Growth and Neighborhoods – Aurora, Colorado
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Aurora residents and businesses enjoy tremendous value for their money, with award-winning public safety, quality parks and recreation, beautiful open spaces, and cultural, educational and community activities. The city offers the most house for the money in the Denver-Aurora metro area, an attractive, value-filled market for a full array of homebuyers. Flexible open enrollment provides access to top-tier public education throughout the city. The city strives to create an urban area that embraces expansion while enacting policies that produce balanced housing types, quality development and managed infrastructures and services. Aurora’s new Aurora Places comprehensive plan emphasizes the importance of creating and improving the variety and types of places throughout the city. Aurora continues to grow between 1 and 2 percent annually, attracting investments from top national employers, homebuilders and developers.

Neighborhoods
- Aurora welcomes all walks of life and makes residents feel at home in more than 450 neighborhoods featuring the broadest variety of nationalities.
- More than 10,000 acres of park land, which includes all parks, open space and golf courses
- Developed park land includes 97 parks, including the Aurora Sports Park, Wheel Park and Grandview Dog Park, and Centre Hills Park Disc Golf Course
- Five award-winning municipal golf courses
- Plains Conservation Center
- More than 91 miles of trails
- Twenty-eight historic sites, two historic districts and one cultural landmark

Water System
- Aurora Water provides water, wastewater and storm water services to a 163.5-square-mile service area.
- Most of Aurora’s water comes from mountain runoff, surface water than is piped into the city from more than 180 miles away. The city’s most recent water system, Prairie Waters, went online in 2010 and can deliver up to 12 million gallons of water each day. It recaptures water from the South Platte, provides additional drought protection and is the backbone for a regional water-sharing agreement that is one of the first of its kind.

City-operated Recreation Centers, Classes, Pools and Cultural Services
- More than 8,000 recreation classes and activities offered annually, including art and dance classes, sports leagues, cooking and wine tastings, aquatics, fitness and more
- Three full-service recreation centers, one center for adults ages 50 and older, two community centers, two indoor pools and several outdoor pools
- One 245-seat performing arts theater with attached black-box theater
- One small, newly renovated history museum, which houses an historic trolley trailer

Libraries
- Six full service libraries located throughout the city offering books, magazines, newspapers, CDs, DVDs, computers with internet, printing, Microsoft software and computer classes, study rooms and programs for kids and adults.
- Additionally, library computers/internet available at three recreation centers.