Associated General Contractors of Colorado
Specialty Contractors

Go Big
AuroraGov.org
• **Job growth:** Outpacing the nation in job growth (projected growth of nearly 40 percent over the next decade, according to Sperling’s Best Places)

• **International city:** 19.8 percent of residents are foreign born; they come here for business opportunities, housing choice and a welcoming culture

• **Quality of life:** About two-thirds of residents rated their quality of life as “excellent” or “good” in a recent survey; nearly three-quarters said the same about their neighborhoods and Aurora as a place to live

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**Aurora At a Glance**

**By the Numbers:**

381,057
2019 population – third-largest city in Colorado

160.53
Land area in square miles (415 square km) – second-largest city in Colorado

5,435
Elevation, in feet (1,656 m)
Aurora Top Rankings & Awards in 2019

No. 1 Best-Run City in Colorado (WalletHub)
No. 3 Hottest Housing Market in the Country (Redfin)
No. 6 among Top 10 Rising Housing Markets (SmartAsset)
No. 7 among Top 11 Cities to Buy a Family Home (SmartAsset)
No. 21 Best Large Cities to Live In (WalletHub)
No. 24 Cities with the Best Public Schools in America (Niche)
No. 25 Best Cities for Young Professionals (SmartAsset)
Caroline Glover of Annette: Food & Wine’s Best New Chef of 2019
Aurora Accessibility

Shortest commute to the world Denver International Airport (DEN)

- Aurora closest metro city (10.5 miles)
- 64.5 million passengers
- 7 miles adjacent to airport is Aurora
- Second entrance to DEN in Aurora

15 miles to downtown Denver
10 miles to Denver Tech Center
Aurora Economic Development

AURORA’S TARGETED INDUSTRIES

- BIOSCIENCE
- RENEWABLE ENERGY
- HEALTH SERVICES
- AEROSPACE & DEFENSE
- TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

All of Aurora’s targeted industries are among Colorado’s key industries.
Aurora Economic Development

Economic Engines
• Buckley AFB: $990M impact (2018)
• Anschutz Medical Campus & Fitzsimons Innovation Campus: $7B impact (more than the Colorado ski industry)
• 10 Light Rail & 2 Commuter Rail Stations
• Transit-oriented Development (TOD)

By the Numbers:
• #1 Metro area’s ranking among Best Places for Business and Careers in the U.S. (Forbes, 2015)
• #2 Colorado’s rank for highest-educated population (Forbes)
• 13,000 # of employees at Buckley Air Force Base, the largest employer in Aurora

TOP 8 INDUSTRIES by employment

- Health Care & Social Assistance - 25,986
- Retail Trade - 16,364
- Educational Services - 16,157
- Accommodation & Food Services - 9,777
- Administration & Support, Waste Management & Remediation - 8,362
- Professional, Scientific & Technical Services - 8,184
- Wholesale Trade - 7,535
- Construction - 5,680

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014
New and Expanding Primary Employers
Facts from the AEDC

In the last two years...
• 5,700 new jobs
• 35+ primary employers attracted/retained
• $1.5 billion economic impact
• Opportunity Zones in five Aurora Census tracts
• JAG Logistics Center: one of the first industrial Opportunity Zone projects in the country
Aurora Economic Development

Industrial & Office Development
- Fortune 100 companies taking root in Aurora
- Record low office vacancy rate
- Record high lease rates
- 3.4M sf of new industrial space; 3M under construction
- 2,000 acres of shovel-ready business parks available for new business
- 100+ acres of TOD land available

New in 2019
- Karcher North America headquarters under construction at Porteos
- Three new business parks being established

The Future
- Colorado Air and Space Port: Site operator license granted in 2018; now pursuing space transportation, research and development
Aurora Development Around Town

Argenta (the old Fan Fare property)
- 86 for-sale townhomes & 208 multi-family rental apartments
- 20,000 sf of retail/commercial space
- 20,000 sf public park/plaza
- Construction starting in early 2020
- Aurora Urban Renewal Authority recently completed sale of property to developer

Citadel on Colfax (southeast corner of Colfax & Sable)
- Retail and residential
- Hotel and central park
- Organized around central main street
- First phase plan review and marketing progress
The Building Division continues its work to provide the highest standards in customer service

- Continue to meet or exceed performance measures in all areas
- 2019: Cross-trained the Building Call Center with Access Aurora
- 2018: Building Call Center fielded 88,897 calls; 96% of calls answered by a live person within 30 seconds
- 2018: 12,351 walk-in customers assisted within less than two minutes
- 2018: 64% of permits issued online (up from 40% in 2012)
- 2019 YTD: 85,750 inspections (99% completed on the day requested)
- Free inspection consultations to discuss any code questions might contractors have
Aurora Building Activity

Aurora Building Division: Reaccredited in 2019
Only IAS-accredited building department in Colorado

Aurora City Council adopted 2015 International Codes
(the most current national codes available)

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## Aurora Building Activity

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Aurora Water Capital Projects

21 projects under construction
16 in design

Highlights
• Construction on CMP Task 5 and Westerly Creek Tunnel Rehab to begin soon

Advertising for bid in the next 6 months:
• First Creek Lift Station Improvements
• First Creek Interceptor Segments 1-B, 1-C and 1-D
• Havana Street 30” Water Line Renewal Project
• Smoky Hill Pump Station Improvements
• 2020 Water System Improvement Project
• Gun Club Road Pump Station Major Improvement Project
• Rampart Appurtenance Rehabilitation Project – Phase VI
• Rampart Pipeline Cherry Creek Crossing Repair
• Piney Creek Lift Station Repairs
Wild Horse Reservoir
- Anticipated construction: Late 2020s
- Location: Park County
- Benefits: Enhances reliability, cost-effective, filled using existing water rights, few environmental impacts

Box Creek Reservoir
- Anticipated construction: 2035-50
- Location: Lake County
24 marijuana retail stores licensed throughout city
- All 24 are operating
- 21 cultivation operations (no limit)
- 16 product manufacturers (no limit)
- 1 testing facility (no limit)
- Medical marijuana cultivation and manufacturing permitted, but no retail sales allowed following failure of ballot issue allowing sales tax to be charged for sale of the product
Aurora Aerotropolis

Residential Developments

Painted Prairie (just south of Gaylord)
- 640 acres, 3,076 residential units, 125 acres parks & open space, 40-acre town center (houses under construction)

The Aurora Highlands
- 3,100 acres, 10 villages, housing, office, retail (signature tower nearly complete)

High Point
- 1,800 acres, 3,000 homes, 10 million sf of business park development, up to 500,000 sf of retail, 300 acres of open space
Aurora Aerotropolis

Business Developments & Infrastructure

Porteos (1,287 acres on southern border of DEN)

Future business parks (First Aurora at Smith and Picadilly; Harvest Mile at 64th and E-470; Stafford Park at Colfax and Picadilly)
Aurora Aerotropolis

- Land surrounding the 54-square-mile DEN property
- 7 miles of DEN adjacent boundary in Aurora
- Second & final entrance to DEN via Jackson Gap Road in Aurora
- 75,000 new housing units projected
- NEATS Refresh completed this year on transportation needs
Aurora Gaylord Rockies

- Grand opening December 2018
- Nearly 2 million sf
- 1,501-room resort hotel
- 486,000 sf convention space
- Eight restaurants
- 22,000 sf of aquatic features
- 1.1M room nights booked
- 1,200 staff members
- 60,297 city inspections
- 3,200+ sheets of building plans produced
Future ancillary development

- **Assembling design team for Rockies Village**: 130 acres around Gaylord site (7 planning areas to include hotel/hospitality, office, retail, multi-family)
- Fire Station No. 16: Now open
Aurora Anschutz Medical Campus & Fitzsimons Innovation Community

- 25,000+ working on campus
- 40,000+ jobs at build-out
- $7 billion economic impact (in 2017)
- 2 million patients treated annually
- Fitzsimons Innovation Community: 300,000 sf coming soon (Bioscience 3, 117,000 SF, Bioscience 4, 95,000 SF and Bioscience 5, 95,000 SF)
- Anschutz Medical Campus: Includes a 7-story, 390,000 SF state-of-the-art Health Sciences Building, with construction underway ($300M investment); and UC Health’s future 11-story, 103-bed inpatient tower opening in 2022 ($388M investment).
Aurora Fitzsimons Innovation Community

• Fully integrated smart community designed for collaboration and innovation
• 125 acres for new development
• Incubator and Accelerator facilities: Bioscience 3 under construction
• 21 Fitzsimons next phase broke ground in October: 253 new upscale apartments
Aurora Anschutz Campus Boundary
City continues to focus on investment & development in NW Aurora

- Anchored by Stanley Marketplace
- Stapleton Aurora (322 homes nearly complete)
- High level of mixed-use interest & investment continues
- Dog-friendly, two-story hangout with craft beer and classic bar fare on Dayton Street in planning stages

Restaurant Incentive Program spurring new eateries:

- Mason’s Dumplings opening late 2019 to replace Del Norte Bar
- Carm & Gia Metropolitan opening late 2019 in old beauty salon at Montview and Dayton
- Baba & Pop’s Handmade Pierogi and Third Culture Bakery opening late 2019 on Colfax in the old San Marcos space
Aurora TOD & Nine Mile Station

- The Point at Nine Mile: 21 acres of high-density residential, retail, restaurants, office
- New King Soopers opened August 2019; old store will be demolished
- First-phase retail building under construction
Aurora TOD & Iliff Station

• Near Iliff & Blackhawk
• City-owned parking structure

Parq at Iliff Station
• Complete
• 400 multi-family rental units

The Spur at Iliff Station
• Under construction
• Two 4-story buildings connected by pedestrian bridge
• Building A: 123 rental units & 12,500 sf ground-floor retail
• Building B: 197 units surrounding parking structure
Parkside @ City Centre now under construction

- Redevelopment of existing shopping center
- Construction underway on 35,000 SF commercial & multi-level mixed use with 216 rental units
- Bank completed in 2018
Aurora TOD & 2nd & Abilene Station

- Courtyard by Marriott construction nearly complete
- Element by Westin in planning process
- Detention pond construction underway
- Other sites available on property
Aurora TOD & Colfax Station

Easy access to: Anschutz Medical Campus ▪ Fitzsimons Innovation Campus ▪ Children’s Hospital Colorado ▪ Rocky Mountain VA Regional Medical Center ▪ Hyatt Regency Conference Center ▪ The Forum Fitzsimons

The Forum Fitzsimons (now open)
• Aurora’s first TOD features 422 upscale rental homes, ground-floor restaurants/retail, 2 saltwater pools, dog park, urban park
Aurora TOD & Fitzsimons Station

- Shuttle to Anschutz campus
- 253-unit 21 Fitzsimons apartment project at 21st and Uvalda under construction, with five diverse districts and on-site retail
Peoria Crossing
Pre-leasing is underway for this 82-unit affordable housing complex at 3002 Peoria St. The project will serve households earning between 30 and 60 percent of area median income, and 10 units will be reserved for formerly homeless veterans. City of Aurora HOME funds contributed to the project.
Thank you for choosing Aurora

Comments or questions?