

# Aurora, Ohio



This city of 13,556 is located 30 miles southeast of Cleveland's Public Square and 20 miles northeast of

Akron.

This Western Reserve community, home to Geauga Lake, offers many recreational options including numerous parks and three local golf courses. In recent years the city has experienced rapid growth in residential, commercial and industrial development.



Aurora remained a Western Reserve farming community until the early 1960's. At that time, residential development accelerated and continued through the 1990's, which saw a population increase of approximately 60 percent. Commercial and industrial development also continues to experience substantial growth. Most housing developments have been higher-priced, single-family homes and condominiums. Aurora's desire to maintain its heritage has prompted community leaders to establish and maintain architectural standards to comply and be compatible with the Western Reserve architectural style.

Two significant business attractions have been a major influence in Aurora's development; Geauga Lake, and the Aurora Premium Outlet stores. State routes 43, 82, and 306, provide easy access to US 422 and interstates I-480, I-271, I-76 and I-80 (Ohio Turnpike), which result in hundreds of thousands of visitors at these attractions yearly.

A comprehensive City Master Plan and strong zoning provides for orderly residential and commercial growth. McMaster Carr Industrial Supply company is the largest industrial employer with over 530 employees. Local manufactured products include adhesives, plastics, computers and warehousing. Air transportation is located at Cleveland-Hopkins International Airport, 35 miles west and at the Akron-Canton Regional Airport, 35 miles south.

Smaller private and corporate aircraft are accommodated at the Portage County and Kent State University airports.

Residents enjoy quiet living areas with modern shopping centers, nearby recreational areas like Sunny Lake Park and a local playhouse. Regional cultural opportunities include Cleveland's Playhouse Square area and Akron's E.J. Thomas Hall.

Excellent educational opportunities are provided by the Aurora school system with three elementary schools, one middle school, one high school, and one non-public Christian Academy. Five universities and colleges are within 30 minutes of Aurora.

Medical and emergency hospital services are available in Ravenna — 20 miles southeast, and in Solon— 12 miles north. A Life Flight Helicopter is located for life threatening emergencies.

Numerous parks as well as three local golf courses are popular for recreation. The Barrington Residential Community is also home to a Jack Nicklaus designed golf course and the Aurora Country Club hosted a Pro/Am Golf Tournament in 1998. The beautiful Walden Country Club and residential development continues to receive awards of design superiority.

## CITY OF AURORA

### Population

City of Aurora	13,556
Portage County	152,061

### Governmental Services

Form of Government - Charter, Mayor, City Council  
Police - Aurora Police Dept. – 22 Personnel  
Fire - Aurora Fire Dept. Full-time 15 Volunteers 25  
Part-time 20

### Education

Public Schools: Elementary: 3 Middle School: 1  
High Schools: 1 Non-Public Schools: 1

### Post-secondary Education within Portage County includes:

Kent State University, Hiram College, Northeast Ohio  
Universities College of Medicine, Boheckers Business  
College

### Public Libraries: 1

### Health Services

Robinson Memorial Hospital  
Beds: 280  
Number of Physicians: 146  
Two urgent care facilities, two outpatient surgery  
centers and two medical arts centers.

### Transportation

State Highways: 43, 82, and 306.  
Interstate Highways: I-480 and I-80 (Ohio Turnpike Exit  
13) 6 miles South.  
US Highway 422, 3 miles North.  
Trucking: 35 companies franchised; 3 terminals  
Rail: N/A  
Air: Akron-Canton Regional Airport, 45 min.  
Cleveland Hopkins International Airport - 35 miles.  
Portage County and Kent State w/in 30 m  
Water: Lake Erie, 4 ports within one hour drive.

### Utilities

Water/Sanitary System City of Aurora  
Electricity: Ohio Edison (FirstEnergy)  
Gas: Dominion East Ohio Gas Co.  
Telephone: Western Reserve (Alltel)

### Communications

Television	(Regional Channels)	16
Cable TV	Adelphia Cable	
Radio Stations:	5	

### Daily Newspapers

Local: Record Courier  
Regional: Cleveland Plain Dealer - Akron Beacon Journal  
Weekly: Aurora Advocate (Record Publishing)

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Portage County Economic Development - 330/297-3470  
Web Address: [www.portageworkforce.org/pcoed](http://www.portageworkforce.org/pcoed)

## Principal Industries -- Top 7 Manufacturing Companies (by employment)

McMaster Carr	508
St. Gobain Performance Plastics (2 plants)	270
USA Instruments	256
Rotek, Inc.	215
TCP, Inc. (Technical Consumer Products)	193
Omega Pultrusions	146
OEM/Miller Corp.	135

Labor Force: Portage County as of 3/2009 91,600  
Unemployment Rate Average as of 3/2009 10.4%

### Local Taxes

Local Real Property assessed at 35% of market value.  
Net effective millage per \$1000 tax valuation 2009:  
Residential & Agriculture: 55.718994  
All other classes: 60.411823

Local Tangible Personal Property assessed at 0% for  
existing PP and 0% for new manufacturing equipment.  
Total millage per \$1000 tax valuation 2009: 97.37  
Local Income Tax: 2%  
Local Sales/Use Tax: 1.25%

### State Taxes

Sales/Use Tax:	5.5%
Personal Income Tax:	.7% - 7%
Corporate Income Tax:	5.1%
Unemployment Tax:	1% - 8%

### Attractions/Recreation/Shopping

Options abound within Portage County and neighboring  
communities. A partial list includes: Wildwater Kingdom,  
Aurora Premium Outlets, Kent State University Fashion  
Museum, Portage County Historical Society Museum.

### State Parks:

West Branch, Nelson Kennedy Ledges, Tinkers Creek and  
Eagle Creek State Nature Preserve. Visitors and residents  
alike enjoy a wide array of community parks, private  
campgrounds and 11 public golf courses.

Additional options within a one-hour drive include:  
Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Pro Football Hall of Fame,  
Inventure Place, Cleveland Indians, Cleveland Cavaliers,  
Cleveland Browns, Akron Aeros, Lake Erie Monsters and  
Cleveland Gladiators.

### For More Information, Contact:

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[www.auroraohiochamber.com](http://www.auroraohiochamber.com) & [www.auroracvb.com](http://www.auroracvb.com)

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