Lafayette — #1 of 5: Share of Homes That Are Manufactured

Lafayette leads Colorado in manufactured housing

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THE DATA

5.4%

Share of Homes That Are Manufactured (2024)

Lafayette's share of manufactured homes is more than double Boulder's, according to the latest U.S. Census data.

This figure reflects the structural composition of housing stock, not land tenure. The data shows that while Boulder’s housing market is dominated by high-end single-family homes and condos, Lafayette has a more diversified inventory with a significant concentration of manufactured homes. This divergence highlights a fundamental split in housing strategy and affordability infrastructure across Boulder County.

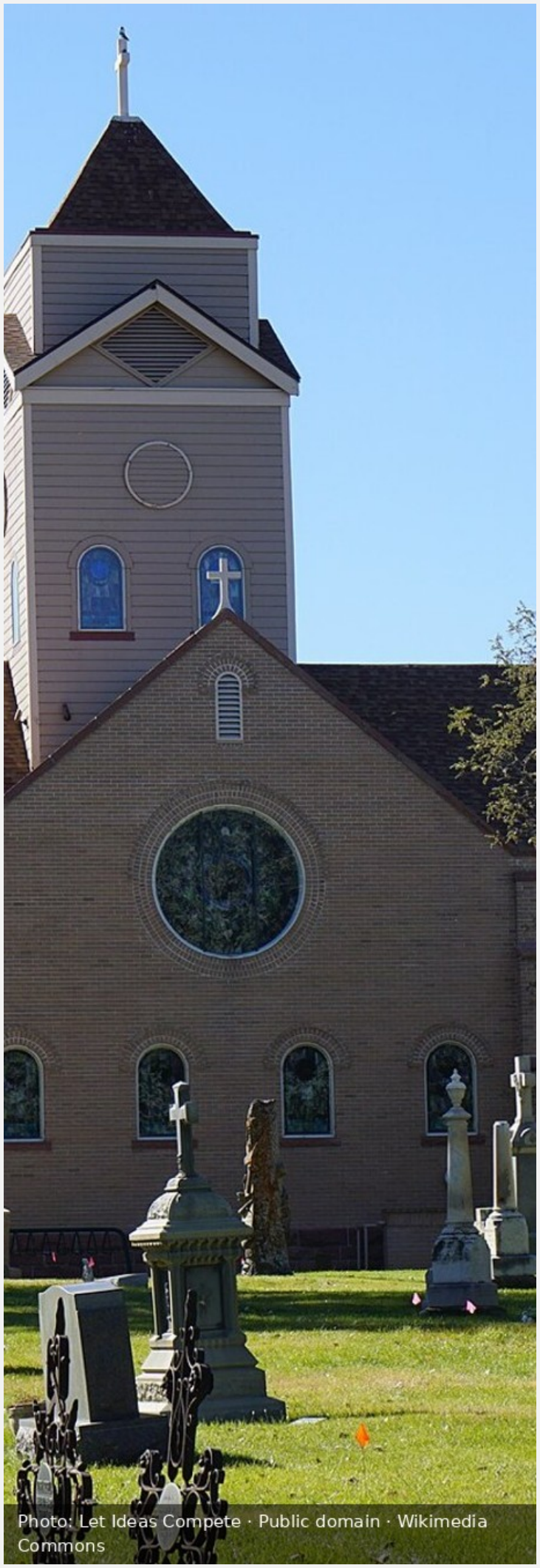


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Affordability anchors the housing mix

The presence of these homes is not a sign of marginalization but of strategic inclusion—offering a viable path for first-time buyers and young professionals who otherwise could not afford to live in the county. This model may be a blueprint for how Boulder could scale affordability without compromising its environmental and urban design values.

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Boulder’s exclusivity comes at a cost

This gap is not accidental. It reflects policy choices that prioritize aesthetic and environmental control over housing diversity. As demand from remote workers and tech professionals continues to grow, the absence of manufactured housing options may limit Boulder’s ability to absorb new residents without driving up prices and displacing long-term residents.

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