



Colorado Ski Country by the Numbers

With 300 days of sunshine and approximately 300 inches of snow per year, more than 30,00 acres of skiing, 222 lifts and 1,883 trails at 23 resorts, it's understandable why Colorado ski country is the top choice for skiers and snowboarders.

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11,244 ft	Average Peak Elevation
8,961 ft	Average Base Elevation
2,252 ft	Average Vertical Rise
300'	Average Annual Snowfall
23	Total # of CSCUSA Member Resorts
1,883	Total # of Trails
222	Total # of Lifts
49	Total # of Terrain Parks
15	Total # of Resorts Offering Bowl Skiing
12	Total # of Resorts Offering Powder Cat Skiing
5	Total # of Resorts Offering Night Skiing
2	Total # of Resorts Offering Heli-Skiing
2	2018 Winter Olympics Qualifying Events

Fast Facts

- Colorado accounts for between 20 and 25 percent of ski and snowboard visits in the US annually
- Colorado is typically the first state in the country to open for ski season with Arapahoe Basin and Loveland competing in a friendly race to open due to their high elevation on the Continental Divide
- Colorado has ten [Gem resorts](#), whose independence and retro spirit are quintessential to the Colorado skiing experience
- In 2018, Colorado Ski Country resorts Aspen Snowmass and Copper Mountain will host two Olympic qualifying events in the Toyota U.S. Grand Prix
- Colorado is the only state where visitors can travel to a ski area without setting foot in a car. The Winter Park Express and the new train to Denver International Airport (DEN) provide rail access to Winter Park Resort.
- Eight regional airports including Aspen/Pitkin County, Durango/LaPlata, Eagle, Grand Junction, Gunnison, Steamboat/Hayden, Montrose and Telluride host more than 1 million passenger arrivals annually
- Over half of Colorado's ski areas are located within 35 miles of an airport
- Skiing and snowboarding generates nearly \$5 billion of economic activity annually in Colorado
- There are approximately 2,200 ski patrollers at Colorado ski resorts, keeping Colorado skiers and snowboarders safe and informed on the slopes
- Most resorts welcome children under a certain age, typically five or six, to ski for free
- The newest ski area to open in Colorado is Silverton, which opened in 2000. The oldest ski area in Colorado is Howelsen Hill, which has continuously operated since 1914 and has produced more than 70 Olympians.
- The longest run in Colorado Ski Country is 4.6 miles: Telluride's Galloping Goose & Winter Park's Village Way
- The longest chairlift ride in Colorado Ski Country is 14 minutes: Aspen's Silver Queen Gondola

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Colorado Ski Country USA (CSCUSA) is the not-for-profit trade association representing Colorado's 23 ski & snowboard resorts. CSCUSA is the global voice of the Colorado ski industry. The Association's primary functions are concentrated in marketing, public policy and public relations. Information about CSCUSA and its members can be found at www.ColoradoSki.com, on Twitter @ColoradoSkiUSA and on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/ColoradoSkiCountryUSA](https://www.facebook.com/ColoradoSkiCountryUSA). This release and other press information can be found in the online press room at <http://media-ColoradoSki.com>.