

Aurora Illinois

Housing Characteristics

Occupied/Vacant Status (2000)	Number	Percent
Total Housing Units	45,129	100.0
Occupied	42,318	93.8
Vacant	2,811	6.2

Owner/Renter Status (2000)	Number	Percent
Occupied Housing Units	42,318	100.0
Owner Occupied	27,686	65.4
Renter Occupied	14,632	34.6

Number of Units in Structure	Number	Percent
One Unit	28,139	66.5
Two Units	3,680	8.7
3 - 4 Units	2,617	6.2
5 - 9 Units	1,927	4.6
10 - 19 Units	2,212	5.2
20 - 49 Units	1,658	3.9
50 or More Units	1,595	3.8
Trailer	223	0.5
Other Units	267	0.6

Value - Owner Occupied Units	Number	Percent
Less than \$25,000	252	0.9
\$25,000 - \$29,999	119	0.4
\$30,000 - \$34,999	211	0.8
\$35,000 - \$39,999	292	1.1
\$40,000 - \$44,999	553	2.0
\$45,000 - \$49,999	640	2.3
\$50,000 - \$59,999	1,470	5.3
\$60,000 - \$74,999	3,307	11.9
\$75,000 - \$99,999	6,504	23.5
\$100,000 - \$149,999	11,179	40.4
\$150,000 - \$199,999	2,280	8.2
\$200,000 and Over	880	3.2

Median Value \$102,217

SOURCE: EASI Demographics, 2000.

Income Characteristics

Household Income (2001)	Number	Percent
Less than \$15,000	5,528	11.5
\$15,000 - \$24,999	6,556	13.6
\$25,000 - \$34,999	6,512	13.5
\$35,000 - \$49,999	8,195	17.0
\$50,000 - \$74,999	10,307	21.4
\$75,000 - \$99,999	6,436	13.4
\$100,000 - \$149,999	3,179	6.6
\$150,000 & over	1,432	3.0

Median Household Income \$45,024

Per Capita Income \$19,009

SOURCE: EASI Demographics, 2000.

Commuting Characteristics

Mode of Travel to Work (2000)	Number	Percent
Car, Truck, Van to Work:	57,852	93.0
Public Transportation to Work:	1,717	2.8
Other Transportation to Work:	1,374	2.2
Worked at Home:	1,267	2.0

Travel Time to Work (2000)	Number	Percent
Less than 15 Minutes	20,349	32.7
15 - 29 Minutes	24,121	38.8
30 - 59 Minutes	13,907	22.4
60 Minutes or More	3,833	6.2

SOURCE: EASI Demographics, 2000.

Retail Trade Characteristics

Sales by Store Group (2000)	Dollars	Percent
Total Retail Sales	1,580,808,000	100.0
Motor Vehicles	286,856,000	18.1
Home Furnishings	61,962,000	3.9
Electrical and Appliances	90,187,000	5.7
Building Materials and Garden	104,876,000	6.6
Food and Beverage	281,153,000	17.8
Health and Personal Care	95,475,000	6.0
Gasoline Stations	72,132,000	4.6
Clothing and Accessories	138,295,000	8.7
Sporting Goods	54,146,000	3.4
General Merchandise	311,153,000	19.7
Miscellaneous	32,700,000	2.1
Nonstore Purchases	51,873,000	3.3

Number of Establishments 2,545

NOTE: Data is for City of Aurora only and does not include surrounding areas.

SOURCE: EASI Demographics, 2000.

Expenditures by Type (1998)

Annual Expenditures	\$1,801,639,000
Food at home	\$134,793,000
Food away from home	\$97,381,000
Housing	\$555,360,000
Housekeeping services	\$4,525,000
Household furnishings and equipment	\$79,988,000
Household textiles	\$4,277,000
Apparel and services	\$88,689,000
Transportation	\$332,887,000
Health Care	\$85,139,000
Entertainment	\$97,242,000
Personal care products, services	\$8,560,000
Reading	\$26,878,000
Education	\$26,878,000
Tobacco products, supplies	\$11,364,000
Cash contributions	\$57,113,000
Personal insurance and pensions	\$220,617,000

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SOURCE: EASI Demographics, 2000.

Labor Market Characteristics

Employment - Place of Residence* (2000)

By Gender	Number	Percent
Total Employment (age 16 & over)	65,853	100.0
Males Employed	36,680	55.7
Females Employed	29,173	44.3

Employment - Place of Residence* (2000)

By Occupation	Number	Percent
Total Employment (age 16 & over)	65,853	100.0
White Collar Occupations	35,626	54.1
Exec, Admin., Mgmt.	8,034	12.2
Professional Specialties	7,770	11.8
Technicians	2,107	3.2
Sales	7,771	11.8
Administrative Support	9,944	15.1
Blue Collar Occupations	21,402	32.5
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	527	0.8
Precision production, Craft	7,046	10.7
Operators, Fabric., & Laborers	13,829	21.0
Service Occupations	8,824	13.4
Private Household	198	0.3
Protective Services	1,383	2.1
Services	7,244	11.0

* Place of Residence: Persons are counted by where they live.
SOURCE: City of Aurora, 2001

Major Employers

Company Name	Employees
Caterpillar, Incorporated	3,300
Products/services	Construction machinery
Specialty Equipment Manufacturing Corporation	2,290
Products/services	Commercial cooking equipment
Hollywood Casino - Aurora	1,700
Products/services	Casino gambling
Dreyer Clinic, Incorporated	1,100
Products/services	Health care
Metropolitan Life Insurance Company	950
Products/services	Insurance carrier
Copley Memorial Hospital, Incorporated	920
Products/services	Health care
Provena Mercy Center	880
Products/services	Health care

SOURCE: MarketPlace, 2000.

Education Characteristics

Enrollment - Age 3 Years and Over (2000)

	Number	Percent
Public Preprimary	1,772	1.4
Private Preprimary	1,209	0.9
Public School	21,213	16.5
Private School	4,748	3.7
Public College	6,077	4.7
Private College	2,618	2.0
Not Enrolled in School	91,020	70.7

Enrollment - Age 25 Years and Over (2000)

	Number	Percent
Not High School Graduate	16,742	19.9
High School Graduate	27,478	32.6
Some College, no Degree	20,581	24.4
College Graduate	13,885	16.5
Graduate Degree	5,494	6.5

SOURCE: EASI Demographics, 2000.

Local Services

General Waste Disposal	Yes
Hazardous Waste Disposal	Yes
Radio Stations	5
Broadcast Television Channels	12
Cable TV Service	Yes
Newspapers	1 Daily / 1 Weekly
Motels/Hotels	8

Recreation

Public Golf Courses	7
Health Clubs	15

Community Events & Attractions

Paramount Arts Centre
Hollywood Casino-Aurora
Walter Payton's Roundhouse Complex & Museum
Scitech Science & Technology Interactive Center
Aurora Historical Society
Aurora Public Arts Commission
Ageless Classics Museum,
Blackberry Farm and Pioneer Village
Michael Jordan Golf Center
Water Parks: Splash Country & Phillips Park Aquatic Center)
Blues on the Fox (festival)
Downtown Alive (entertainment every Friday eve from June-October)
Air Classics Museum
Mid America Canoe Race
Aurora Airport Air Expo
First Night (New Years Eve family event, alcohol free)

SOURCE: City of Aurora, 2001.

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Transportation

Air Service

Regional Airport: O'Hare International
Commercial Carriers: 50
Flights per Day 2,492
Other services: U.S. Customs Port of Entry,
Foreign Trade Zone, Public warehousing, Aircraft charters,
Aircraft fueling, storage and maintenance services.

Regional Airport: Chicago Midway
Commercial Carriers: 15
Flights per Day 763
Other services: U.S. Customs Port of Entry,
Foreign Trade Zone, public warehousing, aircraft charters,
aircraft fueling, storage and maintenance services.

General Aviation Airport: Aurora Municipal Airport
Services: Aircraft charters, fueling, storage and
maintenance facilities.

Ground Transportation

Highways serving area:
Interstate I-88
State 25, 31, 56, 59
Inter-City bus service available.
Local mass transit service provided by METRA, PACE Transit.
Rail Carriers serving area BNSF, Elgin, Joliet & Eastern,
METRA

Local Contacts

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Government and Taxes

Municipal Government Type Mayor/Council
Municipal Zoning Ordinance Yes
Comprehensive Plan Yes
Date of Last Revision 2000
Subdivision Ordinance with Design Standards Yes
Emergency 911 System Yes
Home Rule Yes
Rescue Squad Yes
Fire Insurance Class In City 3
Firefighters 210 F/T
Police Officers 265 F/T

Economic Amenities

Foreign Trade Zone(s) No
Enterprise Zone(s) No
Tax Increment Financing District(s) Yes
Revolving Loan Fund Program(s) Yes
Industrial Revenue Bond Program Yes

Property Tax Rates

Tax Year 1999-2000
Municipality 1.7745
County 0.4480
School District 4.3242
Other(s) 0.7517
Total 7.2984

Total Equalized Assessed Value \$1,869,865,595

Local Tax on Utility Bills

Electricity 3.0%
Natural Gas 3.0%
Telephone 5.0%
Water none

Retail Sales Tax Rates

General Merchandise 7.50%
Food, Drugs, and Medical Appliances 1.25%
Vehicle Purchases *6.50%

* Add 1.00% Chicago Home Rule Tax if vehicle purchased from a dealer at this location and registered in the City of Chicago.

SOURCE: Illinois Department of Revenue, 2000; City of Aurora, 2001.

Note: The demographic data presented in this publication are estimates based on the 1990 Census unless otherwise noted.

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