

# Fort Collins

## Rankings and Awards

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- Fort Collins ranked 4<sup>th</sup> for Most Educated Metro Areas in the U.S., *ValuePenguin.com*, Mar 2016
  - Fort Collins ranked #4 for being the Happiest and Healthiest City in the U.S., *Gallup-Healthways State of American Well-Being: 2015 Community Rankings*, Feb 2016
  - Fort Collins ranked #3 for Best College Towns to Live in Forever, *College Ranker*, Feb 2016
  - Top 3 Digital City, *Govtech.com*, Nov 2015
  - Top 10 Best Metro's for Female Entrepreneurs, *Forbes*, Oct 2015
  - Cities with the Fastest Growing Economies (out of 515 US cities), Denver #19, Greeley #57, Loveland #73, Fort Collins #79, *WalletHub*, Sept 2015
  - Fort Collins ranked #1 as America's Most Satisfied City, *Time* magazine, Sept 2015
  - Fort Collins ranked #13 in Top 100 Best Places to Live by *Livability*, Sept 2015
  - Loveland ranked #41 in Top 100 Best Places to Live by *Livability*, Sept 2015
  - No 4 Safest Drivers in America, *Allstate Insurance Company*, Sept 2015
  - Colorado Early Colleges-Fort Collins has been ranked the top public school in Colorado and No. 66 in the country in *Newsweek's* 2015 high school rankings, Aug 2015
  - No 11 Healthiest Housing Markets, *WalletHub*, Aug 2015
  - Fort Collins ranked #1 as The Healthiest People In All Of Colorado, *Only In Your State*, Aug 2015
  - Fort Collins ranked #10 for 2015 Best Places For Business and Careers, *Forbes*, Aug 2015
  - Top 10 Swim City in the U.S., *USA Swimming*, Jul 2015
  - Ranked #4 for The Next Top 10 Cities for Tech Jobs, *FastCompany*, Jul 2015
  - Top 20 Best Places for STEM Grads, *NerdWallet*, Jun 2015
  - No. 9 of 2015's "Top 10 Healthiest Cities" *Livability.com*, Apr 2015
  - No. 3 in College Ranker's "50 Best College Towns to Live in Forever," *College Ranker*, Mar 2015
  - No. 6 in *NerdWallet's* "America's Most Innovative Tech Hubs," *NerdWallet*, Feb 2015
  - Top 10 City in the 2014 Digital Cities Survey, *Center for Digital Government's Digital Communities Program*
  - Winner of the Outstanding Service to Environmental Education by an Organization at the Local Level Award: *North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE)*, Nov 2014
  - No. 24 Best Place to Live, *Livability.com*, Nov 2014
  - Finalist for the Best of the Web Awards, *Center for Digital Government*, Oct 2014
  - #2 Best Outdoor College in the Nation, *Best College Reviews*, Oct 2014
  - No. 1 in the country By Let's Move! For Healthy Efforts, *National League of Cities*, Sep 2014
  - 10 Great College Towns to Retire To, *Kiplinger*, Sep 2014
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Best Bike City in America, *Bicycling magazine*, Sept 2014
  - 10 Top College Towns to Retire To: *Kiplinger magazine*, Aug 2014
  - Best College Town in America, *BestCollegeReviews.com*, Aug 2014
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Best Place in the Country for Business and Careers, *Forbes Magazine*, Jul 2014
  - Top 10 Beer Towns with a Mountain Biking Problem, *Singletracks.com*, Jul 2014
  - 2014 Top Campuses Worth Traveling For, *TripAdvisor's FlipKey.com*, Jul 2014
  - 4<sup>th</sup> most intelligent midsize city, *My Life*, Jun 2014
  - Top City in the Nation for Pet Lovers, *Petsmart Charities & Match.com*, Jun 2014
  - America's Most Satisfied City, *Time*, May 2014
  - One of the Best Summer Weekend Getaways, *Fodors.com*, May 2013
  - Timberline Award: *Rocky Mountain Performance Excellence*, Dec 2013
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Place for Job Seekers in Colorado, *NerdWallet*, Dec 2013
  - 2013 Best Towns in America, *Outside Magazine*, Oct 2013
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Best Places for Business and Careers, *Forbes*, Aug 2013
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Top 10 Metro Areas for High-Tech Startup Density, *Kauffman Foundation*, Aug 2013
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- 10 Most Intelligent Midsize Cities, *My Life*, Jul 2014
  - Platinum Bicycle Friendly Community, *League of American Bicyclists*, May 2013
  - Gold Level Certification, *Solar Friendly Communities*, Apr 2013
  - 2012 Tree City USA, *The Arbor Day Foundation*, Apr 2013
  - Robert Havlick Award for Innovation in Local Government recognizing the Sustainability Services Area formation, *Alliance For Innovation*, Mar 2013
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Healthiest Mid-Size City in U.S., *2012 Gallup-Healthways Survey*, Feb 2013
  - 2012 Project Award Winner, Re-construction of the SH 392 & I-25 Interchange, *American Public Works Association, Colorado Chapter*, Jan 2013
  - 2012 Top Downtown in the Country, *Livability.com*, Nov 2012
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> on Allstate America's Best Drivers Report, *Allstate*, Sep 2012
  - Ten Best Vacation Cities for Beer Lovers, *Yahoo! Travel.com*, Jul 2012
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> in the nation on Best Places to Do Business list, *Forbes.com*, Jun 2012
  - 11<sup>th</sup> on America's Top 50 Bike-Friendly Cities, *Bicycle Magazine*, May 2012
  - Fort Collins-Loveland, 3rd Skinniest Metro Area on the Well-Being Index, *Gallup and Healthways*, Mar 2012
  - Fort Collins-Loveland Municipal Airport, winner of two "Best in Colorado" awards, *Colorado Asphalt Pavement Association*, Mar 2012
  - Top 10 Best Places to Retire, *CBS Money Watch*, Feb 2012
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Safest Drivers in America, *Allstate Insurance Company*, Sep 2011
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> on the Best Bicycle Cities list, *League of American Bicyclists and TheStreet.com*, Aug 2011
  - Top 15 Best Places for triathletes to live and train, *Triathlete Magazine*, Aug 2011
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Best Places for Business and Careers, *Forbes*, Jun 2011
  - Fort Collins, One of the Top 10 Cities Adopting Smart Grid Technology, *U.S. News and World Report*, May 2011
  - Top Colorado City for Job Growth, *2011 Best Cities for Job Growth, newgeography.com*, May 2011
  - Top 10 Places to Retire in the Nation, *Charles Schwab's On Investing*, Apr 2011
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Happiest Metro Region, Fort Collins-Loveland, CO, *Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index*, Mar 2011
  - 2011 Governor's Arts Award: *Colorado Creative Industries and the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade*, Mar 2011
  - 1<sup>st</sup> best place for Boomers to retire, *AARP Magazine*, Feb 2011
  - Top 10 Best American cities to invest your real estate dollars in 2011, *Trulia.com*, Dec 2010
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Most Educated City in the country based on education levels of our adult population, *Portfolio.com*, Dec 2010
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Best State for Business, Colorado, *Forbes magazine*, Oct 2010
  - Top 25 Best Places to Retire, *CNNMoney.com*, Sep 2010
  - Top 10 Best College Towns, *Small-Sized Cities Category, USA Today*, Sep 2010
  - Top 6 'Smarter Cities' for Energy, *Natural Resources Defense Council, (population 100,000-249,999)*, Aug 2010
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Best Place to Live in the Nation, *Money Magazine*, Jul 2010
  - One of the Most Underrated Cities in the West, *Life.com*, Jun 2010
  - Top 10 (Greeley) Great Place to Retire, *Where to Retire Magazine*, Jun 2010
  - 4<sup>th</sup> (Fort Collins) Best Place for Business and Careers, *Forbes magazine*, Apr 2010
  - One of the Greatest Places to Live in the West, *American Cowboy magazine*, Apr 2010
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Best Places for Business and Careers, *Forbes*, Apr 2010
  - One of a Dozen Distinctive Destinations, *National Trust for Historic Preservation*, Feb 2010
  - Top 3 Where to Raise Kids, *National Geographic Adventure Magazine*, Oct 2009
  - 8<sup>th</sup> (Greeley) Affordable Places to Retire: *Where to Retire Magazine* – Sept 2009
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Volunteering in Mid-Sized Cities, *Volunteering in America Report, U.S. Census Bureau*, Aug 2009
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Where to Live Cheaply, *Forbes*, Jul 2009
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> 'Smarter City' for sustainability, *Natural Resources Defense Council*, Jul 2009
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Top 10 Housing Markets for the Next 10 Years, *US News and World Report*, Jun 2009
  - 7<sup>th</sup> (Loveland) Top 20 Best Places to Live, *US News and World Report*, Jun 2009
  - Named one of 10 Great Places for Entrepreneurs to Retire, *Forbes*, Jun 2009
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Best Place to Live & Work for Young Professionals (pop. 100,000-200,000), *Next Generation Consulting*, Mar 2009
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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Metro for Business and Careers, *Forbes magazine*, Mar 2009
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Best Midsize Metro in the nation, *bizjournals.com*, Mar 2009
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Lowest Obesity Rate: *Gallup-Healthways Healthy Behavior Index*, Mar 2009
  - Top 12 America's Dozen Distinctive Destinations, *National Trust for Historic Preservation* – Feb 2009
  - Top 20 Places to Thrive, *Best Boomer Towns*, Feb 2009
  - Top 25 Best Small Cities for Job Growth, *New Geography*, 2009
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Best Midsize Metros in the Nation, *bizjournals.com*, 2009
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Best Small Cities to Attend College, *American Institute of Economic Research*, 2009
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Smart City for Sustainability, *Natural Resources Defense Council*, 2009
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Best Places in Colorado to Raise Your Kids, *Business Week*, 2009
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Best-Educated City in America, *Forbes*, Nov 2008
  - One of the Best Places to Raise Your Kids, *Business Week*, Nov 2008
  - LEED Gold designation for the Northside Aztlan Community Center, *U.S. Green Build Council*, Oct 2008
  - Gold level Bicycle Friendly Community, *League of American Bicyclists*, Sep 2008
  - **2nd Best Place to Live in the Nation, *Money magazine*, Aug 2008**
  - One of 8 Enriching Towns for Art and Music Lovers, *Where to Retire magazine*, Apr 2008
  - 3rd Best Place for Business and Career, *Forbes magazine*, Mar 2008
  - 39th Best Place to Live and Launch a Business, *CNN/Money*, Mar 2008
  - 14<sup>th</sup> Top Towns for Outdoorsmen: *Outdoor Life Magazine* – Mar 2009
  - Top 10 Digital Cities, *Center for Digital Government*, Sep 2007
  - One of 30 Fast Cities, due to innovation and creativity of workforce, *Fast Company magazine*, Jul 2007
  - 9th Best Place to Invest in Real Estate, *Business 2.0*, May 2007
  - 28<sup>th</sup> Best Places for Business and Careers, *Forbes*, Apr 2007
  - Top 10 College Towns for Grown-Ups, *Kiplinger's magazine*, Mar 2007
  - Named a Preserve America Community, *First Lady Laura Bush*, Mar 2007
  - One of America's Most Walkable Small Cities, *msn.com*, Mar 2007
  - One of the Best Places for Business and Careers, *Forbes magazine*, Mar 2007
  - Fort Collins listed among the Top 10 College Towns for Grown-Ups, *Kiplinger magazine*, Mar 2007
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Smartest 200 Largest US Metropolitan Areas: *Forbes* – Dec 2006
  - Fort Collins Ranked 4th among College Towns With Great Golf, *Business Week Online (Golf Digest)*, Nov 2006
  - Fort Collins came in 9th on "Where to Buy Now," *Business 2.0 magazine*, Nov 2006
  - **#1 Best Place to Live in the Nation, *Money Magazine*, Aug 2006**
  - Listed as 23rd among 63 Hot Mid-Sized Cities for Entrepreneurs, *Entrepreneur magazine*, Aug 2006
  - Fort Collins is one of the 50 Best Places to Live (ranked 34th), *Kiplinger's magazine*, Jun 2006
  - 6th Best Places for Business and Career, *Forbes magazine*, May 2006
  - 2nd (moved up from 9th place in 2005) for having the Safest Driver, *Allstate Insurance*, May 2006
  - Rated as the 6th most Affordable Communities/Best Places to Raise Your Family, *Frommer's*, May 2006
  - Fort Collins received the Preserve America Grant, Mar 2006
  - Fort Collins is one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People, *America's Promise*, Sep 2005
  - City of Fort Collins earns "Bicycle Friendly Community" national award, *League of American Bicyclists*, Aug 2005
  - American Dream Town. Fort Collins rated as one of the Best Towns in the U.S., *Outside Magazine*, Aug 2005
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Best Drivers in Nation, *Allstate Insurance Company's ("America's Best Drivers Report")*, Jun 2005
  - Fort Collins & Larimer County Named Top Nature-Friendly Communities, Jun 2005
  - 4th best place to live in the United States, *Men's Journal*, Apr 2005
  - City of Fort Collins selected as Top Retirement Spot, *Where to Retire magazine*, Apr 2005
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