



City of Aurora, Colorado

Aurora at a glance...

History

- Year Founded: 1891
- Original Name: Fletcher
- Name changed to Aurora in 1907

City

- Form of Government: Council - City Manager
- Elected Council Members: 11 (Mayor, 6 Council Ward representatives, and 4 at large members)

Amenities:

- Municipal Parks: 108
- Municipal Golf Courses: 7
- Public Libraries: 4
- Reservoirs: 2
- Number of Counties within: 3 (Adams, Arapahoe, and Douglas)
- 8th safest city of its size in the country

Physical Features

- City Area: 154 square miles (80.73 sq. miles developed)
- Official City Elevation: 5,435 feet
- 10,069 acres of parks, open space and trails

Population

- City Estimated 2009 Population: 325,078
- 58th Largest City in US (Based on Population)
- Estimated Average Annual Growth Rate: 1.76%
- Median Age: 34.5

Estimated Population by Single Race:

- White: 70.4%
- Black: 15.9%
- Asian: 5.4%
- Other 8.3%

Estimated Hispanic/Latino Population:

- Hispanic or Latino: 27%
- Not Hispanic or Latino: 73%

Average Household Size: 2.58

Median Individual Income: \$46,684

Housing

- Number of Housing Units: 131,040
- Percent Owner Occupied: 64.9%
- Percent Renter Occupied: 35.1%

Economy

Total City Budget: \$554,750,143

Largest Public Employers

- Buckley Air Force Base
- Anschutz Medical Center
- University of Colorado Hospital
- Aurora Public Schools
- Cherry Creek Schools
- City of Aurora
- Community College of Aurora

Largest Private Employers

- The Children's Hospital
- Raytheon Company
- Kaiser Permanente
- ADT Security System
- HealthONE: The Medical Center of Aurora
- Northrup Grumman
- Lockheed Martin Corporation

Number of Jobs in Aurora: 121,000

Square Feet of Retail Space in Aurora: 20.7 Million

Occupations:

- Sales and Office Occupations: 29%
- Management, Professional, and Related Occupations: 28%
- Service Occupations: 20%
- Production, Transportation, and Material Moving Occupations: 10.4%
- Construction, Extraction, and Maintenance Occupations: 12.3%
- Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations: .3%

Education

- 11 colleges and universities
- Aurora Public Schools
- Cherry Creek Schools
- Douglas County School District
- Brighton Public Schools
- A variety of private K-12 institutions

Industry

- Aerospace and Defense
- Bioscience and Health Care
- Transportation and Logistics
- Renewable Energy

