

 **City of  
Louisville**  
COLORADO • SINCE 1878

# Louisville, Colorado

COMMUNITY PROFILE





## About Our Community

Established in 1878, Louisville's history is rooted in mining and agriculture. Over the years, the city has grown into a vibrant, thriving, and innovative community with a high standard of living. Nestled along Colorado's Front Range, Louisville is located in Boulder County, just nine miles east of Boulder and about 22 miles northeast of Denver.

Nearly 70% of Louisville residents possess a college degree, and the community is continuously ranked amongst the best places in the country to live and raise a family. With approximately 1,900 acres of open space, 28 parks, and more than 32 miles of interconnecting trails for biking and hiking, Louisville residents enjoy a myriad of opportunities to enjoy the natural beauty of Northern Colorado.

In addition to abundant recreational opportunities, Louisville residents also have convenient access to arts and culture amenities, excellent dining and shopping destinations, and the state's third-highest ranked school district. In the City's 2024 Community Survey, 93% of survey respondents rated Louisville as a place to live as excellent or good, and 92% rated its quality of life as excellent or good. Our residents continue to rate their community higher than other residents across the country.

Louisville's authentic Main Street contributes to the city's small-town feel and hosts outdoor dining, craft breweries, galleries, boutiques, a state-of-the-art library, and more. World-class medical care includes the Avista Adventist Hospital in Louisville, the Boulder Medical Center, and several hospitals in Denver, including Children's Hospital Colorado and the Anschutz Medical Campus. A robust transit system, the Regional Transportation District (RTD), connects the city to the region.

The city's proximity to the University of Colorado and the Colorado School of Mines, as well as several national laboratories including NOAA, NIST, and NCAR, has helped foster a robust high-tech business and manufacturing presence in Louisville's Colorado Tech Center, a master-planned business park.

As Money magazine noted, "Add in dry, clear weather, little crime, good health care, low taxes, and Louisville is pretty tough to beat."



### POPULATION

20,975



### MEDIAN AGE

41.1



### MEDIAN HOME VALUE

\$677,000



### MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

\$125,124



**TOTAL DAMAGE\***

**\$2+ BILLION**

*\*includes Louisville, Superior, and unincorporated Boulder County*



**HOMES LOST**

**550**



**DAMAGE TO CITY INFRASTRUCTURE**

**\$10 MILLION**

# The Marshall Fire

On December 30, 2021, Louisville was devastated by the Marshall Fire, which burned more than 6,000 acres in Louisville, Superior, and unincorporated Boulder County. Some 550 Louisville homes and businesses were destroyed, and the City suffered damage to facilities, parks, landscaping, and other infrastructure.

More than two years later, Louisville’s recovery from the Marshall Fire is still underway. As of March 2024, 292 households have finished rebuilding and moved home to Louisville. However, many impacted families are still working to navigate the challenges associated with the recovery and rebuilding process.

The ongoing recovery from the Marshall Fire represents a major focus for the City of Louisville and continues to impact the City’s annual budget, necessitating in many cases the reevaluation of long-planned projects and priorities.





# Our City Government

The City of Louisville is a home rule municipality operating under the council-manager form of government. The seven-member city council consists of the mayor, elected at large, and six councilmembers elected from three wards, all of whom are elected on a nonpartisan basis. The mayor and councilmembers serve four year terms and are limited to two consecutive terms. Ward representative elections are staggered, with elections happening in odd-numbered years.

The city council sets policy, enacts ordinances, adopts the biennial budget, and hires the city manager, who oversees day-to-day operations, as well as the city attorney, municipal judge, and prosecuting attorney.

## VISION\*

Louisville is committed to being an equitable, resilient, and sustainable community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive — now and for future generations. We strive for a vibrant future where Louisville will evolve and adapt to change in ways that respect our past and support our high quality of life.

## VALUES\*

- Community Character
- Community Connectivity
- Environmental Sustainability
- Vibrant Economy
- Community Places
- Civic Leadership

*\*These are draft vision and values that not been formally adopted by Council and are subject to change slightly.*

The City's structure and operations have been designed to ensure an open and responsive government that integrates a highly dedicated staff, thoughtful elected officials, an involved citizenry, diverse businesses, and regional cooperation to provide high-quality and cost-effective services.

Louisville provides a wide range of services to residents and businesses, including water and sewer; police protection; planning, zoning, and building safety; street and road maintenance; parks, open space, and recreation; a library; a historical museum; and a golf course.

 **ANNUAL BUDGET** \$29.6M GENERAL  
\$87.6M TOTAL

 **CITY STAFF** 217 FULL-TIME  
348 PART-TIME & SEASONAL