

* TRIVIA *

How much do you know about YOUR community?

(All answers can be found on the [Compass website!](#))

1. Who is the largest employer in LC?
2. In 2007, what was the average number of children placed in kinship situations?
3. Who supplies electricity to Estes Park, Ft. Collins, and Loveland?
4. How many child abuse reports were substantiated in LC during 2007?
5. Did more teens give birth in LC during 2006 than in 2005?
6. What is the estimated population for LC in 2017?
7. How many domestic violence arrests took place in LC during 2007?
8. Is LC's 2007 per capita income higher or lower than the nation's?
9. Did more people die from falls or poisoning in LC during 2006?
10. What is the primary cause of homelessness in LC?

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Compass Staff Changes

Amy Wolsey, the Compass Research & Team Supervisor (and editor of this eNewsletter) resigned from her position in October and is now working at CSU in the Scholarship Office. She will be greatly missed.

Deborah Campbell, a former volunteer with the program, was hired as Amy's replacement and started on the job October 22, 2008. She lives in Loveland, has a background in library research, and is excited to continue the work Amy started. Deborah can be reached by e-mail at dcampbell@larimer.org or by phone at (970) 498-6877.

* COMPASS SPOTLIGHT *

The new [Volunteering](#) Compass page provides information on the state of volunteering in the Fort Collins/Loveland area. According to the [Volunteering in America](#) website, 60.8 million people in the United States volunteered 8.1 billion hours during 2007.

Between 2004 and 2007, 40.2% of the population (81,000) in the Fort Collins MSA volunteered an average of 8.1 million hours per year. It is estimated these volunteers make an economic contribution of \$158 million annually.

The two highest areas using volunteers in Larimer County were in educational and religious institutions.

As more people choose the Fort Collins MSA as a place to retire, the community will most likely see an increase in, not only the number of volunteers, but in the amount of hours they are willing to commit to volunteering.

We'd like to thank all the volunteers in our community for making this such a wonderful place to live.



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Trivia Answers & Highlights

All information is for Larimer County unless otherwise noted.

1. CSU is the large employer, employing 7,945. In comparison, Poudre Valley Health System, the 2nd largest employer, employs 3,488 or 128% fewer people. See [Larimer County Employers](#).
2. In 2007, on average 111 children were placed in with relatives (kinship placements). This is the least restrictive and most cost effective situation available. See [Children in Out-of-Home Placement](#).
3. Platte River Power Authority provides electricity to these cities through coal-burning and natural gas generators, wind turbines, and hydro facilities. See [Electricity Consumption](#).
4. Of the 3,752 child abuse reports submitted, there were 449 substantiated child abuse reports in 2007. See [Child Abuse](#).
5. No, the county teen birth rate dropped from 11.3 per 1,000 female teens in 2006 to 10.9 per 1,000 teens. See [Teen Fertility & Birth Rates](#).
6. It is estimated the county population will be 347,808 by 2017, approximately 24% more than in 2007. See [Population Size & Growth](#).
7. There were 1,319 domestic violence arrests in LC during 2007, an 11% increase from the previous year. See [Domestic Violence](#).
8. LC's per capita income is lower than in the U.S. The 2007 per capita income in LC was \$35,397 vs. \$38,611 in the U.S. See [Per Capita Income](#).
9. More died from poisoning. The top cause of accidental death is from motor vehicle accidents. See [Unintentional Injury Mortality](#).
10. Unemployment is the primary cause of homelessness, 28% more than those suffering from drug & alcohol abuse. See [Homelessness](#).

Compass Volunteer Program

We would like to thank our current volunteers who update pages and assist in other projects for the Compass website.

We couldn't do it without you!

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about the Compass Volunteer Program, please go to [Compass of Larimer County](#) or contact Deborah Campbell at dcampbell@larimer.org.

Internships are also available. Contact Mary Mattison at mmattison@larimer.org for details on the Compass Internship position.

Outstanding Volunteers

We would like to congratulate

Michelle Lueck

and

Lakshmi Ratnamoni

on being *Outstanding Volunteers!*

Michelle is a working on her Ph.D. at CSU and taught summer classes there recently. She most recently created a new page for Compass on Volunteering.

Lakshmi is originally from India and has her MBA. She has updated nearly a dozen Compass pages, including Poverty and Household Types & Age of Residents. Lakshmi's currently studying to take the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) exam.

Thank you for your hard work!

Suggestions for the Compass website?

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