Aurora, Colorado – Worth Discovering
(Updated July 2019)

Colorado’s safest large city—and one of the safest in America—is a place where more than 378,000 residents enjoy a comfortable way of life and a wealth of opportunity. Aurora residents enjoy access to quality education, convenient urban living, family friendly neighborhoods and a strong job market.

Situated on prairie grasslands, rolling hills and the Black Forest’s northern tip, Aurora offers a unique quality of life that blends an old-fashioned sense of community with a range of outdoor and leisure activities. The city spans three counties in the eastern Denver-Aurora Metropolitan Area, and is the state’s third largest city and the 54th largest in the country.

Aurora Facts
Name and City Government Structure
• Founded in 1891, the city of Aurora was originally named Fletcher by its founder, former Chicago resident Donald Fletcher. In 1907, the town changed its name to Aurora.
• Council/city manager form of government: Mayor, six council ward representatives and four at-large members

Population: 381,057 (2019 city of Aurora estimate)
• Estimated Average Annual Growth Rate (2017-18): 1.27%
• Median Age: 34.2
• Average Household Size: 2.69
• Estimated Population by Single Race Classification (% of population): White, 61.2%; Black, 15.7%; Asian, 6%; American Indian/Alaskan Native, 0.8%; Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, 0.3%; other race, 10.7%; two+ races, 5.3%
• Estimated Hispanic/Latino Population (% of population): Hispanic or Latino, 28.6%

Transportation: A strategic transportation hub centrally located in the United States
• Located minutes from Denver International Airport and Colorado Air and Space Port (formerly Front Range Airport)
• Intersected by Interstate 225, Interstate 70 and E-470
• 10 RTD R-Line stations along and near I-225 and two University of Colorado A Line stations along I-70

Climate: Semi-arid (mild and dry)
• Warmest Month: July (Avg. High, 90°F, and Low, 55°F) / Coolest Month: January (Ave. High, 45°F; and Low, 16°F)
• Most Precipitation: May (Average, 2.85 inches) / Least Precipitation: January (Average, 0.49 inches)

Geography: 160.53 total square miles (75.61 square miles of vacant land; 26.54 square miles of parks and open space)
• Latitude: 39° 41’ 45” N (39.695833°) and Longitude: 104° 48’ 29” W (-104.808056°)
• Official Elevation: 5,435 feet (6,229 feet at highest point located a quarter mile north of the intersection of Inspiration Drive and Antelope Trail in Douglas County and 5,285 feet at lowest point at the Sand Creek Wastewater Reclamation Facility)
• Located in Arapahoe, Adams and Douglas counties (percentage of population in each county: Arapahoe County-87.95%, Adams County-12%, Douglas County-.05%)