

COLORADO

Fortifying Main Street:

The Economic Benefit of Public Pension Dollars in Rural America

Key Findings

Average percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for each county type in the state:

- Capital: 0.6%
- Metropolitan: 1.4%
- Micropolitan: 1.9%
- Rural: 1.6%

Total average percent of GDP in the state: 1.3%

Average percent of Total Personal Income (TPI) for each county type in the state:

- Capital: 0.7%
- Metropolitan: 1.4%
- Micropolitan: 1.7%
- Rural: 1.9%

Total average percent of TPI in the state: 1.3%

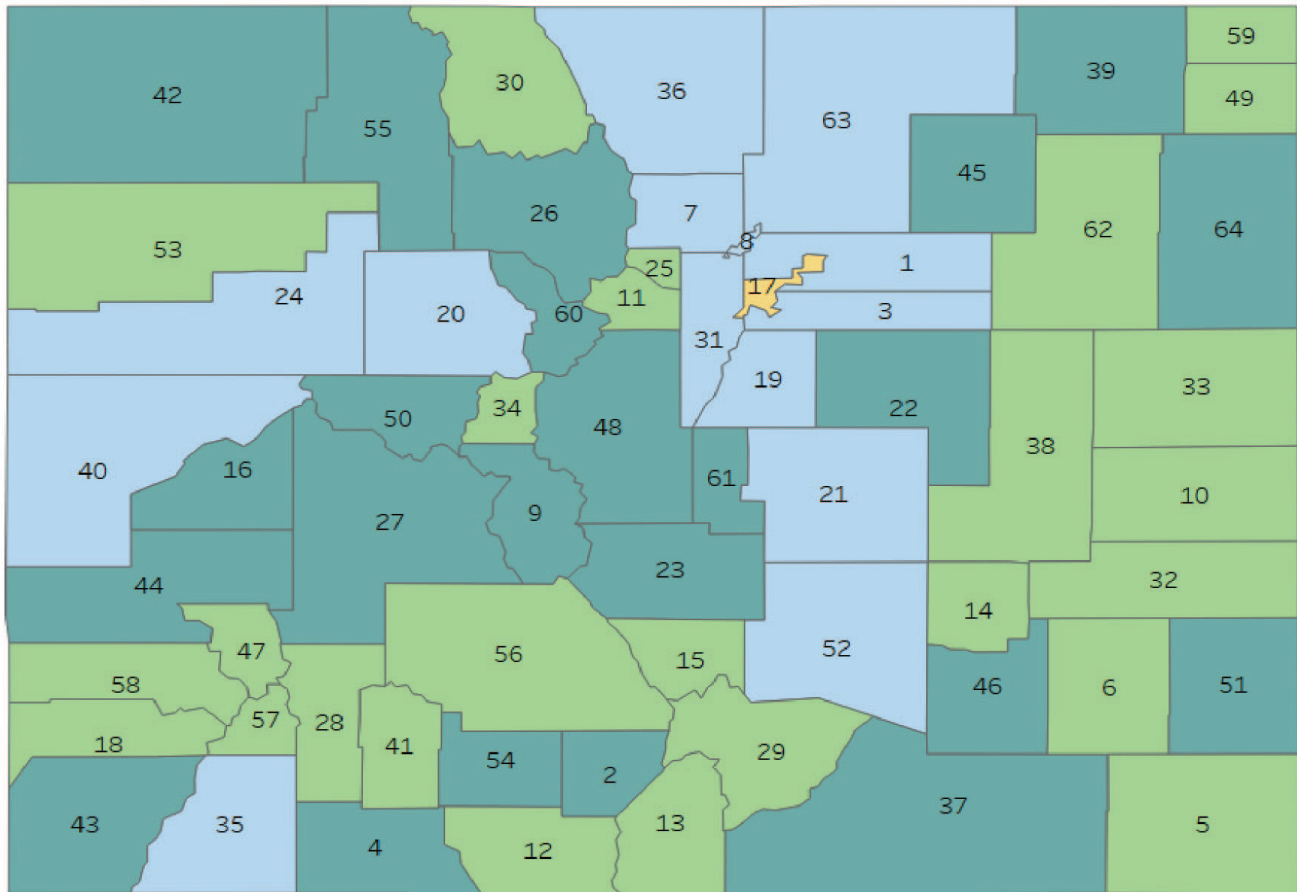
Table A4. **Colorado County Data**

No.	County Name	County Type	2018 Pension Benefits	Benefits as a % of GDP	Benefits as a % of Total Personal Income	Population Change (2000 vs 2018)
1	Adams	Metropolitan	\$231,801,795.36	0.97%	1.05%	40.68%
2	Alamosa	Micropolitan	\$19,916,821.85	2.97%	3.20%	11.47%
3	Arapahoe	Metropolitan	\$427,406,646.85	0.97%	1.09%	33.45%
4	Archuleta	Micropolitan	\$6,701,438.30	1.39%	1.16%	39.07%
5	Baca	Rural	\$3,371,647.07	2.45%	2.30%	-20.63%
6	Bent	Rural	\$3,548,273.22	2.14%	2.19%	-1.93%
7	Boulder	Metropolitan	\$282,009,971.87	1.11%	1.18%	11.94%
8	Broomfield	Metropolitan	\$51,727,435.73	0.64%	1.12%	N/A
9	Chaffee	Micropolitan	\$28,817,677.36	4.16%	3.06%	23.30%
10	Cheyenne	Rural	\$1,486,877.00	0.63%	1.40%	-15.91%
11	ClearCreek	Rural	\$9,574,015.31	1.91%	1.63%	3.04%
12	Conejos	Rural	\$9,250,922.24	3.79%	3.06%	-2.38%
13	Costilla	Rural	\$3,089,050.20	2.87%	2.35%	4.50%
14	Crowley	Rural	\$3,539,134.93	2.79%	3.16%	6.16%
15	Custer	Rural	\$7,676,391.97	6.01%	3.72%	41.42%
16	Delta	Micropolitan	\$29,085,237.88	3.70%	2.42%	11.21%
17	Denver (Capital)	Metropolitan	\$402,736,026.10	0.57%	0.70%	29.18%
18	Dolores	Rural	\$1,581,120.14	1.01%	2.18%	12.47%
19	Douglas	Metropolitan	\$203,889,080.72	1.30%	0.81%	95.02%
20	Eagle	Metropolitan	\$14,546,693.70	0.43%	0.34%	32.01%
21	El Paso	Metropolitan	\$515,066,220.80	1.54%	1.49%	38.10%
22	Elbert	Micropolitan	\$22,139,642.94	4.57%	1.47%	32.26%
23	Fremont	Micropolitan	\$73,716,380.58	5.56%	4.33%	4.07%
24	Garfield	Metropolitan	\$32,608,223.53	0.77%	0.91%	36.49%
25	Gilpin	Rural	\$4,127,233.09	0.79%	1.40%	28.67%
26	Grand	Micropolitan	\$11,876,795.78	1.66%	1.53%	24.78%
27	Gunnison	Micropolitan	\$12,877,580.34	1.25%	1.58%	23.57%
28	Hinsdale	Rural	\$683,011.00	1.30%	1.66%	2.66%
29	Huerfano	Rural	\$7,628,351.52	2.79%	2.61%	-12.38%
30	Jackson	Rural	\$1,043,500.10	0.88%	1.50%	-11.29%
31	Jefferson	Metropolitan	\$624,587,821.18	2.12%	1.69%	10.09%
32	Kiowa	Rural	\$1,478,056.24	2.00%	2.13%	-14.73%
33	Kit Carson	Rural	\$5,738,181.93	1.47%	2.15%	-10.59%
34	Lake	Rural	\$4,870,214.84	1.57%	1.68%	0.15%

Table A4. Colorado County Data (continued)

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35	La Plata	Metropolitan	\$45,344,880.34	1.29%	1.44%	28.15%
36	Larimer	Metropolitan	\$313,630,432.80	1.87%	1.65%	39.37%
37	Las Animas	Micropolitan	\$16,717,938.32	2.35%	2.83%	-4.63%
38	Lincoln	Rural	\$5,877,152.26	1.50%	3.63%	-7.84%
39	Logan	Micropolitan	\$22,783,981.03	2.15%	2.20%	4.99%
40	Mesa	Metropolitan	\$138,223,408.07	2.21%	2.01%	31.79%
41	Mineral	Rural	\$827,090.00	1.07%	1.50%	-6.62%
42	Moffat	Micropolitan	\$7,699,313.00	0.78%	1.39%	0.03%
43	Montezuma	Micropolitan	\$18,132,087.28	1.01%	1.61%	9.77%
44	Montrose	Micropolitan	\$36,526,926.60	2.58%	2.17%	26.27%
45	Morgan	Micropolitan	\$22,946,359.18	1.44%	1.76%	5.10%
46	Otero	Micropolitan	\$19,925,448.06	3.35%	2.83%	-9.25%
47	Ouray	Rural	\$4,102,057.26	2.05%	1.42%	29.16%
48	Park	Micropolitan	\$12,324,642.37	3.07%	1.47%	27.77%
49	Phillips	Rural	\$3,404,222.92	1.60%	1.79%	-4.33%
50	Pitkin	Micropolitan	\$4,755,853.39	0.25%	0.18%	20.70%
51	Prowers	Micropolitan	\$10,002,314.99	1.71%	1.95%	-16.01%
52	Pueblo	Metropolitan	\$258,521,743.03	4.25%	3.91%	18.42%
53	Rio Blanco	Rural	\$6,198,215.13	0.84%	2.09%	5.85%
54	Rio Grande	Micropolitan	\$11,385,712.14	2.61%	2.17%	-9.37%
55	Routt	Micropolitan	\$16,163,545.29	0.96%	0.75%	30.69%
56	Saguache	Rural	\$3,119,570.34	1.83%	1.51%	15.65%
57	San Juan	Rural	\$341,971.26	0.77%	1.02%	36.56%
58	San Miguel	Rural	\$3,387,424.12	0.54%	0.48%	24.22%
59	Sedgwick	Rural	\$2,197,741.94	1.79%	1.95%	-16.16%
60	Summit	Micropolitan	\$12,416,180.47	0.58%	0.59%	31.68%
61	Teller	Micropolitan	\$24,550,951.95	2.86%	1.99%	22.03%
62	Washington	Rural	\$4,363,465.61	1.81%	1.99%	-0.35%
63	Weld	Metropolitan	\$211,817,241.52	1.03%	1.46%	73.71%
64	Yuma	Micropolitan	\$6,334,237.10	0.94%	1.26%	1.82%

Figure A10. Colorado County Type



County Categories

- Capital - Metropolitan
- Metropolitan
- Micropolitan
- Rural

Figure A11. Colorado Pension Benefit Dollars as Share of County GDP

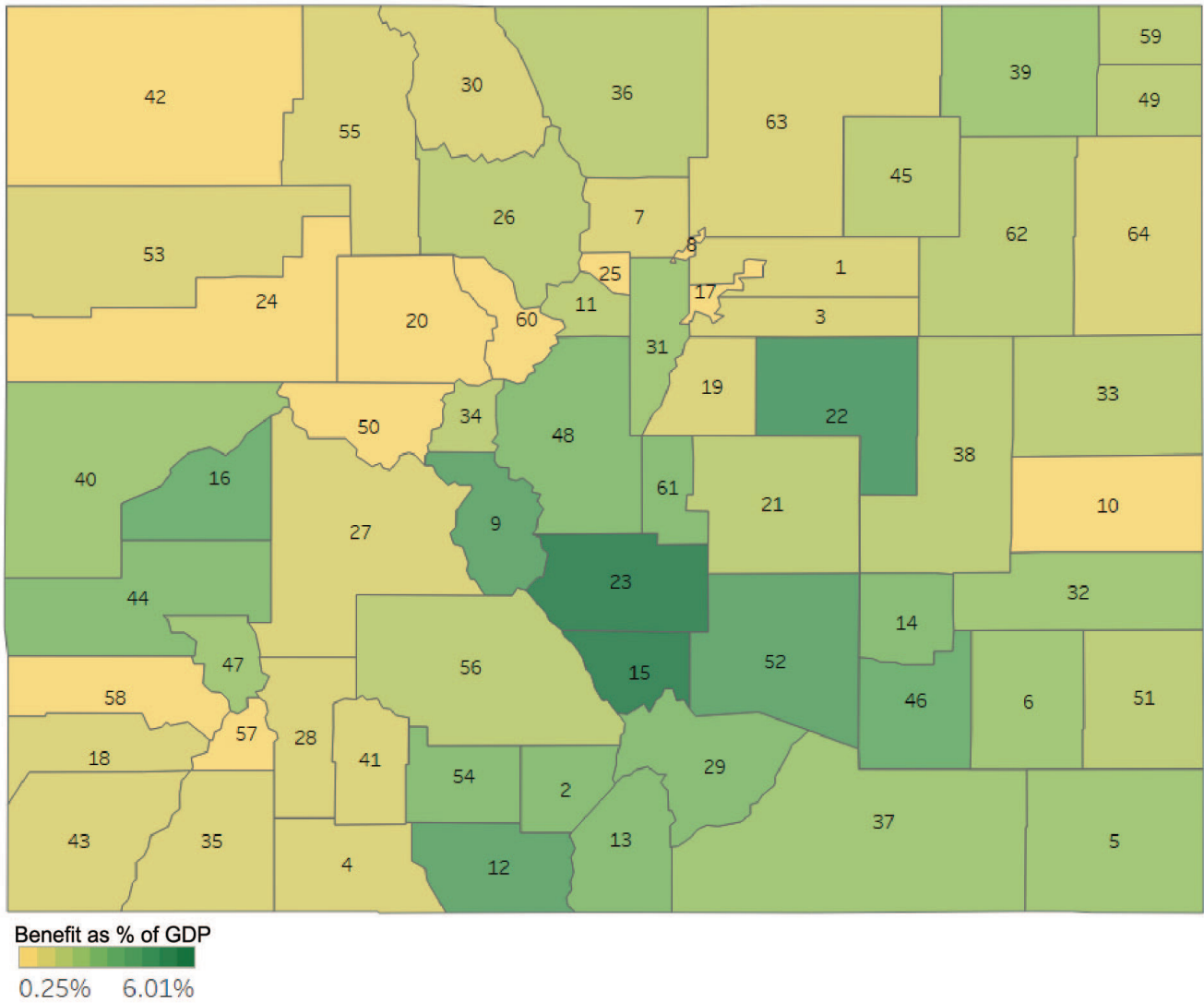
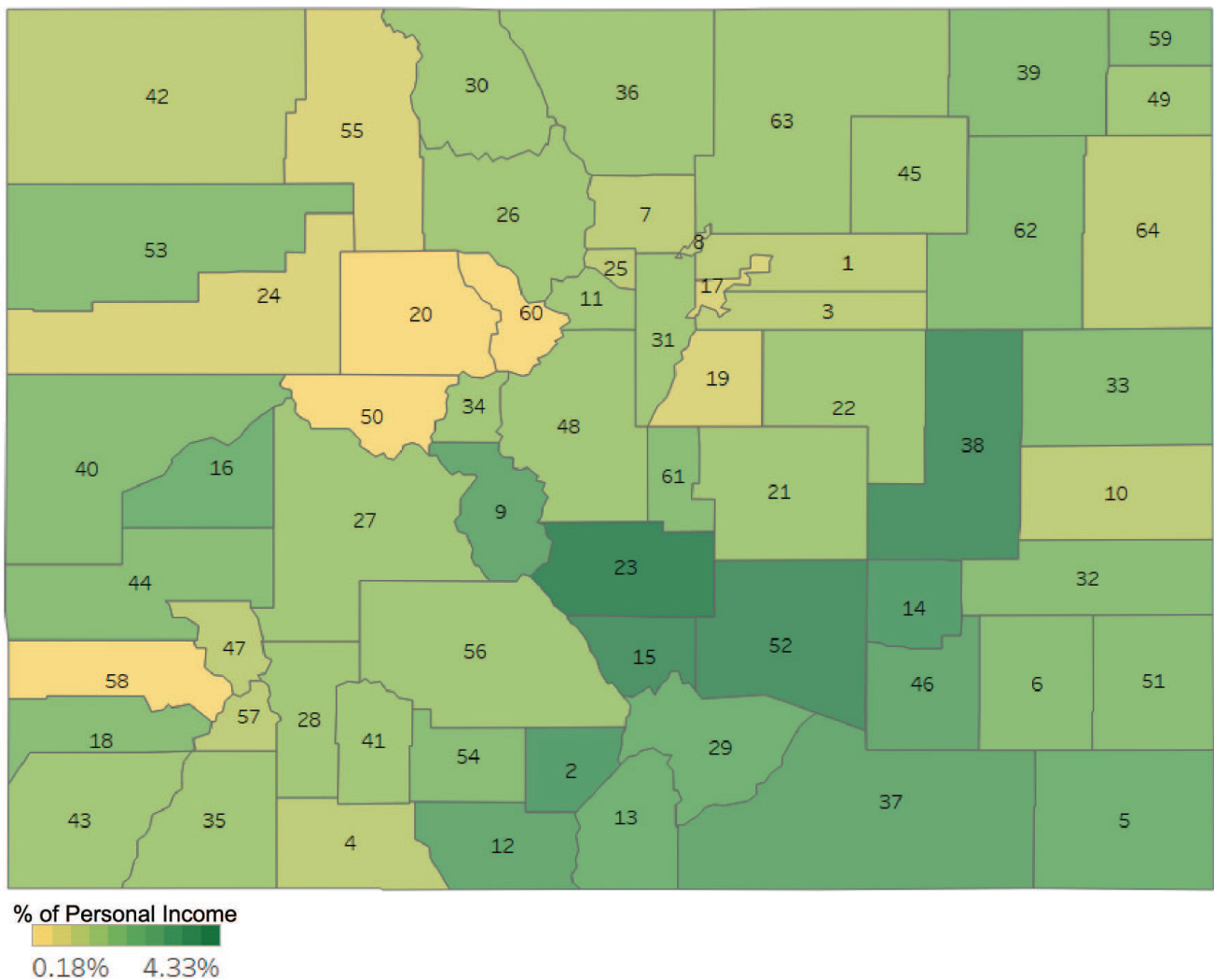


Figure A12. Colorado Pension Benefit Dollars as Share of County Total Personal Income



Overview

In Colorado, we received data from the Fire and Police Pension Association of Colorado and Colorado Public Employee Retirement Association (PERA).