



ENERGY INDUSTRY



Jefferson County is home to a balanced energy economy supporting a vast portfolio of traditional and renewable energy companies, supporting nearly 29,000 jobs.

- Colorado's robust combination of fossil-fuel basins, coal, crude oil and natural gas make it one of the most energy rich regions in the country. While the majority of the drilling is concentrated along the state's western slope, many companies that support the fossil fuel industry are located in Jefferson County.
- Jefferson County is uniquely positioned to be a leader in the cleantech industry. With its strong industry base, companies specializing in energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies are helping Jefferson County remain on the forefront of new energy development for the nation.

Why Jeffco for Energy



Companies
2,284



Jobs
28,979



Average Wage
\$108,265



Jobs Multiplier
8.17



Location Quotient
2.01

- Jefferson County's energy industry is one of the **largest and fastest growing industries** in the region. Employment in the county's energy industry increased 31.6% from 2016 –2021, outpacing the national growth rate of 7.5%.
- Jefferson County has the **largest concentration** of cleantech employment, accounting for 26% of the state's total industry employment (2022).
- Jeffco is home to the **National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL)**, which is the nation's primary lab for renewable energy and energy efficient research and development. NREL has over 3,000 employees at its 300-acre campus in the county.
- Jefferson County is home to the Colorado School of Mines which consistently ranks as the **#1 engineering school** in the nation (2022).
- 48% of the residents in Jefferson County have a bachelor's degree or higher, helping position Colorado as the **second most educated workforce** in the nation (2022).
- Colorado ranks **6th highest** state in securing access to VC capital (2022).
- Colorado has the **8th highest** rate of entrepreneurs (2021).

