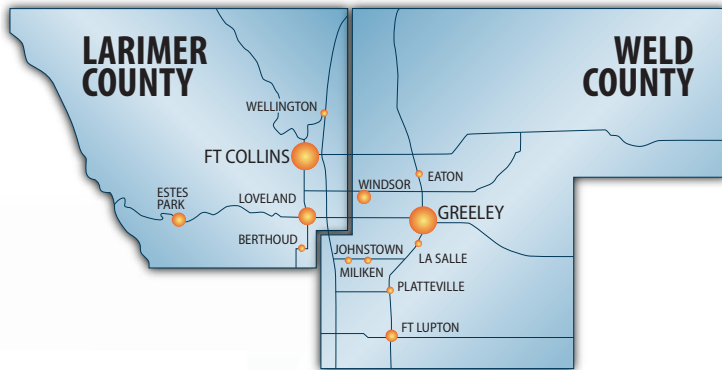


# Northern Colorado

Demographic Profile December 2009



## Larimer and Weld Counties

Larimer County and Weld County are located in northern central Colorado covering an area of 6,636 square miles. There are more than 500,000 people living in this area, with the median age in Larimer County being 35 years old, and the median age in Weld County at 31 years old. Larimer County is the seventh largest in the state, and Weld County is the third largest.

## labor force

	Colorado	Larimer	Weld	U.S.
Labor Force	2,704,480	175,395	120,755	-
Employed	2,512,094	164,906	111,008	-
Unemployed	192,386	10,489	9,747	-
Unemployment Rate	7.1%	6.0%	8.1%	9.7%

Source: [imgateway.coworkforce.com/imgateway/default.asp](http://imgateway.coworkforce.com/imgateway/default.asp)  
Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

## population forecast

### Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

	Northern Front Range	Fort Collins-Loveland	Greeley
July 2005	504,566	276,757	227,809
July 2010	574,114	306,176	267,938
July 2015	649,778	338,548	311,230
July 2020	736,519	373,471	363,048

Source: [dola.colorado.gov/dlg/demog/population/forecasts/substate5yr.pdf](http://dola.colorado.gov/dlg/demog/population/forecasts/substate5yr.pdf)  
Colorado Division of Local Government, Demography Office, November 2008

A Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) is a region, often including more than one county based on commute and work patterns, defined by the US Bureau of the Census as having a central city of at least 50,000 people or an urbanized area of 50,000 people and a metropolitan area population of at least 100,000 people.

## age distribution

	Larimer	Weld
Median Age	34.3	31.0
<18	61,593	61,707
18-64	178,096	144,217
64>	25,791	18,042

Source: [factfinder.census.gov](http://factfinder.census.gov)  
US Census Bureau

## climate

- 300 days of sunshine
- More than 300" of snow at the mountain resorts
- 16.5" of precipitation (8" down and 23" up high)
- 33% humidity
- First snow in September

Source: [www.colorado.com/region2](http://www.colorado.com/region2)

## property tax

### Larimer

The state does not levy a property tax. Depending on the location within Larimer County, property taxes will amount to approximately 1.0% to 2.5% of the actual value of real estate. Industrial property is assessed for tax purposes at 29% of actual value.

### Weld

Property tax revenue helps pay for the maintenance of the county road system and to fund general county services, both of which enhance Weld County's quality of life. All property in Colorado is subject to ad valorem (property) taxation by local districts. (The state government does not levy a property tax.) Property taxes fund local schools, special purpose districts (often water and sewer infrastructure), and a portion of the city and county government costs. The Weld County property tax is currently 17.9 mills. This is equivalent to \$1.79 on \$100. The mill levy rate has decreased each year for the last several years.

Source: [www.ncedc.com/community\\_taxes.html#](http://www.ncedc.com/community_taxes.html#)

## race and ethnicity

	Larimer	Weld
White	90.6%	86.5%
Black or African American	0.8%	0.8%
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.6%	0.8%
Asian	1.9%	1.5%
Some other race	3.3%	8.4%
Two or more races	2.9%	2.0%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	9.9%	27.4%

Source: [factfinder.census.gov](http://factfinder.census.gov)  
US Census Bureau

## major employers

Larimer	Employees
Colorado State University	6,948
Poudre Valley Health Systems	3,020
Poudre School District	3,014
Hewlett Packard	3,182
Agilent Technologies	2,800
Thompson School District	1,888
City of Fort Collins	1,864
Larimer County	1,467
McKee Medical Center	950
Wal-Mart	909
City of Loveland	890
Weld	Employees
JBS Swift & Company	3,650
Northern Colorado Medical Center	2,700
Weld County School District	2,307
Weld County	1,490
State Farm Insurance Companies	1,322
City of Greeley	1,306
State of Colorado (including UNC)	1,159
StarTek, Inc.	906
Carestream Health	800
Kodak Colorado Division	750
Vestas Blades A/S	650

Source: [www.larimer.org/compass/majoremployers\\_ec\\_bus.htm#chart1](http://www.larimer.org/compass/majoremployers_ec_bus.htm#chart1)  
Northern Colorado Economic Development Corporation  
[www.upstatecolorado.org/weldcountydata/largestemployers.htm](http://www.upstatecolorado.org/weldcountydata/largestemployers.htm)  
Upstate Colorado Economic Development

## per capita income

Nation	Colorado	Larimer	Weld
\$39,751	\$42,377	\$36,766	\$26,314

Source: <http://lmigateway.coworkforce.com/lmigateway/default.asp>  
Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

## personal income

Colorado	Larimer	Weld
\$209,321,341,000	\$10,541,856,000	\$6,384,960,000

Source: <http://lmigateway.coworkforce.com/lmigateway/default.asp>  
Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

## median income

Colorado	Larimer	Weld
\$71,000	\$75,200	\$64,300

Source: [www.larimer.org/compass/median\\_family\\_income\\_ec\\_ind.htm#chart2](http://www.larimer.org/compass/median_family_income_ec_ind.htm#chart2)  
United States Department of Housing and Development (HUD)

## 2008 employment and wages

Industry	Larimer		Weld	
	Employees	Average Weekly Wages	Employees	Average Wages
Accommodation and Food Services	14,399	\$268	6,116	\$237
Admin. Support and Waste Management	8,106	\$561	3,845	\$504
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	775	\$573	3,333	\$572
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	2,409	\$398	955	\$276
Construction	9,626	\$824	8,335	\$903
Educational Services	15,486	\$732	8,178	\$650
Finance and Insurance	3,188	\$969	3,740	\$903
Health Care and Assistance	15,451	\$802	7,762	\$746
Information	2,825	\$902	1,309	\$796
Management of Companies and Enterprises	515	\$1,215	948	\$1,461
Manufacturing	11,950	\$1,319	11,258	\$827
Mining	362	\$873	3,365	\$1,327
Other Services (except Public Admin.)	3,529	\$522	1,893	\$525
Professional and Technical Services	9,196	\$1,409	2,135	\$968
Public Administration (Government)	7,350	\$1,022	4,767	\$762
Real Estate and Renting and Leasing	2,301	\$609	990	\$589
Retail Trade	17,416	\$456	8,469	\$486
Transportation and Warehousing	2,557	\$730	2,118	\$815
Utilities	727	\$1,267	292	\$1,253
Wholesale Trade	3,154	990	3,688	\$1,326

Source: [www.coworkforce.com/](http://www.coworkforce.com/)  
Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

## residential building permits - 2008

	Fort Collins	Loveland	Greeley	Windsor
Single-Family	264	145	65	119
Multi-Family	524	97	3	0

Source: [www.thegroupinc.com](http://www.thegroupinc.com)  
The Group, Inc. Real Estate

## residential average price - 2008

Fort Collins, Wellington, Timnath	Loveland	Greeley, Evans	Windsor	Ault, Eaton, Johnstown, Kersey, LaSalle, Mead, Milliken
\$251,081	\$238,900	\$150,735	\$311,864	\$199,711

Source: [www.thegroupinc.com](http://www.thegroupinc.com)  
The Group, Inc. Real Estate

## household information\*

	Larimer	Weld
Average number of persons per family	2.97	3.32
Average number of persons per household	2.45	2.85
Total number of households	111,524	81,024
Married couple households	50.1%	56.9%
Households with children under 18	31.1%	40.2%
Households 65 or older	17.2%	16.1%

Source: <http://factfinder.census.gov>  
US Census Bureau  
\*Data Set: 2005-2007 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates

## education

### Pre-K through Grade 12

<b>Larimer</b>		
District	Enrollment	Website
Poudre	25,960	www.psd.k12.co.us
Thompson R2-J	15,552	www.thompson.k12.co.us
Park R-3	1,206	www.psd3.k12.co.us
<b>Weld</b>		
Gilcrest RE-1	2,000	www.weld-re1.k12.co.us
St. Vrain Valley RE-1J	24,000	www.stvrain.k12.co.us
Eaton RE-2	1,700	www.eaton.k12.co.us
Keenesburg RE-3J	2,159	www.re3j.com
Windsor RE-4	4,094	www.weldre4.k12.co.us
Johnstown-Milliken RE-5J	3,141	www.weldre5j.k12.co.us
Greeley RE-6	19,284	www.greeleyschools.org
Platte Valley RE-7	1,170	www.plattevalley.k12.co.us
Fort Lupton RE-8	2,430	www.ftlupton.k12.co.us
Ault-Highland RE-9	834	www.weldre9.k12.co.us
Briggsdale RE-10	148	www.briggsdaleschool.org
Prairie RE-11	167	www.prairieschool.org
Pawnee RE-12	92	www.pawneeschool.com
<b>Higher Education</b>		
Colorado State University Fort Collins	24,700	www.colostate.edu
University of Northern Colorado Greeley	12,000	www.unco.edu
Front Range Community College Fort Collins	18,900	www.frontrange.edu
Aims Community College Greeley, Fort Lupton and Loveland	2,944	www.aims.edu

## finance and incentives

Northern Colorado Economic Development Corporation	www.ncedc.com
Upstate Colorado Economic Development	www.upstatecolorado.org

## ACCRA cost of living index - 2Q 2009

City	Composite Index	Grocery Items	Housing	Utilities	Transportation	Health Care	Misc. Goods and Services
Phoenix, AZ	99.2	107.4	96.9	88.3	98.3	98.1	101.8
Denver, CO	104.1	103.6	108.6	93.0	98.5	104.6	105.5
<b>Fort Collins-Loveland, CO</b>	<b>94.0</b>	<b>98.2</b>	<b>80.7</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>97.1</b>	<b>101.4</b>	<b>100.6</b>
Los Angeles, CA	142.0	111.1	228.1	92.2	116.0	109.5	105.7
Chicago, IL	112.2	107.8	130.5	106.9	113.3	112.5	99.1
Lawrence, KS	92.2	89.1	90.2	86.2	93.9	96.0	95.9
Minneapolis, MN	111.7	115.9	123.2	102.0	100.6	108.6	107.0
Albuquerque, NM	96.1	95.1	88.8	89.7	97.8	104.7	103.1
Austin, TX	96.6	89.5	83.3	93.0	99.1	95.9	111.4
Salt Lake City, UT	100.0	105.2	106.6	69.9	98.6	97.4	107.0
Seattle, WA	121.9	108.4	150.1	83.3	118.5	120.2	115.3
Laramie, WY	100.4	109.2	102.8	91.7	93.3	94.5	100.8
Boston, MA	132.5	115.7	147.0	163.4	102.2	124.0	128.0
New York, NY	217.5	142.8	402.5	146.7	132.4	130.4	143.3
Atlanta, GA	93.2	103.3	85.6	83.0	99.5	103.2	95.7

Source: [www.coli.org](http://www.coli.org)

The Council for Community & Economic Research. The ACCRA Cost of Living Index measures relative price levels for consumer goods and services in participating areas.

The average for all participating places, both metropolitan and non-metropolitan, equals 100, and each participant's index is read as a percentage of the average for all places.

## health care

### Poudre Valley Health System

**Poudre Valley Hospital** - Located in Fort Collins, Poudre Valley Hospital is a 241-bed regional medical center offering a wide array of treatments, surgeries, and diagnostic tests in more than three dozen medical specialties.

**Medical Center of the Rockies** - Located in Loveland, Medical Center of the Rockies, the newest addition to the Poudre Valley Health System, is a 136-bed regional medical center offering a full spectrum of services, with specialties in cardiac and trauma care.

[www.pvhs.org](http://www.pvhs.org)

### Banner Health

**McKee Medical Center** - Located in Loveland, McKee Medical Center is a 132-bed, acute-care hospital that has served the community for more than 30 years. McKee prides itself on providing excellent patient care, the latest in technological advances and caring attention to patient needs.

**North Colorado Medical Center** - Located in Greeley, the hospital completed a major expansion in 2005, bringing the number of hospital beds to 398. North Colorado serves as the primary full-service hospital for northern and eastern Colorado, southern Wyoming, western Nebraska and Kansas.

[www.bannerhealth.com](http://www.bannerhealth.com)

### Ernest Health, Inc.

**Northern Colorado Rehabilitation Center** - Located in Johnstown. Designed solely for the provision of specialized rehabilitative care, this is the only freestanding acute rehabilitation hospital serving Northern Colorado. This hospital provides rehabilitative services for patients with functional deficits as a result of debilitating illnesses, or injuries.

[www.ncrh.ernesthealth.com](http://www.ncrh.ernesthealth.com)

### Estes Park Medical Center

**Estes Park Medical Center** - A 25-bed critical access acute care facility with a 24-hour emergency department, 24-hour ambulance service, emergency air transport, medical/surgical services, obstetrics, home health care, and hospice.

[www.epmedcenter.com](http://www.epmedcenter.com)

The area offers several independent living center and assisted living centers, operating as non-profits and for-profit entities.

## parks and recreation centers

### Larimer

Fort Collins Recreation Department	<a href="http://www.fcgov.com">www.fcgov.com</a>
Loveland Recreation Department	<a href="http://www.ci.loveland.co.us">www.ci.loveland.co.us</a>
Larimer County Parks	<a href="http://www.co.larimer.co.us">www.co.larimer.co.us</a>
Estes-Poudre Ranger District	<a href="http://www.ohranger.com">www.ohranger.com</a>
Poudre Canyon	<a href="http://www.coloradoinfo.com">www.coloradoinfo.com</a>
Boyd Lake State Park	<a href="http://www.parks.state.co.us">www.parks.state.co.us</a>
Roosevelt National Park	<a href="http://www.nps.gov">www.nps.gov</a>
Redfeather Ranger District	<a href="http://www.fs.fed.us">www.fs.fed.us</a>
Rocky Mountain National Park	<a href="http://www.rockymountainnationalpark.com">www.rockymountainnationalpark.com</a>

### Weld

Greeley Parks and Recreation Department	<a href="http://www.greeleygov.com">www.greeleygov.com</a>
Windsor Parks and Recreation Department	<a href="http://www.windsorgov.com">www.windsorgov.com</a>

Larimer County features 20,268 acres of open space open to the public, four lakes and reservoirs for public use, many parks and 29 miles of pedestrian and bike trails. Larimer and Weld Counties are within a one day drive of two national parks, nine national forests, over 2,000 trout lakes and numerous ski areas.

## sports teams

Colorado Eagles Hockey (CHL)	<a href="http://www.coloradoeagles.com">www.coloradoeagles.com</a>
Fort Collins Foxes Baseball (Summer Collegiate League)	<a href="http://www.fortcollinsfoxes.com">www.fortcollinsfoxes.com</a>
Colorado Ice Indoor Football (UIF)	<a href="http://www.thecoloradoice.com">www.thecoloradoice.com</a>

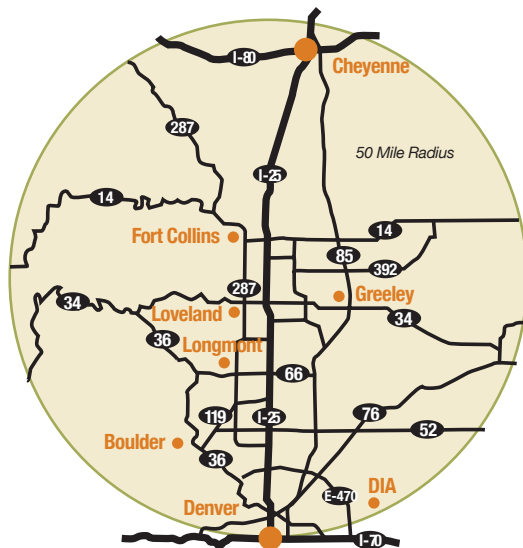
## transportation

### Air

Denver International Airport (DIA)	<a href="http://www.flydenver.com">www.flydenver.com</a>
The Fort Collins-Loveland Municipal Airport (FNL)	<a href="http://www.fortloveair.com">www.fortloveair.com</a>
Greeley-Weld County Airport	<a href="http://www.gxy.net">www.gxy.net</a>

### Rail

Amtrak	<a href="http://www.amtrak.com">www.amtrak.com</a>
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## golf courses

### Larimer

City Park Nine, Collindale	<a href="http://www.fcgov.com">www.fcgov.com</a>
Fort Collins Country Club	<a href="http://www.fcgolf.org">www.fcgolf.org</a>
Fox Acres	<a href="http://www.foxacres.com">www.foxacres.com</a>
Harmony	<a href="http://www.harmonyhomescolorado.com">www.harmonyhomescolorado.com</a>
Highland Meadows	<a href="http://www.highlandmeadows.com">www.highlandmeadows.com</a>
Link-N-Greens	
Mountain Vista Greens	<a href="http://www.mountainvistagreens.com">www.mountainvistagreens.com</a>
Ptarmigan Country Club	<a href="http://www.ptarmigancc.com">www.ptarmigancc.com</a>
Southridge	<a href="http://www.fcgov.com">www.fcgov.com</a>
Cattail Creek, Mariana Butte, The Olde Course at Loveland	<a href="http://www.ci.loveland.co.us">www.ci.loveland.co.us</a>
Estes Park Golf Course, Lake Estes Executive	<a href="http://www.estesparkco.com">www.estesparkco.com</a>

### Weld

Greeley Country Club	<a href="http://www.greeleycc.org">www.greeleycc.org</a>
Highland Hills, Boomerang Links	<a href="http://www.greeleygov.com">www.greeleygov.com</a>
Pelican Lakes	<a href="http://www.watervalley.com">www.watervalley.com</a>
Mad Russian	<a href="http://www.madrussiagolf.com">www.madrussiagolf.com</a>

## performing arts and event centers

### Larimer

Lincoln Center	<a href="http://www.fcgov.com">www.fcgov.com</a>
Rialto Theater	<a href="http://www.ci.loveland.co.us">www.ci.loveland.co.us</a>
Fort Collins Symphony	<a href="http://www.fcsymphony.org">www.fcsymphony.org</a>
The Ranch-Budweiser Events Center	<a href="http://www.budweisereventscenter.com">www.budweisereventscenter.com</a>

### Weld

Greeley Philharmonic Orchestra	<a href="http://www.greeleyphilharmonic.com">www.greeleyphilharmonic.com</a>
Greeley Chorale	<a href="http://www.greeleychorale.org">www.greeleychorale.org</a>
Union Colony Civic Center	<a href="http://www.greeleygov.com">www.greeleygov.com</a>
Island Grove	<a href="http://www.greeleygov.com">www.greeleygov.com</a>

## libraries

### Larimer

Poudre River Public Library	<a href="http://www.poudrelibraries.org">www.poudrelibraries.org</a>
Loveland Public Library	<a href="http://www.ci.loveland.co.us">www.ci.loveland.co.us</a>

### Weld

High Plains Library District	<a href="http://www.mylibrary.us">www.mylibrary.us</a>
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## museums

### Larimer

Fort Collins Museum	<a href="http://www.fcgov.com">www.fcgov.com</a>
Discovery Science Center	<a href="http://www.dscm.org">www.dscm.org</a>
Loveland Museum Gallery	<a href="http://www.ci.loveland.co.us">www.ci.loveland.co.us</a>

### Weld

Greeley Freight Station Museum	<a href="http://www.gfsm.org">www.gfsm.org</a>
Centennial Village Museum	<a href="http://www.greeleygov.com">www.greeleygov.com</a>
Greeley History Museum	<a href="http://www.greeleygov.com">www.greeleygov.com</a>
Fort Vasquez Museum	<a href="http://www.coloradohistory.org">www.coloradohistory.org</a>
Plumb Farm Learning Center	<a href="http://www.greeleygov.com">www.greeleygov.com</a>
Meeker Home Museum	<a href="http://www.greeleygov.com">www.greeleygov.com</a>