

# STATE OF COLORADO

---

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

136 State Capitol  
Denver, CO 80203 - 1792  
Phone (303) 866-2471



---

Bill Ritter, Jr.  
Governor



Bill Ritter, Jr. was elected as Colorado's 41<sup>st</sup> governor in 2006 – the first Colorado-born governor in more than 35 years. Since taking office, he has implemented a 21<sup>st</sup> century strategy for leading Colorado forward and positioning the state for a strong future.

- He has established Colorado as a national and international leader in the New Energy Economy, attracting thousands of new jobs and hundreds of new companies as Colorado leads the country toward a new energy future.
- He has enacted an aggressive business-development and job-creation agenda focused on knowledge-based industries of the future, such as energy, aerospace, biosciences and technology.
- He has initiated sweeping education reforms and increased state investments in higher education so that Colorado continues to provide one of the best-educated workforces in America.
- He has improved access to quality and affordable health care for Coloradans who lack health coverage, and this year he introduced legislation to provide health coverage to more than 100,000 uninsured Coloradans.
- He introduced the FASTER transportation legislation to fix unsafe bridges and roads and create a framework for funding a modern, 21<sup>st</sup> century transportation system.
- He has improved the way state government does business by putting more and more services online, making government more transparent and open, and making government more efficient and cost-effective.

Gov. Ritter graduated from Colorado State University in 1978 and the University of Colorado School of Law in 1981. He and First Lady Jeannie Ritter spent three years in Africa as Catholic lay missionaries running a food distribution and nutrition center from 1987 to 1990. Governor Ritter served as Denver's District Attorney from 1993 to 2005. The Governor and First Lady have four children: August, Abe, Sam and Tally.

For more information about Governor Ritter and his initiatives, visit [colorado.gov/governor](http://colorado.gov/governor).