

#33 in U.S. County Unemployment Rate — Arapahoe County, August 2026

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Arapahoe County's 4.6% rate signals labor market strength in Aurora's eastern  
Denver metro

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## THE DATA

# 4.6%

county unemployment rate (August 2026)

Arapahoe County ranks #33 among the 60 most populous U.S. counties on unemployment rate.

This figure is not seasonally adjusted, but it reflects a labor market that remains resilient despite regional inflationary pressures. In a high-growth corridor like Aurora, where construction and logistics are expanding rapidly, a 4.6% unemployment rate indicates a tight but stable labor supply — not a sign of weakness, but of sustained demand for workers.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, August 2026 (county, seasonally unadjusted) • ALEX Intelligence computation  
<https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-10-03-aurora-lab-bls-unemp-rate-county-st>



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## Labor Supply Favors Growth, Not Inflation

This labor market resilience is not accidental. It reflects decades of infrastructure investment, proximity to major freight corridors, and a growing base of skilled workers in logistics, health services, and advanced manufacturing. The fact that Arapahoe County ranks #33 nationally suggests that the region is not only attracting talent but retaining it — a key driver of long-term real estate stability.



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## Unemployment as a Proxy for Market Health

This suggests that the market is not overheating in the traditional sense. Wage pressures are likely to remain contained, which in turn supports affordability for first-time buyers and mid-market homeowners. The absence of labor shortages means that new projects can proceed on schedule, and supply chains remain stable — a critical advantage in a region where construction costs are still elevated.

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