



Impact of Federal Labs in Colorado

- Colorado’s federal labs had a \$1.5 billion economic impact on the state’s economy in FY 2010.
- The state’s federal labs directly supported 7,964 jobs and indirectly supported 8,521 jobs in FY 2010. The labs’ compensation (including wages and benefits) for direct workers totaled \$743.7 million that year.

Federal Labs Employment, FY 2010

County of Employment	Direct Jobs	Indirect Jobs	Total
Boulder	3,558	3,451	7,009
Jefferson	3,626	3,263	6,889
Larimer	754	709	1,463
Colorado	7,964	8,521	16,485

Note: Based on IMPLAN, federal non-military multipliers for selected areas. Colorado totals include employment in counties not listed.

- The federal labs stimulate technology transfer between local educational faculties and companies.
- The federal labs provide significant support to Metro Denver’s industry clusters, which include aerospace, bioscience, energy, information technology, and telecommunications.

Colorado is home to 24 federally-funded labs, some of which are listed below. Please visit the CO-LABS web site (www.co-labs.org) for more information and complete descriptions of the labs.

Bureau of Reclamation Technical Services Center (TSC, www.usbr.gov/pmts/tech_services)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Vector-Borne Diseases (www.cdc.gov/ncezid/dvbd/)

Colorado Energy Research Institute (CERI, www.ceri-mines.org)

Cooperative Institute for Research in the Atmosphere (CIRA, www.cira.colostate.edu)

Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences (CIRES, cires.colorado.edu)

JILA (jila.colorado.edu)

Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics (LASP, lasp.colorado.edu)

National Center for Atmospheric Research/University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (NCAR/UCAR, www2.ucar.edu)

National Center for Genetic Resources Preservation (NCGRP, www.ars.usda.gov)

National Ecological Observatory Network, Inc. (NEON, www.neoninc.org)

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST, www.nist.gov)

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Earth System Research Laboratory (ESRL, www.esrl.noaa.gov)

**National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS,
www.nesdis.noaa.gov)**

National Weather Service Space Weather Prediction Center (SWPC, www.swpc.noaa.gov)

National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL, www.nrel.gov)

National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA, www.ntia.doc.gov)

**National Wildlife Research Center (NWRC,
www.aphis.usda.gov/wildlife_damage/nwrc/index.shtml)**

Renewable and Sustainable Energy Institute (RASEI, rasei.colorado.edu)

Rocky Mountain Research Station (www.fs.fed.us/rmrs)

Transportation Technology Center, U.S. Department of Transportation (TTC, www.aar.com)

**U.S. Air Force Academy Research Laboratories
(www.usafa.af.mil/deanoffaculty/researchinstitutes.asp)**

U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Research Service (ARS, www.ars.usda.gov)

U.S. Geological Survey (USGS, www.usgs.gov)

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