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Windsor, Colorado

Community Profile

Windsor is located at the epicenter of Northern Colorado. Once a sleepy little farm community, Windsor has become a bustling small town with many amenities.

Residents of Windsor enjoy the small town atmosphere, the variety of housing and a convenient and central location. Population is 14,874 and an elevation of 4,800' and covering a land area of 15 square miles.

National publications continue to rank Northern Colorado cities among the best places to live in the United States – it's the superior quality of life that can be found here. Throughout Windsor, the diverse backgrounds of the residents are reflected in their home choices. From elegant multi-million dollar homes on the elite golf courses to simple starter homes, the options are seemingly endless. Newcomers to Weld County consistently choose to settle in Windsor for the small town atmosphere, excellent schools, and abundant outdoor activities.

Windsor's quaint downtown offers fine dining, social coffee shops and boutique shopping. The Medical Arts Center of Windsor and The Windsor Medical Center provide medical services locally and three full service hospitals are within 24 minutes driving time.

History of Windsor

Windsor's proud history spans 121 years. The original settlers of Windsor were of German-Russian descent and traveled to Northern Colorado to work in the surrounding sugar beet fields.

The town's first industry was a flourmill and in 1903, a sugar beet processing plant was established – eventually the plant became part of the Great Western Sugar Company.

The sugar beet plant was responsible for a majority of Windsor's early growth and employed a large percentage of the local labor force until it closed in 1967.





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History of Windsor (continued)

One notable event for Windsor was being the first town in Weld County to have a paved street. The streets in the older part of Windsor are much wider when compared to the roadways of many towns developed in the same era. Local lore has it that the extra wide streets were built so that the beet wagons traveling to and from the sugar factory could turn around more easily.



Windsor has experienced several growth spurts over the years, with the largest population increase caused by the arrival of the Kodak company facility in the 1970's. The opening of Kodak in 1969 signaled the transition from an agricultural-based economy to a more diversified economy, which reflects today's contemporary trend of urbanization.

Government – www.windsorgov.com

The Windsor Town Hall is located in the historic Park School building located at 301 Walnut Street. The Town of Windsor government provides public safety, parks, recreation, museums,

community festivals, traffic management, community planning services, as well as water and sewer utilities for residents and visitors to Windsor.

Education

The Town of Windsor now encompasses 3 different school districts, depending on each individual residence. School district boundaries can be determined by visiting the websites listed below:

The Weld Re-4 School District includes the towns of Windsor and Severance, and encompasses an area 8.5 miles north of Windsor, 2 miles west, 6 miles east, and 6 miles south of town for a total of nearly 100 square miles. The school district currently has 8 schools, with 1 new school under development.

www.weldre4.k12.co.us

Employment

The Windsor business community is strong, diverse, and constantly growing. Big companies and small businesses alike view Windsor as an ideal home for their businesses and their employees.

Universal Forest Products – Windsor Division is the main supplier of wood products ranging from boxes and crates to Trusses for housing manufacturing for the five surrounding states. Currently, the Windsor Division employs approximately 135 local residents. www.ufpi.com



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Employment (continued)

Packaging Corporation of America is a world-class manufacturer of container board and corrugated packaging. Packaging Corporation has 100 employees.

www.packagingcorp.com/where_windsor.html

Metal Container Corporation Windsor's location is just one of 8 can and 3 lid manufacturing facilities producing aluminum beverage containers for Anheuser Busch, and is a significant supplier to the U.S. soft drink container market. MCC's Windsor location employs approximately 85 local residents.

www.anheuser-busch.com



Re-4 School District

Since 1970, the town of Windsor has grown from a population of 1,550 to over 13,000 residents and as Windsor continues to grow so does the need for new teachers. Currently the school system employs 339 educators.

www.windsor.k12.co.us

O-I glass Container - This new facility is among the highest output glass container plants in the United States producing over one billion bottles annually. The plant employees approximately 175 people.

www.o-i.com

Vestas Blades America, Inc. - Vestas is now constructing its first manufacturing unit in North America, here in Windsor. Production will begin in the first quarter of 2008. Vestas will employ approximately 400 people each year. They will produce 400 Windsor Turbine each year.

www.vestas.com



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Northern Colorado - Community Links

Chambers of Commerce and Visitor Centers

- Fort Collins Chamber of Commerce www.fcchamber.org
- Fort Collins Visitors Center www.ftcollins.com
- Greeley Chamber of Commerce www.greeleychamber.com
- Loveland Chamber of Commerce www.loveland.org
- Loveland Visitors Center www.loveland.org
- Windsor Chamber of Commerce www.windsorchamber.net
- Compass of Larimer County – A living report on the quality of life , pulls together data from various sources that indicate our community's social, economic and environmental health www.larimer.org/compass

County and State of Colorado

- Larimer County www.larimer.org
- Weld County www.co.weld.co.us
- State of Colorado www.state.co.us
- Local Governments – **City of Fort Collins** www.fcgov.com; **City of Greeley** www.ci.greeley.co.us; **City of Loveland** www.ci.loveland.co.us; **Town of Windsor** www.ci.windsor.co.us

Education

- Colorado School Comparison www.state.co.us/schools
- Aims Community College (Greeley & Loveland) www.aims.edu
- Colorado State University (Fort Collins) www.colostate.edu
- Front Range Community College (Fort Collins) www.frcc.cc.co.us
- Fort Collins Schools www.psd.k12.co.us (Poudre School District)
- Greeley Schools www.greeleyschools.org (Weld County District)
- Loveland Schools www.thompson.k12.co.us (Thompson District)
- Windsor Schools www.thompson.k12.co.us
- University of Northern Colorado (Greeley) www.unco.edu