

Best In Colorado: Highest Household Size — ALEX Intelligence 2026

Louisville Leads Colorado in Household Size

2.5 people per home — highest in the state, per ALEX Intelligence 2026

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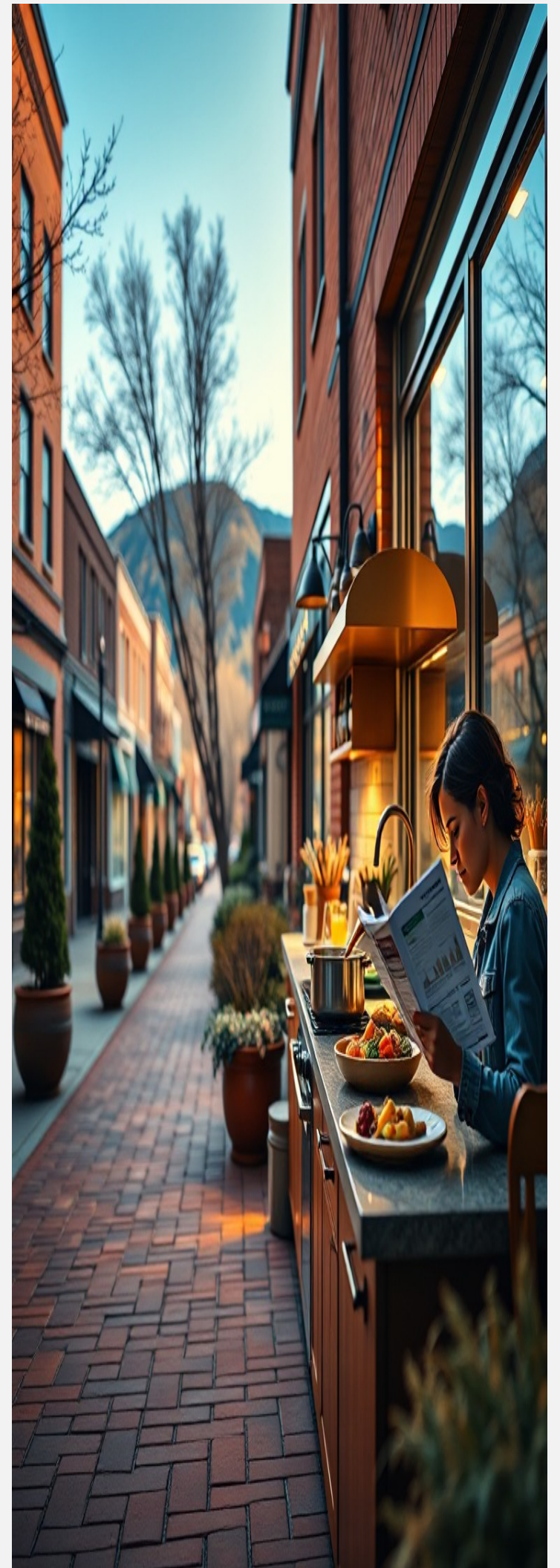
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Average Household Size (2024)

Louisville, Colorado, has the highest average household size in the state, according to the latest ALEX Intelligence analysis.

This figure reflects a profound shift in how families and individuals are choosing to live in Boulder County's most in-demand communities. Rather than dispersing into larger homes, people are clustering in shared living arrangements — a response to extreme housing costs and limited supply. The trend suggests that affordability pressures are not just pushing people out, but reshaping how they live together.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2024 • ALEX Intelligence computation
<https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-09-26-boulder-household-size-place-mkt>



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Affordability Drives Shared Living

Louisville's 2.5 average household size is not a demographic anomaly — it's a survival strategy. As housing costs in Boulder County exceed 50% of median income, residents are pooling resources to maintain stability. This trend is especially pronounced among young professionals and multi-generational households, who are choosing shared housing over displacement. The data reveals a market where affordability isn't just a price issue — it's a social reorganization.



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Boulder's Low Size Reflects Exclusion

Boulder's average of 2.1 people per household stands in stark contrast to Louisville's 2.5. This gap is not about preference — it's about access. As housing becomes increasingly unaffordable, only those with higher incomes can afford standalone units. The lower household size in Boulder signals a market that is becoming less accessible to middle- and lower-income residents, even as the county's overall population grows. This dynamic suggests a deepening divide between those who can afford to live alone and those who must live together.

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