



Overview of Fort Collins

About Fort Collins

Located in northern Colorado, Fort Collins is home to [Colorado State University](#) and an outstanding [public school system](#). Nestled at the base of the Rocky Mountains, Fort Collins offers exciting recreational opportunities, unique cultural offerings, and is a regional center for employment and shopping. Throughout the year, live music and entertainment, as well as great local dining, can be found throughout the historic downtown area. Fort Collins offers the convenience of a small town with all the amenities of a larger city. If you are seeking the Colorado lifestyle and a community in which you can reinvigorate yourself, then Fort Collins is your city.

Location/Climate

- Fort Collins is nestled against 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, 4-season climate with an average of 300 days of sunshine and 14.5 inches of precipitation each year



Horsetooth Reservoir

General Population Characteristics

- Fort Collins encompasses 56.78 square miles of area and has a total of 615 street miles
- Fort Collins has a population of 158,600, including 31,725 students at Colorado State University
- Median age of Fort Collins residents is 29.3 years old
- Median household income is \$53,359, median family income is \$76,341
- Median home price is \$375,000

Services and Amenities

- The City maintains more than 600 acres of [parks](#), 40,000 acres of [natural areas](#), 20 miles of off-street [hike/ bike trails](#), three [golf courses](#), a [racquet center](#), three swimming pools, an [ice rink](#) and a [community center](#).
- The [Lincoln Center](#) is the City's cultural arts center. Activities include professional theatre, dance, music, visual arts and children's programs.
- Fort Collins is located 60 miles from Denver, home of the [Denver Performing Arts Center](#), several [Art](#) and [History Museums](#) and the [Denver Broncos](#), [Colorado Rockies](#), [Colorado Avalanche](#), [Colorado Rapids](#) and [Denver Nuggets](#)
- The community library system (www.poudrelibraries.org) includes the Old Town Library, Council Tree Library and the Harmony Library, a join-use facility shared with [Front Range Community College](#). The public libraries provide youth programs, computer labs and resources and information for Spanish-speaking citizens.
- The [Fort Collins Museum of Discovery](#) displays the history of Fort Collins and Larimer County from prehistoric times to present day



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