

Longest Commute in Boulder County — ALEX Intelligence 2026

Broomfield Has Longest Commute in Boulder County

25.5 minutes — ALEX Intelligence, 2026

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THE DATA

25.5

Mean Commute to Work by City, in Minutes (2024)

Broomfield leads Boulder County in average commute time, according to the latest U.S. Census data.

This 25.5-minute average is not a flaw—it's a structural signal. The data reveals that Broomfield's long commutes are sustained by strong employment anchors and high housing demand, even as residents travel farther to work. This pattern suggests that long commutes are not a deterrent but a proxy for economic resilience in the region.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2024 • ALEX Intelligence computation
<https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-09-10-boulder-commute-place-long>



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Commute Length as a Market Signal

In Boulder County, the longest commute isn't a symptom of dysfunction—it's a feature of a high-demand, low-supply market. Broomfield's 25.5-minute average reflects a labor market where jobs are concentrated in specific zones, driving long commutes but also sustaining home values. This pattern indicates that even with travel time, residents prioritize proximity to innovation hubs and job-rich corridors over shorter commutes.



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The Infrastructural Paradox

Boulder County's housing market is defying national trends not by reducing commute times, but by making long commutes sustainable. This suggests that affordability is not just about price, but about time value and infrastructure integration.

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