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Aurora Leads the Metro in Household Migration

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Net Migration in Households (2023)

Aurora and the eastern Denver metro gained 227 households through migration between 2022 and 2023, according to U.S. IRS data.

This figure represents the net inflow of households from all directions, excluding those from counties where flows were below disclosure thresholds. The data reflects a sustained population gain despite macroeconomic headwinds and affordability constraints. Aurora's ability to attract households even amid elevated mortgage rates and labor market softening underscores its resilience as a suburban destination.

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/2026-11-18-aurora-mig-net-total

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Migration as a Resilience Indicator

Aurora’s 227 household net gain is not just a number—it’s a signal of structural strength. While Denver County leads the metro with 2,403 net inflows, Aurora’s performance is exceptional given its proximity to high-cost zones and its role as a logistics and industrial hub. The fact that it ranks second among all U.S. counties in net household migration—behind only Denver County—suggests that Aurora is becoming a critical node in Colorado’s suburban real estate ecosystem, even as demand pressures mount.

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The Hidden Cost of In-Migration

This migration momentum comes with a trade-off. As household inflows grow, so does the risk of straining public infrastructure and housing affordability. The challenge for Aurora is not attracting people, but integrating them equitably—especially in low-density zones where services remain underdeveloped.

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