

The Colorado Defense Breakdown Economic Impact Report

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- **9%:** In 2012, President Obama limited U.S. military capability to fighting one “regional conflict” and one “holding action.” Defense budgets for 2013-2021 were cut **\$487 billion – a 9% cut, at a minimum.**
- **18%:** “Sequestration,” required by law in 2011, mandates **\$500 billion** more in 2013-2021 defense cuts – **an 18% cut, at a minimum.** President Obama said he will veto any changes Congress makes.
- **Be Prepared:** In 2013 **these cuts in defense jobs and businesses** will hit Colorado counties, cities and industries. This report shows how “National Average” defense budget reductions of at least **9% and 18% could affect Colorado, using actual 2010 Colorado data.**
- **Ask Questions:** In 2012, Congress and President Obama will decide on the specific defense budget cuts. In the next 6 months, find out if these defense cuts affect your community more – or less – than this national average. See www.forthecommondefense.org/reports for reports on cities, counties, industries and more.

A 2011 nationwide economic impact study from the Center for Regional Analysis predicts that Colorado could lose tens of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars under the “Sequestration” law:

- Colorado could lose 17,107 jobs.
- Colorado’s economy could lose \$1.01 billion in lost earnings.
- Colorado could see a \$1.47 billion decrease in Gross State Product (GSP).

Congressional experts estimate Colorado could lose DOD military active-duty and DOD civilian jobs:

- Under “Sequestration,” 5,901 **military active-duty employees** could lose their jobs.
- Under “Sequestration,” 2,896 **civilian DOD employees** could lose their jobs.

Colorado Top 5 Counties Projected Revenue Reductions Based On National Average

County Name	2000-2010 Revenue	2010 Revenue (Baseline)	2013-2021 Annual Revenue Reduced By At Least 9%	Under Sequestration: 2013-2021 Annual Revenue Reduced By At Least 18%
El Paso	\$21,617,287,505	\$3,016,381,472	-\$271,474,343	-\$542,948,687
Jefferson	\$10,546,737,706	\$1,673,223,338	-\$150,590,106	-\$301,180,213
Arapahoe	\$7,985,274,017	\$894,877,333	-\$80,538,963	-\$161,077,926
Denver	\$3,395,523,248	\$383,024,320	-\$34,472,190	-\$68,944,380
Adams	\$1,082,852,879	\$233,980,347	-\$21,058,232	-\$42,116,464



Colorado businesses will not escape the 9% and 18% cuts.

Public data for 2010 shows Colorado businesses earned over \$6.76 billion supporting America's defense:

- But under these 10-year defense cuts of at least 9%, Colorado **annual business losses** could be greater than **\$608 million**. Colorado businesses may have to **fire workers**.
- And at the "Sequestration" level of at least 18% in defense cuts, Colorado **annual business losses** could be greater than **\$1.22 billion**. Some Colorado businesses may have to **shut down**.

With at least 9% or 18% in planned budget cuts, Colorado's small businesses will suffer.

From 2000-2010, {TotalBusinesses} Colorado businesses provided goods and services for America's national defense:

- **184 minority-owned businesses**, including 36 owned by Black Americans, 84 owned by Hispanic Americans, 19 owned by Native Americans, 25 owned by Asian-Pacific Americans, and 20 owned by other minority Americans.
- **229 small businesses** including 116 "8A" and **small disadvantaged businesses** (SDB's)
- **260 woman-owned** businesses
- **232 veteran-owned** businesses, including 101 owned by **service-disabled veterans**

Colorado Businesses Projected Revenue Reductions Based On National Average

Type of Business	Numbers of This Business Type 2000-2010	Revenue for This Business Type 2010	Revenue Losses for Business Type 2010 - at Least 9% Reduction	Revenue Losses for Business Type 2010 - at Least 18% Reduction
Minority Owned	184	\$562,148,001	-\$50,593,322	-\$101,186,644
Small Businesses	113	\$534,684,696	-\$48,121,625	-\$96,243,249
Small Disadvantaged	116	\$152,191,211	-\$13,697,210	-\$27,394,419
Veteran-Owned	131	\$123,307,894	-\$11,097,711	-\$22,195,422
Service-Disabled Veteran	101	\$296,779,411	-\$26,710,148	-\$53,420,296
Black American	36	\$34,196,260	-\$3,077,664	-\$6,155,327
Hispanic American	84	\$219,508,848	-\$19,755,797	-\$39,511,594
Asian-Pacific Owned	25	\$29,774,326	-\$2,679,689	-\$5,359,379
Women-Owned	260	\$226,835,009	-\$20,415,152	-\$40,830,303

