Salaries Growth 2001 - 2002 |      | Short Term Job Growth (Apr 03 - Apr 04) |      | 5-yr Relative HT GDP Growth 1998-2003 |      | 1-yr Relative HT GDP Growth 2002-2003 |      | High-Tech GDP LQ |      | # of HT GDP LQs Over 1 |      | MSA Population 2,003 (in Thousands) | Overall Index | Rise Fall |
|------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|------|-----------------------------|------|--|------|--|------|---|------|---------------------------------------|------|---------------------------------------|------|------------------|------|------------------------|------|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
|            |            |                          |           | 2003 Value                  | Rank | 2003 Value                  | Rank | 2002 Value                               | Rank | 2002 Value                               | Rank | Growth                                  | Rank | 2003 Value                            | Rank | 2003 Value                            | Rank | 2003 Value       | Rank | 2003 Value             | Rank |                                     |               |           |
| 36         | 87         | Colorado Springs CO      | COO       | 102.85                      | 62   | 99.35                       | 150  | 105.05                                   | 41   | 96.68                                    | 191  | 0.42%                                   | 115  | 108.17                                | 21   | 97.1                                  | 120  | 2.3              | 8    | 15                     | 9    | 550.48                              | 395.86        | -51       |
| 92         | 99         | Boulder-Longmont CO      | BLD       | 104.03                      | 48   | 96.41                       | 198  | 119.94                                   | 2    | 94.71                                    | 197  | -0.58%                                  | 168  | 121.82                                | 6    | 97.38                                 | 114  | 3.22             | 2    | 18                     | 1    | 278.23                              | 418.6         | -7        |
| 89         | 130        | Denver CO                | DEN       | 99.02                       | 126  | 98.09                       | 186  | 107.03                                   | 26   | 96.06                                    | 195  | -0.10%                                  | 146  | 90.06                                 | 72   | 94.61                                 | 170  | 1.57             | 19   | 14                     | 11   | 2,248.01                            | 505.53        | -41       |
| 80         | 133        | Fort Collins-Loveland CO | FOC       | 101.11                      | 92   | 98.76                       | 172  | 106.93                                   | 28   | 96.57                                    | 193  | -1.54%                                  | 192  | 97.61                                 | 44   | 92.76                                 | 186  | 1.25             | 37   | 9                      | 40   | 266.61                              | 515.08        | -53       |
| 104        | 141        | Greeley CO               | GRL       | 102.82                      | 63   | 99.36                       | 149  | 107.51                                   | 24   | 97.93                                    | 182  | -0.94%                                  | 179  | 81.07                                 | 114  | 90.57                                 | 194  | 0.71             | 101  | 3                      | 149  | 211.27                              | 542.79        | -37       |

Five-Year Job Growth: Metropolitan area job growth relative to the United States average between 1998 and 2003. U.S. average = 100.0

One-Year Job Growth: Metropolitan area job growth relative to the United States average between 2002 and 2003. U.S. average = 100.0

Five-Year Wages & Salaries Growth: Salary and Wage disbursements growth relative to the United States average between 1997 and 2002. U.S. average = 100.0

One-Year Wages & Salaries Growth: Salary and Wage disbursements growth relative to the United States average between 2001 and 2002. U.S. average = 100.0

Short Term Job Growth: Job Growth/decline between April 2003 and April 2004. U.S. average = 100.0

Five-Year Relative High Tech GDP Growth: High tech sector output growth relative to the United States average between 1998 and 2003. U.S. average = 100.0

One-Year Relative High Tech GDP Growth: High tech sector output growth relative to the United States average between 2002 and 2003. U.S. average = 100.0

2003 High Tech GDP Location Quotient: Combined Metropolitan area high tech location quotient during 2003. Location Quotient (LQ) is a measure of high tech concentration (U.S. = 1.0).  
 A metro with an LQ higher than 1.0 is said to be more concentrated than the United States and vice versa.

Number of Highly Concentrated High Tech Industries: Measures the number of high technology industries with a location quotient (LQ) about the U.S. average of 1.0 during 2003  
 (I think this should be "above", not "about")