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Nevada: Top state for LEED-certified buildings

Nevada tops the list of the states with the most LEED-certified space per capita.

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The U.S. [Green Building Council](#), home of the [LEED Rating System](#), released its Top 10 States for LEED Green Buildings, and Nevada has earned the number one spot. The list was based on USGBC data as well as data obtained during the 2010 Census. Nevada's 10.92 square feet of LEED certified space per person earned that state the top ranking.

"Using per capita, versus the more traditional numbers of projects, or pure square footage, is a reminder to all of us that the people who live

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and work, learn and play in buildings should be what we care about most," said USGBC SVP of LEED, Scot Horst. "2010 was a difficult year for most of the building industry, but in many areas, the hunger for sustainable development kept the markets moving." Source: USGBC

There are several notable LEED certified projects in Nevada, including the massive CityCenter in Las Vegas. The hotel, shopping and entertainment complex holds six LEED Gold certifications.


Nevada's 10.92 square feet of LEED space per capita is quite a bit more than the second-place New Mexico's 6.35 square feet.






Top 10 States for LEED Green Buildings

- Nevada – 10.92 square feet
- New Mexico – 6.35 square feet
- New Hampshire – 4.49 square feet
- Oregon – 4.07 square feet
- South Carolina – 3.19 square feet
- Washington – 3.16 square feet
- Illinois – 3.09 square feet
- Arkansas – 2.9 square feet
- Colorado – 2.85 square feet
- Minnesota – 2.77 square feet

Although Nevada tops the state listing, the District of Columbia has far more LEED-certified space per capita with 25.15 square foot. The Obama administration's focus on LEED certification for federal buildings plus the fact that the USGBC is headquartered in the nation's capital likely has a significant impact on the amount of certified green building space in the District.

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