DENVER'S INNOVATIVE ECOSYSTEM

A COMMUNITY BUILT ON THE FOREFRONT OF INNOVATION. AND WE'RE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW EXPLORERS.
Our city and mountains aren't just a place to play, they're a challenge to rise higher.

Young, highly educated workers populate Denver. Our combination of health, family and career opportunities makes for a balanced life that's nearly impossible to match.

Who Does Business Here?

Fortune 500, meet 300 days of sunshine!

- Davita
- Newmont
- Ovintiv
- VF Corp.
- Western Union

Key Industries

- Aerospace
- Aviation
- Bioscience
- Broadband & Digital Communications
- Energy & Natural Resources
- Financial Services
- Healthcare & Wellness
- Tech/IT Software

Recent Global Wins

Melio - Fast-growing Israeli payments startup
Teamwork - Irish software company
Preezie - Australian SaaS company
Paloma - New Zealand digital product studio and VC firm
Karman+ - Dutch asteroid mining company

Startup Stats

$5.7B in funding raised by startup companies in 2022

597 venture deals in 2022

7,891 people work for startups in Denver

Unicorn Territory

Agent Sync | Boom | DispatchHealth | Guild | Hotel Engine | Ibotta | JumpCloud | Melio | Velocity Global | Quantum Metric | Sondermind | Uplight |
The Commons on Champa, founded in 2015, provides resources, inspiration and meeting space for Denver’s diverse community of entrepreneurs. The Commons is home to signature programs to provide mentorship, conversations, and business education at low or no cost, all expanding our authentic, community-based climate to help businesses start and grow.

The largest free entrepreneurial event of its kind in North America. Built by the community for the community, Denver Startup Week is a celebration of everything entrepreneurial in Denver!

DENVER'S BOOMING VENTURE CAPITAL LANDSCAPE

The highest funded industries in 2022 were B2B SaaS & services, cleantech, and biotech.

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We have an enviable record of competitiveness and entrepreneurial activity:

- Colorado ranked No. 1 for women entrepreneurs (NorthOne, 2023)
- Denver is the No. 1 city with the lowest startup costs (Embroker, 2022)
- Colorado is the 4th best state for business (CNBC, 2022)
- Denver has the 6th fastest-growing economy in the U.S. (Axios, 2022)
- Denver is the 4th best mid-size city in the world for start-up ecosystems (StartupBlink, 2022)
- Colorado is the 6th most innovative state (WalletHub, 2023)

In 2022, there were 10 Colorado deals that topped $100M in capital, including one above $500M. Three of the top ten largest deals were female co-founded or led companies.

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Scan for:
- Top VC firms in Denver
- VC Resources & Events
- Coworking Spaces

$400M+ DEALS
- Crusoe Energy Systems
- Velocity Global

$200M+ DEALS
- Dispatch Health
- Pie Insurance
- Guild Education
UNIVERSITIES DEVELOPING ENTREPRENEURS:

- University of Colorado Denver - Jake Jabs Center for Entrepreneurship
- University of Denver - Entrepreneurship@DU
- Center for Entrepreneurship - Metropolitan State University of Denver
- University of Colorado Boulder - Venture Partners at CU Boulder, Deming Center for Entrepreneurship - Leeds School of Business, Silicon Flatirons

A TOP CITY FOR DIVERSE BUSINESSES TO THRIVE

Support organizations
- Women's Investor Network
- Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce
- Women in Tech
- Colorado Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Colorado Women’s Chamber of Commerce
- Colorado LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce
- Sistah Biz
- The Center on Colfax
- Women Who Startup
- Good Business Colorado Association
- Minority Business Office of Colorado

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