Denver County, CO — #1 of 10: Net Households Gained From a Single County

Denver County leads in net household inflow to Aurora

Source: ALEX Intelligence · Published October 31, 2026

Swipe for insights →

Photo: Always dreamin · CC BY-SA 4.0 · Wikimedia Commons

THE DATA

2,403

Net Households Gained From a Single County (2023)

Denver County is the top source of net household inflow to Aurora and the eastern Denver metro, surpassing every other county in the U.S.

This figure represents the net gain of households from a single county, a rare and significant indicator of regional demographic dominance. The magnitude of this inflow suggests that Denver County is not only a residential source but a functional economic and social anchor for Aurora's growth. The concentration of movement from Denver into Aurora reflects a deepening integration of the two metropolitan zones, with Aurora serving as a housing and lifestyle extension of the city.

Photo: Always dreamin · CC BY-SA 4.0 · Wikimedia Commons

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/2026-10-31-aurora-mig-net-partner

01

Aurora’s growth is fueled by internal metro migration

The fact that Denver County accounts for 2,403 net households entering Aurora—more than any other county in the nation—reveals a powerful internal metro dynamic. This is not a national trend but a localized, high-density movement within the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood MSA. The pattern suggests that as Denver’s cost of living and housing pressures intensify, residents are relocating eastward to Aurora not as a last resort, but as a strategic, sustainable choice for affordability, space, and infrastructure. This migration is not random—it is a structured shift in population that underscores Aurora’s role as the eastern gateway to the metro’s future.

Photo: Jeffrey Beall · CC BY 4.0 · Wikimedia Commons

Photo: Jeffrey Beall · CC BY-SA 3.0 · Wikimedia Commons

02

Denver’s outflow is Aurora’s demographic engine

The 2,403 net household gain from Denver County is not just a number—it is a demographic engine. It implies that Aurora is not merely attracting new residents; it is absorbing a significant portion of Denver’s population displacement. This is not a temporary spike but a structural trend, indicating that Aurora’s housing market, employment base, and community infrastructure are now sufficiently mature to sustain large-scale in-migration. The trend suggests that Aurora is no longer just a bedroom community but a full-service urban corridor with economic autonomy, capable of supporting a growing, diverse population without relying on external labor pools.

Real Estate Strategy & Intelligence Leader. Democratized Blue Ocean Strategist & Operator.

Diane Hart Alexander, MBA, MHA

Chair & CEO, ALEX Companies

Designated Broker, Alexander Tiffany Southwest, LLC dba ALEX.realestate, et.al.

Texas License #574877-B · Broker License #565194-BB

diane@alex.realestate · +1 713.591.9902

ALEX

ALEX Intelligence
deep intelligence

ALEX Real Estate
genius real estate

ALEX Advisory
uncontested strategy

ALEX Cares
purposeful philanthropy