About this guide

To use this guide effectively you need to choose which of the four drivers (driver A, B, C or D) most closely compares to you and then determine the category that reflects your experience as a driver. Preferred programs are for drivers with the best driving records, standard programs are for drivers with average driving records and non-standard programs are for drivers with poor driving records.

The premiums quoted in this guide were drawn from a survey of 2002 premiums and are based on a 4-door sedan, 2001 Ford Taurus LX. All premiums in this guide are for a coverage period of six months and reflect a comprehensive deductible of \$250 and collision deductible of \$250 unless otherwise noted.

Coverage limits for the vehicle are the minimum required by law, unless otherwise noted. Read the explanations below for a careful examination of these minimum coverages. The Division does not recommend the purchase of only statutory minimums of insurance. Each individual and family must determine the appropriate amount of insurance to purchase.

What are the minimum coverages required by law?

Colorado law mandates that automobile insurance policies sold in the state provide:

- liability insurance;
- personal injury protection (PIP), and
- uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage. This can be waived only if it has been rejected in writing by the insured. The definitions below provide more detail on each type of insurance required by Colorado statutes.

Liability

Liability insurance is generally defined as coverage for bodily injury you cause to another person or for property damage you cause to another's property through negligent operation of your vehicle. Liability insurance also affords coverage if the accident was caused by a member of your household driving your vehicle or by a person using your vehicle with your consent. The minimum amount of liability insurance required by Colorado law is as follows:

- \$25,000 per person for bodily injury;
- \$50,000 per accident for bodily injury; and
- \$15,000 per accident for property damage.

Personal Injury Protection (PIP)

Commonly referred to as no-fault insurance, PIP provides coverage for certain medical and

rehabilitation expenses, lost wages and loss of essential services resulting from injuries sustained in an automobile accident while occupying an insured vehicle. It also provides coverage for persons injured in accidents involving the insured vehicle, such as passengers and pedestrians. This coverage is different from liability coverage because it will pay benefits for injuries whether or not the insured person is negligent or "at fault". The minimum amount of PIP insurance required by law is:

- \$50,000 per person to cover reasonable and necessary medical expenses, up to five years;
- \$50,000 per person to cover reasonable and appropriate rehabilitation expenses, up to 10 years; (If the medical benefit has been exceeded, medical expenses may be paid under the rehabilitation benefit.)
- up to \$400 per person per week to cover loss of gross income for a maximum of one year;
- up to \$25 per person per day to cover essential services (services the injured person would have otherwise performed prior to the accident, such as cooking and cleaning) for up to one year; and
- \$1,000 per person death benefit.

Uninsured Motorist-Underinsured Motorist

The "uninsured motorist" portion of this coverage is for your bodily injury losses caused by a hit-and-run

driver or a driver who has no automobile liability insurance. This coverage takes the place of insurance the other driver should have purchased.

The "underinsured motorist" portion of this coverage is for bodily injury losses which you are entitled to collect from the owner or driver of an underinsured vehicle. An underinsured vehicle is a vehicle that is insured, but the bodily injury liability limits (see Liability) of that vehicle's policy are less than the limits of your uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage. The minimum amount of uninsured/underinsured motorist coverage, unless waived by the policyholder, is:

- \$25,000 per person for uninsured/underinsured motorist; and
- \$50,000 per accident for uninsured/underinsured motorist.

Uninsured Motorist Property Damage

This is an optional coverage you may request if you do not have collision coverage on your vehicle.

Uninsured Motorist Property Damage (UMPD) pays for damages to your vehicle caused by an at-fault owner of an uninsured motor vehicle. UMPD will not pay if the vehicles did not touch, the damages are payable under other insurance or for the loss of use of the vehicle.

What are collision and comprehensive insurance?

Collision insurance pays for damages to your car when caused by collision with another vehicle or

object or by a rollover. Collision insurance is not required by law, but is typically purchased for late model vehicles and is often required by lenders as a condition of financing the vehicle. Comprehensive insurance protects you against damage to your own car from such perils as fire, theft, glass damage, hail, windstorm, flood, vandalism and other causes. Comprehensive insurance is also not required by law.

Tips for lowering your premium

- \square Shop around, using the information in this guide.
- \square Maintain a good driving record.
- ☑ Take the highest deductible you can afford on your collision and comprehensive coverage.
- \square Before buying a vehicle, determine the cost of insuring it.
- ☑ Consider carrying only personal injury protection (PIP) and liability insurance on vehicles with a market value of less than \$1,000.
- ✓ Ask your company or agent if you are eligible to reduce your premiums through discounts or by choosing optional coverages or benefits. For instance, you may pay less for your personal injury protection coverage by choosing a PPO option or by choosing not to have wage loss. Discounts may also be available such as good student, driver training, multiple cars or multiple policies, compact car, antitheft, air bags, and pleasure-use only.
- ☑ If your family income qualifies, you may be eligible for a "low income" policy with lower benefits. Ask your agent or company.
- ☑ An "operator's" policy is available which covers the driver, not the vehicle. This policy has many limitations. Ask your agent or company for more information.

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Auto Insurance Premium Comparison

A SURVEY OF PRIVATE PASSENGER AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COSTS IN COLORADO



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Private Passenger Auto Insurance	vate Passenger Auto Insurance				Driver A					Driver B					Driver C					Driver D				
2002 Premium Comparison	21-yr old	21-yr old male, single, principal operator,					21-yr old female, single, principal					35-yr old male, married, principal					68-yr old female, married, pleasure use							
(Premiums for six months coverage on a	drives les	ss than 10 n	operator, drives less than 10 miles to					operator, drives less than 15 miles to					only, annual mileage less than 7,500 miles,											
2001 Ford Taurus LX 4-door sedan)		no accidents or traffic convictions in three years.				ee	work each way, no accidents or traffic convictions in three years.					work each way, no accidents or traffic convictions in three years.					no accidents or traffic convictions in three years.							
Company	Mkt				Grand	Ft.			*	Grand	Ft.				Grand	Ft.				Grand	Ft.			
Preferred Programs	Share ¹	Denver	Littleton		Juntion	Collins	Denver	Littleton		Junction		Denver	Littleton	Pueblo J			Denver ?			Juntion	Collins			
AIU Insurance Company	0.73%	2,035	1,598	1,771	1,419	1,277	1,692	1,326	1,481	1,174	1,064	1,167	896	1,026	786	730	857	657	751	577	536			
Allstate Property and Casualty Ins Co	0.54%	1,322	958	1,153	869	795	1,244	882	1,097	766	718	892	628	791	536	508	581	415	510	364	340			
American Family Mutual Insurance Co	7.08%	2,259	1,340	1,862	1,129	1,253	1,567	932	1,293	785	871	1,075	640	887	540	599	790	472	652	398	441			
American National P & C Co ²	0.81%	1,584	1,199	1,017	963	925	1,550	1,172	997	942	905	963	723	640	576	566	928	696	617	553	546			
Amica Mutual Insurance Company	0.46%	1,314	1,068	1,187	1,052	912	869	708	785	698	608	597	488	540	482	423	522	428	473	422	372			
Colorado Farm Bureau Mutual Ins Co	0.95%	1,357	966	1,144	838	849	1,237	881	1,045	766	774	850		717	526	532	779	555	656	482	489			
Country Mutual Insurance Company	0.73%	1,931	1,184	1,549	1,081	1,001	1,661	1,019	1,333	930	862	1,096	674	880	614	569	1,081	665	868	606	561			
Farmers Insurance Exchange ³	12.01%	2,331	1,583	1,642	1,396	1,318	1,984	1,321	1,403	1,160	1,107	919	594	663	525	508	723	462	527	409	398			
Geico General Insurance Company ⁵	1.74%	1,543	1,155	1,313	1,075	1,092	1,112	828	936	766	782	728	545	617	506	515	554	415	470	386	392			
Government Employees Ins Co ⁵	1.14%	1,543	1,155	1,313	1,075	1,092	1,112	828	936	766	782	728	545	617	506	515	554	415	470	386	392			
Hartford Ins Co of the Midwest	0.34%	1,528	938	1,234	1,003	943	1,285	791	1,038	845	795	977	604	791	645	607	799	496	648	529	499			
Kansas City Fire and Marine Ins Co	0.80%	1,155	1,025	1,187	764	740	960	853	987	638	618	609	542	623	409	397	547	487	560	369	358			
Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company	0.38%	1,236	1,084	1,163	907	790	869	763	816	638	623	642	565	603	472	461	542	479	509	398	390			
Safeco Insurance Company of America	1.75%	1,476	1,044	1,357	971	938	1,008	711	916	665	639	668	475	617	444	425	550	386	501	360	346			
State Farm Mutual Automobile Ins Co	21.98%	1,418	1,063	1,231	915	904	1,207	905	1,047	778	769	890	668	772	574	567	643	483	559	415	410			
United Services Automobile Assoc ⁴	3.44%	1,204	993	1,163	887	848	931	769	900	689	659	603	502	583	451	433	537	448	520	404	387			
USAA Casualty Insurance Company ⁴	2.77%	1,302	1,265	953	953	913	1,108	844	992	755	722	598	507	582	447	438	534	445	519	400	385			
Median Premium		1,476	1,084	1,231	971	925	1,207	853	997	766	774	850	594	640	525	515	581	472	527	404	392			
Standard Program																								
American National General Ins Co ²	0.24%	2,016	1,437	1,453	1,275	1,048	1,971	1,404	1,421	1,244	1,022	1,348	956	999	836	702	1,301	922	965	803	676			
Geico Indemnity Company ⁵	0.41%	2,276	1,754	1,982	1,636	1,613	1,678	1,297	1,468	1,201	1,183	1,302	1,008	1,141	928	914	1,149	889	1,006	820	807			
Prudential Property and Casualty Ins Co	0.35%	1,331	1,113	1,006	938	944	905	758	686	640	643	727	609	551	515	517	550	462	419	392	393			
Safeco Insurance Company of Illinois	0.21%	2,084	1,464	1,905	1,363	1,308	1,534	1,079	1,395	1,008	966	1,027	728	950	679	649	842	590	768	549	525			
Sentry Insurance A Mutual Company	0.15%	2,099	1,384	1,587	1,222	1,100	1,465	967	1,108	854	769	1,057	699	801	617	556	921	610	698	538	485			
Shelter Mutual Insurance Company	0.65%	1,653	1,275	1,524	1,120	1,099	1,204	929	1,110	817	802	876	677	808	595	584	643	498	593	438	430			
State Farm Fire and Casualty Company	1.54%	1,481	1,110	1,283	953	941	1,260	945	1,092	811	801	929	697	805	598	590	671	504	582	432	427			
Median Premium		2,016	1,384	1,524	1,222	1,099	1,465	967	1,110	854	802	1,027	699	808	617	590	842	590	698	538	485			
Non-Standard Programs																								
Allstate Indemnity Company	1.48%	1,705	1,415	1,441	1,250	1,154	1,348	1,113	1,141	960	894	1,034	851	875	732	683	967	805	820	694	650			
American Standard Ins Co of Wisconsin	2.31%	3,712	2,200	3,048	1,847	2,044	2,577	1,530	2,117	1,286	1,422	1,769	1,053	1,454	886	979	1,300	777	1,071	655	723			
Financial Indemnity Company	0.86%	2,855	1,908	2,396	1,797	1,781	2,361	1,554	1,980	1,470	1,455	1,590	1,041	1,332	986	973	1,647	1,076	1,384	1,018	1,005			
Geico Casualty Company ⁵	0.56%	2,353	1,871	2,122	1,714	1,660	1,910	1,522	1,725	1,376	1,334	1,474	1,175	1,335	1,062	1,029	1,026	1,172	1,330	1,058	1,026			
Titan Indemnity Company	0.76%	3,862	2,611	3,037	2,382	2,366	3,414	2,264	2,650	2,066	2,029	2,672	1,757	2,059	1,604	1,561	2,164	1,502	1,775	1,374	1,337			
Viking Insurance Company of Wisconsin	1.46%	3,460	2,826	2,842	2,506	2,403	3,388	2,736	2,824	2,437	2,352	2,090	1,661	1,774	1,474	1,443	1,847	1,486	1,546	1,320	1,280			
Median Premium		3,158	2,054	2,619	1,822	1,913	2,469	1,542	2,049	1,423	1,439	1,680	1,114	1,395	1,024	1,004	1,474	1,124	1,357	1,038	1,016			

Notes:

(1) Market share figures are the individual company's preferred, standard and non-standard programs written premium divided by the total direct written premium for all Colorado companies writing private passenger auto.

(2) \$200 deductible was used. Also, single car class factors were used for drivers A and B and multi-car class factors for drivers C and D.

(3) Drivers A and B were quoted with a \$200 Comprehensive Deductible. Drivers C and D were quoted with BI/PD 30/60/15, UM 30/60, \$240 Comprehensive Deductible and \$240 Collision deductible due to minimum package requirements.

(4) United Services Auto Assoc and USAA Casualty Ins Co coverage is generally available only to current, retired and former US military personnel and their dependents

(5) PIP \$100 Deductible.