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Migration Data, 2023

#1 in Denver, #1 in Colorado

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THE DATA

13,899

Households Moving Out to a Single County (2023)

Arapahoe County received more households leaving Denver than any other county in the state.

This figure — 13,899 households — represents the largest single-county inflow from Denver in the 2022–23 period. It underscores a powerful, concentrated migration pattern that defies the assumption of broad dispersal. The data reveals that Arapahoe County is not just a destination, but the primary one for Denver’s exodus.

Source: U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Statistics of Income Migration Data, county-to-county outflows, 2022–23 • ALEX Intelligence computation

<https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-10-09-denver-mig-out-dest>



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Arapahoe County is the new Denver

This migration pattern suggests that the traditional boundaries of 'Denver' are dissolving. Arapahoe County is no longer just a suburb—it is the new center of gravity for the region's population growth, labor market, and retail demand.



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Denver's exodus is not a retreat

This challenges the narrative that Denver is losing population to 'downsizing' or 'exodus.' Instead, it reflects a strategic relocation within the metro, with Arapahoe County offering a superior balance of access, space, and development potential. The real story is not departure — it's reinvestment in a new urban core.

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