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Throughout this profile, Aurora is compared to the DRCOG region, which includes Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, Gilpin and Jefferson counties. Aurora is also compared to other communities within the DRCOG region that are similar in size or geographic location.

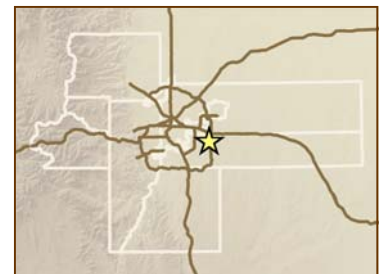
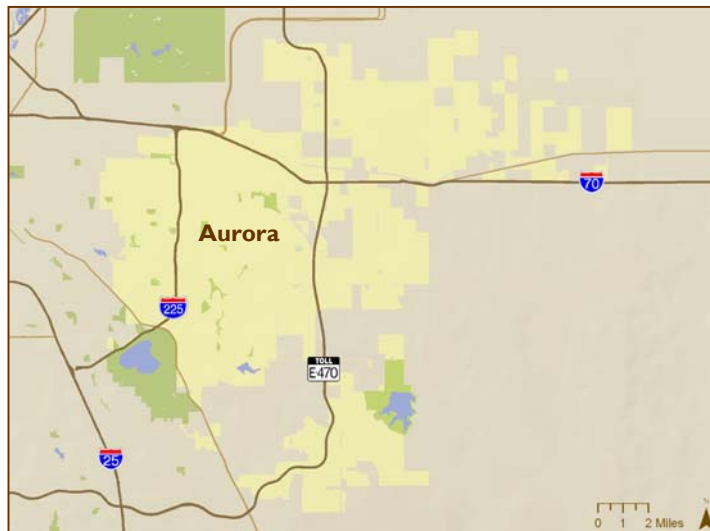
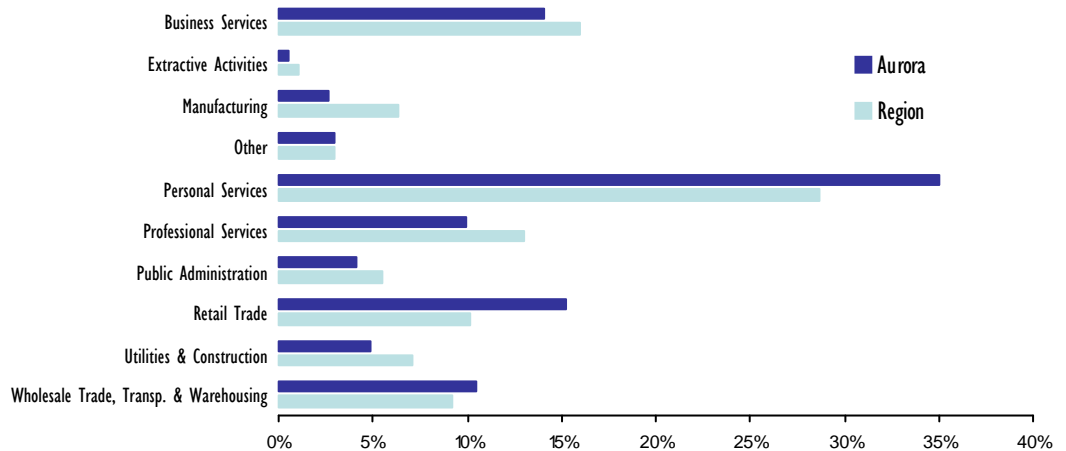
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Current Estimates (2008)

	Aurora	Boulder County	Denver	Region
Population	321,949	298,685	611,509	2,863,806
Employment	106,928	161,874	444,043	1,427,907
Employers	6,474	13,127	25,718	101,202
Average Annual Wage*	\$34,508	\$47,351	\$50,393	\$45,512
Average Household Size	2.59	2.46	2.27	2.58
Percent Multifamily Housing Units	36%	30%	45%	28%
New Housing Units Built 2007-2008	1,733	898	3,225	25,003
Vacancy Rate	4.50%	7.10%	6.20%	5.00%

* Workers employed in the community

Employment By Industry



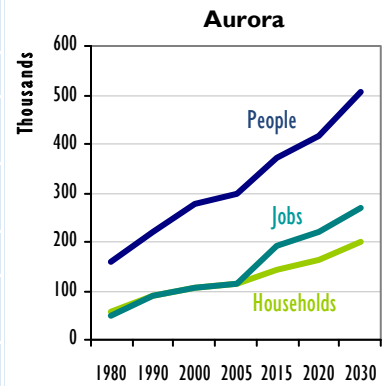
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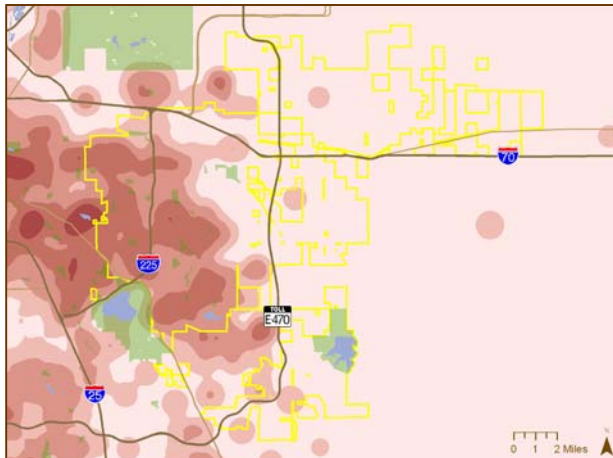
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Trends Over Time

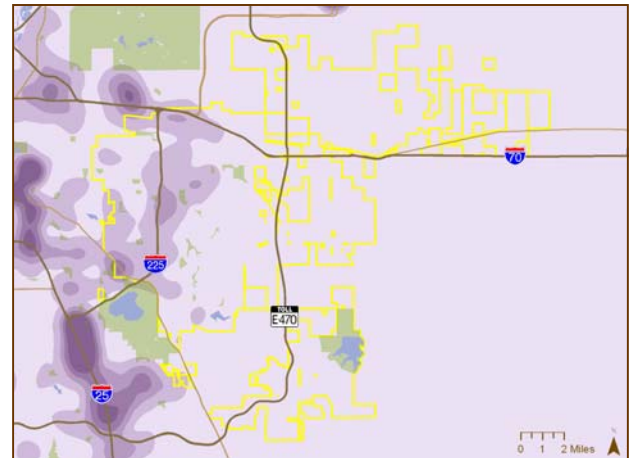
	Aurora	Boulder County	Denver	Region
2030 Population	507,144	378,006	716,990	3,875,200
Population Growth 1980-2005	94%	57%	18%	67%
Population Growth 2005-2030	65%	27%	23%	43%
2030 Employment	268,049	215,858	697,073	2,364,800
Employment Growth 1980-2005	136%	123%	8%	71%
Employment Growth 2005-2030	131%	20%	40%	49%



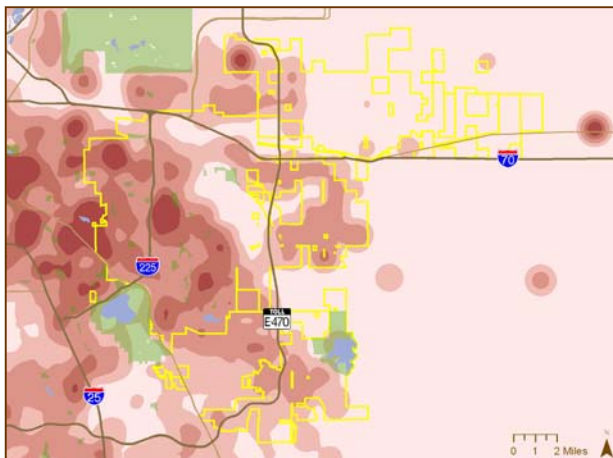
2005 Household Density



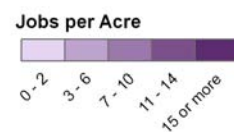
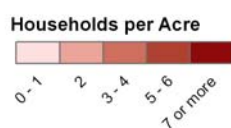
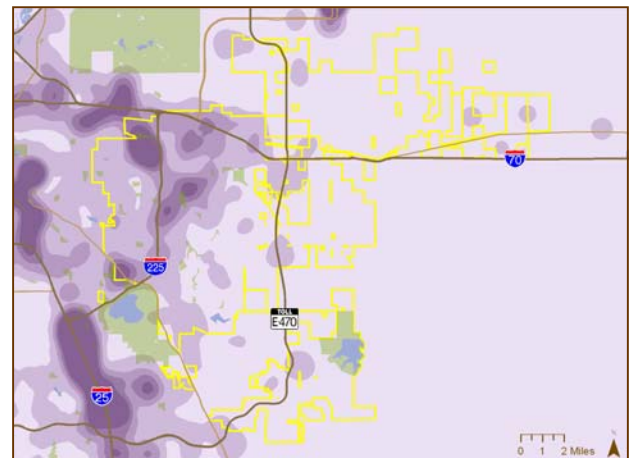
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2030 Household Density



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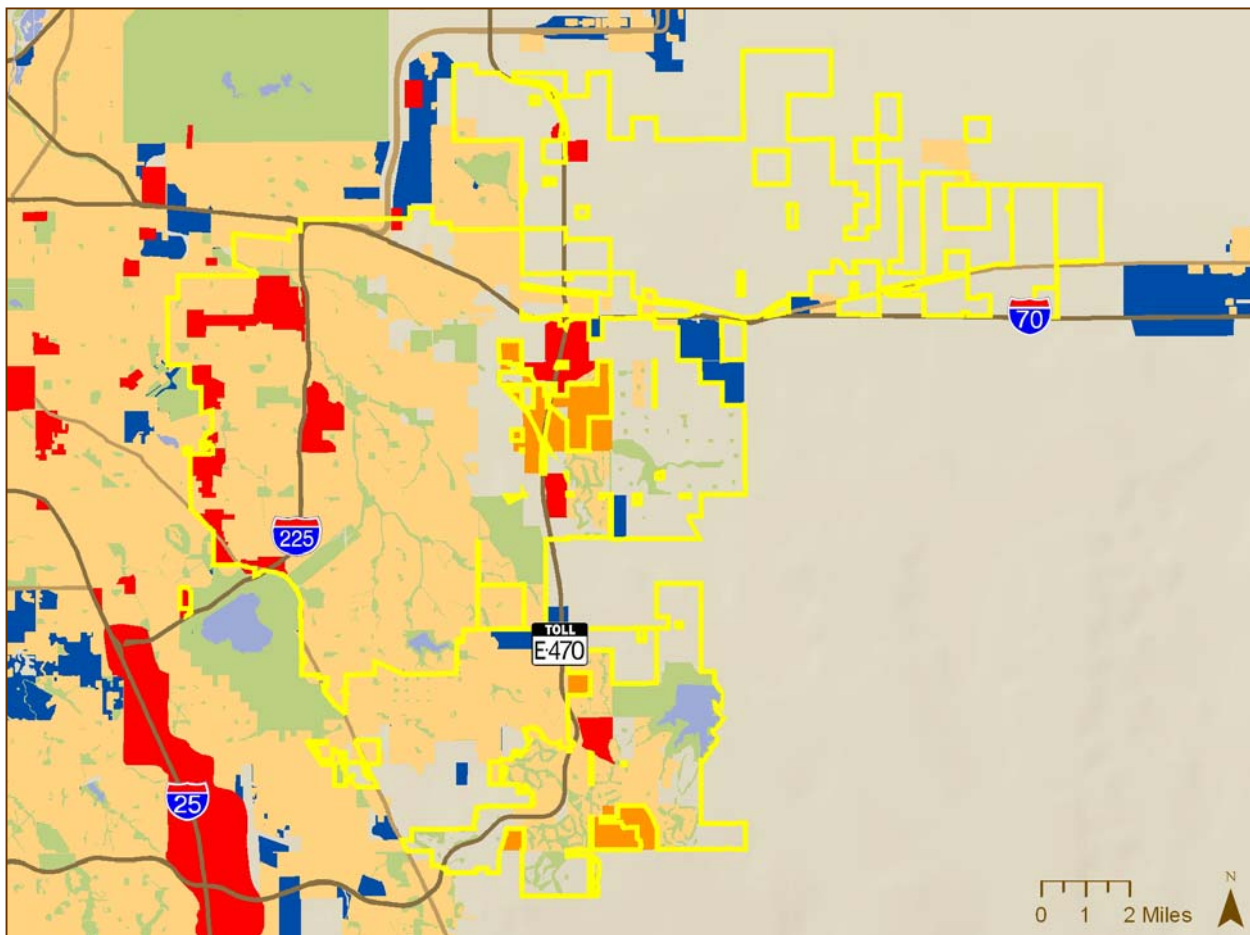


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Current and Future Land Use

	Aurora	Boulder County	Denver	Region
Total Land Area (Square Miles)	150.2	740.7	154.9	5,108.30
2030 Urban Growth/Boundary Area (Square Miles)	83.9	84	108.7	776.2
Percent Urbanized in 2006	45%	12%	66%	14%
Annual Percent Increase in Urbanized Area 2006-2030	1.20%	0.60%	0.40%	1.00%

Metro Vision 2030 Land Use Elements



- Existing Urbanized Area
- Semi-Urban Development
- 2030 Urban Growth Boundary
- Urban Centers
- Open Space

What is Metro Vision 2030?

Metro Vision 2030 is a long-range plan to manage growth within the Denver area. It addresses development, transportation needs and ways to preserve environmental quality. Bringing communities together for regional cooperation is the plan's most important goal. The map above shows Metro Vision elements relevant to land use. Metro Vision does not address development activity occurring on specific parcels of land; that is the responsibility of local jurisdictions.

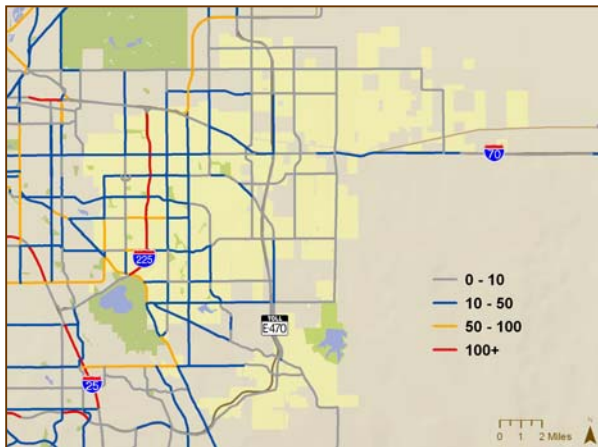
*Map does not show UGB for Urban Growth Area Communities: Aurora, Castle Rock, Longmont, Thornton and Adams County

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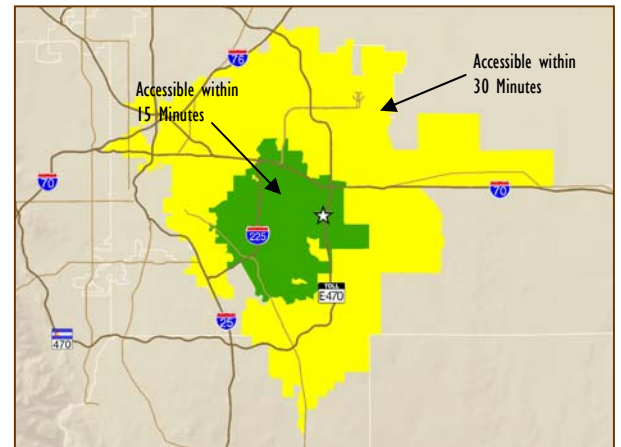
Existing Transportation System

2005 Data (Unless Noted)	Aurora	Boulder County	Denver	Region
Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) per Day	5,212,209	5,751,892	14,430,726	66,308,086
Roadways With 3+ Hours of Severe Congestion (Lane Miles)	109	144	325	1,418
Injury and Fatality Crashes (2004)	2,114	2,058	5,550	18,454
Transit Share of Work Trips	4%	4%	8%	4%
Share of Population with Good Access to Jobs By Transit	30%	17%	84%	34%

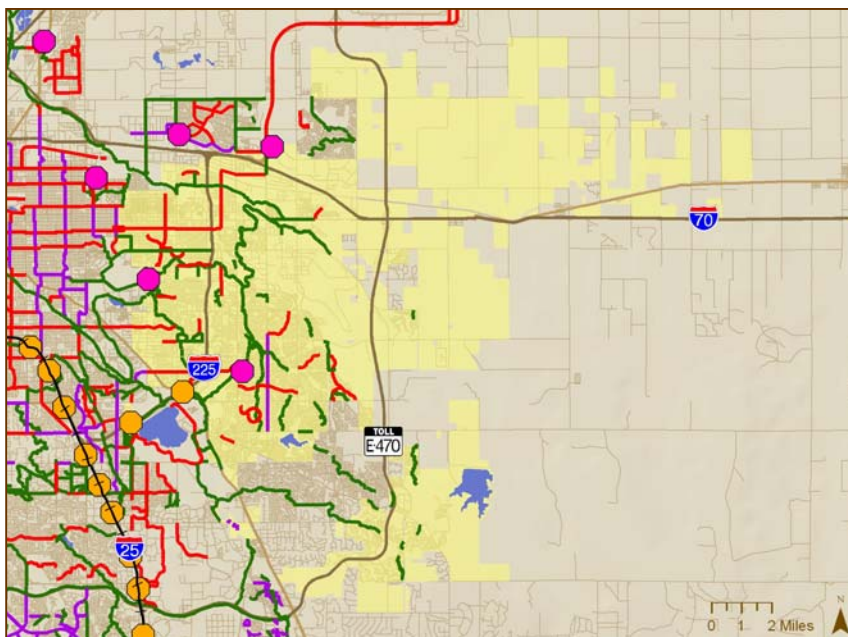
Average Daily Traffic (Thousands)



Driving Times (AM Peak Period)

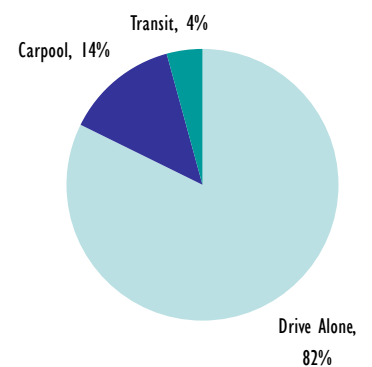


Transit and Bicycle Facilities



- | Transit Facilities | Bicycle Facilities |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Station | On Road |
| park-n-Ride | Off Road |
| Rapid Transit | Neighborhood |

Means of Transportation to Work

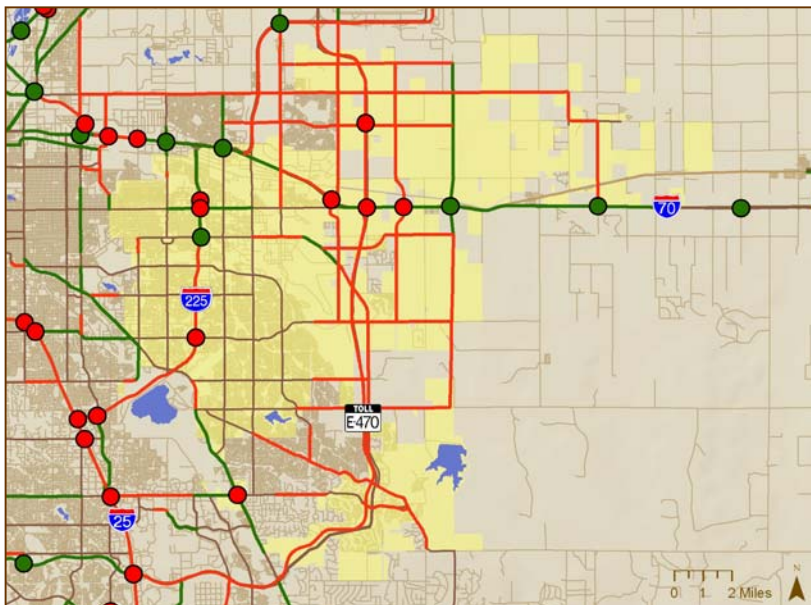
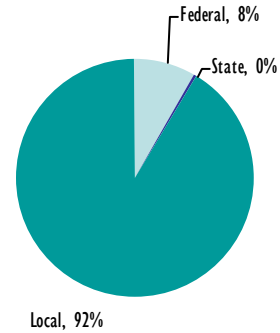


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2030 Transportation Plans

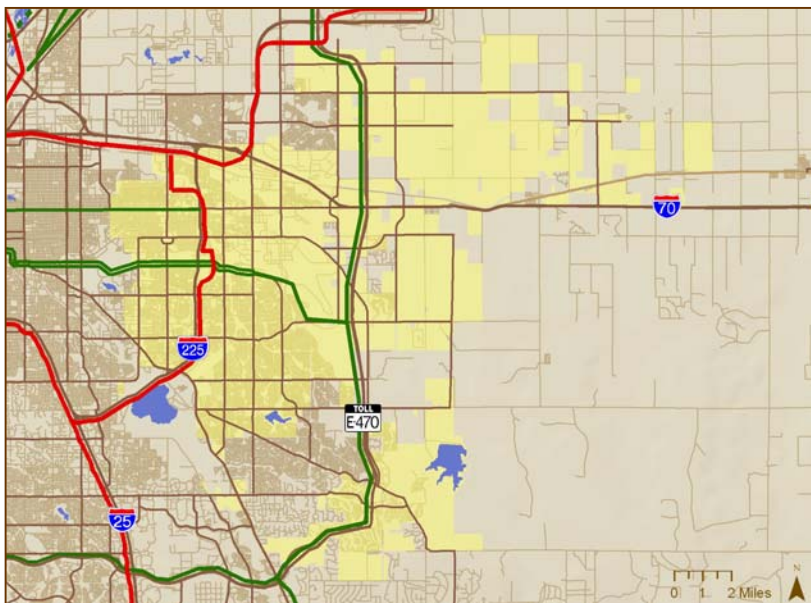
Major Improvements Planned for Aurora (2007-2012 Transportation Improvement Program)	Cost (Thousands)	Completion Date
East Corridor: Denver Union Station to Denver International Airport	\$783,807	2014
I-225 Corridor: Parker Road to Smith Road	\$492,348	2015
I-225: Parker Rd to 6th Ave Widening	\$46,428	
Parker Road (SH-83): I-225 to Lehigh Avenue Median Barrier Construction	\$2,600	2007
Nine Mile Station (Parker Road): Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge	\$1,417	2010

Revenue Sources for Transportation Improvements in Aurora



Roadway Improvements

- Roadway (Funded)
- Roadway (Unfunded)
- Interchange (Funded)
- Interchange (Unfunded)



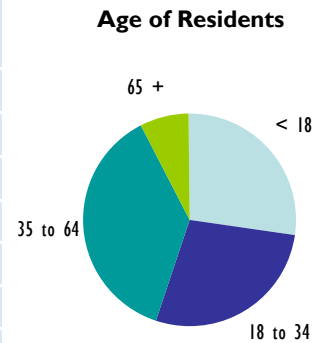
Transit and High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Improvements

- Rapid Transit (Funded)
- Rapid Transit (Unfunded)
- ⋯ High Occupancy Vehicle/
Bus Rapid Transit (Funded)
- ⋯ High Occupancy Vehicle/
Bus Rapid Transit (Unfunded)

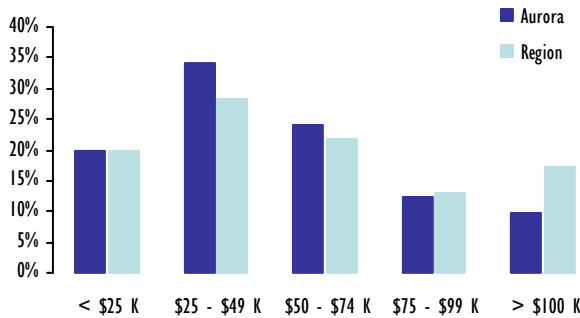
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Snapshot from the 2000 Census

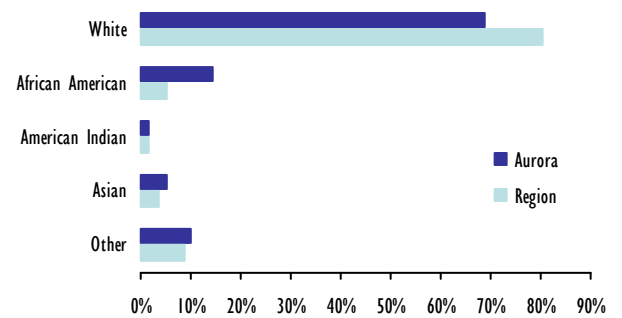
	Aurora	Boulder County	Denver	Region
Median Age	32	33	33	34
Percent Over Age 65	7%	8%	11%	9%
Median Household Income in 1999	\$46,507	\$55,861	\$39,500	\$52,328
Poverty Rate	7%	5%	11%	6%
Home Ownership Rate	64%	65%	53%	66%
Percent Hispanic	20%	10%	32%	18%
Percent of the Population over 25 with Bachelor's Degree or Higher	25%	52%	35%	36%
Disability Rate	18%	12%	21%	16%



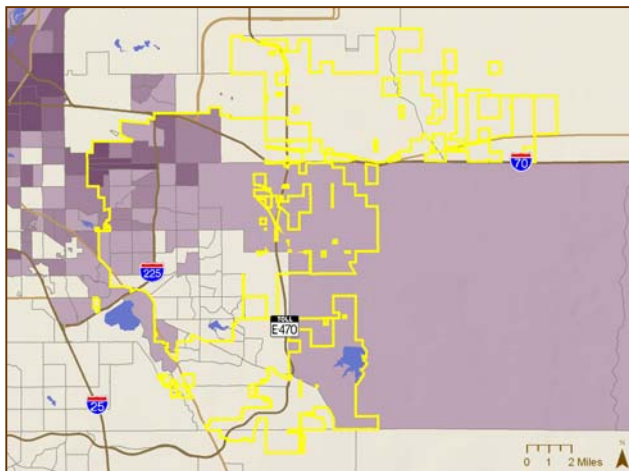
Household Income in 1999



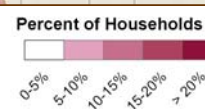
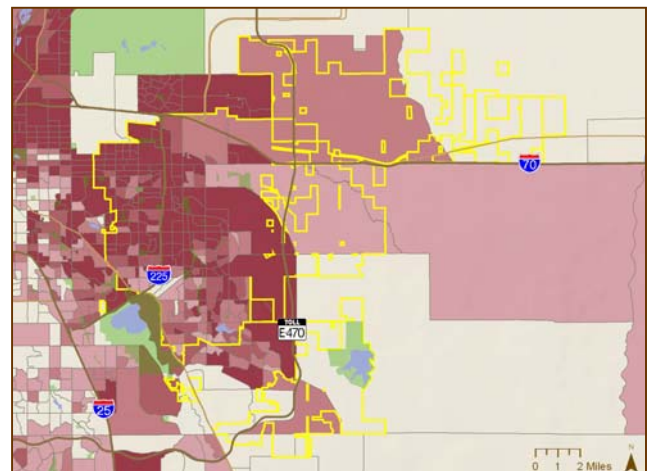
Race of Residents



**Households Below the Poverty Line
(By Census Tract)**



**Non-White and Hispanic Households
(By Census Block)**

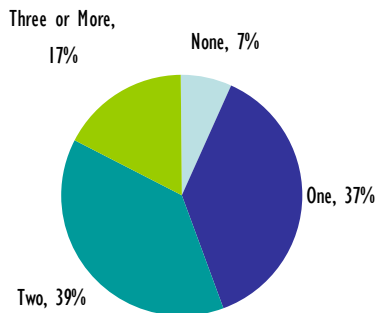


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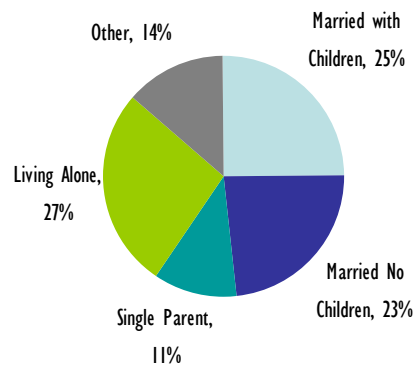
Snapshot from the 2000 Census (Continued)

Language Spoken at Home	Aurora	Boulder County	Denver	Region
English Only	77%	86%	73%	83%
Other than English	23%	14%	27%	17%
• Speak English Less Than Very Well	12%	6%	15%	8%

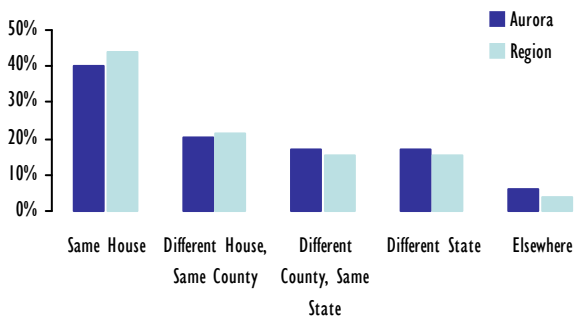
Vehicles Available per Household



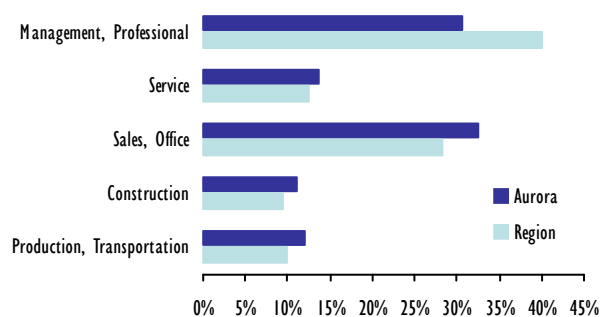
Household Type



Residential Location: 1995 vs. 2000



Occupations of People Living in Aurora



Top 10 Commuting Destinations of Workers Who Live in Aurora
(Percent of Workers)

1. Denver (35%)
2. Aurora (31%)
3. Unincorporated Arapahoe County (5%)
4. Centennial (5%)
5. Greenwood Village (5%)
6. Unincorporated Douglas County (2%)
7. Englewood (2%)
8. Unincorporated Adams County (2%)
9. Littleton (2%)
10. Lakewood (1%)

Top 10 Residential Locations of Workers Who Commute to Aurora
(Percent of Workers)

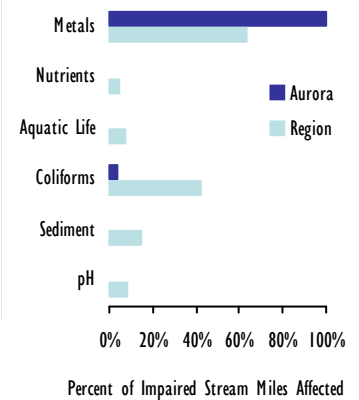
1. Aurora (49%)
2. Denver (15%)
3. Centennial (6%)
4. Unincorporated Arapahoe County (5%)
5. Unincorporated Douglas County (4%)
6. Out of Region (3%)
7. Unincorporated Jefferson County (2%)
8. Unincorporated Adams County (2%)
9. Lakewood (2%)
10. Thornton (2%)

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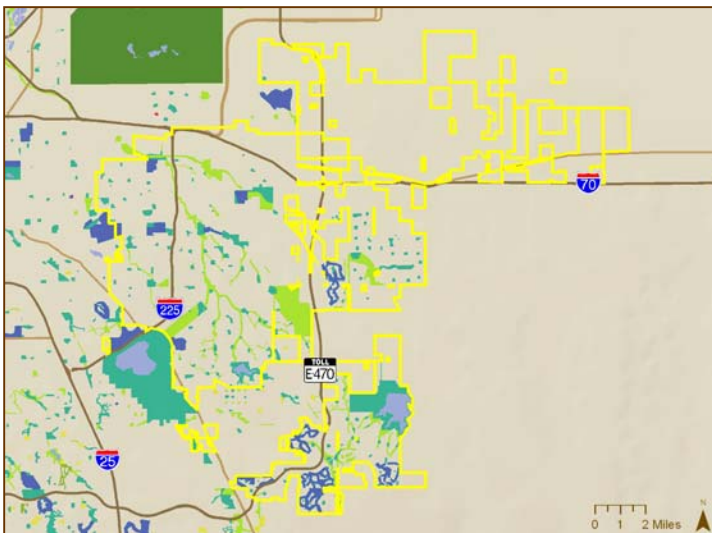
Environment

	Aurora	Boulder County	Denver	Region
Parks and Open Space (Square Miles)	16.4	460	9.9	1,523.30
Streams (Miles)	127.8	607.5	80.1	4,735.00
Impaired Stream Segments (Miles)	26	90	15	425
Percent of Streams Impaired	20%	15%	18%	9%

Identified Potential Pollutants of Impaired Streams



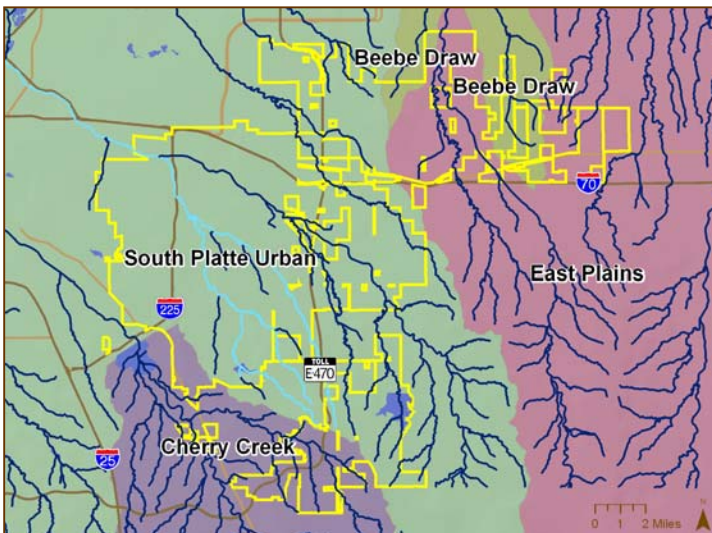
Parks and Open Space



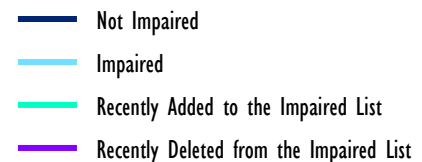
Parks and Open Space Classifications



Watersheds and Streams



Stream Status



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