Castle Pines — #1 of 10: Median Monthly Owner Cost

Castle Pines has highest owner cost in Denver metro

Median $3,230/month — source: ALEX Intelligence 2026

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$3,230

Median Monthly Owner Cost (2024)

Castle Pines leads the Denver metro and Colorado in monthly ownership costs for single-family homes.

This figure reflects the true cost of homeownership in one of the region's most affluent communities, driven by high land values, premium construction standards, and exclusive amenities. It underscores how ownership pressure is not evenly distributed across the metro — while some areas remain within reach, others are increasingly inaccessible to middle-income households.



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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2024 · ALEX Intelligence computation
https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-11-09-denver-owner-cost-place-mkt

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Affordability is a metro-level fracture

The fact that Castle Pines holds the top spot in both the Denver metro and the entire state reveals a deepening divide in access to homeownership. This isn't just about one city's cost — it's about how the metro's highest tier sets the bar for what is considered 'market-ready' in the region. As median prices in surrounding areas rise in response, the gap widens for buyers with modest income levels, particularly in middle-tier communities like Parker and Lone Tree.

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Ownership cost anchors regional value

The $3,230 benchmark in Castle Pines acts as a de facto anchor for the upper end of the market. Even in cities with lower median costs, the presence of high-end housing and lifestyle expectations elevates the overall cost of entry. This creates a psychological and financial ceiling for many buyers, reinforcing the idea that 'success' in the Denver market means living in a high-cost enclave — even if they can't afford it.

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