



Relocating to Louisville



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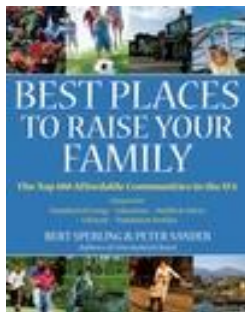


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- Welcome -



Welcome to **Louisville, Colorado**, a City that blends the hometown atmosphere with a progressive, modern outlook, while Main Street retains the nostalgic charm of yesteryear, and high tech businesses flourish throughout the city. The rich heritage of values and traditions



found in our City forms the basis for a thriving modern community. No wonder Louisville was recognized as the best city in the entire United States by the Frommer's publication entitled **Best Places to Raise Our Family: The Top 100 Affordable Communities in the U. S.** The publication was the result of copious efforts to discern various cities' pros and cons. After this enormous accumulation of data, Louisville, Colorado ranked number one. What an honor for our community and our citizens!

In the ranking, the authors noted the intrinsic nature of our community and most significantly noted the pride our citizens exhibit for Louisville coupled with a broad spectrum of life style, health and safety, and education to name a few. The allure of our downtown continues to be the item of which we hear most often. We all clearly cherish and respect our historical past.



Louisville was also ranked No. 5 Best Place to Live by Money magazine in 2005!

The History of Louisville

The Miners Memorial statue in front of City Hall is a symbol of the history of the people who built Louisville – the coal miners. In August 1877, the Welch Mine opened in Louisville, the first of many coal mines to come. Louis Nawatny, a local landowner, platted his land and named it for himself. The Town of Louisville was incorporated on June 16, 1882.

Coal miners soon moved to the new town to work in the emerging coal industry. From the beginning, Louisville differed from most coal camp towns as it was not owned and controlled by a single mining company. Miners lived in the town and walked to work in the nearby mines. They were involved in a democratic community life that was not dominated by mine owners or companies.



Louisville is located in an area known as the Northern Coalfield, an extensive coalfield in Boulder and Weld counties. Wages in the early days of coal mining were somewhat higher in the Louisville mines and the mines were relatively safe. The economy, however, was generally depressed. Family gardens and odd jobs were the way of life as mining was seasonal and strikes often interrupted production.

From 1890 to 1928, the Acme Mine operated directly beneath the original town of Louisville. Worked on two levels, the Acme produced nearly two million tons of coal and was one of 171 coal mines in Boulder County. In all, thirty mines were located in and around Louisville. During the peak years of 1907 and 1909, there were twelve mines in operation. The use of coal declined following World War II, and the last mines near Louisville closed in 1952.

Many Europeans migrated to Louisville to work in the mines as jobs were plentiful. Some learned the skills to become miners, while others brought skills they had used in Europe. Later, miners were recruited as strike breakers during the several union disagreements with coal companies. Although miners worked together, they lived with their own relatives and fellow countrymen in ethnically separated neighborhoods.

These ethnic neighborhoods are gone now, as are the remnants of the coal mines. Flowers grow in suburban yards with never a hint of the passageways underground or the history they represent.

-Information from *The Louisville Story*, by Carolyn Conarroe

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Size & Elevation:

City of Louisville:	7.8 Square Miles
Incorporated:	1882
Louisville Population:	19,000
Boulder County:	748 Square Miles
Boulder County Population:	291,288
Elevation:	5,530 Feet
Owned Open Space:	1,700 acres



Weather:

Four distinct seasons and more than 300 days of sunshine per year!

Average temperatures:

Spring:	63 / 35° F
Summer:	83 / 55° F
Fall:	72 / 45° F
Winter:	45 / 23° F
Annual Snowfall:	83.1 inches

Source: Western Regional Climate Center



Distance to various points of interest:

Red Rocks: 38 miles

Golden: 23 miles

Denver: 21 miles

Ski Resorts: El Dora, 30 miles; Winter Park & Copper Mountain, 78 miles; Vail, 109 miles;

Breckenridge, 93 miles.

Estes Park: 40 miles

Rock Mountain National Park: 47 miles

Colorado Springs: 90 miles

Fort Collins: 56 miles

Denver International Airport (DIA): 35 miles



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Population:

Year	Boulder/Denver	Boulder County
2000	2,340,000	291,288
2001	2,653,476	277,205
2002	2,561,227	277,205
2010	2,775,211	309,456

Age

Characteristics:

Median Resident Age	36.0 years
Colorado Median Age	34.3 years

Education

Levels:

Grades 0-12 (no diploma)	9%
High School Graduate (or equivalent)	20%
1-3 years of College	29%
Bachelor's/graduate degree	42%

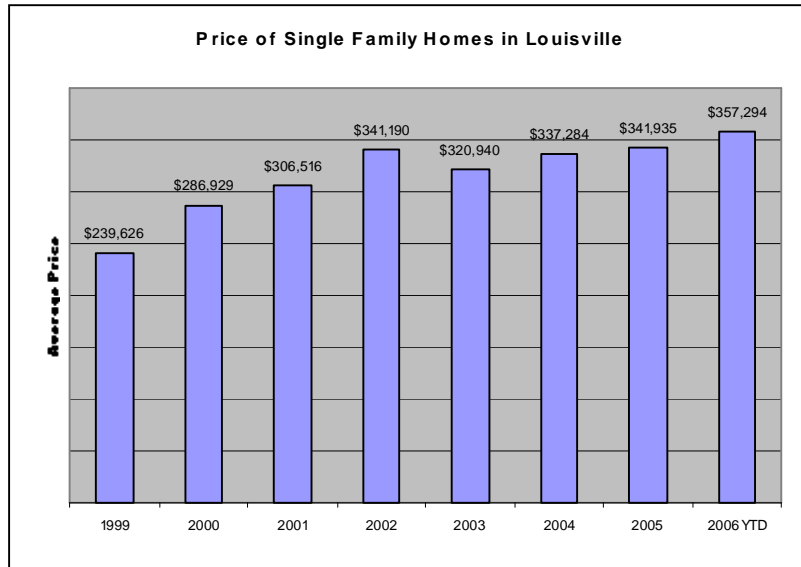
Ethnicity:

Ethnic Background	Boulder County	City of Louisville
Caucasian	84.8%	91.17%
Hispanic Origin	10.5%	5.02%
Asian	3.2%	3.55%
African American	0.9%	.93%
American Indian/ Eskimo/Aleut	0.6%	0.54%

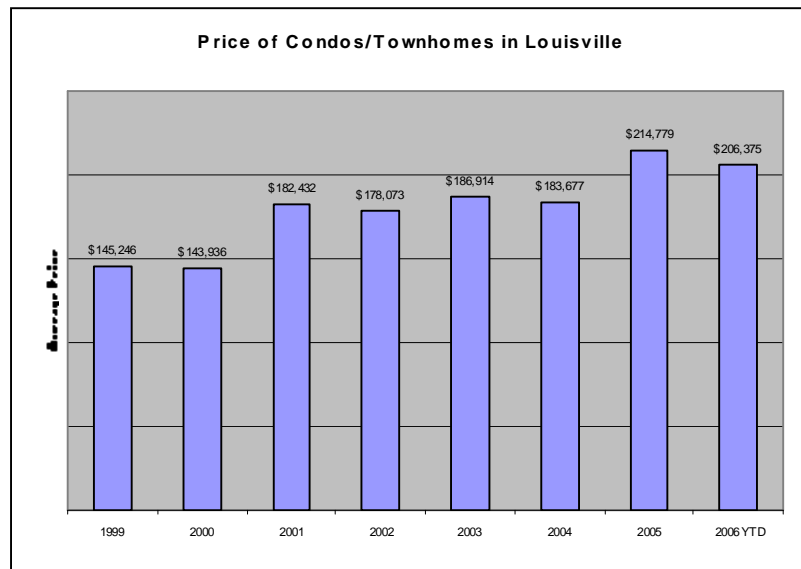
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Single Family Home Prices, City Of Louisville:



Condo/Townhome Prices, City of Louisville:



Average Rental Costs, excluding utilities:

Size	Boulder County
Efficiency	\$672
One-Bedroom	\$824
Two-Bedroom	\$1,055
Three-Bedroom	\$1,095

**Largest
Boulder County
Employers:**

Employer Name	Estimated # of Employees
Exempla Good Samaritan Medical Center	8,500
University of Colorado	7,500
IBM	4,800
Boulder Valley School District	4,200
Sun Microsystems	3,700
St. Vrain School District	2,400
Ball Corporation	2250
Boulder Community Hospital	2102
EDS	2000
Level 3 Communications	1900
Federal Labs (NOAA, NIST, NTIA, JILA)	1850
City of Boulder	1600
Maxtor	1373
NCAR	1100
Longmont United Hospital	1096
Longmont Foods	1050
Seagate Technology	1010
Valleylab	927
Hunger Douglas	900
Safeway	900
United States Postal Service	850
McKesson Corporation	714
City of Longmont	700
McData	700
Geneva Pharmaceuticals	675
Corporate Express	650

Some of Boulder County's Top Employers in Depth:

Exempla Good Samaritan Medical Center

Exempla Good Samaritan Medical Center is northern Colorado's newest regional medical center providing 24-hour, comprehensive medical services in a caring environment. Part of the Exempla Healthcare system, EGSMC continues a 130-year legacy started by its sister hospitals: Exempla Saint Joseph Hospital in Denver and Exempla Lutheran Medical Center in Wheat Ridge, Colorado. EGSMC's mission: To foster healing and health for the people and communities we serve. *Source: <http://www.exempla.org>*

IBM

IBM has a state-of-the-art Business Continuity and Recovery Services site in Boulder. The site allows customers to recover their businesses from an outage emergency. Over \$34 million was invested to create this site, which opened for business in January, 1997. In 2005 a \$6.5 million expansion project was complete. Today, the site provides 11 fully equipped testing suites incorporating the latest in Clear Cube technology which includes flat panel displays and improved connectivity.

Source: <http://www-1.ibm.com/services>

Sun Microsystems

From systems software to enterprise network management systems, software development tools to object oriented technologies, Java Development and training, Sun delivers all the components needed for effective enterprise network computing. The Sun campus in Broomfield, Colorado, accommodates up to 4,000 employees and is headquarters to some of Sun's service organizations, serving internal and external customers in capacities from technical support to professional services. *Source: <http://www.sun.com>*

Ball Corporation

Based in Boulder, Ball Aerospace is a subsidiary of Ball Corporation. Ball Aerospace develops groundbreaking technologies for defense, civil and commercial purposes, including full satellite systems and space missions; instruments and sensors; antennas and components; as well as a variety of space-qualified subsystems. Ball Aerospace employs approximately 3,100 talented engineers, scientists, technicians and support staff worldwide. Customers include NASA, the U.S. Department of Defense, NOAA and various aerospace prime contractors. *Source: <http://www.ball.com>*



Boulder Community Hospital

Founded in 1922 as a community-owned and operated not-for-profit hospital, Boulder Community Hospital is dedicated to meeting the evolving healthcare needs of our citizens and providing access to high quality medical care. Boulder Community hospital has 2,675 employees, 580 physicians on staff in 48 specialties and has an operating budget of \$250 million. *Source: <http://www.bch.org>*

Education in Boulder County

Boulder County Public Schools place quite high in national and statewide rankings. In addition to magnet schools designed for students with special needs or interests, Boulder County's open enrollment policy allows students to enroll in their own neighborhood school, a different neighborhood's school, or a focus or alternative school.

Boulder County's public and private educational offerings are numerous. Be it Montessori, Waldorf, religious, arts-oriented, language-oriented, or simply "back-to-basics," there is something for everyone. From pre-school through high school, parents can choose from a wide variety of options.

College-bound students can choose from a number of higher education opportunities. The University of Colorado is known for both its academic excellence and its aesthetically-pleasing campus. CU-Boulder is most renowned for its science programs, and psychology, biology, and English are some of the most popular undergraduate majors. CU-Boulder professors have been granted prestigious awards over the years, including the 1989 Nobel Prize in Chemistry.



Other higher education centers in Boulder County include the Naropa Institute, whose educational philosophy is based in the Buddhist contemplative tradition, the Boulder College of Massage Therapy and Front Range Community College. Continuing Education courses are also offered through a number of forums.

The University of Denver, the University of Colorado at Denver, Regis University, and Metropolitan State College are all located in Denver. Colorado State University is in Fort Collins, about an hour to the north, and the Colorado School of Mines and Red Rocks Community College are in Golden, about a 20-minute drive south.

For a wealth of information regarding the school system, public and private offerings, day care centers, extracurricular activities, K-12 options, and colleges and universities in Boulder County, visit http://bcn.boulder.co.us/univ_school/center.html.

Source: <http://www.boulderchamber.com>

Boulder Valley Public Schools



Elementary schools:

Aspen Creek
Bear Creek
Birch
Boulder Community / Integrated Studies
Coal Creek
Columbine
Community Montessori
Creskide at Martin Park
Crest View
Douglass
Eisenhower
Eldorado
Emerald
Fireside
Flatirons
Foothill
Gold Hill
Heatherwood
High Peaks
Horizons Alternative Charter
Jamestown
Kohl
Lafayette
Louisville
Mesa
Monarch
Nederland
Peak-to-Peak Charter
Pioneer
Ryan
Sanchez
Superior
University Hill
Whittier

Middle Schools

Angevine
Aspen Creek
Broomfield Heights
Casey
Centennial
Eldorado
Halcyon
Horizons Alternative Charter
Louisville
Manhattan School of Arts & Academics
Monarch
Nederland
Nevin Platt
Platt CHOICE
Peak to Peak Charter
Southern Hills
Summit Charter

High Schools

Arapahoe Ridge
Boulder High School
Boulder Prep Charter
Boulder TEC
Broomfield High School
Centaurus High School
Chinook Alternatives
Fairview High School
Monarch High School
Nederland Senior High
New Vista High School
Newcomers
Peak to Peak Charter

Source: <http://www.bvsd.k12.co.us/>

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- arts & culture -



The Louisville Historical Museum, located at 1001 Main Street, is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and the first Saturday of every month from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. You are invited to visit the museum and experience the history of Louisville for yourself. Group tours available upon request. For further information, please call the Museum at 303.665.9048.

The Louisville Cultural Council hosts a diverse range of cultural events for adults and children throughout the year, including movies, plays, and musical performances. Founded in 1989 as the Louisville Arts & Humanities Council, its primary goal is to advance and preserve the arts in Louisville. Some of the events sponsored by the Louisville Cultural Council include: The Cultural Council Fall Festival (a fun-filled FREE family event with hayrides, face painting, drawing, children's games, drum circle, bocce tournament & more), Poetry Workshop, The Best of Shakespeare, The New Play Festival, & the Summer Concert Series.

The Louisville Art Association ("LAA") is a non-profit corporation, with over 300 participating and honorary members. Our main purposes include assisting and promoting the advancement of the visual arts; encouraging greater appreciation and knowledge of the visual arts; integrating visual art activities into the mainstream of cultural activities in the community; sponsoring art shows, exhibits, and competitions; sponsoring workshops and seminars, for both members and non-members. For more information please call 303-546-8668

The Louisville Center for the Arts hosts a variety of events throughout the year, including Silent Movie Night, Coffeehouse Concerts, Young Writer's Festival, Children's Concerts, Salsa Dancing Lessons, Annual Young Artists Exhibit, and more!



The Louisville Downtown Street Faire is a free event, running Friday evenings in the summer from 5 to 9pm, rain or shine, and features great music, food, artisans, children's activities, and that special something that only comes to life in a small town. Plenty of tents for shade and protection from inclement weather are available.



WinterSkate, located in Historic Downtown Louisville, is an old-fashioned ice skating rink complete with skate rental, concessions and traditional holiday music. Complete with free Horse-Drawn Carriage rides, WinterSkate presents the perfect opportunity to enjoy the winter season in a beautiful small-town setting.



Arts & Culture in Boulder County

In addition to the more than 30 art galleries, 4 museums and 32 movie and stage theaters, Boulder offers a variety of enriching and entertaining attractions throughout the year:

International Film Series

The International Film Series is a non-profit, calendar film series that shows over 100 films a year on the University of Colorado at Boulder campus. The film series is locally programmed by Pablo Kjolseth, who has been a film programmer since 1989. Source: www.internationalfilmseries.com

Boulder Bach Festival

The Boulder Bach Festival was founded in 1981 to present the music of Johann Sebastian Bach and to encourage knowledge and appreciation of the Baroque master. Since 1982 a three-day festival has been presented each year, featuring an orchestra, chorus, and soloists drawn from the pool of area musicians, with a few nationally-known artists from other parts of the country. Over the years it has gradually added concerts outside of its original format so that presentations now extend through most of the year. Lecture series, master classes, youth competitions, and an enrichment program for local elementary schools add to the Festival's educational aspect. Source: www.boulderbachfest.org

Colorado Music Festival

Founded in 1976, the Colorado Music Festival educates, entertains and challenges audiences of all ages by presenting classical music performed by extraordinary professional musicians from around the world at the historic Chautauqua Auditorium in Boulder. Sunday evenings feature the CMF Chamber Orchestra, Tuesdays bring chamber and world music ensembles, and Thursday and Friday evenings showcase the full CMF Festival Orchestra. Source: www.coloradomusicfest.org

Colorado Shakespeare Festival

Named one of the top three Shakespeare festivals in the nation by *TIME Magazine*, the Colorado Shakespeare Festival draws over 40,000 audience members each season, with many performances sold out. In addition to the production of several Shakespeare plays each summer, the CSF also offers several other programs to accompany the Festival. Such programs include Shakespeare in Production, a sequence of courses that deals with all aspects of producing Shakespeare's plays, a free Sunday night lecture series, school outreach programs, The Working Stages new play workshop showcase of Southwest Playwrights, and backstage tours. Source: www.coloradoshakes.org

Events in Boulder County

Here are just some of the annual events that happen in Boulder County!

The Bolder Boulder



Called, "the best mass participation race in the United States" by *Runners World Magazine*, the Bolder BOULDER is one of the largest road races in the world. The race attracts more than 50,000 runners and walkers and draws professional athletes from all over the world to compete for one of the largest non-marathon prize purses in road racing. The race winds through neighborhoods with live music and entertainment along the course and finishes in the University of Colorado's Folsom Field. More than 100,000 spectators watch the festivities from inside the stadium and along the course. Many families make the Bolder-BOULDER a family tradition and return to Boulder every spring to participate in this community event. Source: www.bolderboulder.com

Boulder Creek Festival

The Boulder Creek Festival includes three days of festivities featuring a large variety of events, activities, food and entertainment unique to the Boulder community. Twelve event areas with 500 vendors showcase everything from community arts and crafts to health alternatives and technology, while six performance stages feature a spectrum of music and dance. The Festival also features carnival rides, food and beverage vendors, and the signature event: The Great Rubber Duck Race!

Source: www.bouldercreekfestival.com

Boulder Fall Festival

The Fall Festival is a 3-day autumn event on the Pearl Street Mall that combines the food, music and brews of a traditional Oktoberfest with children's carnival rides, Boulder's best local musicians, area non-profit booths and artisans from throughout the country. Source: www.dbi.org

CU Conference on World Affairs

The University of Colorado's Conference on World Affairs is a forum on a variety of topics—encompassing music, literature, environmental activism, science, journalism, visual arts, diplomacy, technology, spirituality, the film industry, politics, business, medicine, human rights and so on. Every year in April approximately 100 participants representing a wide range of backgrounds gather in Boulder for what the New York Times calls "a week-long extravaganza of discussion and debate" on over 200 non-academic, cross-disciplinary panels, plenary sessions and performances. All events are free and open to the public and audiences range in size from an intimate 50 to well over 2,000 at individual sessions, with a combined total of approximately 50,000 during the course of the week.

Source: www.Colorado.edu/cwa/

Farmer's Market

Every Saturday morning and Wednesday evening from April through October, the Boulder County Farmer's Market comes alive! Vibrant with color, lively chatter and friendly faces, the Market hosts thousands of Boulder County residents and out-of-town visitors each week. Source: www.boulderfarmers.org

Recreation in Boulder County

Biking & Mountain Biking

Boulder County offers a variety of biking trails throughout the area, suitable for all abilities. .

Hiking

Boulder County's open space trails will reveal flower-filled meadows in the summer and snow-capped vistas in the winter. Take advantage of over 200 miles of public hiking trails. .



River Rafting and Kayaking

The best time to venture into Colorado's white water is late spring and early summer with high stream flow. You will find a variety of rapids for all ability levels, with trips through challenging waters or wilderness settings.

Rock Climbing

With hundreds of climbing opportunities, it's no wonder that Boulder County is home to some of the world's best climbers.

Golfing

Indian Peaks Golf Course is a public facility located in Lafayette, Colorado. We boast awe-inspiring views of the Indian Peaks mountain range from most everywhere on the course. We are located at 2300 Indian Peaks Trail, which is one mile west of Highway 287 off of Baseline Road. The golf course is a Hale Irwin Signature Course. The facility is complete with 18 holes of championship golf, a fully stocked Golf Shop, and a practice facility second to none, complete with driving range, putting green, chipping green, and practice bunkers. The Championship course provides a challenge for all with 1200 trees, 87 bunkers, 6 lakes, and 2 winding creeks. Four sets of tees make for a challenging and enjoyable round for any caliber player. Indian Peaks is routinely ranked in the top public courses in Colorado. Golf Digest rates Indian Peaks a 4-Star course in its "Places to Play Golf in America". Indian Peaks is rated "Best Course in Boulder County" by readers of the Boulder Daily Camera newspaper. The Golf Shop has been voted Best Golf Shop by the Colorado PGA. Private and Group Instruction is available from PGA Professionals.



Open space

In 1967, Boulder became the first city in the United States to tax itself for funds to be used specifically for the acquisition, management and maintenance of Open Space. City Open Space now protects almost two-thirds of the Boulder Valley, commonly referred to as the "greenbelt." To this point, the City has acquired approximately 6,100 acres of Mountain Park lands, 2,700 acres of other park lands, 29,000 acres of Open Space and 480 acres of utility lands, for a total of 38,500 acres. The County Open Space Program now owns over 54,000 acres.