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How much do you know about YOUR community?

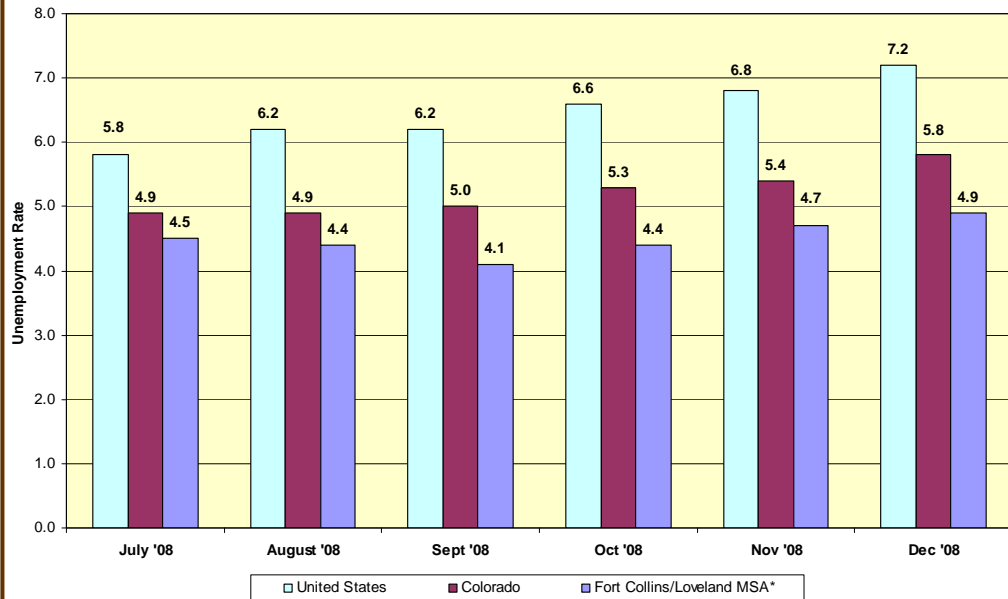
(All answers can be found on the [Compass](#) website!)

1. What percentage of Larimer County residents lived in poverty during 2007?
2. The Healthy People 2010 national target for alcohol-related traffic fatalities is 4.0 per year. Since 2000, how many years did Larimer County reach that goal?
3. Which school district has the highest average teacher salary?
4. In general, did Larimer County high school students score higher or lower on the ACT test in 2008 than in 2007?
5. Are more adult abuse cases due to neglect by others or to self neglect?
6. In the County, which group has a higher infant mortality rate- males or females?
7. What percentage of the population was Hispanic in 2007?

(Answers on page 2)

* COMPASS SPOTLIGHT *

Unemployment Rate
United States, Colorado, Fort Collins/Loveland MSA, 2008



*not seasonally adjusted

Have you been listening to the news lately? It appears to be nothing but full of grim statistics. A small amount of good news is contained in the graph above. It shows that although the unemployment rate is rising in Larimer County, it isn't yet as high as the state or national unemployment rates.

More information on how Colorado is faring during the economic downturn, can be found under the 'Current Labor Statistics' link at the [Colorado Department of Labor & Employment](#) website.

WHAT'S NEW

A new page was recently added to the COMPASS website on the [Food Bank for Larimer County](#). The Food Bank has seen a significant increase in the use of its food pantry beginning in September 2008. Between September 1, 2008, and November 30, 2008, the Food Bank has enrolled 604 new families in its program.

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Trivia Answers & Highlights

All information is for Larimer County unless otherwise noted.

- 12.9% of Larimer County residents are estimated to be living in poverty in 2007, and those falling below the poverty level have been steadily increasing since 2000. See [Poverty](#).
- The number of people dying in alcohol-related accidents was below the national target in four years: 2000, 2004, 2006 and 2007. See [Alcohol-Related Traffic Fatalities](#).
- The Poudre School District has the highest average teacher salaries in the County. See [Teachers-Salary](#).
- Larimer County students scored higher on the ACT test in 2008. See [ACT Scores](#).
- The majority of reported adult abuse cases are due to self neglect (70% in 2007). See [Adult Abuse](#).
- In general, males have a higher infant mortality rate because more male babies are born premature. However, since 2005, the infant mortality rate for females has been higher than males in Larimer County. See [Infant Mortality](#).
- According to the 2007 American Community Survey, 9.8% of the population is Hispanic. See [Population by Race & Ethnicity](#).

Recently Updated Pages:

- [ACT Scores](#)
- [Adult Abuse](#)
- [Alcohol-Related Traffic Fatalities](#)
- [Alternative Sentencing Unit](#)
- [CCAP \(Child Care Assistance Program\)](#)
- [Disciplinary Actions](#)
- [Educational Attainment](#)
- [Household Types & Age of Residents](#)
- [Housing Occupancy - Ownership/Renting](#)
- [Housing Units](#)
- [Infant Mortality](#)
- [Law Enforcement Coverage](#)
- [Men's Health](#)
- [Mortality](#)
- [Open Lands Program](#)
- [Population by Age](#)
- [Population by Race & Ethnicity](#)
- [Poverty](#)
- [Pupil/Teacher Ratio](#)
- [Suicide](#)
- [Teachers - Salary](#)
- [Teachers - Ethnicity & Gender](#)
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- [Visibility](#)
- [Wildlife Species](#)

Compass Volunteer Program

We are in the process of recruiting volunteer(s) to help us develop a strong marketing plan for the COMPASS program. We believe we have a great deal to offer the community and would like to spread the word. Of course, we need to do this on a limited budget, so that's where you come in! If you have a marketing background and would enjoy developing our plan, please contact Deborah Campbell at dcampbell@larimer.org.

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.

Outstanding Volunteers

We would like to congratulate
Dennis Dunmyer

on being our *Outstanding Volunteer!* Dennis has volunteered more than 100 hours since joining the program in May 2008. He's updated several pages during this time, and most recently took on the challenge of completely reworking the page on Food Stamps.

Thank you for your hard work!

Suggestions for the Compass website?

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