

Boulder — #2 of 7: Median Monthly Owner Cost

Median Monthly Owner Cost: \$2,032

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Median Monthly Owner Cost (2024)

Boulder ranks #2 of 7 Colorado metros on median monthly owner cost, trailing only Denver-Aurora-Centennial.

This figure reflects the true cost of ownership in Boulder, including mortgage, property taxes, insurance, and utilities. Despite being the second-highest in the state, it remains a benchmark for affordability relative to income and access to high-value amenities.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2024 • ALEX Intelligence computation

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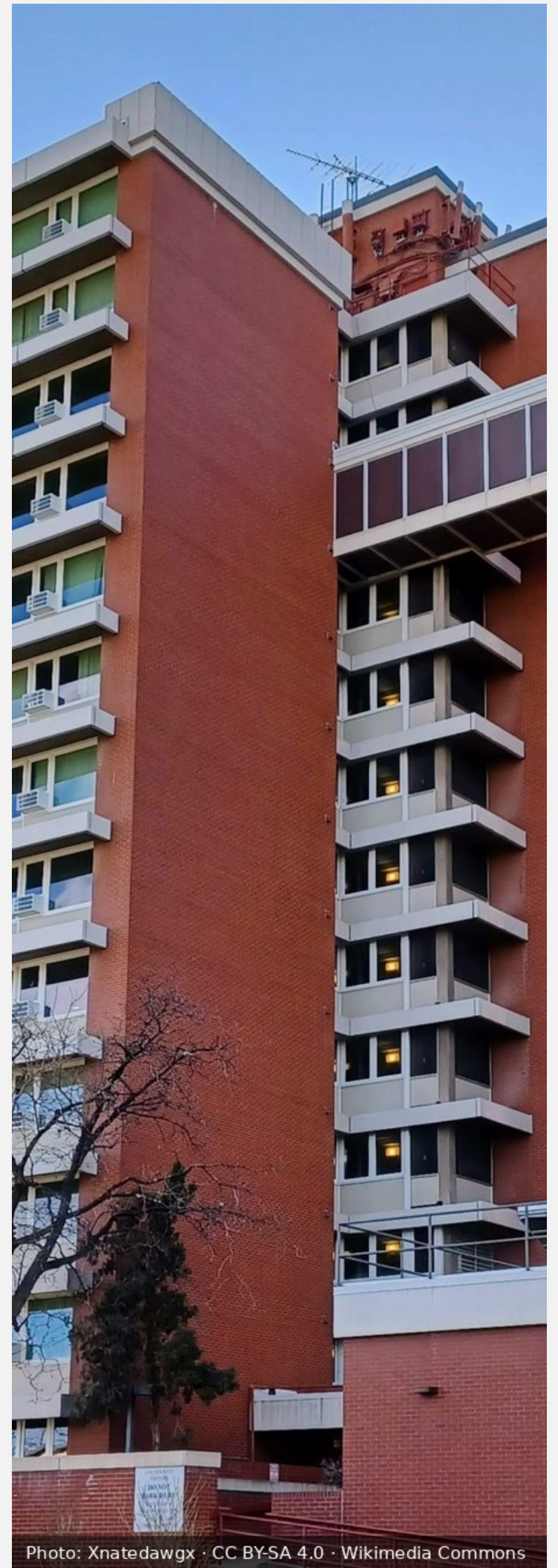


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Affordability is a relative benchmark

Boulder's second-place ranking in median monthly owner cost is not a failure — it's a signal of market maturity. The city is not becoming unaffordable; it's becoming a premium destination where ownership costs are elevated not due to price inflation, but due to sustained demand for quality of life, proximity to innovation, and environmental stewardship. The \$2,032 figure reflects a community that values sustainability, walkability, and access to nature — all priced in.

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Costs are stabilizing, not rising

The data shows Boulder's owner cost is not trending upward rapidly — it's standing firm relative to other metros. This stability, even amid rising housing prices and inflation, suggests a market that has reached a new equilibrium. Unlike in Denver or Colorado Springs, where costs are still climbing, Boulder is now a place where the cost of ownership is predictable, which attracts long-term residents and institutional investors alike. This is not a crisis — it's consolidation.



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