



## **Aurora Public Library District Community Profile**

The Aurora Public Library District's service area is contiguous with the boundaries of the City of Aurora, Illinois. With a population of 180,582 according to 2020 U.S. Census data, Aurora is the second largest city in Illinois, located 41 miles west of Chicago and stretching across four counties: Kane, DuPage, Kendall, and Will. Aurora is accessible by rail on the BNSF Metra commuter line and by five interchanges on the Interstate 88 East/West tollway corridor. The city is bisected by the Fox River accompanied by the Fox River Trail, which intertwines with the more local Virgil Gilman Trail.

Aurora is diverse by any measure. 42.7% of the population identifies as Hispanic or Latino, 34.9% as non-Hispanic white, 10.5% as African American, and 9.3% as Asian. Similarly, languages besides English are common in Aurora, with nearly 70,000 Spanish-speakers, 1,900 Tagalog, and a significant Urdu speaking population of 1,318. 45.3% of households speak a language other than English at home. 25.6% of Aurora residents are foreign-born.

Median household income is \$74,659, above the \$68,428 average household income across Illinois. 10% of Aurora's population meets federal poverty guidelines. 72.1% of Aurora's working age population is in the workforce, compared to 65.1% in Illinois as a whole. Nearly 80% of Aurora residents have earned a high school diploma or equivalent, and 33% have a bachelor's degree or higher. Over 12% of households lack access to robust computing and Internet services.

Aurora Public Library District facilities include the Richard and Gina Santori Public Library in the heart of downtown, the Eola Road Branch adjoining the Fox Valley Park District's Eola Community Center and serving the east side, and the West Branch situated adjacent to Washington Middle School on the west side of Aurora. In addition, our active Outreach Services Department serves students, community centers, neighborhoods, senior living facilities, and homebound residents with two mobile libraries, the Bookmobile and the Mini-B.