

2017 STATE OF OUR CITIES & TOWNS: LIVABILITY

Trying to define the quality of life in Colorado's cities and towns is like trying to catch lightning in a bottle. But there are ingredients to the magic formula that can be measured.

The Colorado Municipal League's *2017 State of Our Cities & Towns Report* looks at the municipal facilities, activities, and events that make our cities and towns special places to live.



Quality of life issues are important to families when you're making decisions about which community you want to live and where you want to raise your children.

— Karen Palus, Colorado Springs parks and recreation director

Colorado's cities and towns are recognized throughout the nation for their vibrancy. A big reason is the quality of life they offer, drawing new employers; attracting creative and energetic people; and providing the lifestyle our residents enjoy every day.

To view the complete survey results, as well as a video on the State of Our Cities & Towns, visit www.cml.org/state-of.



Can there be anywhere else in the world where a city program offers ice climbing at one end of town and a soak in the municipal hot springs pool at the other? That is life in Ouray.



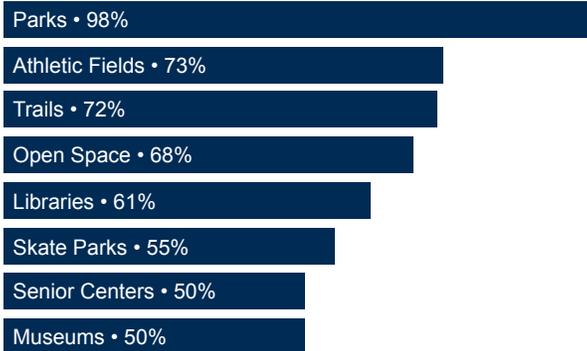
City facilities let you kayak through Golden, gain broadband access at the Wray library, and take in a professional rugby match in Glendale.



The list of amenities provided by our cities and towns is long and varied and a big reason why Colorado's municipalities are recognized throughout the nation as "best places to live" and "best places to raise a family."

Nature gave us a head start in Colorado, but our municipalities have added the extras that we use to expand the mind and nourish the body.

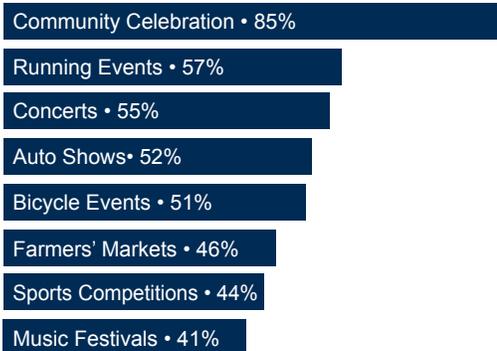
Most frequent amenities provided solely or in partnership by a municipality:



Swimming pools, recreation centers, performance halls, and golf courses are also among the most popular municipal offerings. One-third of municipalities now provide dogs with a park of their own!

Youth and adult recreation and sports programs are offered to residents in a majority of municipalities - with many delivering specialized programs for seniors and disabled residents.

Special events are becoming a popular method to bring the community together for fun and enjoyment. Most frequent special events provided solely or in partnership by a municipality:



Food fests, neighborhood block parties, and beer/wine festivals also rank among the most popular.