



## INTRODUCTION

Longmont is a vibrant northern Colorado city of over 82,000 people, which has retained much of its small town quality of life. From its origin in 1871 as a planned agricultural settlement, the community steadily grew and became a regional, agricultural and commercial center in northeast Boulder County. A new level of rapid expansion surfaced in the 1960's spurred substantially by the Boulder-Longmont area's high tech manufacturing and advanced service industries.

Longmont functions, by and large, as a "free-standing" city and has a unique mix of elements and people. Statistics are a useful tool for understanding what elements are present in a community. A comprehensive statistical report aids in demonstrating how various elements, such as population, land, employment, income and housing are interrelated.

Recent information gives us a measure of where the city is today. Trends can point to where the community might be headed in the future. Historical information is included to provide a sense of change (and in some cases the continuity) which has occurred in the past. The Longmont Community Profile sets forth information, which is broad in scope and is subject to certain limitations. Statistics can only provide a partial picture of reality and are always subject to individual interpretation. However, the information contained in this report can be used to increase awareness and understanding of community issues at hand. Hopefully, this information can help make Longmont an even better place to live.

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