

Arapahoe County — #5 of 7: Median Monthly Owner Cost

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\$2,025

Arapahoe County leads in affordability among eastern Denver metro counties

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Arapahoe County ranks #5 of 7 Denver-Aurora-Centennial metro counties and #8 of 26 Colorado counties on median monthly owner cost (counties of 20,000+ residents).

This figure reflects the true cost of homeownership—not just the mortgage, but taxes, insurance, and utilities. Aurora's position at \$2,025 places it among the most affordable in the region despite rising regional income pressures. It underscores a structural advantage in housing affordability that is not being fully leveraged in public discourse.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2024 • ALEX Intelligence computation
<https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-10-15-aurora-standing-owner-cost-county>

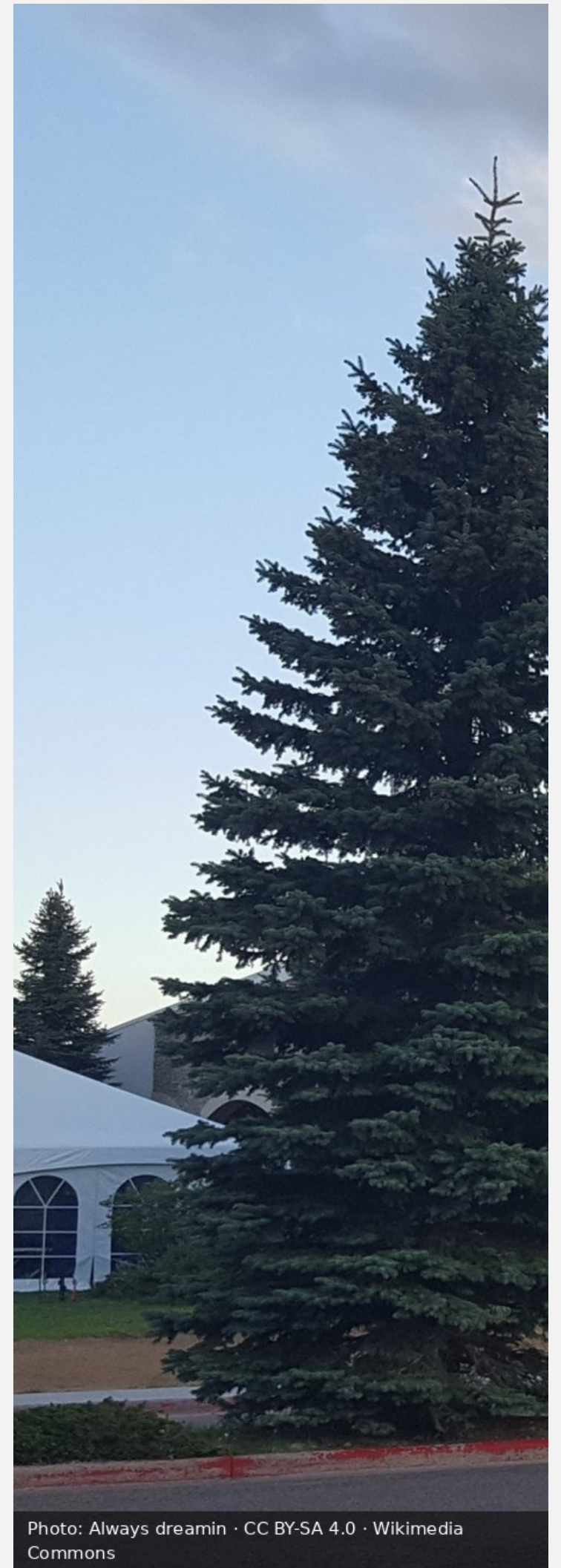


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The background image shows a park setting with green grass and trees. In the foreground, a black metal park bench is partially visible, cluttered with several cardboard boxes and a black plastic trash bag. One box is open, showing its interior. In the background, another park bench and a person sitting on a chair are visible under the shade of trees. A red semi-transparent banner is overlaid on the top left of the image, containing the number '01'.

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Affordability is a strategic asset

Aurora's median owner cost is not just competitive—it's a differentiator in a market where price inflation is eroding access. This ranking signals that Arapahoe County is a rare place where homeownership remains within reach for middle-income earners, even as nearby counties like Douglas and Broomfield push above \$2,100. This is not a temporary trend; it's a structural advantage rooted in land use patterns, tax policy, and infrastructure planning.

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The hidden edge of stability

While Douglas and Elbert Counties lead in cost, they also face higher volatility in income and employment. Arapahoe County's \$2,025 median owner cost, combined with flat poverty thresholds across the Rocky Mountain region (Kansas City Fed, 2026-10-15), suggests a market less vulnerable to speculative swings. This stability makes Aurora an anchor for long-term investment, particularly in mixed-use and workforce housing where predictability matters most.



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