Economic Outlook for the U.S. and Colorado
Consistent with the later stages of economic expansion, growth has slowed for the U.S. and Colorado economies.

Contributions to Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis. Seasonally adjusted annual rates.
LONG-RUN TRENDS

An aging population and low productivity growth are contributing to slower economic growth.

GLOBAL DYNAMICS

Global economic and political risks are rising and weighing on U.S. growth prospects.

Trade Weighted U.S. Dollar

Broad Index of the Dollar Relative to Foreign Currencies

U.S. Exports

Millions of Dollars

Source: Federal Reserve Board of Governors & Bureau of Economic Analysis (balance of payments basis). Seasonally adjusted.
LEADING INDICATORS

Business income, spending and investment have weakened with energy, manufacturing, and export industry woes...

…Oil prices have ticked up in recent months but remain low.

Monetary policy remains accommodative and contingent upon further economic and labor market improvements.

Source: Federal Reserve Board of Governors.
LAGGING INDICATORS

Both the U.S. and Colorado are at or near full employment, which will put upward pressure on wages.

Total Nonfarm Employment Growth

Index 100 = January 2010

Colorado

U.S.

Unemployment Rate

Colorado

U.S.

REGIONAL TRENDS

Colorado housing costs continue to soar, dampening the outlook for consumer spending.

Growth in Home Prices over the Past 10 Years

GENERAL FUND OUTLOOK

Revenue slowed in FY 2015-16, reflecting modest wage growth and weaker spending on goods.

Source: Colorado Office of the State Controller and Department of Revenue. Legislative Council Staff seasonal adjustments.