# FOCO INFO

#### VOTED TIME MAGAZINE'S "MOST SATISFIED CITY" - 2014

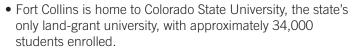
- Fort Collins was founded as a military fort in 1864 and incorporated as a town in 1873.
- Fort Collins is a home rule city with a Council/Manager form of government.

MAYOR

CITY COUNCIL

**CITY MANAGER** 

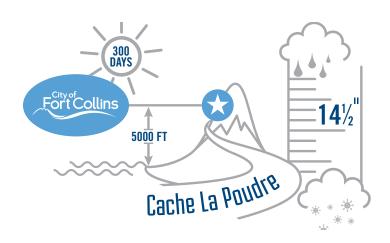
- The Council is made up of six district council members who are elected on a non-partisan basis for a four-year term and a Mayor who is elected at-large on a non-partisan basis for a two-year term.
- This rapidly urbanizing community operates under a sophisticated and comprehensive development plan and is a full-service city. Fort Collins is currently in the process of updating City Plan for 2040.



• Fort Collins continues to reinvest in community improvements. Voter-approved capital improvement initiatives have enabled the City to build parks, municipal offices, and transit improvements.

## LOCATION & CLIMATE:

- Fort Collins is located near the foothills of the Rocky Mountains and alongside the banks of the Cache La Poudre River.
- The city lies approximately 5,000 feet above sea level.
- Residents enjoy a moderate, four season climate with an average of 300 days of sunshine and 14.5 inches of precipitation a year.
- July is the average warmest month (Avg. High 86°F - Avg. Low 57°F)
- January is the average coolest month (Avg. High 42°F - Avg. Low 14°F)









# **GENERAL POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS:**

- The current estimated number of housing units in Fort Collins as of 2018 is 69,702 (City of Fort Collins).
- Fort Collins has a population of 171,100 as of 2018 (City of Fort Collins).
- The average annual population growth rate is 2.1% percent (State of Colorado 2016).



- Median age is 29.3 years old (American Community Survey 2011-2015 5-year estimate).
- Median household income is \$55,647 (American Community Survey 2011-2015 5-year estimate).
- Approximately 52.5% of the population 25 years and older has completed a bachelor's degree or higher (American Community Survey, 2011-2015 5-year estimate).



### **SERVICES & AMENITIES:**

- The City maintains a vibrant array of parks and recreational opportunities.
- As of December 2018, the City employs 2,507 people, with 1,486 full-time/part-time and 1,021 hourly employees.
- The Fort Collins Senior Center is home to a pool, spa, gymnasium, track, billiards room, auditorium, and health and wellness center.



#### **SERVICES & AMENITIES:**

- Fort Collins supports safe and reliable public transportation through Transfort, with 22 routes including MAX Bus Rapid Transit, FLEX regional transport, and the latenight Gold Route that connect popular destinations, employment centers, medical campuses, schools, Colorado State University, and Front Range Community College.
- 200 miles of on-street and off-street trails for pedestrians and bicycles.
- The Lincoln Center is the City's cultural arts center. Activities include professional theatre, dance, music, visual arts, and children's programs.

• 35.62 miles of multi-use trails and designated a Bronze Walk Friendly Community.



- The City has a unique division called Sustainability Services, which encompasses Social, Economic, and Environmental Sustainability departments.
- The Fort Collins Museum of Discovery displays the history of Fort Collins and Larimer County from prehistoric times to present day.
- The City provides full-service Utilities, including electric, water, stormwater, and wastewater. In addition, broadband services are coming soon to deliver high speed internet, voice, and video services to the community and local industries.
- Hired key Connexion staff, working on providing broadband to the community.
- FCTV and fcgov.com provide comprehensive information about issues, services, and programs.
- Resident's Academies CityWorks101, CityWorks Alumni Forums, and Police Academy.
- The Northern Colorado Regional Airport is jointly owned by the cities of Fort Collins and Loveland. The airport serves privately owned aircraft to commercial airlines and is one of only 14 federally certified commercial airports in the State. Located along Interstate 25 in the heart of Northern Colorado, the Airport is minutes away from Downtown Loveland, Fort Collins, Greeley, Windsor, Estes Park and

is 50 miles north of downtown Denver.

 Home to a certified Colorado Creative Industries Downtown Creative District.



#### CITY OF FORT COLLINS - HONORS & AWARDS

- No. 2 Brain Concentration Index: Bloomberg Nov 2018
- Overall Rating: Fort Collins Renters: Apartment List July 2018
- No. 1 City in America for Cycling: PeopleForBikes May 2018
- 14th Best Place to Live: Livability.com Mar 2018
- 5th Best Performing City: Milken Institute Jan 2018
- 2017 recipient of Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award
- 3rd Best College Town to Live in Forever: College Ranker – July 2017
- 1st Stable and Growing Housing Market: Realtor.com – Jun 2017
- 11th Happiest City in America: Yahoo! Finance Mar 2017
- 2nd Best Cities for Small Business Owners: ValuePenguin – Feb 2017
- Best Recreational/Travel Map Design: Cartography and Geographic Information Society – Apr 2016
- 4th Happiest City in America: 24/7 Wall St. Apr 2016
- Top 10 Best Metros for Female Entrepreneurs: Forbes Oct 2015
- No. 4 Safest Drivers in America: Allstate Insurance Company – Sep 2015
- Top 20 Best Places for STEM Grads: NerdWallet – Jun 2015
- Platinum Bicycle Friendly Community: League of American Bicyclists - May 2013



## WHAT FORT COLLINS RESIDENTS THINK

- 90% rated the overall quality of City services as good or very good.
- 9 in 10 indicated that the City was a good place to raise children.



- 96% of residents say that Fort Collins has good recreational trails.
- 95% of residents rated Fort Collins as great place to live.
- At least three-quarters rated their neighborhoods as a very good or good place to live and raise children.

• 73% of residents say that Fort Collins has a good or very good air quality.

 89% of residents say that Fort Collins has a great environment.





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