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ALEX Intelligence ranks Boulder as the largest city in Boulder County

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106,433

Population (2024)

Boulder is the most populous city in Boulder County, with a population of 106,433.

This population size establishes Boulder as the economic and civic anchor of the county. Its scale enables greater tax base stability, supports a broader range of services, and strengthens its ability to attract and retain high-value industries and talent. The city's size also amplifies its influence in regional decision-making, particularly on transportation, environmental policy, and housing development.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2024 • ALEX Intelligence computation
<https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-10-02-boulder-population-place-mkt>



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Size Drives Resilience

Boulder's population dominance isn't just a number—it's a structural advantage. A larger resident base translates into a more stable tax revenue stream, even during economic downturns. This fiscal buffer allows the city to maintain critical infrastructure and public services, such as the Boulder Parks Board and library system, despite growing fiscal pressures. The scale also attracts private investment, as companies seek access to a large, educated workforce.

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The Paradox of Scale

Yet size brings tension. Boulder's population growth fuels affordability challenges, contributing to rising cost-of-living pressures that align with Kansas City Fed data on elevated financial vulnerability in the region. As the largest city, Boulder bears the brunt of service demand while also facing constraints in expanding public infrastructure. This creates a feedback loop: population growth sustains the city's economic strength but intensifies the very fiscal and social strains it must manage.



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