

Colorado

47 Overall Rank **F** Overall Grade

Colorado	Overall Rank	To Governor	To State Senate	To State House	To Parties	To PACs
Individual Giving	50	49	50	50	47	50
		\$575/election	\$200/election	\$200/election	\$3,050/year	\$575/cycle
PAC Giving	50	49	50	50	47	
		\$575/election	\$200/election	\$200/election	\$3,050/year	
Party Giving	40	37	42	45		
		\$615,075/cycle	\$22,125/cycle	\$15,975/cycle		
Union Giving	50	50	50	50		
		Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited		
Corporate Giving	50	50	50	50		
		Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited		

Inflation Adjustment: Yes

Political speech is on rocky ground in Colorado. The Centennial State ranks among the five worst states in the nation for political giving, imposing extremely low limits on how much individuals can contribute to both candidates and groups. In fact, only Montana, a state with less than a quarter of Colorado’s population, imposes lower limits on the amount individuals can contribute to legislative candidates, and no state in the country has lower limits on what individuals may give to political committees.

Colorado makes a small concession to so-called “small donor committees,” which allow groups that agree to raise no more than \$50 from any one contributor to give larger amounts to candidates. However, that’s little consolation to donors or to groups that have to raise money in such a restricted fashion. There can be no doubt that Colorado’s excessively low limits stifle important speech about candidates and elections.