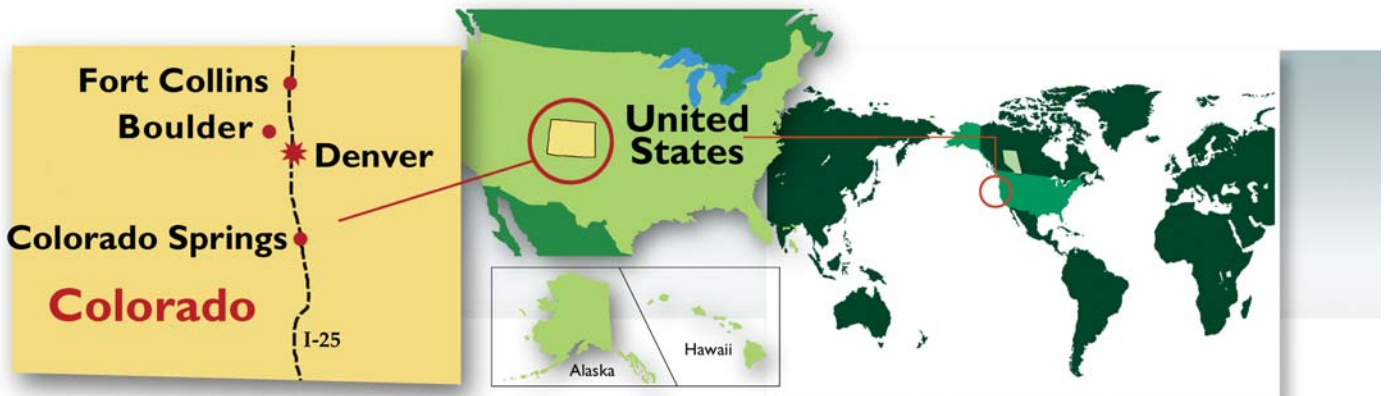


COLORADO - ALBERTA RELATIONS



PROFILE

Capital: Denver

Population: 4.7 million (2005 Estimate)

Language: English

Government: Bicameral state government

Head of Government: Governor Bill Owens
Term expires: 2006

Currency: US Dollar
CDN\$1 = 0.89 US (August 2006)

GSP: US\$ 192.6 billion (2005)

Per Capita Personal Income: US\$ 37,946 (2005)

Key Industry Sectors: Information technology, defence contracting, high-technology, agriculture and energy.

Unemployment: 4.3% (July 2006)

Main Cities:

- Denver city: 557,917
- Colorado Springs: 369,815
- Fort Collins: 128,026
- Pueblo: 120,394
- Boulder: 91,685
- Grand Junction: 45,299

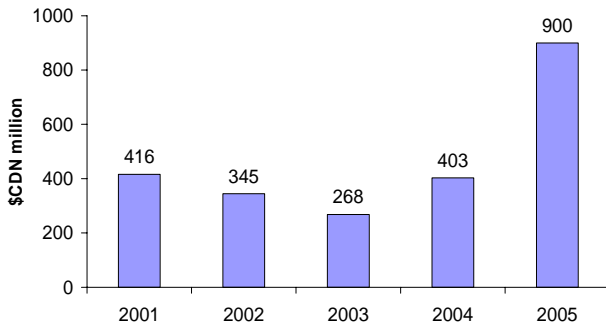
DID YOU KNOW?

- Colorado's name comes from a Spanish word meaning "red" or "ruddy," the color of much of the state's terrain.
- Colorado is known as the "Centennial State" because it joined the union 100 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence.
- The state has 58 mountains that soar over 14,000 feet.
- During the Second World War, the US established significant military installations in Colorado. In the post-war era, Colorado Springs was selected as the site for the Air Force Academy and NORAD headquarters.
- Edmonton expat Pat Bowlen owns the Denver Broncos of the National Football League.

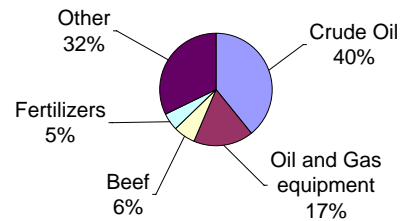
RELATIONSHIP OVERVIEW

- Alberta and Colorado share thriving mountain resort industries.
- Colorado is connected to Alberta via the I-25 highway, which eventually links with the CANAMEX Transportation Corridor in Montana.
- Large Alberta-based companies have a major presence in Colorado, including U.S. head offices for Encana and PCL Construction, as well as a large refinery in Denver owned by Suncor.

Alberta Exports to Colorado



2005 Alberta Exports to Colorado



TRADE AND INVESTMENT

- Colorado is Alberta's 20th largest export market in the U.S.
- In 2005, Alberta exports to Colorado grew significantly to \$900 million due to an increase in the shipment of crude oil.
- Other main exports to Colorado include oil and gas equipment, beef, and fertilizers.
- Alberta imports from Colorado totaled more than \$151 million in 2005 and included products such as heavy petroleum oil, curtains, and machinery parts.

Energy

- Colorado has the second highest percentage of homes heated with natural gas in the United States, with a market share of almost 75 percent.
- Colorado has large tracts of oil shale lands estimated to contain several billion barrels of recoverable crude oil, which are not commercially recoverable at this time.
- Colorado sees potential opportunities to process oil from Alberta's oil sands at existing refineries in the state.

EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES

- Business and finance services and telecommunications are the leading sectors in GSP growth.
- Colorado is home to Qwest Communications International, Level 3 Communications, Intel Corporation, AT&T and Celestica Corporation.

MULTILATERAL COOPERATION

- Western Governors Association (WGA)
- Council of State Governments (CSG) – West
- Rocky Mountain Trade Corridor

RECENT VISITS

- August 2006: Minister Mar lead an Alberta delegation to the CSG-West Annual meeting in Breckenridge, Colorado.
- June 2005: Premier Klein attended the annual WGA meeting in Breckenridge, Colorado.
- April 2005: Governor Owens and Denver Mayor Hickenlooper visited Alberta on an energy partnering mission. Over 50 participants traveled to Alberta for the event.

DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION

- Mr. Tom Huffaker is the U.S. Consul General in Calgary.
- Canada opened a Consulate General in Denver in the fall of 2004, as part of its enhanced representation initiative in the U.S. Mr. Michael Fine is the Consul General.

