

# Salida Community

Heart of the Rockies Chamber of Commerce ~ 406 W. Highway 50, Salida, Colorado 81201 ~ Toll Free (877) 772-5432

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## Location – see Website

Chaffee County is on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains in central Colorado. Bordered on the west by the Sawatch Range, including the 14,000 foot Continental Divide, the eastern boundary of the county follows the Mosquito Range, descending toward the south. Located high in the Upper Arkansas Valley, the Arkansas River flows toward the southeast, between the two mountain ranges.

The elevation of the area ranges from just under 7,000 to over 14,000 feet on its highest peaks, providing some spectacular views. Chaffee County has more mountain peaks of 14,000-foot or more than any other county in Colorado and is often referred to as the “Fourteener” Region.

See [www.FourteenerNet.com/area.htm](http://www.FourteenerNet.com/area.htm)

## History of the Region – see Website

The History of Salida and the surrounding area is a rich mix of many influences. The area was originally settled by the Ute Indians, for whom many of the local mountain peaks are named. Chaffee County was established in 1879 and named for Jerome Chaffee, a United States Senator and local investor. Early in its history the area experienced an influx of explorers, miners, railroad expansionists, farmers and ranchers. The influence of each has dwindled over the years, but their mark in the history of the area is evident throughout the valley. For an expansive look at the region’s history check out [www.FourteenerNet.com/history/](http://www.FourteenerNet.com/history/) or refer to the “Reference Center” section on page 4.

## Arts – see Website

Salida’s traditional business district was nearly abandoned in the 1980’s. Fortunately, the trend toward strip mall development was avoided and an emphasis on historic preservation took root. Now the downtown district is a one of the largest historic districts in the state. This district has become home to a large and still growing artist community. In the book “*The 100 best Small Art Towns in America*,” by John Villani, Salida was ranked 30<sup>th</sup> among the best small art towns in the entire United States. Many of the local artists are known nationally in their respective fields. Salida’s painters, potters, jewelers and sculptors coupled with it’s Steam Plant Theater, Salida Aspen Series Concerts, Alpine Orchestra and summer festivals makes Salida a diverse art community. See [www.FourteenerNet.com/art.htm](http://www.FourteenerNet.com/art.htm)

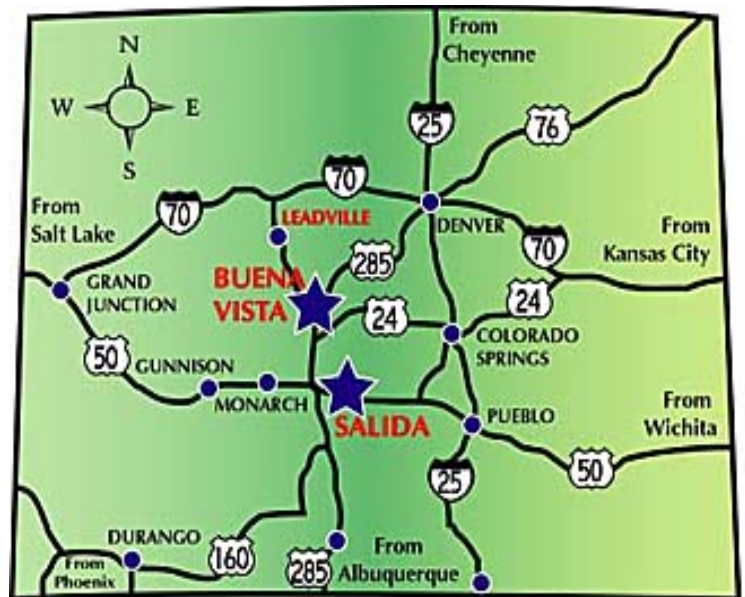
## Population

In Chaffee County, it was reported that in the eight years from 1990 to 1997, some 2,217 people moved into the county. Of this total, 38% or 834 people came from within Colorado and the balance came from other states.

Note: Actual population figures on page 10

Mileage from Salida to	
Albuquerque, N. M.	289
Dallas, Texas	768
Kansas City, Missouri	713
Laramie, Wyoming	278
Las Vegas, Nevada	875
Mesa Verde National Park	260
Omaha, Nebraska	685
Santa Fe, New Mexico	227
St. Louis, Missouri	960
Yellow Stone National	639

Mileage from Salida to Colorado Communities	
Alamosa	82
Breckenridge	81
Buena Vista	25
Canon City	56
Colorado Springs	102
Denver	144
Durango	202
Grand Junction	195
Gunnison	65
Leadville	60
Monarch Ski Area	21
Pueblo	95



Elevation of Salida is 7,036

# The Great Outdoors!

“Fun In Colorado’s Fourteeners – see [www.FourteenerNet.com/summer](http://www.FourteenerNet.com/summer) & /winter

The Salida area is famous for the abundance of outdoor activities and it is an integral role in the area’s character and economy.

Without a doubt Chaffee County is widely known for its **rafting, kayaking and fishing**. The Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area is one of the nations premier recreation area. Stretching for 148 miles along the Arkansas River, the area offers abundant opportunities for fishing, rafting, kayaking, picnicking and sightseeing. AHRA is a cooperative effort of BLM and Colorado State Parks. The headwaters originates only 60 miles north of Salida. Chaffee County offers great hiking and camping in the surrounding mountains. The Continental Divide Trail and Colorado Trail lends themselves to all kinds of hiking, whether it is the more challenging or more casual.

In recent years **mountain biking** and road biking have grown both in popularity and stature. The spectacular scenery, variety of terrain and trails and a mild mountain climate combine to make the area one of the top mountain biking centers in the West. Salida is a popular stopping point for Ride the Rockies and plays host to Bike Festivals and races including the Banana Belt Mountain Bike Loop Race.

Additionally, there are other outdoor activities to partake in, such as golfing, rockhounding, soaking in the hot springs, or visiting the nearby ghost towns.

This area is well known for its first class fly fishing, especially during the spring caddis hatch, thanks to the region’s mild climate, anglers can ply the valley’s river and mountain lakes throughout the year.

Salida and the surrounding area have several **natural hot springs** pools. The Salida Hot Springs Swimming Pool, Mt. Princeton Hot Springs Resort, Mineral Hot Springs Spa and Cottonwood Hot Springs. All of these spas have natural, clear mineral water.

**Golfing** enthusiasts will enjoy the views of the Saguache Range from the Salida Golf Course.

**Rockhounder** enthusiasts and prospectors can dig for gems of many kinds on 14,269 foot Mt. Antero, known for its aquamarine crystals, or hunt for garnets and other gems on Ruby Mountain and other areas.

Since Salida and the surrounding area was once thoroughly entrenched in mining activities there now remains an elaborate system of old mining roads and trails that not only lead to interesting abandoned mines but provides **ATV and Four Wheel Drive** enthusiasts plenty to do.

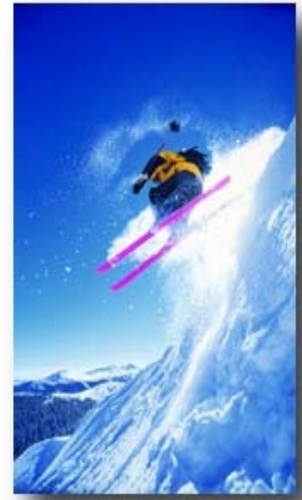
## Salida Hot Springs

The Salida Hot Springs is a year-round municipal pool complex located in Salida. Natural mineral hot water is collected from a mountain source at Poncha Springs and piped underground five miles to Salida.

Built as a Works Progress Administration (WPA) in 1937, 200 men found work digging and laying the original collection system and pipeline and constructing Colorado’s largest indoor hot springs pool.

The Salida Hot Springs is a tremendous asset to Salida and the surrounding area. A variety of aquatic opportunities are available for the entire family including recreational, therapeutic and instructional programs for people of all ages. Aquacize and arthritis classes, lap swims, parent/tot sessions, student and masters team workouts, swim, scuba and boating lessons, water volleyball, private pool rentals and mineral hot baths are available all year. **Summer Public Swim Hours are:** 1 to 9 pm daily, Memorial Day through Labor Day.

**Winter Public Swim Hours:** 4 to 9 pm, Tuesday through Thursday and 1 to 9 pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday.



## Monarch Ski & Snowboard Area

At the forefront of Salida’s winter outdoor adventures is Monarch Ski & Snowboard Area, located on the San Isabel National Forest and accessed via U.S. Hwy. 50.

Monarch is a public facility operated and maintained under authority of a USDA Forest Service Special Use Permit. In business since 1956, Monarch is the 4th oldest commercial ski area in the state. A major area employer of over 300 employees in the peak season. Monarch is an integral part of Salida’s economy.

Monarch’s skier visits for the 1999/2000 season were 127, 216. Down 10% from last year due to lack of early season snowfall. Monarch opened for the season December 10th, experiencing one of their latest openings in over 10 years. Once the snow flew, they had a stellar February and March. February’s skier visits were the best they’ve been in over 10 years and March snowfall was the highest in over 25 years! With the installation of a new chair, capacity is 6,000 people per hour.

Monarch is planning for 2000/2001 and plans to upgrade grooming equipment and increase rental inventory. With the new Master Development Plan, improvements to the lodge facility, on mountain facilities and a tubing and sledding hill will be added!

## Monarch Ski & Snowboard Area – see website

Perched high atop the Continental Divide, Monarch boasts an average snowfall of 350 inches and consistently ranks top in the state for natural snowfall. There are 670 skiable acres, 5 lifts and 54 trails. The summit elevation is 11, 961 feet. Monarch Snowcat Tours offers 900 backcountry acres, and incredible views. The tours have been named the steepest and deepest by Denver’s Rocky Mountain News. “Monarch is affordable Skiing & Snowboarding.”

# Government & Infrastructure . . .

## City of Salida

124 E. Street/PO Box 417  
Salida, CO 81201 ~ (719) 539-4555

**Mayor: Jaime Lewis** ~ 539-4555

**City Admin:** Scott Hahn 539-4555

**City Clerk:** Laura Cummins ~ 539-2311

**Council People:** John Bayuk, Ron Prosser, Dale Decatur, Tom Ponder, Ira Curry, and Glen Saari.

**Police Chief:** Darwin Hibbs  
539-6880

**Fire Chief:** Pete DeChant  
539-2212

**Public Works:** Tom Shilling  
539-6257

**Wastewater Treatment:** Randy Sack  
539-2448

**Water Treatment:** Lonnie Oversole  
539-6721

**Salida Hot Springs Pool:** Donna Rhoads  
539-6738

## Poncha Springs

PO Box 56, Poncha Springs, CO 81242  
(719) 539-6882

**Mayor:** Mark Thonoff

**Administrator:** Pat Storke

## Chaffee County Government

PO Box 699 ~ Salida, CO 81201  
(719) 539-2218

**County Commissioners:** (719) 539-2218

Central District: Frank McMurry

Southern District: Glenn Everett

Northern District: Jim Thompson

**County Administrator:** Kathy Leinz

**County Clerk:** Joyce Reno 539-4004

**Assessor:** Joanne Boyd ~ 539-4016

**Building Inspector:** Verle Curtis  
539-2124

**Health & Sanitation:** Paul Sopko  
539-2124

**Coroner:** Tim Glenn ~ 539-3001

**Motor Vehicles:** 539-4004

## State Officials

**State Senator:** Ken Chlouber, District 4 ~

220 W. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Leadville, CO 80461  
(719) 486-0008.

*Email: sendem.ga@state.co.us*

**State Representative:** Carl Miller, District  
61 ~ 424 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Leadville, CO 80461  
(719) 486-0636. [www.state.co.us](http://www.state.co.us)

## Taxes

**Colorado Income Tax**  
(5% of taxable income)

**Salida Sales Tax**  
7% (3% State, 2% County, 2% City)

**Salida Lodging Tax**  
1.9% tax collected on short-term lodging

## Colorado Workforce

**Center** -141 East Third Street  
Salida, CO 81201(719) 539-6523

## Salida Local Media

### The Mountain Mail

125 E. Second St. ~ Salida, CO 81201 ~  
(719) 539-6691

Salida's daily newspaper, except on week-ends. A multiple page publication that is much more than a county trader. Packed full of great editorial and local color, not to mention the only source for up to date want ads, real estate, rental and sales section.

### Three Eagles Communications, LLC & Headwaters Media

7600 CR 120 ~ Salida, CO 81201  
(719) 539-2575

This company operates the following three local radio stations: ([www.kvrh.com](http://www.kvrh.com))

**The Peak**  
**92.3, 98.3, 106.3 FM**

**KVRH AM "All-Heart Radio"**  
1340 AM.

**Eagle Country**  
104.1 FM

### KSBV FM Radio 93.7 FM

115 E Second Street, Salida, CO 81201  
Phone: (719) 539-9377  
Fax: (719) 539-7904

### [www.FourteenerNet.com](http://www.FourteenerNet.com)

PO Box 4629, Buena Vista 81211  
(719) 395-5700  
Extensive Community website, with weather, road conditions, regional events & activities, links, and business listings.  
Email: [info@vistaworks.com](mailto:info@vistaworks.com). Visit us!

## Charter Transportation

**Timberline Express**  
PO Box 912 ~ Salida, CO 81201  
(719) 539-3935 or (800) 288-1375.  
Timberline Express offers 14 to 18 passenger vans, flexible hours, and touring options, as well as Colorado Springs and Denver Airport Pick-up and Drop-off. Call for more information.

## Salida Transit Service

**The Ride**  
PO Box 2080 ~ Cañon City, CO 81215  
(719) 221-RIDE (7433)  
\*\* For transportation service within the Salida area.

## Financial Institutions

**Community First**  
PO Box 1008 ~ Salida, CO 81201  
(719) 539-3501

**Collegiate Peaks Bank**  
PO Box 1226 ~ Salida, CO 81201  
(719) 539-1308  
[www.vtinet.com/cpb](http://www.vtinet.com/cpb)

**Pueblo Bank & Trust**  
PO Drawer 888 ~ Salida, CO 81201  
(719) 539-6696

**High Country Bank**  
PO Box 309 ~ Salida, CO 81201  
(719) 539-2516  
[www.highcountrybank.net](http://www.highcountrybank.net)

**St. Joseph's Credit Union**  
PO Box 338 ~ Salida, CO 81201  
(719) 539-2968

## Internet Marketing

**VistaWorks**  
(719) 395-5700 ~ [www.vistaworks.com](http://www.vistaworks.com)

## Internet Access Providers

**Amigo♦Net**  
(719) 530-0573

**Bewell♦Net**  
(719) 539-1300

**Mountain Computer Wizards**  
(719) 395-2220

**Vanion, Inc.**  
(719) 530-0276 (high-speed wireless)

# Education and more . . .

## Salida School District R-32-J

PO Box 70 ~ Salida, CO 81201 ~ (719) 539-4382

The Salida School District covers the southern half of Chaffee County and Western Fremont County, encompassing approximately 500 square miles. The district is served with one high school, one middle school, and one elementary school. All the schools are located within the City of Salida.

The School district is fully accredited with the State of Colorado and grades 9-12 are accredited by the North Central Accrediting Association. A comprehensive academic and activity program is offered with emphasis toward the basics in grades K-8, and "cutting edge" programs in the high school using state of the art technology. Quality programs exist in the areas of special needs children, Chapter I, General Education, Vocational Education and Work-Study.

Students from R-32-J consistently score above the State and the National average on the standardized tests including the ACT and SAT. Over 50% of the high school graduates have earned Master's Degrees or more. Fifty to sixty percent of the high school graduates go on to college or technical schools. The district has received national recognition from the School Match Corporation as one of seven percent of school districts nationwide to offer the type and quality of education parents want for their children.

### TLC

This is a private school for First through Sixth grade. The school is operated by the Temple Baptist Church, in Salida. To receive more information, call (719) 539-2412.

### Head Start

Head Start is a Federal Program for preschool children from low-income families. Children who attend Head Start participate in a variety of educational activities. They also receive free medical and dental care, have healthy meals and snacks, and enjoy playing indoors and outdoors in a safe setting.

Head Start helps children succeed. Services are offered to meet the special needs of children with disabilities. Most children in Head Start are between the ages of three and four. Cut off for ages is September 1. Applications with proof of child's age and family income must be received and verified no later than mid August. For more precise information call the Salida Head Start Center. (719) 539-1184

**KID'S CAMPUS** - A Licensed Child Care facility that provides appropriate activities for children ages 5-11, in a supervised, safe and child-centered environment during non-school hours. This program serves the needs of working parents during teacher work days, holidays and during the summer. Scholarships are available for eligible families. For registration info. Call **719-221-2095** or **539-6155**.

## Colorado Mountain College

Salida Center ~ 210 N. F Street  
Salida, CO 81201 (719) 539-3905

Buena Vista Center ~ 113 Centennial Plaza Buena Vista, CO 81211  
(719) 395-8419

Colorado Mountain College offers two-year transfer and vocational degrees as well as certificates of occupational proficiency in twenty different occupational specialties. Each year, CMC serves the training and educational needs of over 20,000 students throughout the Rocky Mountain region.

### Pre Schools

Strawberry Door Inc. ~ 1712 Holman Ave. ~ Salida, CO 81201  
(719) 539-2154

Son Shine Inn ~ 530 F Street ~ Salida, CO 81201 ~ (719) 539-3882

### Day Care Providers

These day care providers are CPR & First Aid Certified. They participate in Re-certification Training Each Year. Nutritious Meals & Snacks Provided For the complete updated listing call:

**(719) 539-4236**

R-32-J Enrollment Figures							
Grade	12	11	10	9	8	7	Total
1998	102	95	129	134	112	116	688
1999	95	94	107	112	107	109	624
2000	86	104	105	110	105	116	626

R-32-J Enrollment Figures								
Grade	6	5	4	3	2	1	K	Total
1998	114	86	111	91	101	85	69	657
1999	112	85	109	90	96	86	71	649
2000	92	116	98	92	86	81	45	610

ACT Test Scores 1999-2000			
Sub-test	SHS	Colorado	National
English	21.1	20.9	20.5
Mathematics	21.0	21.1	20.7
Reading	22.7	21.9	21.4
Science	22.3	21.7	21.0
Composite	21.9	21.5	21.0

Salida High School Class of 1999	
Grads Receiving at Least One Scholarship	43%
Attending 4 Year College or University	52%
Attending Two Year College	12%
Attending Technical School, etc.	6%
Seeking Employment Following Graduation	27%
Joining Military Service	3%

Salida High School 1997-1998		
Category	SHS %	State Average
Graduation Rate	88.3	80.0
Drop Out Rate	1.6	3.5
Suspension Rate	8.7	12.8
Expulsion Rate	0.3	0.6
Attended	94.1	Does Not

# Health and Caring . . .



## Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center (HRRMC)

448 East First Street ~ Salida, CO 81201  
(719) 539-6661

The Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center is a 49-bed acute care, community hospital located in Salida. The hospital serves 15,000 residents of the Upper Arkansas Valley as well as tourists visiting the area.

## Hospital Services:

24-hour Emergency Department & Trauma Care ♦ 136 types of inpatient & outpatient surgeries ♦ Intensive Care Unit ♦ Obstetrics (2 Birthing Rooms) ♦ Radiology: CT Scanning, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Nuclear Medicine, Ultrasound, Bone Densitometry & Mammography ♦ Upper Arkansas Home Health Services ♦ Angel of Shavano Hospice ♦ 24-hour Laboratory ~ Dietary/Nutritional Counseling ♦ Physical Therapy ♦ Cardiac Rehabilitation: EKGs, Stress ECHO, Pacemaker Clinic & More ♦ Occupational Therapy ♦ Speech Therapy ♦ Respiratory Therapy.

## Health Care Services :

### Area Agency on Aging

139 E. Third ~ Salida, CO 81201  
(719) 539-3341

The Area Agency provides and coordinates services for the elderly in Chaffee County including: home-delivered meals, health screening, Medicare, insurance assistance, and long term care informa-

tion and more.

## Chaffee County Nursing Service

209 East Third St. ~ Salida, CO 81201  
(719) 539-4510

Services provided include: Blood Pressure Screening, Medicaid/EPSDT Program, Health Care Program for children with special needs (HCP), Immunizations, Pregnancy Testing, Well Child Services.

## Columbine Manor

530 W. 14th Street ~ Salida, CO 81201  
(719) 539-6112

Columbine Manor is a 120-bed long term care facility offering basic, intermediate and skilled nursing care. The facility is licensed by the State of Colorado to provide 24 hour nursing care. All nurses are registered and licensed. Nursing assistants are certified. Columbine Manor offers: in-house Rehab, comprehensive respite stay therapy, and hospital to home evaluation. Columbine Manor is a member of the American Health Care Association and Colorado Health Care Association.

## Upper Arkansas Home Health Care & Angel of Shavano Hospice

543 East First, Salida, CO 81201  
(719) 539-7638

## West Central Mental Health

555 E. First Street ~ Salida, CO 81201  
(719) 539-6502

West Central Mental Health provides individual, group, and family counseling. A psychiatrist visits regularly. Consulting and educational services are available. Day treatment is offered twice a week.

## The Medical Clinics ~

550 West Hwy. 50 ~ Salida, CO 81201  
(719) 539-2000

A patient-centered facility, offering a full scope of primary and specialty care services. ~

Internal Medicine  
G.I. Endoscopy  
Podiatry (Foot & Ankle)  
Radiology  
Orthopedic Surgery  
Anesthesiology/Pain Mgmt.

Surgery (General, Vascular, Thoracic)  
Urology

## Services Provided in the Salida area include:

- ♦ Primary Care
- ♦ Internal Medicine
- ♦ Family Practice
- ♦ Allergy & Asthma
- ♦ Anesthesiology
- ♦ Cardiology
- ♦ Clinical Psychology
- ♦ Ear-Nose-Throat
- ♦ Emergency Room
- ♦ G.I. Endoscopy
- ♦ Gynecology
- ♦ Oncology
- ♦ Ophthalmology
- ♦ Orthopedic Surgery
- ♦ Pathology
- ♦ Pediatric A.D.D.
- ♦ Pediatric Cardiology
- ♦ Podiatry
- ♦ Radiology
- ♦ Surgery
- ♦ General, Vascular & Thoracic
- ♦ Urology
- ♦ Eye-Care
- ♦ Dental
- ♦ Other Health Professionals

## Insurance

A-Absolute Financial, Inc.  
(719) 539-2400

American Family Insurance  
(719) 539-6800

Bankers Life & Casualty Company  
(719) 539-8169

Allstate-Denison Agency  
(719) 530-9181

Farm Bureau Insurance  
(719) 539-4304

Fredrickson-Brown Insurance  
(719) 539-7667

**Please note there are several extended care homes in the community. Contact the chamber for more information.**

# Real Estate, Homes and such . . .

## Home Construction

Most new building activity has been in the unincorporated parts of Chaffee County, and particularly in Northern Chaffee County primarily because more private land is available for development in both the northern and southern parts of the county.

Most of the new residential construction has been stick-built single-family detached dwellings. There has been a considerable amount of new modular home construction, however, especially in the last few years. The Chaffee County Building Department indicated that in 1998 there was again a considerable growth in Chaffee County. 548 building permits were issued of which 476 were residential and 72 were commercial. For more detailed information on building permits see the *appendix on page 8*. See also: [FourteenerNet.com/realesta.htm](http://FourteenerNet.com/realesta.htm)

## Real Estate

Chaffee County and the surrounding area have experienced a boom in real estate during the past five years. Starting in the early 90's, magazines such as Outside and Sunset mentioned Salida as one of the best real estate values in the Rocky Mountain Region. Prices for all forms of real estate have increased considerably during the ensuing time. Despite the increased interest, prices for real estate in the area remain competitive when compared to similar areas in the state or county.

Contact our local Realtors for further information or see:

[www.FourteenerNet.com/realesta.htm](http://www.FourteenerNet.com/realesta.htm).

## Rental Information

Locating a house or apartment to rent is done primarily through the *Mountain Mail* newspaper classifieds. Call the Mountain Mail at (719) 539-6691.

See also the FourteenerNet Real Estate page – [FourteenerNet.com/realesta.htm](http://FourteenerNet.com/realesta.htm).

Another possible source for rental information is through United Country Premier Brokers. Call Jennifer Graf at (719) 539-3559.

## Chaffee County Board of Realtors

Dan Shuford @ Century 21, Wes Hill & Assoc. (719) 539-6616

## Realtors

**Coldwell Banker-Tom Massey**

507 East Hwy. 50 ~ Salida, CO 81201

(719) 530-0294 ~ (888) 880-3523

[www.cbmassey.com](http://www.cbmassey.com)

### Colorado Real Estate & Vacation Homes

7405 W. Hwy. 50 ~ Salida, CO 81201

(719) 539-7211 ~ (800) 845-5502

### First Colorado Land Office

1055 E. Highway 50 ~ Salida, CO 81201

(719) 539-6682 ~ (800) 727-0507

[www.firstcolorado.com](http://www.firstcolorado.com)

### Game Trail Company

517 Hwy. 24 S ~ Buena Vista, CO 81211

(719) 395-4713 ~ (800) 553-1893

[www.gametrail.com](http://www.gametrail.com)

### Colorado Backcountry Realty

1002 East Hwy. 50 ~ Salida, CO 81201

(719) 539-0188

### RE/MAX Wildrose Realty

118 North F St.

Salida, CO 81201

(719) 539-0800

### Rocky Mountain Land & Cabin. LLC

10536 Highway 50

Poncha Springs, CO 81242

(719) 530-0488

### United Country Premier Brokers

245 East Hwy. 50 ~ Salida, CO 81201

(719) 539-3559

### Century 21/Wes Hill & Associates

840 Oak Street ~ Salida CO 81201

(719) 539-6616 ~ (800) 987-5049

[www.century21weshill.com](http://www.century21weshill.com)

### Heart of the Rockies Real Estate

PO Box 177

Salida, CO 91201

(719) 539-3340 ~ (888) 700-8031

[www.HeartoftheRockiesRE.com](http://www.HeartoftheRockiesRE.com)

## Appraisers

### Mountain Appraisal Associates, Inc.

12080 Hidden Hills Dr. ~ Salida, CO

81201 (719) 539-2248

### Keserich Appraisals

7990 W. Hwy. 50 ~ Salida, CO 81201

(719) 539-3822

### Rocky Mountain Valuation/Appraiser

Commercial & Residential (719) 530-9898

### Affordable Housing ( Low income, Elderly or Disabled) -

Riverbend Apartments: (719) 539-1950

Salida Apartments : (719) 539-2444

## Telephone

### U.S. West Communications

(800) 244-1111

(until 1 of 2001) Citizens Communication

### Cellular One

142 W. Rainbow Blvd. ~ Salida, CO 81201

(719) 539-5216

### Comnet Cellular

139 W. 2nd St. ~ Salida, CO 81201

(719) 539-6784

## Natural Gas

### Greeley Gas Company

1448 F Street ~ Salida, CO 81201

(719) 539-3517

## Electricity

### Public Service of Colorado

(800) 772-7858

### Sangre de Cristo Electric Association

Serving portions of Chaffee, Fremont, Lake, Custer and Sagauche Counties

(719) 395-2412

## Television

### AT & T Cable Services

425 Oak Street ~ Salida, CO 81201

539-2824

### Satellite Services

### Radio Shack

502 E. Hwy. 50 ~ Salida, CO 81201

(719) 539-6836

### TV Translator ~ Mt. Princeton Location

Dan Johnson ~ PO Box 325

Salida, CO 81201

(No Phone Solicitations)

## Water and Sewer

City of Salida ~ Town of Poncha Springs

124 E. Street 330 Burnett Ave

Salida, CO 81201 Poncha Spgs, 81211

(719) 539-2311 (719) 539-6882

## Waste Management

Waste Management, Inc.

230 Jones Street

Salida, CO 81201

(719) 539-6911

### Sanitation Solutions

(Septic Tank Sewer Cleaning & Portable

Toilets~ (719) 539-4985

Arkansas Valley Septic (719) 539-9957

# Construction & Remodeling. . .

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## Contractors

Moltz Construction  
(719) 539-7319

Chaffee County Log Homes  
(719) 539-4207

Cut No Slak Construction  
(719) 539-2620

United Construction  
(719) 539-2178

Landmark Builders  
(719) 539-5100

Beaver Log Homes (Milling)  
(719) 539-6884

Ute Development Corp.  
(719) 539-1102

Acculine Construction  
(719) 539-3013

Butala Construction  
(719) 539-2521 (gravel)

Y & K Excavation  
(719) 539-4108

Knight & Sons  
(719) 539-6524

Mariposa Window & Door  
(719) 539-7066

One Good Man  
(719) 539-4698

## Electrical

J.E. & F. Electric  
(719) 530-0252

Master Electric  
(719) 539-7441

## Furniture

Fritz's Attic  
(719) 539-4490

Valley Home Furnishings  
(719) 539-5242

## Hardware

Gambles  
(19) 539-4895

Hylton Lumber  
(719) 539-4895

Salida True Value  
(719) 539-7601

## Lumber

Hylton Lumber  
(719) 539-4895

Poncha Lumber  
(719) 539-4754

## Manufactured Homes

Pine Creek Homes  
(719) 539-2664

## Air Conditioning

Johnny Berndt & Sons  
(719) 539-2617

## Appliances

Gambles  
(719) 539-5339

Wal-Mart  
(719) 539-6047

Johnsons Appliance  
(719) 539-6601

## Architects

Sarah Whittington  
(719) 539-2944

Ron Mazzeo  
(719) 539-4207

## Cabinetry

Antero Design Center  
(719) 539-0539

Heritage House Cabinetry  
(719) 539-3495

## Carpet Dealers

Peter's Interiors  
(719) 539-7339

Valley Home Furnishings  
(719) 539-2001

## Cement, Sand, Gravel & Stone

Butala Construction  
(719) 539-2521

Kaess Contracting, Inc.  
(719)539-3519

## Masonry

Highland Masonry  
(719) 655-2297

## Plumbing

Alpine Plumbing & Heating  
(719) 539-3398

Argys Plumbing & Heating  
(719) 539-2692

Johnny Berndt and Sons  
(719) 539-2617

Rhodes & Doyle  
539-3871

## Paint

Primo Painting  
(719) 539-5102

## Propane

All Star Gas  
724 "J" St. #C, Poncha Spgs  
(719) 539-2323

De Luca Gas Company  
1415 "F" St., Salida  
(719) 539-6402

## Surveyors

Biglow Land Surveyors  
(719) 539-6130

Henderson Land Surveyors  
(719) 539-6166

## Trash Hauling

Waste Management, Inc.  
(719) 539-6911

## Water Testing

Water testing is available at the Sanitation Department in the County Court House at

(719) 539-2124.

## Drinking Water

Culligan Water  
(719) 539-4855

Lifestream Waters  
(719) 530-0522

## Investments & Financial

A-Absolute Financial, Inc.  
(719) 539-2400

Edward Jones & Co.  
(719) 539-2227

Prudential Financial Services  
(719) 539-3880

Wells Fargo  
Home & Mortgage.  
(719) 539-4128

## Title Companies

Alan Sulzenfuss  
222 E St., Salida ~ 539-3106

Chaffee Title - Abstract  
225 G St.~ 539-2215

High Country Title & Escrow  
PO Box 1145, Salida  
130 W. 2nd ~ 539-6920

## Storage Facilities

Another Storage Place  
(719) 539-2891

Chelf Enterprises  
(719) 539-2505  
Many Minis  
(719) 539-1183

## Ryder

352 W. Hwy. 50  
Salida, CO 81201  
(719) 539-2800

## U-HAUL

445 W. Rainbow Blvd.  
Salida, CO 81201  
(719) 539-6149

# Community Activities . . . see: [FourteenerNet.com/calendar.asp](http://FourteenerNet.com/calendar.asp)



## City Rec. Sports

**Babe Ruth Baseball Association:** May through July Approximately 200 participants. Age groups 5 - 14 & 15 - 18 years. Contact: Mary Smally @ (719) 539-7892.

**Youth Soccer Association:** Spring & Fall seasons. Recreational play for ages 5 - 12. Intermediate & Competitive play for

ages 12 - 19. Ben Oswald @ (719) 539-2494.

**Girl's Slow Pitch Softball League:** Starts in June. For ages 8 - 12 and 13 - 15. Contact: Jennifer Lucero @ (719) 539-6738.

**Women's Recreation Volleyball League:** January through April. Andreas Field House & Larimer Gym on Tuesdays. Jeannette Davis @ (719) 539-7333.

**Co-Ed Competitive Volleyball League:** Mondays, August through November. Contact: Steve King @ (719) 539-5305.

**Competitive Volleyball League:** Mondays, January through April. Contact: Steve King @ 539-5305.

**Co-Ed Recreational Volleyball League:** Thursdays, January through April. Contact: Jeannette Davis @ 539-7333.

**Women's Competitive Volleyball League:** Wednesday, August through November. Contact: Cheri Schreiber @ (719) 539-2487.

**Men's Basketball Town Team League:** November to April, Sundays and Wednesdays. Contact: Dave Granzella @ (719) 539-7537

**Bowling:** Salida Super Bowl Lanes. Winter Leagues, mixed leagues,, women, men and children. Contact: Dave Culp @ 539-6436.

**Cyclone Swim Team:** Swim practice all winter at the Salida Hot springs Pool. Ages 5 - 18 years. Contact: Tangie Granzella @ (719) 539-6738.

**Masters Swim:** Must be 18 years or older. Mondays although times may vary with seasons. Contact: Donna Rhoads @ (719) 539-6738.

**POP Warner Football League:** Flag league for 7 - 9 year olds. Tackle for 10 - 12 year olds. Equipment furnished by league. Contact: Joe Foreman: 539-4457.

**Salida Softball Association:** June through August. Contacts: Mike Kulick @ 530-9004, Gail Holt @ 539-3796.

**Boys Fast Pitch Soft Ball League:** Ages 13-15, Contact: Tim Manchego @ 539-3800.

## Area Churches

**Assembly of God Church**  
5300 E. Hwy. 50, Salida, CO 81201  
Pastor, Ed Soules  
(719) 539-6826

**Church of God**  
230 West 12 Street  
(719) 539-3388  
Rev. Julius O. Martin, Pastor  
[7521234@Compuserve.com](mailto:7521234@Compuserve.com)

**The Church of the Ascension Episcopal Church**  
Reverend Donald R. Hickman, Pastor  
(719) 539-4562 (Church)

**First Baptist Church**  
419 D Street, Salida, CO 81201  
Harold Vance, Pastor  
(719) 539-2693 (Church)

**First Christian Church**  
Disciples of Christ  
302 East 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
Reverend Gerald Demarest, Pastor  
(719) 539-2388 (Church)

**First Lutheran Church**  
1237 F Street, Salida, CO 81201  
Pastor, Steven Dreher  
(719) 539-4311 (Church)

**First Presbyterian Church**  
7 Poncha Blvd., Salida, CO 81201  
Reverend Michael Orrill, Pastor  
(719) 539-6422 (Church)

**Salida Vineyard Christian Fellowship**  
1201 E. Hwy. 50, Salida, CO 81201  
Pastor David Blakeslee  
(719) 539-3359 (Church)

**St. Joseph's Catholic Church**  
320 E. 5th Street, Salida, CO 81201  
Father Ken Przbyla  
(719) 539-6419 (Office)

**Temple Baptist Church**  
509 F Street, Salida, CO 81201  
Pastor Ray Adkins  
(719)539-2412

**United Methodist Church**  
228 E. 4th Street, Salida, CO 81201  
Reverend Christine W. Richardson,  
539-2755 (Church)

## Reference Center

For books, maps and other resources in print on the Salida area check out these locations:

**Adventure Media**  
(719) 530-0486

**Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area**  
(719) 539-7289

**Country Bounty**  
(719) 539-3546

**Headwaters Outdoor Equipment**  
(719) 539-4506

**The Salida Public Library**  
(719) 539-4826

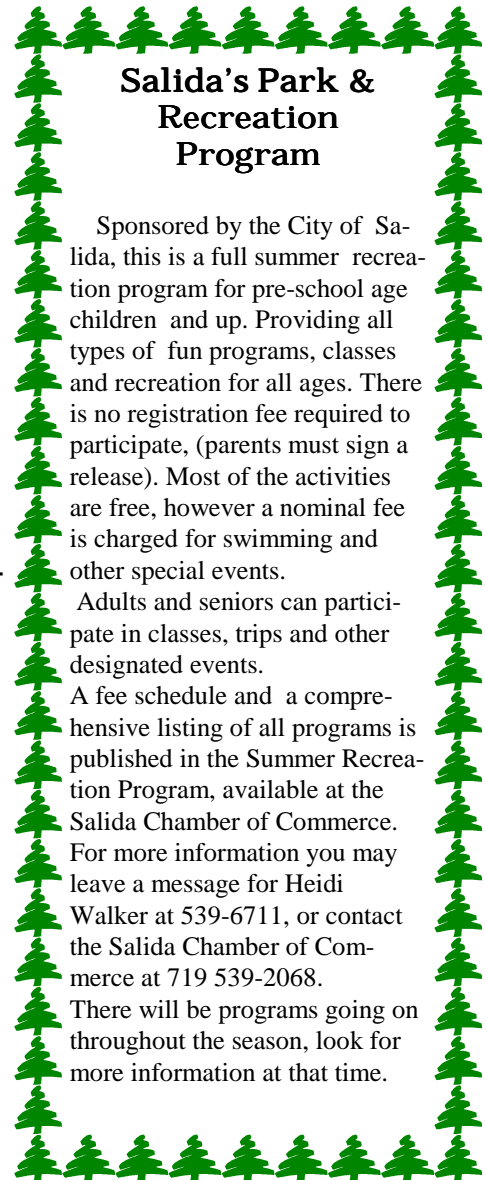
## Salida's Park & Recreation Program

Sponsored by the City of Salida, this is a full summer recreation program for pre-school age children and up. Providing all types of fun programs, classes and recreation for all ages. There is no registration fee required to participate, (parents must sign a release). Most of the activities are free, however a nominal fee is charged for swimming and other special events.

Adults and seniors can participate in classes, trips and other designated events.

A fee schedule and a comprehensive listing of all programs is published in the Summer Recreation Program, available at the Salida Chamber of Commerce. For more information you may leave a message for Heidi Walker at 539-6711, or contact the Salida Chamber of Commerce at 719 539-2068.

There will be programs going on throughout the season, look for more information at that time.



# Climate Data

## Average Monthly Precipitation 1990-1997

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
Rain	0.17	0.223	0.60	0.88	1.11	0.77	1.04	2.11	1.03	0.89	0.45	0.08	9.37
Snow	4.2	4.4	6.1	7.8	0.2	0	0	0	0	4.5	13.6	2.2	43.0

## Monthly Mean Temperatures (1990-1997)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Max	28.4	34.3	39.7	47.5	57.2	77.1	82.0	67.1	60.0	49.3	39.8	30.9
Min	25.7	27.3	35.2	38.6	47.2	57.0	62.9	62.1	55.1	44.0	29.3	24.1

## 1998 Growing Season

	Alamosa	Buena Vista	Canon City	Gunnison	Leadville	Salida
Last Frost	5/24	6/12	5/1	6/23	6/17	5/30
First Frost	9/13	9/9	10/12	8/13	9/6	9/18
Total Days	102	91	164	52	81	111

## Climate

### "The Banana Belt"

Salida is bordered on all sides by mountains which have a profound effect on it's climate. Annual rainfall in the valley is 9 to 10 inches and residents can anticipate 330 days of sunshine with humidity in the 20 to 30 percent range. The average high temperature for January is 49°F. Night time temperatures average 19°F but can drop well below 0°F and usually do a few times each winter. July is the hottest month with daily average high temperatures of 77°F. Rarely does one experience temperatures over 90°F in Salida and the nights usually cool off into the 50's. For more climate information see the detailed Climate *Appendix on page 9*. A comprehensive compilation of climate data can be obtained from the *Colorado Climate Center* website at: <http://ulysses.atmos.colostate.edu/Access.html> (also: [FourteenerNet.com/area.htm](http://FourteenerNet.com/area.htm))

## 1997 Extreme Temperatures

Coldest Temp.	January/February	-10 Degrees
Warmest Temp.	July	92 Degrees

## RECYCLING

### in Chaffee County

Please remember this is volunteer operated

- ♦ Salida— Located behind the Hot Springs Pool  
Newspaper \* Aluminum & Steel Cans \* Glass jars & Bottles ONLY

Chaffee County Landfill—16550 US Hwy. 285  
You may recycle the following: Car & Household Batteries & Motor Oil  
Hours: 8 am to 8 pm—Monday through Saturday

## Population Data

Projected Population Growth					
	1980	1990	1998	2010	1980-1990
Salida	4,870	4,737	5,514	-	-2.7
Chaffee County	13,227	12,684	15,842	19,913	-4.1
Colorado	2,889,964	3,294,394	3,746,585	4,695,285	14.0

Age Distribution for Salida Percentage Breakdown						
Age	0-5	6-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65-Over
Salida	7.1	16.5	5.9	27.7	20.6	22.1
Chaffee County	1.6	3.9	2.0	7.4	5.1	3.9
Colorado	9.2	16.9	10.2	35.8	17.9	10.0

1990 Census Population by Race					
White	Black	Ameri- can In-	Asian & Pacific	Other	Hispanic
87.9%	1.6%	0.7%	0.3%	0.1%	9.5%

## Employment Data

1997 Average Hourly Wages	
Bank President/Manager	22.36
Bookkeeper	9.12
Clerical	6.34
Computer Technician	8.50
Construction General Labor	8.90
Cook	6.99
Executive Management/	13.58
Firefighter	15.90
Legal Technician	12.59
Machine Operator	9.36
Mechanic	12.76
Mining	14.94
Nurse LPN	10.74
Nurse RN	17.36
Police, Deputy Sheriff	17.10
Sales	6.72
Secretary	10.12
Social Service	11.91
Teacher	13.03
Teller	7.29
Truck Driver	12.16
Waitress	5.04
Note: Actual wages on an individual basis can be much higher or lower. Data offered by The Colo-	

Percent of Labor Force	
Government	33%
Retail	28%
Services	25%
Construction	20%
Manufacturing	8%
Finance/Insurance &	5%
Utilities	1%
Other	7%

Major Employers	
Correctional Facility	390
Monarch Ski Area	342
Regional Medical Center	220
Salida School District	196
B.V. School District	130
Chaffee County Government	100
Wal-Mart	250
Columbine Manor	104
CIGI	63
Safeway	52

Labor Force by Place of Residence Unemploy-					
	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Chaffee	374	302	292	336	259
Colorado	100,158	84,448	87,499	88,690	70,408

Labor Force by Place of Residence					
	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Chaffee	5,927	6,390	6,798	6,888	7,142
Colo.	1,800,040	1,917,045	2,000,025	2,010,291	2,087,767

# Economic Data

Retail Sales Tax	2% City of Salida
State Incorporated In-	5% of first \$50,000
State Personal Income	5% of Federal Taxable
Unemployment Com-	2.9% on first \$10,000
Mill Levy in Salida	52.222
Mill Levy Outside of	50.114
Median Urban Home	\$765 on \$150,000
Median Rural Home	\$735 on \$150,000

Chaffee County Sales Tax	
1994	\$1,195,899
1995	\$1,313,290
1996	\$1,464,643
1997	\$1,479,643
1998	\$1,007,574 as of
1999	1,784,620

Per Capita Income	
Year	Income
1980	18,033
1985	16,872
1987	16,599
1989	16,499
1990	16,596
1991	17,019
1992	16,658
1993	16,467
1994	16,477
1995	16,255
1996	16,082
1997	
1998	
1999	

Note: The median income for a 2-person household in Chaffee

Tax Collected for Fiscal Year 1999		
	Gross Sales	Retail Sales
Chaffee County	300,825	274,334
Buena Vista	66,722	61,708
Poncha Springs	15,181	12,368
Salida	152,225	141,579
Remainder of	66,697	58,679

Average Sale Price in Salida Real Estate Market				
	1987	1992	1998	1999
Residential	\$49,739	\$51,437	\$110,621	\$128,332
Commercial	\$139,200	\$139,679	\$141,725	\$143,232

Average Rental Price 1999	
2 Bedroom Apartment	\$450-\$550
2 Bedroom Home	\$575-\$750

Average Residential Utility Bill (Per	
Natural Gas	\$60
Electricity	\$40-\$45
Water & Sewer	\$23

Construction Costs Per Square Foot
<b>\$75 to \$125</b> Cost will vary accordingly