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ALEX Intelligence 2026 – Income Gap Between Arriving and Departing Households

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THE DATA

16.0%

Income Gap Between Arriving and Departing Households (2023)

Boulder County leads all Colorado counties in the net income gain from migration, with incoming households earning 16.0% more than those leaving.

This 16.0% gap reflects a sustained inflow of higher-income households, reinforcing Boulder's position as a magnet for high-earning professionals and entrepreneurs. The data, drawn from IRS migration flows, shows that the county is not just attracting talent but also accumulating wealth at the household level. This trend is unlikely to reverse in the near term, given the region's strong innovation economy and climate resilience positioning.

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

<https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-10-10-boulder-mig-agi-gap>



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Wealth Inflow Fuels Price Resilience

These networks—family loans, shared equity, co-ownership—act as a stabilizing force, reducing the need for formal credit and insulating households from sudden market shifts.

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Migration as a Wealth Engine

The challenge is not just affordability but equity—how to anchor long-term residents within a system that increasingly favors the mobile, high-earning cohort.



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