



REPI

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION INTEGRATION PROGRAM

STATE FACT SHEETS | COLORADO



COLORADO

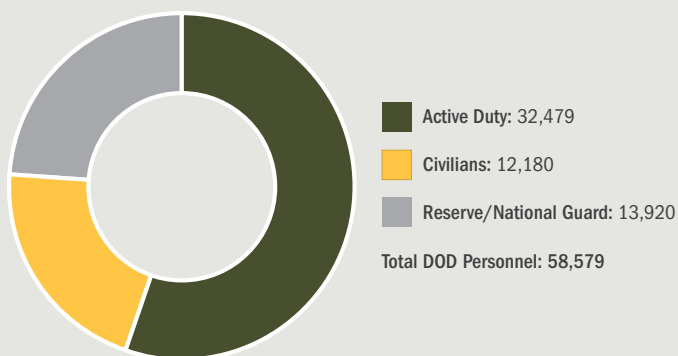
OVERVIEW

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, the state of Colorado received \$12.6 billion in Defense spending, which provides direct funding for the Department of Defense (DOD) personnel salaries, defense contracts, and construction of military facilities in the state. This spending by DOD personnel, contractors, and their families creates significant economic activity, attracts related industries and investments, and generates important state and local government tax revenues.

The Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program is a key tool used by DOD and its partners to protect the military's ability to train, test, and operate in the state. The Department created the REPI Program in response to the development of lands and loss of habitat in the vicinity of or affecting its installations, ranges, and airspace that can lead to restrictions or costly and inadequate training and testing alternatives. Through the REPI Program, DOD works with state and local governments, conservation organizations, and willing private landowners to address these challenges to the military mission and the viability of DOD installations and ranges. The REPI Program has benefited from broad bipartisan support both in the U.S. Congress and among groups representing state and local officials. From FY 2003 through FY 2024, DOD and its partners have contributed over \$70.4 million to REPI projects supporting five installations in Colorado.

DOD IN COLORADO

DOD Personnel (as of 30 Sep 2023)



Federal Defense Spending and Economic Impact

(in FY 2023)



\$12.6 billion
in Federal
Defense
spending

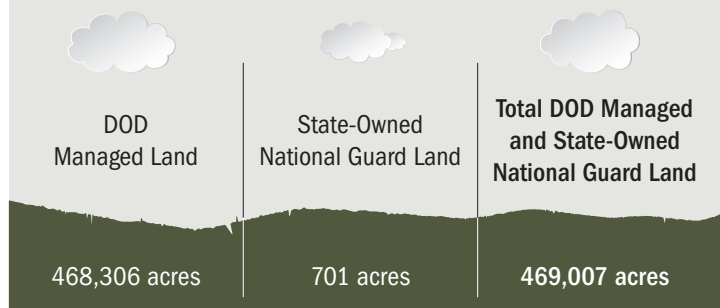


2.4%
of state Gross
Domestic
Product



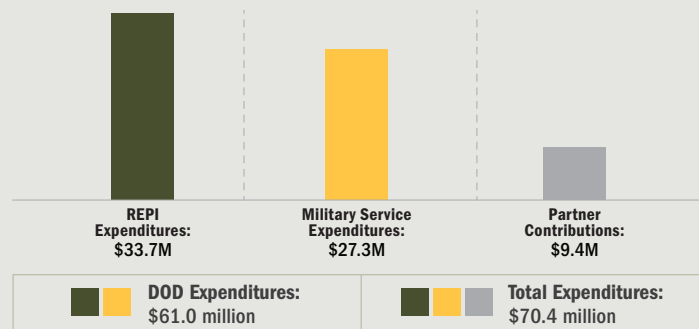
\$4.0 billion
in payroll contributed
\$8.4 billion
in contracts awarded

Acres of DOD Managed and State-Owned National Guard Land (as of 30 Sep 2023)



REPI PROJECTS* IN COLORADO

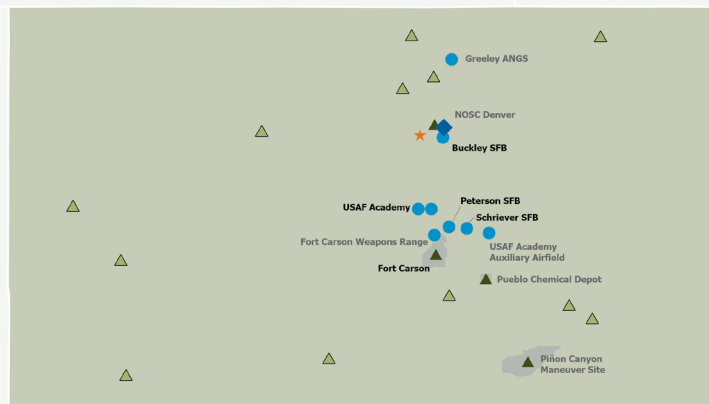
Funding Summary (from FY 2003 through FY 2024)



Subtotals may not sum to combined totals due to rounding.

* REPI projects refer to any action authorized by 10 U.S. Code (U.S.C.) § 2684a to include the acquisition of real property interests in land from willing landowners to prevent incompatible development or improve military installation resilience. REPI projects involving the Army or Army National Guard are also termed Army REPI partnerships. Those involving the Navy, Marine Corps, or Air Force, are also termed encroachment partnering agreements. Eligible entities include conservation organizations and state and local governments.

Total Acres Protected (FY 2003 through FY 2024): 38,224



★ State Capital ▲ Army ◆ Navy ■ Marine Corps
● Air Force ▲ Army National Guard
REPI Installations and Ranges Other Installations and Ranges

MILITARY PRESENCE

- Buckley Space Force Base includes 3,100 active duty members from every service, 4,000 National Guard personnel and Reservists, four commonwealth international partners, 2,400 civilians, 2,500 contractors, 36,000 retirees and approximately 40,000 veterans and dependents. The base contributes an estimated **\$1 billion annually to the local economy**.
- Contains a **one-of-a-kind high-altitude training facility** in Gypsum, Colorado, that allows National Guard instructors to train helicopter pilots from around the world to safely operate their aircraft at very high altitudes with heavy loads.
- Home to the 10th Air Base Wing, which is the **host wing for the Air Force Academy** and provides quality support to enhance the education and development of future Air Force leaders.
- Fort Carson comprises about **138,500 acres** that are used for mounted and dismounted maneuver training, airborne training, and weapons training (small arms, tanks, artillery, and helicopters).
- Comprising about **237,000 acres**, the Pinon Canyon training site can support a full range of training, including brigade-level, force-on-force maneuvers. The site provides a unique, arid, and high desert environment that allows for year round training.
- Home to **five strategic commands**, including U.S. Northern Command (USNORTHCOM), and North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD, and Air Force Space Command).
- Schriever Space Force Base is home to 8,000 military and civilian employees. The base indirectly contributes an estimated \$1.3 billion to the local Colorado Springs, Colorado area annually.

REPI PROJECTS

Installation	County	Congressional District
Buckley Space Force Base	Arapahoe	6th
Fort Carson	El Paso	5th
Schriever Space Force Base	El Paso	5th
USAF Academy	El Paso	5th

For all REPI Project Profiles visit: www.repi.mil/BufferProjects/ProjectList.aspx



Ranch lands near Fort Carson protect training by shielding noise from the CH-47 heavy-lift helicopter.

Western Regional Partnership (WRP)

- The REPI Program supports regional partnerships such as WRP to identify common issues and solutions for mutual benefit.
- WRP partners work to protect natural resources, while promoting sustainability, homeland security, and military readiness.
- Colorado is a member of WRP, along with the states of Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, California, and Utah. For more information, visit www.wrpinfo.org.

Key REPI Partners

- Arapahoe County
- City of Aurora
- City of Colorado Springs
- Colorado Department of Transportation
- Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
- Colorado Division of Wildlife
- El Paso County
- Great Outdoors Colorado
- Palmer Land Conservancy
- Pike's Peak Area Council of Governments
- State of Colorado
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Trust for Public Land
- Urban Drainage and Flood Control District
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Data Sources

- **For Economic Impact Information:** "The Economic Impact of Department of Defense, Veterans and Military Retirees, and the Department of Veterans Affairs Activities in Colorado": www.coloradospringschamberedc.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/18colomilstudyabr.pdf
- **For Land Information:** Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment, Real Property, Business Systems & Information Directorate: "Base Structure Report – FY24 Baseline" (as of 30 Sept 2023)
- **For Federal Spending and Personnel Information:** Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation: "Defense Spending by State – Fiscal Year 2023 – <https://oldcc.gov/dsbs-fy2023>
- **For REPI Projects Information:** "2025 REPI Report to Congress": www.repi.mil/Portals/44/Documents/Reports_to_Congress/REPI2025RTC.pdf