

Community Metrics

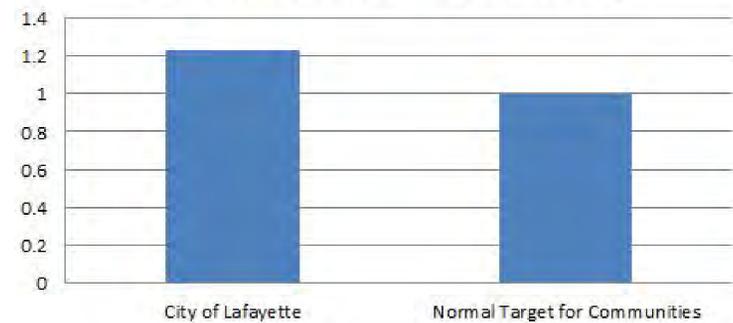
The following provides some additional key metrics to consider as Lafayette plans for the future!

Sources for data: ESRI Database (derived from U.S. Census Data)

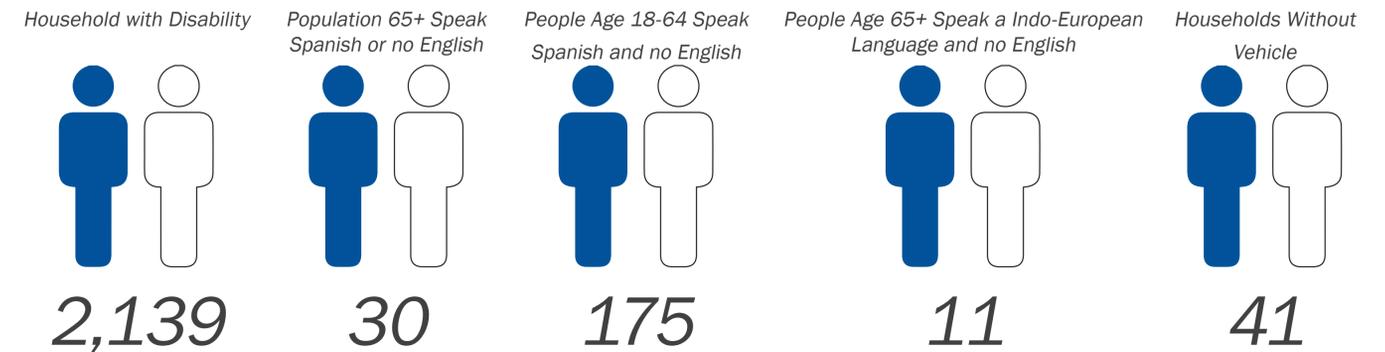
Jobs to Housing Balance

Takeaway: Lafayette has a favorable jobs to housing ratio. However, as noted on the Mobility board, a large number of Lafayette residents commute to jobs outside the community, and a large number of people commute from outside Lafayette to jobs in Lafayette.

Ratio of the number of jobs to housing units in a community



At Risk Populations:



Health and Wellness:

Exercise (Percent of Adults)



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36.2%
Exercise at home 2+ times per week



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18.5%
Exercise at club 2+ times per week

Education:

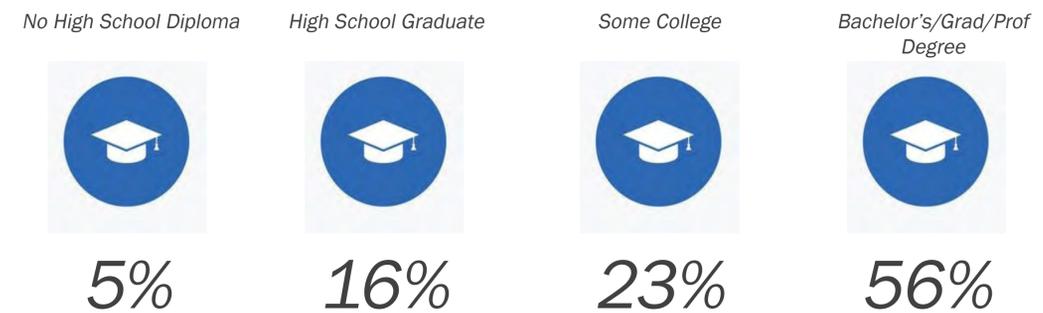


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Community Trends

A number of national trends may impact Lafayette over the next two decades. The new Comprehensive Plan will help the community identify how Lafayette will adapt to or capitalize on these trends on a regional or national level.

Overall Demographic Trends:

- The population will continue to age, as Baby Boomers move into their 70s and 80s. This will increase the need for senior services and facilities and housing.
- The population across the Front Range will continue to diversify, in line with national trends.
- The rising cost of housing will force more people to consider different types of housing, or potentially move out of the area.
- The increase in Colorado's population will potentially strain the water supply and other environmental resources.



Autonomous Vehicles (AV):

Experts believe autonomous vehicles, either owned by private individuals or by ride-sharing companies such as Uber or Lyft, will become more common over the next 20 years. Autonomous vehicles could bring a variety of impacts to local communities:



- Potential to ease congestion and reduce crashes, as autonomous vehicles operate more efficiently under various driving conditions.
- Potential to increase access for senior citizens and other populations that are less likely to drive their own vehicles.
- Potential to reduce the need for parking, as more people rely on AV.
- Potential to increase the overall number of miles driven in a given community, and thus increase congestion.

Trends in Senior Housing:



- More seniors want to remain at home for as long as possible.
- Senior living facilities are offering more amenities, from cultural and lifestyle-based communities to providing cultural events, educational opportunities and fitness classes.
- More people are living with younger generations within their family or living in housing units adjacent to relatives.
- Communities are including senior housing in their downtown hubs or in close proximity to activity centers and amenities.
- More seniors are exploring options such as senior co-housing and eco-friendly senior living.

The Rise of Coworking Spaces and Telecommuting:

An increasing share of workers now telecommutes, or works remotely, on a regular or semi-regular basis. Coworking spaces that offer common office area and shared office resources are on the rise in communities across the country, including both in central cities and in various suburban communities.



Emerging Development Trends:

- Emphasis on Creating an Experience: Developers are giving more attention to the quality of the experience of the end user. Developers are looking to create a higher quality experience, involving how buildings and spaces are treated in relation to human interaction and human experiences. Projects are focusing more on how to use architecture and urban design principles that create more desirable experiences.
- Emphasis on Green Features: Projects are focusing more on integrating open space and green amenities within the heart of projects, including plazas, street trees, gardens, and other features. Creating parks and open spaces has moved beyond traditional city parks and open spaces to the inclusion of these features within developments.
- Re-urbanization of the suburbs: Across the country, developers have converted suburban shopping centers and single-use developments into mixed-use developments that create neighborhoods with access to culture and dining, less reliance on driving, and less maintenance for individual home owners.

