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Aurora leads Colorado in migration decline

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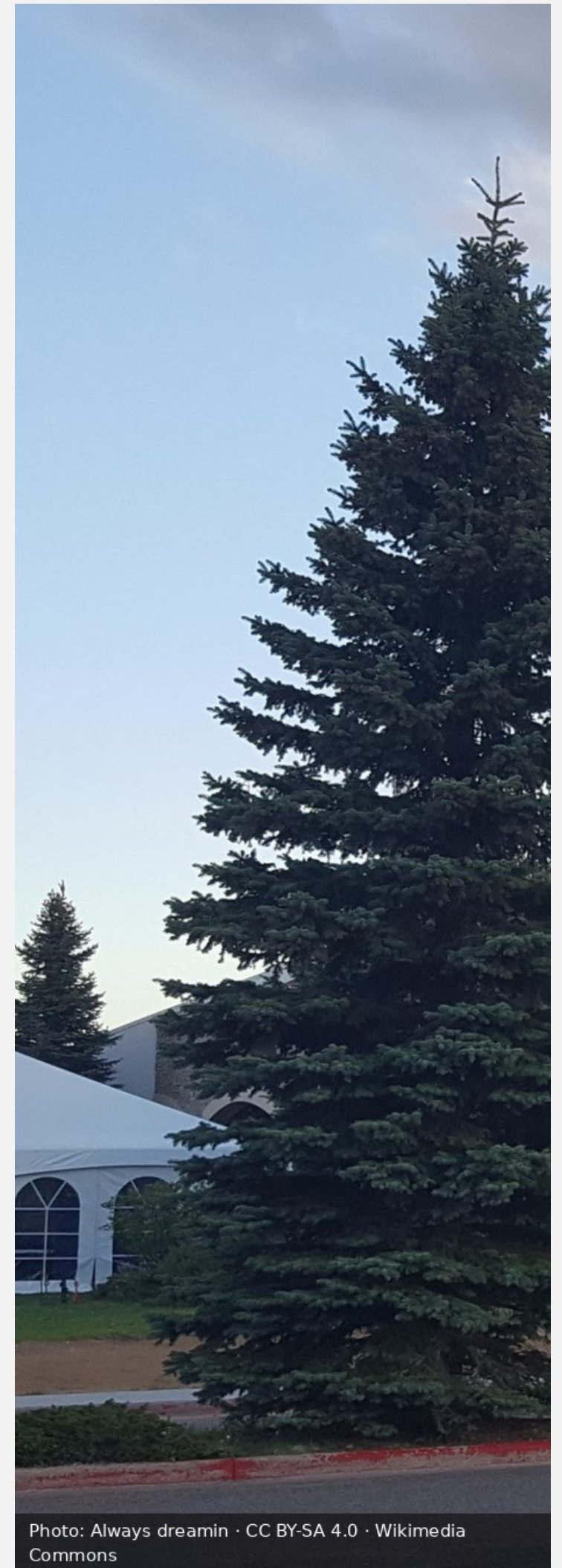
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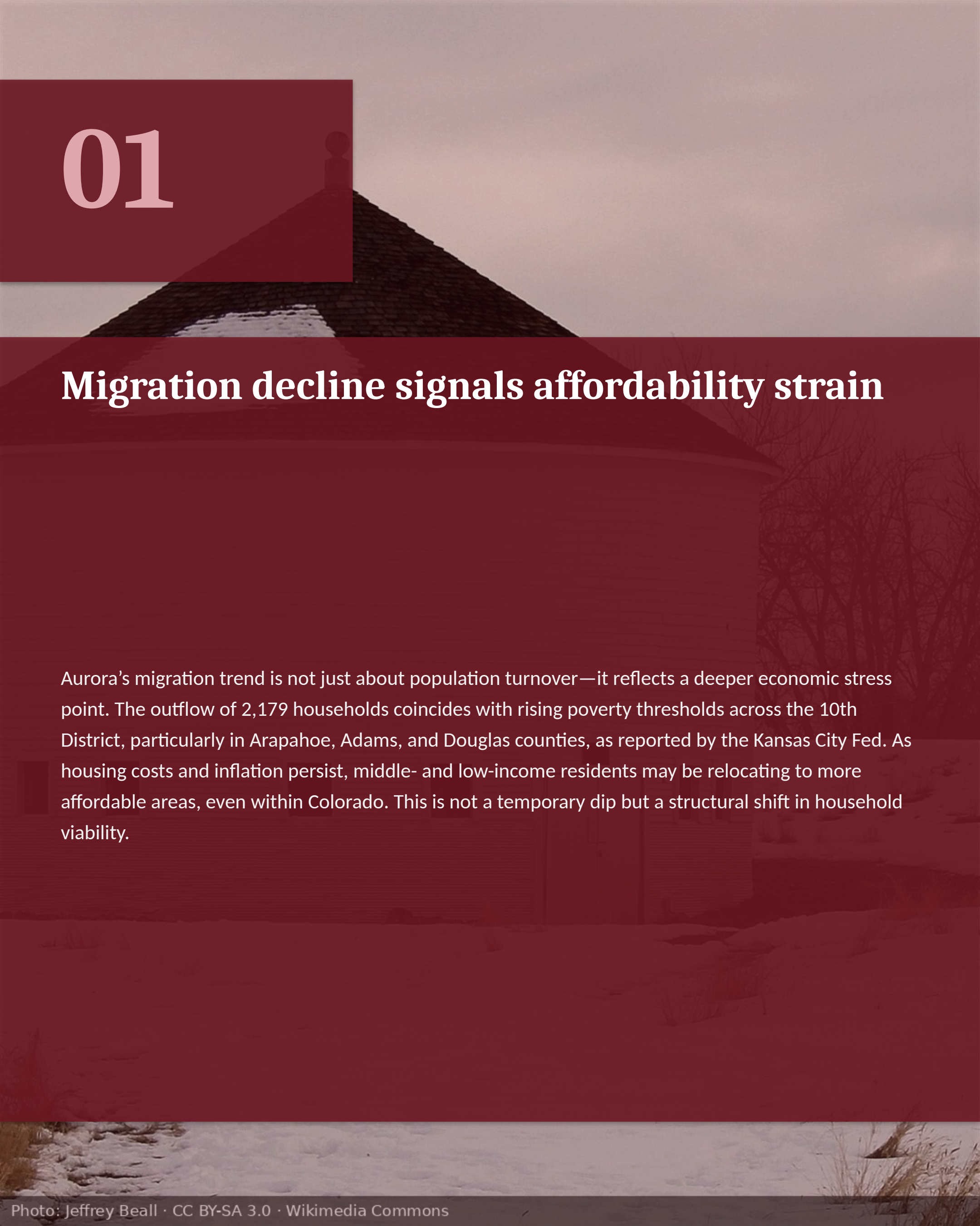
Year-Over-Year Change in Net Migration (2023)

Aurora and the eastern Denver metro saw a net outflow of 2,179 households between 2021-22 and 2022-23.

This decline represents a significant reversal in population momentum, with more households leaving than arriving. The magnitude of the outflow exceeds that of all other Colorado counties with comparable data, including major metropolitan centers like Weld and Larimer. This suggests growing economic or lifestyle pressure in the region that may be driving relocation decisions.

Source: U.S. Internal Revenue Service, Statistics of Income Migration Data, county-to-county inflows, 2021-22 and 2022-23 · ALEX Intelligence computation
<https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-10-29-aurora-mig-trend-net>



The background image shows a house with a dark, shingled roof partially covered in snow. The house is set against a pale, overcast sky. A semi-transparent red overlay covers the entire image, with a darker red rectangular area in the top left corner containing the number '01'.

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Migration decline signals affordability strain

Aurora's migration trend is not just about population turnover—it reflects a deeper economic stress point. The outflow of 2,179 households coincides with rising poverty thresholds across the 10th District, particularly in Arapahoe, Adams, and Douglas counties, as reported by the Kansas City Fed. As housing costs and inflation persist, middle- and low-income residents may be relocating to more affordable areas, even within Colorado. This is not a temporary dip but a structural shift in household viability.

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Economic resilience hinges on industrial growth

Despite the migration downturn, the region's long-term trajectory depends on industrial expansion. BAE Systems' decision to expand advanced manufacturing in Weld County—just west of Aurora—creates high-wage job opportunities that could reverse outflow trends. This development strengthens the broader eastern Denver metro ecosystem, offering a counterweight to housing affordability pressures. However, unless workforce housing and infrastructure keep pace, the labor supply may not match new job creation, risking a mismatch that sustains migration imbalance.



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