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# Aurora, CO

## Buckley Air Force Base



### City of Aurora Web Site

<http://www.auroragov.org/AuroraGov/index.htm>

The city originated in the 1880s, as the town of Fletcher, taking its name from Denver businessman Donald Fletcher who saw it as a real estate opportunity. He and his partners staked out four square miles east of Denver, but the town - and Colorado - struggled mightily after the Silver Crash of 1893. At that point Fletcher skipped town, leaving the community with a huge water debt. Inhabitants decided to rename their township Aurora in

1907, and it slowly began to grow in Denver's shadow becoming the fastest growing city in the United States during the late 1970s and early 1980s.

In 1942, the Army Air Corps built Buckley Field, which over the course of time has been renamed Naval Air Station, Buckley Air National Guard Base, and finally Buckley Air Force Base. The base, home of the 460th Space Wing and the 140th Wing Colorado Air National Guard, is Aurora's largest employer.

### About Aurora

Aurora is a Home Rule Municipality spanning Arapahoe, Adams, and Douglas counties in Colorado. The city is the third most populous city in the state of Colorado and the 58th most populous city in the US. The city had an estimated population of 319,057 in 2008.

A large military presence has existed in Aurora since the early 20th century. In 1918, Army General Hospital #21 (later re-named Fitzsimons Army Hospital) opened, with the U.S. government expanding and upgrading the hospital facilities in 1941 just in time to care for the wounded servicemen of World War II.

*Wikipedia*



Aurora is split among three counties and lies distant from the respective county seats. A consolidated city and county government was considered in the mid-1990s but failed to win approval by city voters. The issue was reconsidered in 2006.