

OTHER QUALITY OF LIFE STATISTICS

Statistics concerning the environment and various social and economic characteristics of a community can help paint a picture of the quality of life in that community. Many statistics relative to ‘quality of life’ have been presented in previous sections of this report. A growing job base providing economic opportunities, high home ownership, excellent school test scores and an efficient, accessible pool of services are all strong indicators of Longmont’s quality. This section presents statistics, which further reflect the quality of life in Longmont. These include a pleasant climate, the aesthetic beauty of the area and a multitude of nearby recreational and cultural amenities. Longmont is also an attractive place to live due to its low crime rate and no occurrences of air quality readings below the Primary Acceptable Standard for 2005.

The City of Longmont has established a Quality of Life Benchmark project. The project includes virtually every City department, and has been a priority of the City Council for the past several years. The purpose of the project is to establish and monitor benchmarks to ensure that the impact of new growth and development does not negatively affect Longmont residents’ quality of life.

The Quality of Life Benchmarks are:

Fire Response Time	Noise
EMS Response Time	Sewer/Water Infrastructure
Congestion	School Capacity
Clean Water	Traffic Enforcement
Water Supply	Sense of Safety
Clean Air	Sense of Disorder
Open Space	Agricultural Preservation
Affordable Housing	Rate of Growth
Parks and Recreation	Jobs Balance and Power

PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

Park and Address	Aquatics/Pool	Ball fields	Basketball	Boating	Camping	Fishing	Footb./Soccer	Golf Course	Parking Spaces	Picnic Area	Playground	Recreation Ctr.	Restrooms	Roller-Hockey	Shelter	Tennis	Trails	Volleyball	Acres
Affolter, Holly & S. Judson		1	2				√		0	√	√		√		√	4		√	6
Alta, 10th and Alta									0	√	√								1
Blue Skies, 1520 Mountain Dr.			√						25	√	√		√	√	2		√		11
Carr, 21st and Gay		1	4**				√		41	√	√		√	1	√	4			8
Clark, 1100 Lashley	√	4	2				√		265	√	√	√	√	1	√	2		2	49
Collyer, 6th and Collyer									0	√	√		√		2	2		1	5
Dawson, 1757 Harvard						√			0	√	√		√		2	2	√	1	13
Flanders, 2229 Breakwater Dr.			√			√			√	√	√		√	1***	√		√	1	4
Garden Acres, 2058 Spencer		4					√		200	√	√		√		√				41
Golden Ponds, 2651 3rd Ave. Pl.						√			42	√			√		6		√		94
Jim Hamm Nature, 17th/Weld Rd 1									21	√			√		√				24
Hover, 1361 Charles Dr.			1				√		32	√	√		√		1	2		2	9
Izaak Walton, 18 Sunset									37	√			√		√		√		22
Kanemoto, Missouri & S Pratt Pky	√		2**						24	√	√		√		√			2	9
Kensington, 100 E. Longs Peak			1						0	√	√		√		3				18
Lanyon, 19th and Collyer		3	1						0	√	√		√		2				8
Left Hand Creek, 1800 Creekside Dr.		1	3**				√		20	√	√		√	1	√			√	10
Longmont Rec Ctr., 310 Quail Rd.	√		√						√			1	√						
Loomiller, 11th and Sumner									0	√	√		√		2				15
McCall Res., W. of Lngmt. Hwy. 66						√			√	√									55
Pratt, Baylor and Ithica		1	1						0	√	√		√	1***	√	4			4
Raber, 24th and Sunset Dr.									0	√	√				√				3
Rogers Grove, 220 Hover Rd.									49	√			√		√		√		14
Roosevelt, 700 Longs Peak	√	3							301	√	√	√	√		√				22
Rothrock Dell, 700 E. 5th		1	1						0	√	√		√	1	√	2			6
Rough and Ready, 21st and Alpine		√	√				√			√	√		√		2		√	√	
Sandstone Ranch, 3001 E. SH119		4					5		√	√	2		√	1	3		√		58
Spangler, 200 Mtn. View									0	√	√		√		√				5
Stephen Day, 1340 Deerwood			√				√		38	√	√		√	√	2			√	
Sunset/Price, Sunset & Longs Pk	√							1	√	√	√		√		√				6
Thompson, 4th & Bross									0	√	√		√		√				5
Twin Peaks, 1200 Cornell Dr.								1	√										
Union Reservoir, Weld Co Rd 26	√			√	√	√			164	√	√		√		√			1	736
Ute Creek, 2000 Ute Creek Dr.								1	√	√									
Valley, 28 Troxell Ave.			1**						0	√	√				√			1	3
Willow Farm, 901 S. Fordham			1				1		28	√	1		1	1	2				11

Skate Parks: Sandstone Ranch - 3001 E. SH119 / East Skate Park - 950 Lashley St. / South Skate Park - 501 Quail Road

Unique Features: Hamm, Golden Ponds: Nature Trail / Clark, Roosevelt Sr. Center: Shuffle Board / Affolter: Handicap Playground / Clark, Roosevelt
 Kanemoto: Wading Pools / Roosevelt, Hover: Horseshoe / Union Reservoir: Boating-Windsurfing / Sandstone: Skateboarding

** Hoops - not full courts / *** Combination basketball/roller-hockey

Source: City of Longmont Parks and Recreation Division

LONGMONT AREA GREENWAYS

For residents of Longmont and those in surrounding areas, a greenway serves as a sanctuary – an oasis from the noise and pace of everyday life. Weaving through parks and along side rivers, creeks, ditches, and lakes, they protect neighboring wildlife areas, yet provide opportunities for both environmental and recreational activities.

☀ **Dry Creek Greenway** - The Dry Creek Greenway exists in the St. Vrain Center, through Willow Farm Park and again in the Meadow View Subdivision to Silver Creek Middle/High School. As development continues, the greenway will expand west along Dry Creek No. 1 with the meandering pathway system. Dry Creek opens to several detention pond sites that are now part of the Longmont park system.

☀ **Lefthand Greenway** - From Kanemoto Park south to Pike Road and west to Hover Street, the Lefthand Greenway follows Lefthand Creek, named after Chief Niwot (translated as "lefthand" from the Arapahoe language). The creek flows from Lefthand Canyon through south Longmont, where mature willow and cottonwood trees grace its banks. The City plans call for the continuation of the existing greenway from Pratt Street along Lefthand Creek east to the St. Vrain Greenway - this project is currently underway.

☀ **Longmont Supply Greenway** - The Longmont Supply Greenway begins south of 17th Avenue at Cambridge Drive and runs south to Hover Acres Park. Water flows from the Longmont Supply Equalizer Pond off of 21st Avenue into the ditch. Meandering through residential neighborhoods, the Longmont Supply Greenway is a good jogging and walking path.

☀ **Oligarchy Greenway** - The Oligarchy Greenway is developed along part of the Oligarchy Ditch, which runs through Longmont from the west at McIntosh Lake to Union Reservoir in the east and then south. The Oligarchy Ditch takes its name from the way most ditch companies were structured; "Oligarchy" means "government by the few". It is one of the earliest ditches built for Longmont's farmers and is considered an historic site. To date, the greenway exists from Airport road to Hover Street, a section through Garden Acres Park, and again from Mountain View Avenue to Rothrock Dell Park. It boasts an eight-foot wide concrete park and landscaping along the flowing ditch.

☀ **Rough and Ready Greenway** - The Rough and Ready Greenway runs from 21st Avenue to 9th Avenue along the Rough and Ready Ditch east of Ute Creek Golf Course.

☀ **St. Vrain Greenway** - The master plan for the St. Vrain Greenway was completed in 1992, calling for seven miles of trail corridor from Weld County Road 1 to North 75th Street. Boulder County plans to continue the greenway west to Lyons. A new master plan update was adopted July 2001 for the east portion of the St. Vrain Greenway corridor which extended Longmont's planned greenway from Weld County Road 1 to Weld County Road 7 and at the newly acquired Boulder Creek Estates property (Longmont's first open space purchase). The greenway promotes conservation awareness, improves habitat wildlife, and provides a variety of recreational opportunities. Like a necklace, the St. Vrain Greenway will include jewels - parks along Longmont's only river (this concept in park design was first popularized by Frederick Law Olmstead who designed New York's Central Park, Boston's Emerald Necklace, and the Washington Monument. Many miles of concrete bike paths and gravel walking paths, as well as nature trails welcome visitors of all kinds to the greenway. Phase 6 of the St. Vrain Greenway Master planned project has been constructed and is now open to the public - this phase of work extends the trail from Golden Ponds east to Lefthand Creek.

☀ **Spring Gulch #2** - This new greenway to Longmont's bike path system now runs from State Highway 66 to Pace Street and from 17th Avenue to Fall River Elementary School at approximately Mountain View Avenue. This greenway is planned to continue south and east, connecting to Union Reservoir, Sandstone Ranch and the St. Vrain Greenway.

AVERAGE LONGMONT CLIMATE AND ELEVATION

Month	Avg. Daily Temp. (F)	Inches of Precip.	Inches of Snowfall
January	27.8	0.4	5.4
February	31.4	0.4	6.5
March	36.3	0.9	11.3
April	46.6	1.5	4.2
May	57.0	2.5	0.2
June	66.0	1.9	0.0
July	71.7	1.2	0.0
August	70.1	1.0	0.0
September	60.7	1.0	0.1
October	50.2	1.1	1.8
November	36.9	0.5	4.7
December	29.7	0.3	4.5
Average	48.7	1.06	3.2

Total annual precipitation 12.74 inches

Approximate number of "Mostly Sunny" days/year 300

Highest Elevation 5,123 above sea level at SH66 and Airport Road

Lowest Elevation: 4,940 above sea level at US 287 (Main Street) at the St. Vrain River.

Branch Library Climatological Information Data Department

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, NOAA, Environmental Data Service

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Service

Airport	1 (municipal)
Assisted Care / Retirement Communities	14
Banks - major	15 + branches
Churches	76
Colleges and Universities	Front Range Community College Regis University
District and nature areas	6
Doctors/Dentists	354+
Dog Parks	3
Fire Stations	5
Golf Courses	4 (3 public)
Greenways	6
Hospitals	1
Hotel/Motel rooms	1,112
Library	1
News media	1 major newspaper 1 public service cable channel
Parks - community	4
Parks - neighborhood	32
Police stations	1
Radio stations	1
Recreation Centers	2
Restaurants	165+
Senior Center	1
Shopping Centers	1 major + numerous neighborhood centers
Supermarkets - major	9
Swimming pools - public	4
Youth Center	1

Additional Attractions

The Longmont Symphony Orchestra	Within the Denver metro area, attractions include: professional sports, museums, zoo, aquarium, fishing and boating reservoirs, major shopping centers and many performing arts centers.
The Longmont Theatre Company	
The Longmont Museum	
Boulder County Fairgrounds	
Sandstone Ranch	
Union Reservoir	

Rocky Mountain National Park	Source: Longmont Chamber of Commerce and Planning and Development Services Division
Within driving distance of 29 ski areas	

PARTICULATE POLLUTION (PM10)

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Annual Mean Max. ug/m	39	25	23	24	25	21	19	23	18	19	21	23	22	20	32	28	20
24 hr. Mean Max. ug/m ³	117	90	77	125	98	72	91	66	44	50	58	91	57	60	43	75	42

Notes: ug/m³ = micrograms per cubic meter

Particulate matter describes the tiny particles of solid or semi-solid material, or dust, found in the atmosphere. It is classified according to size: TSP = total suspended particulates;

PM10 = particulates smaller than 10 microns; PM2.5 = particulates smaller than 2.5 microns.

Particulate matter can reduce lung function, aggravate respiratory conditions, and increase the risk of cancer. Federal and state standards apply only to particulates under 10 microns (PM10).

The PM10 standard averages concentration levels on a 24-hour and annual basis.

The 24-hour standard is set at 150ug/m³; the annual standard is set at 50ug/m³.

CARBON MONOXIDE POLLUTION

	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Hourly Mean Max. ppm	n/a	6.6	7.6	8.4	7.0	6.7	5.6	5.5	5.7	4.9	6.0	6.2	8.7	4.8	5.1	5.3	5.0
8 hour Mean Max. ppm	n/a	6.5	7.2	6.6	6.4	6.2	4.7	5.5	5.6	4.7	3.9	3.4	4.7	3.3	3.5	3.7	2.8

Notes: ppm = parts per million

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless and tasteless gas. It results from incomplete combustion;

in urban areas its major sources are motor vehicle emissions and woodburning. CO affects individuals

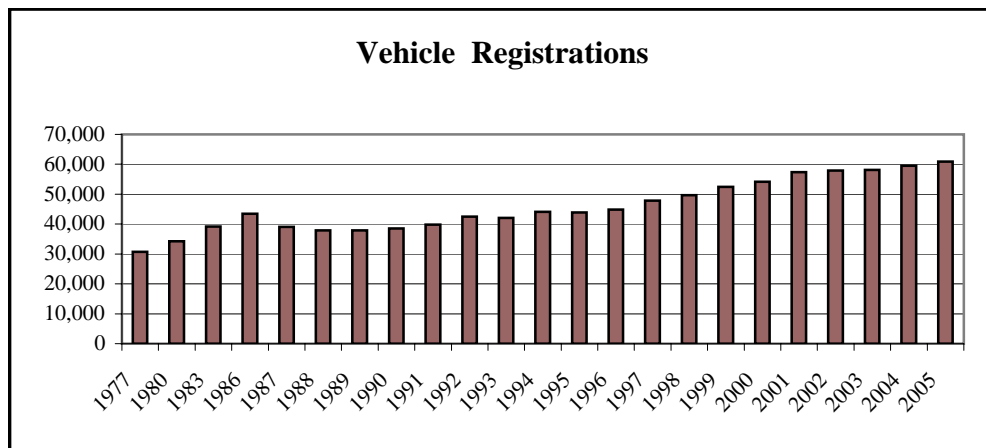
by depriving them of oxygen. Two state and federal CO standards exist, both average the concentration

of CO across specified time periods. The one-hour standard is set at 35 ppm, the eight-hour standard at 9 ppm.

Source: State Department of Health and City of Longmont Building Inspection Division

LONGMONT VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

Year	Registrations
1977	30,752
1980	34,216
1983	39,180
1986	43,470
1987	39,116
1988	37,871
1989	37,860
1990	38,493
1991	39,814
1992	42,465
1993	42,016
1994	44,055
1995	43,867
1996	44,828
1997	47,796
1998	49,668
1999	52,435
2000	54,111
2001	57,404
2002	57,908
2003	58,129
2004	59,539
2005	60,852



Source: Boulder County Motor Vehicle Department

LONGMONT TRAFFIC ABSTRACT

Average Daily Traffic

Type and Street	Location	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<i>4 Lane Arterials</i>							
Main St.	S. of 9th	28,600	29,900	29,900	29,500	29,150	28,900
17th Avenue	Francis	16,500	16,700	no new data	17,200	16,750	17,200
9th Avenue	W. of Main	no new data	14,300	14,300	14,150	14,050	13,900
Hover Rd.	Boston	39,200	39,100	41,150	39,550	39,250	38,650
Ken Pratt Bv.	Bowen	35,000	34,300	33,900	34,850	no data	42,000
Airport Rd.	S. of Nelson	8,700	10,300	11,100	12,000	no data	no data
Nelson Rd.	E. of Airport	7,500	10,400	13,200	12,700	13,450	13,450
<i>4 Lane Collectors</i>							
Francis St.	17th	10,100	10,000	no new data	9,400	9,500	9,550
<i>2 Lane Collectors</i>							
Collyer St	N. of 9th	no new data	4,000	3,500	3,500	2,350	2,650
Gay St.	N. of 3rd	no new data	2,300	2,300	2,250	2,025	2,050
Lashley	S of 17th Ave	no new data	6,700	7,300	6,100	5,700	5,500
3rd Ave.	W. of Francis	9,200	9,200	9,200	9,150	8,300	7,750

Source: City of Longmont Public Works and Utilities Division - Transportation

LONGMONT POWER & COMMUNICATIONS

Longmont Power & Communications (LPC) is a community-owned, nonprofit electric utility established in 1912 as a department of City government. Local control and public accountability of the utility have provided Longmont with high quality electric service at low rates. Public values and community goals for safety, conservation, the environment and economic development guide utility operating policies and practices.

2005 Facts and Figures

Customers: 35,080 (2% increase over 2004)

- Residential: 32,515
- Commercial: 2,552
- Industrial: 13

Financial Data

- Revenues: \$44 million (11.8% increase over 2004)
- Total expenses: \$44 million (8.1% increase over 2004)

Energy Load

- 795,174 MWh energy consumed (3% increase over 2004)
- 131.4 MW peak demand, winter (7.0% increase over 2004)
- 172.7 MW peak demand, summer (4.0% increase over 2004)

Distribution system: 604.3 line miles

- 426.4 miles underground; 177.9 miles overhead
- 5 substations
- 43 main distribution circuits

Service area: 45.7 square miles

- 25.7 within city limits
- 20 outside city: Hygiene, Lyons, Apple Valley

2005 Average Electric Rates - Longmont electric rates remained among the lowest in Colorado and the nation in 2005 although rates for residential (3.3% increase) and small commercial (2.7% increase) customers went up for the first time in 11 years. The average residential rate was second lowest among Colorado utilities. The average electric rate for all Longmont customers was 30% below the Colorado average and 35% below the national average.

Power Resources – The Platte River Power Authority provides the City of Longmont with reliable, low-cost and environmentally responsible electricity. Platter River is a power generation and transmission company owned by the municipalities of Longmont, Fort Collins, Loveland and Estes Park. It is a valuable partner in providing for Longmont’s current and future electricity needs. Longmont’s mayor and the LPC director represent the City on Platte River’s Board of Directors.

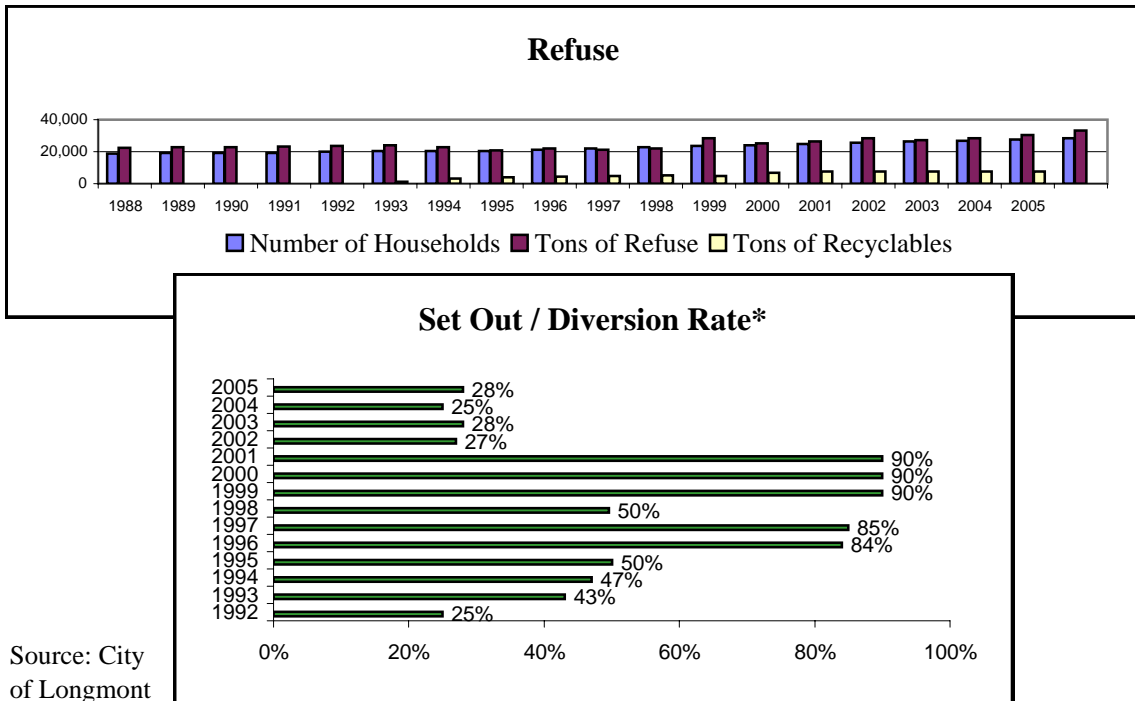


Source: Longmont Power and Communications

REFUSE SERVICE

Year	Number of Households	Tons of Refuse	Tons of Recyclables	Set Out/Diversion Rate
1987	18,644	22,261	n/a	n/a
1988	19,128	22,852	n/a	n/a
1989	19,245	22,883	n/a	n/a
1990	19,260	23,386	n/a	n/a
1991	19,811	23,428	n/a	n/a
1992	20,254	24,065	1,352	25%
1993	20,471	22,685	3,102	43%
1994	20,590	20,822	4,007	47%
1995	21,122	22,075	4,354	50%
1996	21,890	21,050	4,832	84%
1997	22,713	21,928	5,154	85%
1998	23,565	28,553	4,629	50%
1999	23,827	25,231	6,603	90%
2000	24,615	26,532	7,662	90%
2001	25,550	28,418	7,427	90%
2002	26,224	27,109	7,445	27%
2003	26,848	28,478	7,551	28%
2004	27,416	30,335	7,642	25%
2005	28,294	33,373	7,657	28%

*Residential Curbside Recycling program initiated in 1992. Set out rate is the percentage people leave recycle bins out on the curb on a monthly basis. In 2002 Solid Waste changed from a set out rate figure to a more accurate diversion rate figure. This figure is calculated by dividing the tons of recyclables by the tons of refuse showing how much material is being diverted from the landfill.



Source: City of Longmont Solid Waste

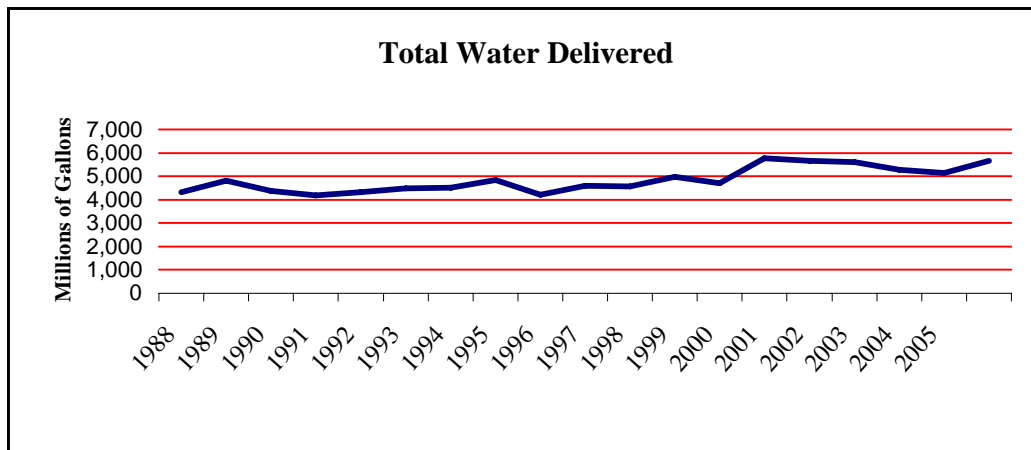
WATER SERVICE

Year	Total Accounts	Total Water Delivered (millions of gallons)	Average Daily Consumption (millions of gallons)	Per Capita Average Daily Consumption (gallons)
1987	15,733	4,313	11.82	230
1988	15,935	4,800	13.15	255
1989	15,946	4,373	11.98	232
1990	16,101	4,191	11.48	218
1991	16,237	4,314	11.82	230
1992	16,590	4,490	12.30	224
1993	17,017	4,520	12.40	218
1994	17,507	4,832	13.24	236
1995	18,028	4,213	11.54	201
1996	18,511	4,587	12.60	217
1997	19,410	4,567	12.51	206
1998	20,208	4,986	13.66	208
1999	21,058	4,706	12.89	195
2000	22,261	5,763	15.79	215
2001	23,221	5,650	15.48	201
2002	23,446	5,612	15.38	196
2003	24,987	5,280	14.50	183
2004	25,411	5,135	14.07	172
2005	25,710	5,650	15.48	187

Note: 2.4% of these accounts were outside the city for 1987, 1988, and 1989.
 1.5% of the accounts were outside the city for 1999.

Water Treatment Plant Capacity:

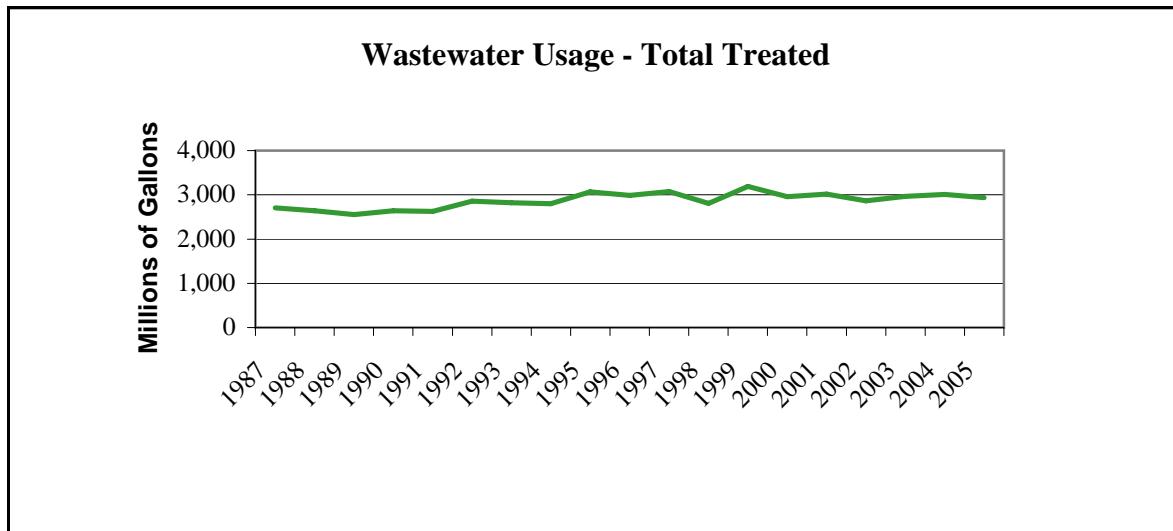
North: 10 million gal/day, South: 15 million gal/day, Wade Gaddis: 25 million gal/day



Source: City of Longmont Water/Wastewater Department

WASTEWATER SERVICE

Year	Total Accounts	Total Treated (millions of gallons)	Average Daily Flow (millions of gallons)	Per Capita Average Daily Flow (gallons)
1987	15,391	2,708	7.42	146.9
1988	15,556	2,641	7.22	142.4
1989	15,569	2,551	6.97	137.6
1990	15,710	2,641	7.24	140.3
1991	15,912	2,624	7.19	137.6
1992	16,259	2,859	7.83	144.8
1993	16,690	2,822	7.72	137.6
1994	17,184	2,799	7.67	136.7
1995	17,714	3,066	8.40	146.8
1996	18,203	2,990	8.17	140.4
1997	19,185	3,074	8.42	140.3
1998	19,891	2,804	7.68	127.9
1999	20,736	3,188	8.75	134.0
2000	21,682	2,961	8.09	110.3
2001	22,865	3,018	8.27	108.7
2002	22,982	2,862	7.84	101.4
2003	24,488	2,966	8.12	102.4
2004	24,908	3,007	8.22	101.3
2005	25,058	2,938	8.05	97.2



Source: City of Longmont Water/Wastewater Department

VANCE BRAND AIRPORT

HISTORICAL OPERATIONS

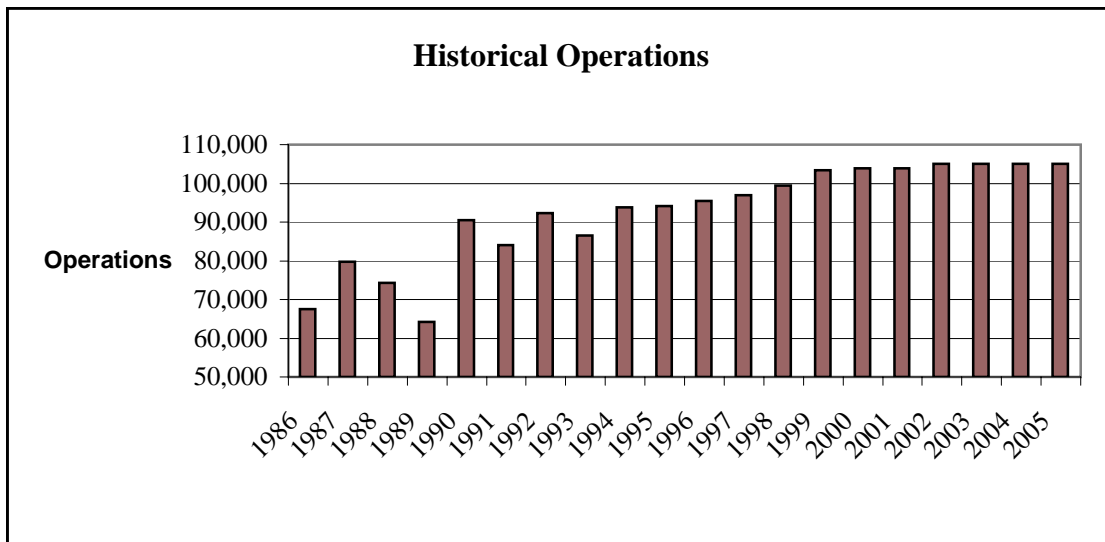
Year	Operations
1986	67,533
1987	79,780
1988	74,262
1989	64,163
1990	90,468
1991	84,047
1992	92,296
1993	86,456
1994	93,786
1995	94,050
1996	95,500
1997	97,000
1998	99,500
1999	103,400
2000	103,900
2001	103,900
2002	105,000
2003	105,000
2004	105,000
2005	105,000

FORECAST OPERATIONS

Year	Operations
2006	105,000

Facilities:	Primary Runway: 4,800 ft. by 75 ft. Tower: None/Uncontrolled 2 Fixed Base Operator Hangars
Other:	339 Aircraft based on the field Aircraft operations: avg. 274/day 70% local general aviation 30% transient general aviation <1% military

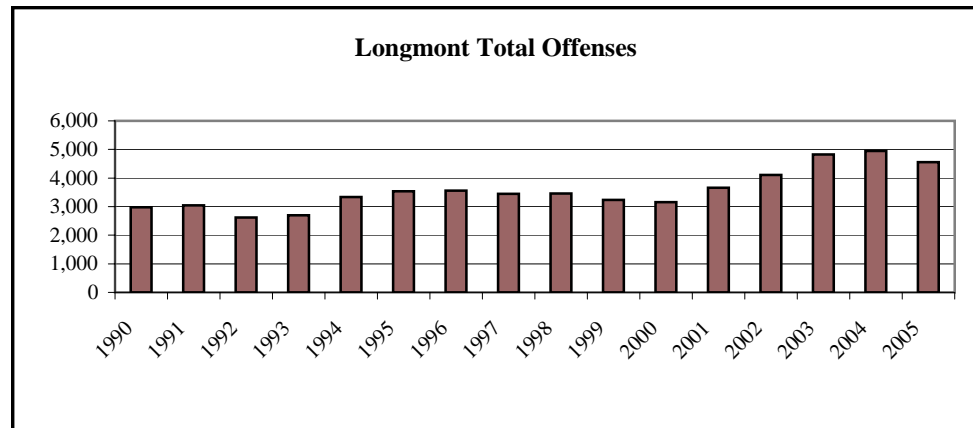
Note: Operations are defined as all take offs and landings including touch and go procedures.



Source: Airport Master Plan, City of Longmont Airport Manager

COMPARATIVE CRIME RATES (Crime Index Offenses)

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Longmont Total Offenses	2,974	3,043	2,624	2,697	3,336	3,538	3,564	3,449	3,456	3,230	3,161	3,664	4,106	4,827	4,952	4,551
Longmont Population Estimate	52,372	52,724	54,194	56,237	56,651	57,208	58,173	60,036	62,785	65,308	73,344	75,500	76,098	79,321	81,169	82,798
Rate per 1,000 Persons	56.79	57.72	48.42	47.96	58.89	61.84	61.27	58.17	55.78	49.46	43.10	47.28	53.96	60.85	61.00	55.00



Sources: Colorado Department of Public Safety, U.S. Justice Department, Longmont Police Dept.

LONGMONT CRIME AND COMPARATIVE STATISTICS

BREAKDOWN OF F.B.I. CRIME INDEX OFFENSES

Criminal Offense	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Aggravated Assault	136	160	91	51	41	58	65	90	155	79	99	101	104	77	93	100
Arson	n/a**	n/a**	n/a**	n/a**	n/a**	n/a**	n/a**	43	46	37	35	54	38	45	14	18
Burglary	541	500	414	466	444	454	475	575	508	328	437	429	493	490	508	516
Homicide	0	2	0	3	0	2	1	2	2	4	0	0	0	1	0	0
Forcible Sex Offense*	22	26	24	30	15	133	114	122	134	68	71	58	74	87	83	80
Robbery	26	29	28	20	24	29	38	41	30	25	23	23	46	43	24	41
Larceny Theft	2,152	2,218	1,932	2,044	2,681	2,696	2,678	2,438	2,426	2,513	2,298	2,750	3,043	3,761	3,976	3,504
Motor Vehicle Theft	97	108	135	83	131	166	193	181	201	176	198	249	308	323	254	292
Total Offenses	2,974	3,043	2,624	2,697	3,336	3,538	3,564	3,449	3,456	3,230	3,126	3,664	4,106	4,827	4,952	4,551

* From 1990 to 1994 this criminal offense was labeled rape, it now includes all other sexual offenses.

** Information not available

Note: March 23, 1994 the Colorado Bureau of Investigation changed from a Uniform Crime Reporting System to a National Incident Base Reporting System. Under the old system, when a case involved multiple crimes only the most severe was reported. Under the new system, each crime is reported. Theft of rental property, under the old system, was counted as fraud - it is now counted as theft.

Sources: Colorado Department of Public Safety, U.S. Justice Dept., Longmont Police Dept.

