

# LARIMER COUNTY, A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE

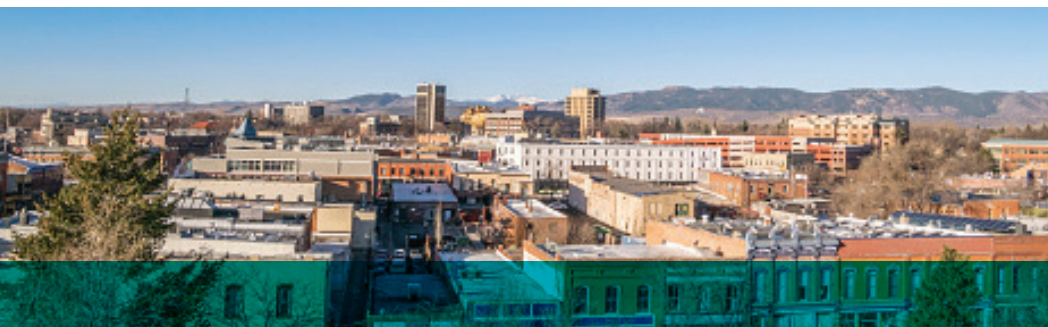
Safety is a priority when choosing a place to call home. You might wonder if your children will be safe walking to school, or if you can go running through the streets of the city in the evening. It's reassuring to know that Fort Collins was named one of the 2018 Safest Cities in America, where it placed 9 on a list of 25 among cities of a population of 100,000 or more in a study by Niche, a company that researches cities in the US. Fort Collins was selected due to low violent crime rates and low property crime rates.



**#1** Safest US city  
for driving

## DRIVING SAFETY

As an added bonus, Fort Collins was ranked the number one safest city in the nation for driving a car among the 200 largest cities by Bankrate in 2018, which states that in Fort Collins, you are 28% less likely to have a collision versus the national average.



## CRIME IN FORT COLLINS

In recent years, crimes have increased slightly as the population of Fort Collins continues to climb. Property crimes topped the list of all types of crimes in Fort Collins in 2017. A total of 11,810 crimes were reported, and one-third involved theft according to police data, including larceny, thefts from motor vehicles and shoplifting, according to a March 2018 Coloradoan article.

## CRIME IN CITIES WITHIN LARIMER COUNTY

Loveland, Fort Collins sister city to the south, has a lower crime rate thanks to its smaller size of 76,897 residents compared to 164,207 in Fort Collins in 2016. The city experienced just 2,171 total crimes in 2017, with theft also topping the list and accounting for nearly 80% of all crimes, according to Neighborhood Scout. Both Fort Collins and Loveland received a B- for Crime & Safety from Niche. Estes Park and Wellington both received a B grade, with theft also dominating their lists. Lastly, Berthoud and Timnath received a B- grade.

## TOP 10 CRIMES IN FORT COLLINS



1. Destruction, damage, vandalism	1,240
2. Unspecified larceny	1,078
3. Theft from motor vehicle	1,012
4. Shoplifting	924
5. Simple assault	891
6. Drug, narcotic violations	692
7. Burglary, breaking and entering	466
8. Trespass of real property	429
9. Driving under the influence	400
10. Liquor law violations	389

Source: Fort Collins Police Services, 2017

## CHANCE OF FALLING VICTIM TO A VIOLENT CRIME



Colorado	1 in 292
Loveland	1 in 418
Berthoud	1 in 425
Fort Collins	1 in 472
Wellington	1 in 608
Estes Park	1 in 1060

According to Neighborhood Scout Data\*  
\*based on police reports and FBI crime data  
through 2016