DOWNTOWN DENVER

entrepreneurship & innovation

Center City Startups*  

5,140  
Total Startup Employees

772  
Total Startups

8.4%  
of Businesses are Startups

6.7  
Avg. # Employees per Startup

Number of Startups

2010  
411 Total Startups (80 Founded in 2010)

2017  
772 Total Startups (163 Founded in 2017)

$598,949,518  
in funding raised by 88 companies in the past year

Total Startup Employment on the Rise

Why Denver?

Growing Workforce

+58,000  
metro area labor force growth in just the past year

150,000+  
students attend colleges and universities in Metro Denver

3x  
Downtown’s residential population has more than tripled since 2000

Connected City

6 IN 10  
Downtown Denver employees commute by transit, biking or walking

1,300,000 SF  
1.3 million square feet of coworking space in our center city

61.4 Million  
passengers served by DEN in 2017, making it the 5th busiest U.S. airport

Give First Ethos

18,885  
Denver Startup Week attendees in 2017

40,000  
entrepreneurs served by The Commons on Champa since 2015

FREE  
Denver Startup Week and The Commons on Champa provides free training, counsel and advice to entrepreneurs

*Startup is defined as a company in the technology industry that was founded in the past decade and has under 100 employees.
A thriving center city is built by a diverse ecosystem of companies working to implement bold ideas. From early stage entrepreneurs, to rapidly scaling businesses, to our city’s most established companies, innovation of all sizes thrives in Downtown Denver.

**Early Stage**

- **325 companies**
- **2,226 employees**

**Industry:** On Demand Childcare  
**Year Founded:** 2016  
**Neighborhood:** CBD  
“Employees love working in Denver because it allows them to have access to the perks of the city while also being close to outdoor activities.”

- **Nanno**  
- **Geospiza**  
- **SALT**

**Growth Stage**

- **320 companies**
- **4,842 employees**

**Industry:** Home Services  
**Year Founded:** 1998  
**Neighborhood:** RiNo  
“We love how the startup/tech community in Denver, while large, creates opportunities to collaborate through tech meetups and events like Denver Startup Week.”

- **HomeAdvisor**  
- **Healthgrades**  
- **Xero**

**Expansion Stage**

- **195 companies**
- **5,191 employees**

**Industry:** Software/Mobile Tech  
**Year Founded:** 2011  
**Neighborhood:** LoDo  
“Our employees love the possibility of our office location. Whether commuting by bike, public transportation, or car, GoSpotCheck’s office is easy to access.”

- **GoSpotCheck**  
- **SendGrid**  
- **Bluprint**

**Center City Tech Ecosystem**

![Image of people and icons representing different industries and companies]

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