How much does it cost to live in Fort Collins?

Each year, the ATS graduate student representatives survey current ATS students about the cost of living. Below are some summary values from the last five years of the survey.

* Expenses do not include mandatory student fees ($2676/year in 2016-2017)

### Monthly Mean Expenses ($)

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### Helpful Housing Resources

- CSU off-campus housing page rental search: [http://www.rentalsearch.colostate.edu/](http://www.rentalsearch.colostate.edu/)
- List of Fort Collins property management companies: [http://ocl.colostate.edu/property-management](http://ocl.colostate.edu/property-management)
- Reddit thread: [https://www.reddit.com/r/FortCollins/comments/3ru4bj/rental_guide_20152016/](https://www.reddit.com/r/FortCollins/comments/3ru4bj/rental_guide_20152016/)
- Craigslist

Current ATS students often have spaces opening up in their own houses for the next school year. If you are looking for someone to live with, send an email to reps@atmos.colostate.edu with a little blurb about yourself and your preferred living situation and we will forward your information to the student community.

Finally, here is some information about apartment complexes and property management companies from current students (there are also many students who rent single-family homes from private parties):
Name of apartment complex or property management company?
New Colony

Distance from department?
4 miles

Nearest major cross streets?
Prospect and Shields

Monthly rent?
$495

Pets allowed?
Allowed with monthly pet rent

Access to open space?
Yes

Washer/dryer on-site?
No

Did rent increase over last year?
No

Would you recommend your landlord/complex to incoming students?
Yes, I have a great landlord. He is very understanding and helps fix issues with the apartment when they arise.

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Name of apartment complex or property management company?
Ramblewood Apartments

Distance from department?
2 miles

Nearest major cross streets?
Laporte and Taft Hill

Monthly rent?
$580

Pets allowed?
Some breeds allowed, deposit required

Access to open space?
Yes, shared green space

Washer/dryer on-site?
In a different building and not free

Did rent increase over last year?
No

Would you recommend your landlord/complex to incoming students?
Yes, if they are going to be living there for 2+ years. No if they plan on living there for less time because they take away a large portion of the deposit if so. Pros: close to the department, cheap, friendly and professional management staff, flat rate utilities, lots of parking. Cons: no washer/dryer
Name of apartment complex or property management company?
B.K. Maxwell Co. Inc. (townhome)

Distance from department?
4.5 miles

Nearest major cross streets?
College and Mulberry

Monthly rent?
$560

Pets allowed?
We got special permission to have our cat there. The owner does not allow dogs, and usually doesn't really allow pets. We did not have a pet deposit or a monthly pet rent.

Access to open space?
No

Washer/dryer on-site?
Yes

Did rent increase over last year?
Yes, by about 2%

Would you recommend your landlord/complex to incoming students?
Yes, he is very reasonable to deal with and is very quick to get back to you whenever there is any kind of issue. Have had no complaints with Bruce so far and I've lived there for almost two years. Plan to stay in the same apartment for another year, at least.

Name of apartment complex or property management company?
Woodbox Condos

Distance from department?
3.5 miles

Nearest major cross streets?
Elizabeth and Taft Hill

Monthly rent?
$550

Pets allowed?
Yes

Access to open space?
Yes

Washer/dryer on-site?
Yes

Did rent increase over last year?
No

Would you recommend your landlord/complex to incoming students?
Yes. Bikable distance to Old Town and ATS, decent sized place with free parking and a pool/common yard area, and it comes furnished!
Name of apartment complex or property management company? 
Faith Property Management

Distance from department? 
3 miles

Nearest major cross streets? 
Overland and Prospect

Monthly rent? 
$1250

Pets allowed? 
Pets are allowed; the pet deposit was $500/pet; there is no monthly pet rent; there are breed restrictions on some types of dogs.

Access to open space? 
Yes

Washer/dryer on-site? 
Yes

Did rent increase over last year? 
No

Would you recommend your landlord/complex to incoming students? 
I would recommend my management company. They are very responsive to any needed house repairs, and the neighborhood is very quiet.

Name of apartment complex or property management company? 
Meldrum Properites

Distance from department? 
5 miles

Nearest major cross streets? 
College and Mulberry

Monthly rent? 
$475

Pets allowed? 
I think cats are allowed but I'm not sure what the rent is.

Access to open space? 
No

Washer/dryer on-site? 
No

Did rent increase over last year? 
First year

Would you recommend your landlord/complex to incoming students? 
No; it is way too small.
**Name of apartment complex or property management company?**
The Arbors at Sweetgrass

**Distance from department?**
8 miles

**Nearest major cross streets?**
Prospect and Timberline

**Monthly rent?**
$1100

**Pets allowed?**
Allowed for a monthly fee

**Access to open space?**
Yes

**Washer/dryer on-site?**
Yes

**Did rent increase over last year?**
First year

**Would you recommend your landlord/complex to incoming students?**
I would recommend the complex to other students due to the relative quality of the housing and complex as a whole. It is farther away from campus (a car is needed), and there are fewer fellow college students. Depending on the person, both of these can be positive factors.

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**Name of apartment complex or property management company?**
Rams Crossing West

**Distance from department?**
3 miles

**Nearest major cross streets?**
Taft Hill and Elizabeth

**Monthly rent?**
$700

**Pets allowed?**
Unknown

**Access to open space?**
Balcony

**Washer/dryer on-site?**
Yes, both are available in the apartment

**Did rent increase over last year?**
No

**Would you recommend your landlord/complex to incoming students?**
Yes: efficient management company, convenient location, comfortable apartment space
Name of apartment complex or property management company?
Retreat at Orchard Place

Distance from department?
2 miles

Nearest major cross streets?
Taft Hill and Elizabeth

Monthly rent?
$706

Pets allowed?
Yes. $250 deposit. Most large breeds not permitted.

Access to open space?
Yes

Washer/dryer on-site?
Yes

Did rent increase over last year?
Yes, 3.5%

Would you recommend your landlord/complex to incoming students?
Yes, because it is not a trashy, cheap property and the landlords work hard to make it a livable place. It costs a little more than other places but it's worth it in my opinion.

Name of apartment complex or property management company?
Advantage Property Management

Distance from department?
6 miles

Nearest major cross streets?
Drake and Timberline

Monthly rent?
$563

Pets allowed?
Pets allowed - deposit is $150, no monthly fee, pitbull and large dog breeds restricted

Access to open space?
Balcony

Washer/dryer on-site?
Yes

Did rent increase over last year?
Yes, 3%

Would you recommend your landlord/complex to incoming students?
Yes, they do not meddle with your business (except for annual maintenance inspections)