

Greeley Rising™

Monthly News and Insights from Greeley's Department of Economic Health & Housing

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District 6 Internship & Apprenticeship Programs



With many businesses still experiencing workforce challenges in this post-pandemic landscape, we understand the importance of finding creative solutions. Our friends at the Greeley-Evans School District 6 Career Readiness office may be able to help.

Through the Career Readiness office, students are able to select from a number of Career Pathways such as:

Agriculture	Construction	Culinary Arts
Engineering	Health Services	Industrial Technology
Marketing	Advanced Manufacturing	

The Career Explore Internship Program takes into account academic and career plans prepared by each student in order to equip them for their individual post-secondary success. Such planning and preparation will move every student forward in the direction of their career choice. If you are a business owner and interested in exploring internship and apprenticeship options with District 6, please contact Nelson Rodriguez at nrodriguez28@greeleyschools.org or call at 970-348-6305.

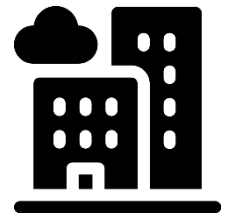
- "The goal of the Career Explore Internship Program is to prepare all students in Greeley-Evans School District 6 for their chosen path after high school."
- "A Greeley-Evans School District 6 apprenticeship program has become the first in the state of Colorado to become a Registered Apprenticeship Program through the United States Department of Labor. The District 6 Advanced Manufacturing Apprenticeship Program in partnership with Vestas Blades America in Windsor has been selected as a National Registered Apprenticeship, becoming the first of its kind in Colorado."



Greeley-Evans School District 6

Career & Explore Internship

Placemaking Spotlight



16th Street Corridor Enhancement Project

The Colorado Department of Transportation recently selected sixteen transportation projects worth approximately \$22 million as the awardees for the Revitalizing Main Streets Grant opportunity.

We are very pleased to announce that Greeley's *16th Street Corridor Enhancement Project* was among the selected projects and was awarded two million dollars towards a total \$4.5M project.

Extending from 7th Avenue to 11th Avenue on 16th Street, the project will create a safer, more inviting atmosphere on a vital corridor that serves as the gateway between UNC and Downtown through improved streetscape elements and safety measures.



The scope includes widened sidewalks, increased landscaping, lighting, pedestrian treatments at intersections, public art, signal improvements, among others as identified in the conceptual design, which is currently underway.

The City of Greeley and the University of Northern Colorado have a long history of cooperation to connect university students into the activities that are available in Greeley, especially in the downtown area through a program called "Operation College Town", which is designed to enhance the college community's experience of being in Greeley. This project was identified as a top priority by UNC and Downtown Districts.

The enhancements will promote an environment that is more welcoming to pedestrian and bicycle traffic, and support the local business community by creating opportunities to expand outdoor dining space in restaurants and coffee shops. This larger set of initiatives and individual projects such as the 16th Street Corridor Enhancement make it possible for UNC, downtown Greeley and the City as a whole to continue to flourish.

Taking a Closer LOOK....



Each month, we will dive a little deeper into some numbers about the Greeley or Regional economy or showcase Greeley's ranking on a state or national list.



Greeley MSA is a Key Growth Driver in CO

The Greeley Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was the fastest-growing metro area in one of the nation's fastest-growing states over the last decade, according to 2020 data released this year by the U.S. Census Bureau.

We grew by **more than 30%** between 2010 and 2020, adding 76,186 residents, bringing our population to 328,981.

Our MSA, anchored by Greeley and including the rest of Weld County, was the fastest growing in Colorado and the 4th fastest in the entire country, behind The Villages MSA, Austin MSA and St. George MSA (see chart 3 below).

Within Colorado, the City of Greeley was the fifth fastest growing among large cities (over 100,000) at **over 17%** during the past 10 years (see chart 2 below).

Colorado was the 6th fastest growing state in the country (see chart 1 to right), growing by **nearly 15%** during the past 10 years. The population of the state reached over 5.77 million last year. The top 10 states were all located in the South and West census regions.

Chart 1: Top 10 Fastest Growing States

		Percent	2020 Population
1	Utah	18.37	3,271,616
2	Idaho	17.32	1,839,106
3	Texas	15.91	29,145,505
4	North Dakota	15.83	779,094
5	Nevada	14.96	3,104,614
6	Colorado	14.80	5,773,714
7	Washington	14.58	7,705,281
8	Florida	14.56	21,538,187
9	Arizona	11.88	7,151,502
10	South Carolina	10.66	5,118,425

Chart 2: Top 5 Fastest Growing Large Colorado Cities (over 100,000)

Rank	City	Percent	2020 Population	2010 Population
1	Thornton	19.44%	141,867	118,772
2	Denver	19.22%	715,522	600,158
3	Aurora	18.82%	386,261	325,078
4	Fort Collins	17.94%	169,810	143,986
5	Greeley	17.12%	108,795	92,889

UNITED STATES CENSUS REGIONS AND DIVISIONS



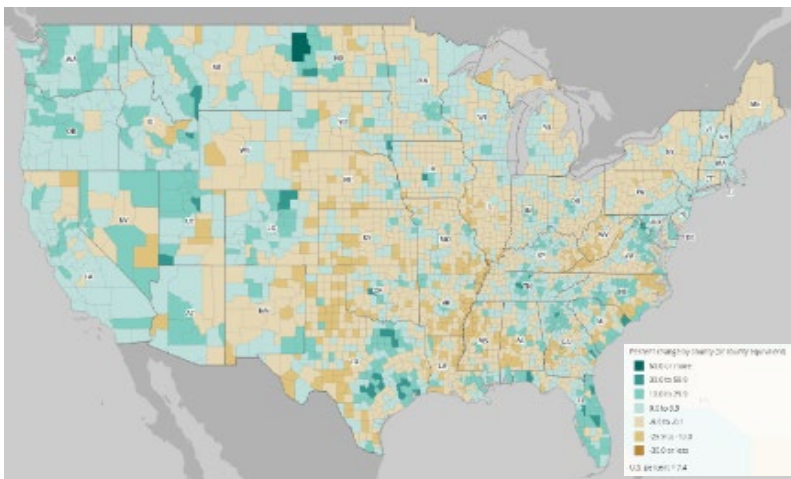
Nationally, the South was the fastest growing region in the United States, with a 10.2% increase in population over the last decade (see map to right for reference).

The Western region **grew by 9.2%**, the Northeast by 4.1% and the Midwest by 3.1%.

More results can be explored at www.census.gov.

Chart 3: Top 5 Fastest Growing Colorado Counties

Rank	County	Percent	2020 Population
1	Weld	30.12%	328,981
2	Douglas	25.40%	357,978
3	Larimer	19.84%	359,066
4	Denver	19.22%	715,522
5	Adams	17.66%	519,572



Construction & Development

Natural Grocers Making the Move Downtown

- Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage has confirmed their decision to relocate from their current 7,500-square-foot store at 2819 35th Ave to a new 12,946-square-foot building at 1320 Eighth Ave downtown. Their goal is to complete the move and open the new store by the end of this year.
- Downtown Greeley has been without a grocery store since Safeway closed its store at 1122 11th Ave. in 2014.



Activity August YTD

		YTD 2021	YTD 2020
Single Family	Permits	100	59
	Units	100	59
	Valuation	\$32,354,521	\$15,134,237
Multi-Family	Permits	186	37
	Units	510	160
	Valuation	\$86,746,216	\$18,504,308
Commercial	Permits	18	16
	Valuation	\$120,571,407	\$9,104,491

Looking for deeper insight? The City's Community Development Department maintains current and historical construction and planning reports online.

Find them here:

Monthly Construction Reports: greeleygov.com/services/building-inspection

Monthly Planning Reports: greeleygov.com/services/cd



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We are proud to represent one of the fastest growing and forward-thinking communities in northern Colorado. With a population approaching 115,000, our community in 2018 was ranked #1 by Wallethub, for 'Jobs and the Economy' among 515 cities nationally, and the Greeley Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was ranked by Forbes Magazine as the #6 fastest 'Job Growth' market in the country. In 2019, the Greeley MSA was ranked as the 8th Most Dynamic Economy in the country by the Walton Family Foundation.

We have matched this recent growth and energy with a high-performing Economic Health and Housing team to continue to move Greeley's economy forward. With creativity, critical thinking and open communication, we have a passion for promoting growth and development in a public service setting. Our department consists of qualified specialists in two divisions: Economic Development and Urban Renewal.

Whether your business is already located here in Greeley and looking to expand, or you're considering a move to our community, we are here to provide the resources and support to ensure your success.

Contact Us! We're ready to serve!



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