



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: 7
 - Reservoirs: 3
 - Number of Counties within: 3 (Adams, Arapahoe, and Douglas)

Physical Features

- City Area: 149.65 square miles
- Official City Elevation: 5,435 feet
- 8,200 acres of parks, open space and trails

Population

- City Estimated 2006 Population: 306,908
- 56th Largest City in US (Based on Population)
- Estimated Average Annual Growth Rate: 1.79%
- Median Age: 32.54

Estimated Population by Single Race:

- White: 64.96%
- Black: 14.02%
- Asian: 5.15%
- Other 15.87%

Estimated Hispanic/Latino Population:

- Hispanic or Latino: 22.91%
- Not Hispanic or Latino: 77.09%

Average Household Size: 2.59

Median individual Income: \$44,000

Housing

- Number of Dwelling Units: 125,169
- Percent Owner Occupied: 64.42%
- Percent Renter Occupied: 35.58%

Economy

Total City Budget: \$660.1 Million

Largest Public Employers

- Buckley Air Force Base
- Cherry Creek Schools
- City of Aurora
- Aurora Public Schools
- University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center
- University of Colorado Hospital

Largest Private Employers

- Raytheon Company
- ADT Security System
- Kaiser Permanente
- The Medical Center of Aurora
- Northrup Grumman
- Lockheed Martin Astronautics

Number of People Working in Aurora: 112,816

Square Feet of Retail Space in Aurora: 21 Million

Occupations:

- Sales and Office Occupations: 32.46%
- Management, Professional, and Related Occupations: 31.08%
- Service Occupations: 13.56%
- Production, Transportation, and Material Moving Occupations: 11.91%
- Construction, Extraction, and Maintenance Occupations: 10.91%
- Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations: .08%

Education

- 9 colleges and universities
- Aurora Public Schools
- Cherry Creek Schools
- A variety of private K-12 institutions

Industry

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

