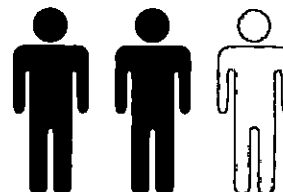


# THE CHARITABLE DEDUCTION IN COLORADO

Individual Colorado residents donated almost \$3.94 billion to charities in 2015 either through bequests after death, (\$240.4 million), or while alive. These Colorado contributions are about 2% of the \$222.2 billion American's gave to charitable causes.



Almost 27% of Colorado residents – at every income level – reported making contributions on their federal tax returns, using the itemizer schedule to claim their deductions.



## NUMBER OF RESIDENTS GIVING CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS BY INCOME LEVEL

OF THE 693,820 RESIDENTS REPORTING DONATIONS

**66.4%**

Had income of \$50K – \$200K  
Gave \$1.53 billion  
Average gift: \$3,299

**16.2%**

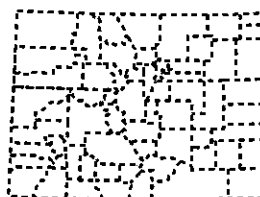
Had income less than \$50K  
Gave \$240 million

**14%**

Had income more than \$200K  
Gave \$2.0 billion

## COLORADO VS. U.S.

HOW COLORADO STACKS UP  
2015 DATA



<b>\$3,881,989</b>	<b>\$222,230,425</b>
<b>INDIVIDUAL GIVING</b>	
<b>853,180</b>	<b>44.6 million</b>
<b>NUMBER OF ITEMIZERS</b>	
<b>\$5,559</b>	<b>\$6,058</b>
<b>AVERAGE GIFT</b>	
<b>2.06%</b>	<b>2.19%</b>
<b>PERCENT OF INCOME DONATED</b>	
<b>\$240.4 million</b>	<b>\$20.3 billion</b>
<b>TOTAL BEQUESTS</b>	
<b>\$6.49 million</b>	<b>\$7.74 million</b>
<b>AVERAGE BEQUEST PER RETURN</b>	
<b>37</b>	<b>2,632</b>
<b>NUMBER OF BEQUESTS</b>	

**\$11.1 BILLION**

Donated to charity by Colorado individuals in past 3 years

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Based on 2015 IRS Statistics of Income Data; IRS charitable bequest data estimates based on a sample.

# COLORADO

## FOUNDATIONS

COMMUNITY RESOURCE, VITAL PARTNER

# \$810 Million

Annual Colorado Foundation Giving



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## PHILANTHROPIC GIVING BY COLORADANS

### Total: \$4.6 Billion

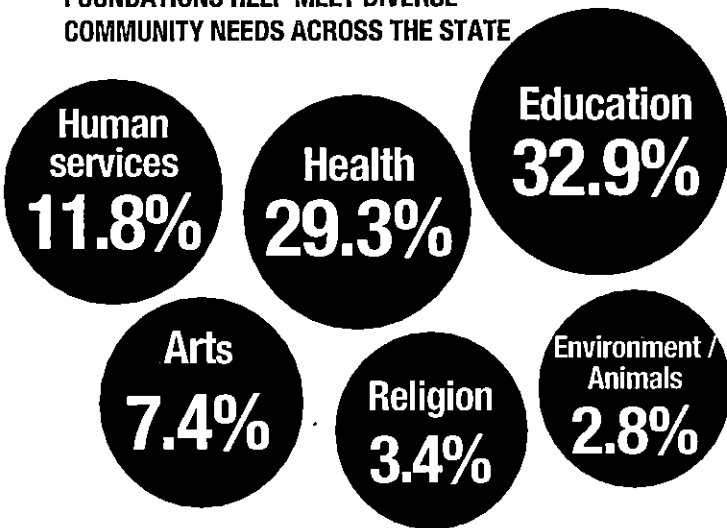
Bequests	7%
Foundations	17.5%
Individuals	75%

Colorado is home to 1,375 grantmaking foundations that support nonprofits and other social causes. In 2014, these foundations held more than \$12.5 billion in assets. Together with individual giving and bequests, charitable giving by Coloradans topped \$4.6 billion in 2014.

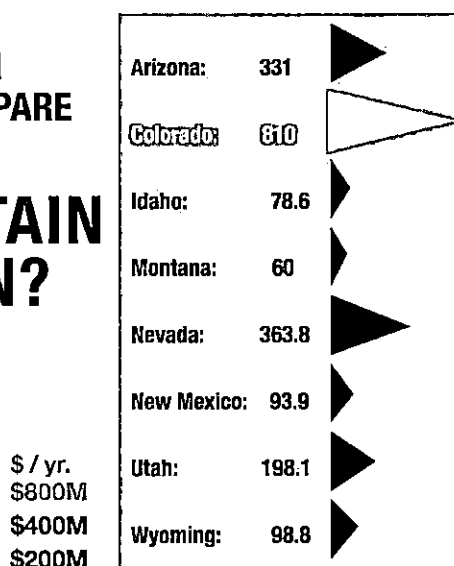
## TOP FUNDING PRIORITIES

# COLORADO

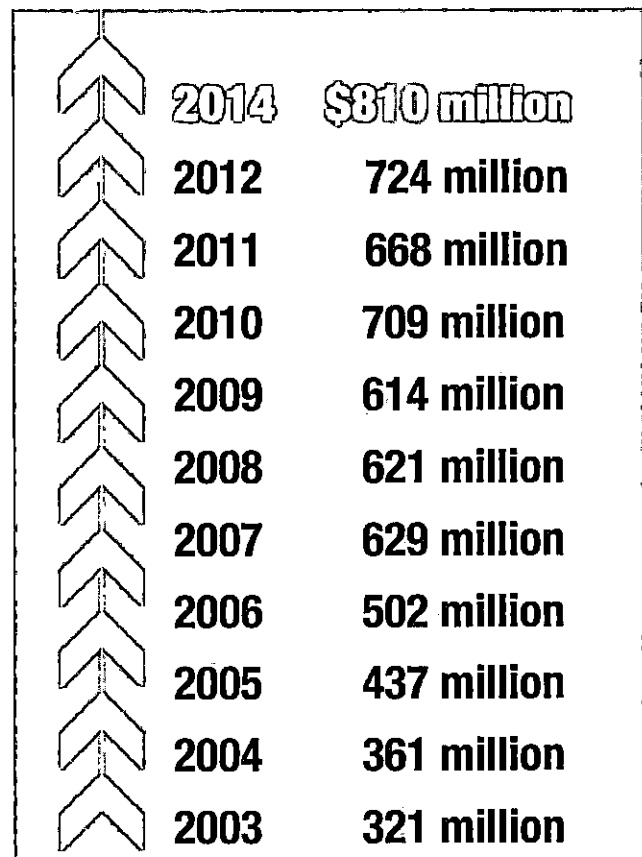
FOUNDATIONS HELP MEET DIVERSE  
COMMUNITY NEEDS ACROSS THE STATE



## HOW DOES FOUNDATION GIVING COMPARE IN THE MOUNTAIN REGION?



## COLORADO FOUNDATION GIVING REACHES RECORD HIGH



All foundation giving figures from the Foundation Center, CAF data.

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