

Denver-Aurora-Centennial, CO — #1 of 7: Construction Establishments

Denver leads Colorado in construction establishments

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9,088

Construction Establishments (2022)

Denver-Aurora-Centennial, CO ranks #1 of 7 Colorado metros on construction establishments.

This figure—9,088 construction establishments—reflects a deep structural commitment to building, not just speculative development. It signals a sustained pipeline of residential, commercial, and infrastructure projects that far outpaces other Colorado metros. The sheer volume suggests a market where new supply is being actively created, not just absorbed.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns 2022, NAICS 23 (Construction) • ALEX Intelligence computation

<https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-10-23-denver-istand-23-msa>



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Construction volume drives long-term value

Denver's lead in construction establishments isn't just about current activity—it's a signal of future capital formation. High numbers of active construction firms imply a resilient supply chain, skilled labor pool, and strong demand for new space. This foundation supports long-term appreciation, even amid short-term volatility in financing or interest rates. The city isn't just building homes; it's building economic capacity.

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Density of builders indicates market maturity

A market with 9,088 active construction firms isn't just growing—it's mature. Such density suggests a diversified builder ecosystem, including small firms, regional developers, and large-scale projects. This diversity reduces systemic risk and supports steady, incremental growth. It also indicates that Denver is not dependent on a few major players, but on a broad base of entrepreneurial construction activity.



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