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Moving to Centennial, Colorado

The honest version: the trade-offs, the costs that surprise people, where buyers actually land, and how to plan a move from another state.

THE SHORT ANSWER

Centennial is a city of about 108,000 people in Arapahoe County, directly south of Denver along I-25, and one of the newest big cities in Colorado: it incorporated in 2001 and runs on a contract model, with the Arapahoe County Sheriff for policing, South Metro Fire Rescue for fire and private contractors for public works. It suits buyers who want an established suburb next to the Denver Tech Center with Cherry Creek or Littleton schools, light rail on I-25, Cherry Creek State Park close by, and more yard for the money than Parker or Highlands Ranch. It suits people less well if they want a walkable downtown, new construction, a single school district they can count on, or a quiet address far from a flight path.

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Is Centennial the right fit for you?

Centennial is the suburb that flies under the radar. When people call me from out of state, it's not one of the names that comes top of mind; once they find it, they tend to like it a lot. For this guide I sat down at Centennial Center Park with Lina Krylov, a realtor friend who has sold a couple of thousand homes, including my first house, and who chose to live in Centennial herself. Her rule of thumb: find the area where a lot of realtors live. Her neighborhood is full of them.

Here's the shape of it. Centennial was a huge stretch of unincorporated suburbia south of Denver, and Greenwood Village was annexing pieces of it. In September 2000, 77 percent of voters said yes to forming their own city, and Centennial became official on February 7, 2001, at the time the largest incorporation by population in U.S. history. It adopted a home rule charter in 2008. The founders built it on a lean-government idea that still defines it: a small staff, contracts for most services. The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office has policed the city since day one. Public works went to a private contractor in 2008; Jacobs Engineering holds that contract today, along with the call center and code compliance. South Metro Fire Rescue handles fire. Water, sanitation and parks come from special districts that predate the city. There is no Centennial Police Department, on purpose, and the city's Parks, Trails & Open Spaces staff works with four partner districts that run the parks and rec centers.

Most of the housing was already here when the city was born: 1960s through 1980s subdivisions on the west side, many without a mandatory HOA, and newer pool-and-clubhouse subdivisions out toward Smoky Hill Road on the east. I-25 cuts the city roughly in half.

Why people choose Centennial

- The Denver Tech Center is 10 to 15 minutes from most of the city, and Centennial's own I-25 corridor holds Arrow Electronics, United Launch Alliance and Comcast.
- Cherry Creek and Littleton schools, depending on the address.
- Three light rail stations along I-25 within or beside the city.
- Cherry Creek State Park close by.
- More house and yard than the same money buys in Parker or Highlands Ranch, in my friend's experience.
- Bordered by Littleton, Greenwood Village, Aurora, Foxfield and Lone Tree. You are in the center of things, not on an island.

What gives people pause

- Two school districts, and the line runs by address, not by neighborhood name. Six street ZIP codes (seven counting a PO box ZIP) serve Centennial, several shared with Aurora, Greenwood Village or the county, so a map search will mislead you.

- No downtown. The Streets at SouthGlenn is the closest thing to a town center.
- Centennial Airport, one of the busiest general-aviation airports in the country, sits just outside the city limits on the south side. Most people never notice it; the neighborhoods under the pattern do.
- The jigsaw boundary means your neighbor across the street may be in Aurora, Foxfield or the county.

Where is Centennial, and how do you get around?

Centennial covers about 30 square miles across the south edge of the metro, from roughly Broadway on the west to past Smoky Hill Road on the east, with I-25 through the middle and Arapahoe Road and Dry Creek Road as the east-west arteries. Elevation is about 5,720 feet.

- **Into the Tech Center:** The commute Centennial does best. I-25, University or Yosemite, 10 to 15 minutes from most of the city, closer from the Dry Creek and Arapahoe Road corridors.
- **Into downtown Denver:** I-25 north. My friend calls it 25 minutes on the days she's late and about 35 otherwise. Rush hour runs longer, especially from the east side.
- **Light rail:** Dry Creek station, on East Dry Creek Road at I-25, is the one inside Centennial, with a 235-space garage and a pedestrian bridge to the Inverness offices. Arapahoe at Village Center (Greenwood Village, next to Fiddler's Green) and County Line (Lone Tree, next to Park Meadows) bracket it. As of fall 2026 all three are served by the E Line (Union Station to RidgeGate Parkway) and the R Line (Aurora via I-225 to RidgeGate), plus the temporary T Line RTD runs during the Downtown Rail Reconstruction Project. Check RTD before you rely on a specific line.
- **The airport:** Denver International by I-25 to I-225 to I-70, or by E-470, a toll road, from the east side. Half an hour on a good day; budget more.
- **The mountains:** C-470 west, then US 285 or I-70 through Golden. Not the quick run the west side of the metro gets.

What are Centennial's neighborhoods like?

Centennial grew subdivision by subdivision before it was a city, so the neighborhood name matters more than the city name. West to east:

Southglenn and Cherry Knolls

The old core on the west side, around Arapahoe Road and University Boulevard. Southglenn was a 43,000-person census-designated place before the city existed; The Streets at SouthGlenn, the open-air district that replaced the 1974 mall in 2009, keeps the name. Cherry Knolls, just west, is about 700 homes dating to 1960, with a neighborhood pool and an improvement association. Arapahoe High School (Littleton Public Schools) is at Dry Creek and University.

The Knolls, Heritage Greens and Heritage Place

Established pool-and-tennis neighborhoods west of I-25 and south of Arapahoe Road, with greenbelts and mature trees. Generally Littleton Public Schools, but confirm the address.

Walnut Hills and Homestead

The Castlewood side, just west of I-25 between Dry Creek and Arapahoe Road. Homestead in the Willows is what my friend calls "a big one": three pools, tennis and pickleball, and an elementary school with a reputation that keeps residents put. She went door-knocking there for clients and was told, more than once, that the only way out is being carried out. Walnut Hills, next door, is an older neighborhood a short walk from the Dry Creek station. Cherry Creek schools.

Willow Creek and Foxridge

East of I-25 between Dry Creek and County Line Road, with the Willow Creek Trail running through. Willow Creek is an established planned neighborhood with pools, tennis, greenbelts and a mandatory HOA; Foxridge, next to it, is quieter and tucked away. Cherry Creek schools, minutes from the Tech Center.

Piney Creek and Parkborough

Farther east, south of Arapahoe Road toward Parker Road and E-470, along the Piney Creek Trail. Piney Creek is the kind of east-side subdivision my friend described, with a clubhouse, pool and tennis courts, close to I-225. Piney Creek Estates, Chaparral and Shenandoah, just beyond, are the large-lot end of Centennial: my friend lives on two acres here and kept horses, rare inside any city limit in the metro. Some of these addresses are unincorporated Arapahoe County with a Centennial mailing address; check.

Smoky Hill and the east side

Along Smoky Hill Road between Buckley and Tower, the Smoky Hill Metro District runs seven neighborhood parks, a pool and a clubhouse, and the Trails Recreation Center is the big rec facility for this end, with an indoor pool and slide, a gym and a skate park next door. The newest part of Centennial, Cherry Creek schools throughout, the most interleaved with Aurora, and the longest drive to I-25.

What does it cost to own a home in Centennial?

Know the whole monthly payment, not just the price. Centennial-specific points:

- **Property tax** — The Arapahoe County Assessor values property and the Treasurer collects. Your bill stacks the county, the school district, the city, your park and recreation district, your water and sanitation district and South Metro Fire. Pull the exact list of taxing authorities for the address from the Assessor's property search.
- **HOA** — Older west-side neighborhoods often have a voluntary or covenant-only association and no pool. The east side and the planned pockets like Willow Creek, Homestead and Piney Creek have

mandatory HOAs that fund pools, tennis and clubhouses.

- **Metro and rec districts** — Smoky Hill Metro District is the main metro district inside the city, funded by its residents. Your park and rec district is a taxing district, and what you get differs: South Suburban (central and west) runs Goodson Rec Center and the Family Sports Center; Trails (east of Parker Road, north of Arapahoe) runs the Trails Recreation Center; the Arapahoe County Recreation District runs Dove Valley Regional Park and, by the county resolution that created it, only passive amenities.
- **Insurance** — Hail is the biggest premium driver in Colorado, per the state Division of Insurance. Centennial has little wildfire exposure compared with the foothills suburbs.
- **Sales tax** — Centennial is a home rule city that sets and collects its own sales tax; RTD and the cultural district are layered on top. The city's Sales Tax Rates page has the current combined number.
- **Housing-age costs** — West-side homes date from the 1960s to the 1980s: roofs, sewer lines, windows, plumbing and electrical panels all deserve a careful inspection.

What kinds of homes are in Centennial?

Overwhelmingly single-family detached homes; as a rule, the farther west and closer to I-25, the older the house, and the farther east, the newer. Townhomes and condos cluster around The Streets at SouthGlenn, the Dry Creek station and the Arapahoe Road corridor. Centennial is essentially built out, so new construction is infill; the big new communities people hear about, like Prairie Point, a roughly 900-acre community at E-470 and Parker Road whose private Bluebird Club golf course is expected to open in 2028, are in Aurora's city limits, not Centennial's. Two things my friend flagged on camera: Centennial does not allow gated communities, and the east-side horse properties are a genuine rarity for a city this size.

How do schools work in Centennial?

Two districts, and this is the thing to get right. Most of Centennial, the central and east sides, is in the Cherry Creek School District, headquartered in Greenwood Village, with about 52,000 students across 65 schools (2025-26). The western portion is in Littleton Public Schools, headquartered in downtown Littleton, a much smaller district with three high schools. The boundary doesn't follow I-25 or any road you'd guess, so confirm the assigned schools for the exact address with the district's locator tool.

Cherry Creek students in Centennial head to different high schools by address: Cherry Creek High School in Greenwood Village (opened 1955, the district's oldest), Eaglecrest just east of the city line, or Grandview and Smoky Hill in Aurora. On the Littleton side, Arapahoe High School sits inside Centennial, the largest of LPS's three high schools and a national Blue Ribbon school.

Cherry Creek runs a School Choice lottery for families who want a school other than their assigned one: applications December 1 through May 31, a priority round in late February, and priority to siblings, employees' children, current students and district residents, in that order, with out-of-district families last.

For 2026-27 every listed school was closed, so don't count on choice. Cherry Creek Academy, Heritage Heights Academy and the Challenge School run their own application processes; my friend's daughter attends a Cherry Creek charter, and she said getting in is a lottery. LPS has its own open enrollment window; check the district.

What is there to do in Centennial?

Parks, trails and open space

The city counts more than 100 parks, about 100 miles of trails and more than 4,000 acres of open space across its four rec partners. The High Line Canal Trail crosses the west side; in 2024 Denver Water handed a 45-mile segment of the canal to Arapahoe County under a conservation easement. The Cherry Creek Regional Trail runs about 40 miles from Confluence Park in downtown Denver to Castlewood Canyon; you can get on it in Centennial and ride to downtown. That's a long trail.

Centennial Center Park, next to the Civic Center on East Peakview Avenue, is the city's showpiece: a splash pad that runs Memorial Day through Labor Day, a big playground, an amphitheater and reservable shelters. I could spend hours there with my daughter, or more accurately she could make me. It costs nothing.

Cherry Creek State Park is close by: 3,346 acres, an 880-acre reservoir and 35 miles of trails, plus a dog park my friend calls fantastic. Dove Valley Regional Park, annexed in 2022, is the big passive park on the south side, next to the Broncos' headquarters.

Events

Concerts and events at the Centennial Center Park amphitheater are the homegrown calendar. Fiddler's Green Amphitheatre is two minutes up I-25; Parker Days is eight minutes from the east side. New in 2026: Denver Summit FC, the metro's NWSL team, opened its CommonSpirit Performance Center in Centennial in June and has played home matches since July 18, 2026 at Centennial Stadium, a 12,000-seat interim venue at Potomac Street and Fremont Avenue built with Cherry Creek Schools, and plans to stay through 2027. After that the venue becomes a 4,000-seat district stadium. The team plans a permanent stadium at Santa Fe Yards in Denver, which it said in July 2026 may not open until closer to 2029. Across the road, the Broncos opened a new headquarters in Dove Valley in July 2026.

Food and beer

Centennial's dining is mostly along Arapahoe Road and at The Streets at SouthGlenn, and mostly chains. The nice-dinner district is next door. Greenwood Village is the hub of nice restaurants in the Denver area, and Landmark, at I-25 and Belleview, is one of my favorite spots: a lot of great restaurants, very convenient. My friend goes there for the comedy club and a couple of great bars, and calls the Tech Center "our little downtown." IKEA, the first in Colorado, is at I-25 and County Line.

Three places to start

- **Centennial Center Park on a summer Saturday** — the splash pad, the playground, the birthday parties under every shelter. The family side of Centennial in one stop, free.
- **The Dry Creek station at rush hour** — stand on the pedestrian bridge over I-25, look north at the Tech Center towers, and watch the trains load. The fastest way to understand why people live here.
- **Cherry Creek State Park's dam road** — the reservoir, the mountain view and the trail toward Denver.

Who are the big employers in and near Centennial?

The city's top-ten employer list reads like a Fortune 500 page: Comcast, UnitedHealthcare, Arrow Electronics, United Launch Alliance, CommonSpirit Health, Sierra Nevada Corporation, Travelers, RingCentral, S&P and MasTec. Arrow, ranked 148th on the Fortune 500 in 2026 with about 22,000 employees worldwide, moved its headquarters here from New York in 2011 and was Colorado's top-ranked Fortune 500 company in 2025. ULA, the Boeing-Lockheed rocket venture, is headquartered here with about 2,700 employees (2024). The Denver Tech Center proper, in Greenwood Village and Denver, holds about 35,000 workers and around 1,000 companies (2023). Centennial Airport anchors an aviation cluster in Dove Valley and Inverness. Denver Summit FC trains and plays here, and the Broncos' headquarters sits just over the line in unincorporated Dove Valley.

How does Centennial compare with nearby areas?

- **Centennial vs. Greenwood Village** — Greenwood Village is smaller and pricier, with the restaurants, Fiddler's Green and more of the Tech Center inside its limits. Centennial has more house for the money and the same commute.
- **Centennial vs. Highlands Ranch** — Highlands Ranch is one master plan with four rec centers and one HOA over everything; Centennial is a hundred subdivisions with their own rules. My friend's take: at the same budget, Centennial gets you more square footage and a bigger yard.
- **Centennial vs. Parker** — Parker has Mainstreet, new construction and Douglas County schools, farther out. Centennial trades the main street for the Tech Center and the train.
- **Centennial vs. Aurora** — They share ZIP codes, a school district and whole blocks on the east side. Aurora is a full-service city; Centennial is a contract city. Know which side of the line a house is on.

A lender's take on Centennial

Centennial is the suburb out-of-state buyers don't ask about and tend to like once they find it. What it has is location: ten minutes to the Tech Center, a train to downtown, a state park close by, Greenwood Village's

restaurants next door. My friend's line stuck with me: you're not on an island here, you're in the center of everything.

The honest trade is that Centennial is not one place. It's a jigsaw of 1960s neighborhoods and 1990s subdivisions, two school districts, four rec partners and a boundary that wanders in and out of Aurora and the county. That means more homework per address, and it also means you can usually find the version of Centennial that fits you.

Who's it perfect for? Tech Center commuters, families who want Cherry Creek or Littleton schools without Greenwood Village prices, and anyone who wants a trail nearby and a city a train ride away. Who will struggle? People who want new construction, a walkable downtown, or one set of rules for the whole town. Everyone else: go stand in Centennial Center Park on a Saturday and see who's there.

Buying in Centennial: what to do first

1. **Get pre-approved** before you tour. West-side inventory moves fast, and the east-side pool neighborhoods have loyal buyers waiting.
2. **Confirm the address is actually in Centennial.** Six street ZIP codes (seven counting a PO box ZIP), several shared with neighbors.
3. **Pull the taxing authorities for the exact parcel** from the Arapahoe County Assessor: school district, rec district, water district, any metro district. Then price the whole payment with HOA dues and insurance.
4. **Confirm the assigned schools** with the Cherry Creek or Littleton locator tool, and note the Cherry Creek School Choice window (December 1 to May 31) if you want a different school.
5. **Drive the commute at rush hour** from the actual street. East of Parker Road the surface-street leg to I-25 is the whole story. South of Arapahoe and east of I-25, visit on a weekday morning and listen for the airport.
6. **Veterans:** a VA loan works on everything here, from a 1965 Cherry Knolls ranch to an HOA two-story in Piney Creek. Get the inspection and HOA documents early.

Frequently asked questions

Is Centennial part of Denver or Aurora?

Neither. Centennial is its own home rule city in Arapahoe County, incorporated in 2001, with about 108,000 residents. It borders Aurora on the east and shares some ZIP codes with it, but has its own council, taxes and contracts for services.

What school district is Centennial in?

Two: most of the city is in the Cherry Creek School District, and the western portion is in Littleton Public Schools. The boundary runs by address, so confirm the assigned schools for a specific property with the district's locator tool before you buy.

Is there light rail in Centennial?

Yes. Dry Creek station, on East Dry Creek Road at I-25, is inside the city, and Arapahoe at Village Center (Greenwood Village) and County Line (Lone Tree) sit on its borders. As of fall 2026 all three are served by the E and R Lines plus RTD's temporary T Line; check RTD for current service.

How far is Centennial from downtown Denver and the Tech Center?

The Denver Tech Center is 10 to 15 minutes from most of Centennial by I-25 or surface streets. Downtown Denver is a straight run north on I-25; plan on 25 to 35 minutes off-peak, longer at rush hour, especially from the east side.

What does it mean that Centennial is a contract city?

Centennial keeps a small staff and contracts most services out: the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office provides police service under an agreement dating to 2001, South Metro Fire Rescue provides fire protection, Jacobs Engineering runs public works, code compliance and the 24/7 call center, and special districts provide water, sanitation and parks. The city says this keeps costs and taxes lower than running its own departments.

Is Centennial Airport in Centennial?

No. Centennial Airport is in unincorporated Arapahoe County (the Dove Valley area), just south of the city, and it predates the city by more than 30 years; it opened in 1968 as Arapahoe County Airport and was renamed in 1984. It is one of the busiest general-aviation airports in the country, with about 362,000 takeoffs and landings in 2023. Neighborhoods directly under its traffic patterns notice it; most of the city does not.

Does Centennial have new construction?

Very little. The city was essentially built out when it incorporated in 2001, so new homes inside the limits are infill. Large new communities nearby, including Prairie Point at E-470 and Parker Road, with its private Bluebird Club golf course expected to open in 2028, are in Aurora. Buyers who want new construction in the south metro typically look at Aurora's southeast side, Parker, Lone Tree's RidgeGate or Castle Rock.

Sources

Guide reviewed October 24, 2026, and reviewed again twice a year.

- Centennial, Colorado (population, incorporation, home rule, land area, elevation, I-25 split, boundaries, school districts, top employers, airport, IKEA, Broncos, Denver Summit FC, ZIP codes)

- City of Centennial: History (incorporation vote and date, contract model, Arapahoe County Sheriff agreement, public works contract to CH2M Hill/Jacobs, special districts, home rule charter 2008, Civic Center and Centennial Center Park, 2022 Dove Valley annexation)
- City of Centennial: Public Safety (Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office agreement since 2001, annual service review)
- City of Centennial: Fire Safety (South Metro Fire Rescue)
- City of Centennial: Government (departments and services)
- American City & County: Centennial, Colo.'s first mayor on outsourcing services (public works public-private partnership, 53-employee staff)
- City of Centennial: Parks, Trails & Open Spaces (four rec partners; 100-plus parks, 100 miles of trails, 4,000-plus acres of open space)
- City of Centennial: Park and Recreation Districts (South Suburban coverage and facilities, Trails Park and Recreation District, Arapahoe County Recreation District and Dove Valley Regional Park, Smoky Hill Metro District parks, pool and clubhouse)
- City of Centennial: Centennial Center Park (splash pad season, playground, amphitheater, reservable shelters, open since 2012)
- City of Centennial: Centennial Rankings
- City of Centennial: Sales Tax Rates (home rule, self-collected city sales tax; RTD and SCFD in combined rate)
- City of Centennial: Denver Summit FC's new home at Potomac Park (12,000-seat interim stadium for 2026 and 2027, 4,000-seat Cherry Creek Schools stadium after, CommonSpirit Performance Center)
- City of Centennial: Denver Summit FC celebrates grand opening of Performance Center (June 26, 2026)
- Denver Summit FC (NWSL, 2026 inaugural season, Potomac Street and Fremont Avenue stadium, Santa Fe Yards permanent stadium timeline, training center next to Broncos HQ)
- Denver Gazette: Broncos eager to move into bright, shiny, new digs (June 2026; 175 million dollar headquarters, Dove Valley)
- Greenwood Village: Property Tax (how Arapahoe County assessment, mill levies and Treasurer collection work)
- Denver Gazette: Prettiest Denver suburbs see home insurance premiums soar with wildfire risk (Aug. 2026; hail as top driver per Colorado Division of Insurance)
- Southglenn, Colorado (former CDP, 43,520 people in 2000, part of Centennial since 2001)
- Castlewood, Colorado (former CDP west of I-25, 25,567 people in 2000, part of Centennial since 2001)
- The Streets at SouthGlenn (Arapahoe and University; Southglenn Mall 1974, redevelopment opened 2009, anchor closures)
- Cherry Knolls Improvement Association (about 700 homes, 1960 origin, pool, architectural requests)
- Homestead in the Willows HOA (three pools, tennis, pickleball, Geddes Avenue office)
- Cherry Creek State Park (3,346 acres, 880-acre reservoir, 35 miles of trails, amenities, Colorado Parks and Wildlife)
- High Line Canal (2024 transfer of 45-mile segment from Denver Water to Arapahoe County; conservancy easement)
- Douglas County: Final leg of Cherry Creek Regional Trail takes shape (nearly 40 miles, Confluence Park to Castlewood Canyon)
- South Suburban Park and Recreation District (founded 1959; serves Centennial west of I-25, Littleton, Lone Tree and others; 100-plus parks, nearly 100 miles of trail)
- Cherry Creek School District (Greenwood Village headquarters, Aurora and Centennial as largest areas, Cherry Creek Innovation Center in Centennial, charters)

- Cherry Creek Schools: School Choice Application (Dec. 1 to May 31 window, priority round, priority order, 2026-27 closures, locator tool, charters outside School Choice)
- Littleton Public Schools (serves Littleton and portions of Centennial, Greenwood Village and others; three high schools; downtown Littleton headquarters)
- Arapahoe High School (Centennial; Littleton Public Schools; opened 1964; largest of three LPS high schools; Blue Ribbon)
- Cherry Creek High School (Greenwood Village, opened 1955, 3,852 students)
- Eaglecrest High School (unincorporated Arapahoe County near Centennial and Aurora; opened 1991)
- Grandview High School (Aurora, opened 1998)
- Dry Creek station (Centennial; E, R and T Lines; 235-space garage; pedestrian bridge to Inverness; opened 2006)
- Arapahoe at Village Center station (Greenwood Village; E, R and T Lines; 817 spaces; Fiddler's Green)
- County Line station (Lone Tree; E and R Lines; Park Meadows; 388 spaces)
- E Line (RTD) (Union Station to RidgeGate Parkway; southeast corridor stations; 2025-2026 reconstruction changes and T Line)
- R Line (RTD) (Peoria to Lincoln via I-225 and I-25; stations)
- RTD: Final September 2026 service changes (R Line Peoria to RidgeGate Parkway, T Line extension, C and D Line changes)
- Denver Tech Center (Denver and Greenwood Village along I-25 between I-225 and Arapahoe Road; 908 acres, 35,000 workers, 1,000-plus companies; tenants)
- Arrow Electronics (Centennial headquarters since 2011, Fortune 500 rank 148 in 2026, about 22,000 employees, 2025 revenue)
- United Launch Alliance (Centennial headquarters, Boeing-Lockheed joint venture founded 2006, about 2,700 employees)
- Centennial Airport (Dove Valley CDP, unincorporated Arapahoe County; Arapahoe County Public Airport Authority; opened 1968 as Arapahoe County Airport, renamed 1984; one of the busiest GA airports)
- Centennial Airport: FAQs (362,407 operations in 2023; public-use airport; authority board; no scheduled commercial service)
- Bisnow: Plans for Colorado's newest private golf course revealed (July 2026; Prairie Point master-planned community; Oakwood Homes founder's private Bluebird Club near E-470 and Parker Road, 2028 opening)
- Denver7: What to know ahead of first Denver Summit FC game at Centennial Stadium (first match there July 18, 2026; Fremont Avenue location)
- Mile High CRE: Broncos move into new \$175M training camp (July 2026; new headquarters opened July 13, 2026, on the Dove Valley campus)
- Sentinel Colorado: Construction begins on 1,600-home Prairie Point development in southeast Aurora (June 2026; 900 acres at E-470 near Parker Road, 18-hole golf course)
- Axios Denver: Colorado Fortune 500 companies 2025 (Arrow Electronics ranks as the top Colorado company)
- Colorado Department of Education: Cherry Creek 5 enrollment (51,844 students, 65 schools, 2025-26)
- Littleton, Colorado (borders Centennial on Littleton's east)
- Lone Tree, Colorado (Centennial is its neighbor to the north)
- Foxfield, Colorado (bordered by Aurora and Centennial)
- Greenwood Village, Colorado (hemmed in by Centennial's boundaries)

- Destination Denver Colorado: Is Living in Centennial Colorado the Right Move for You? (Sept. 2026)

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