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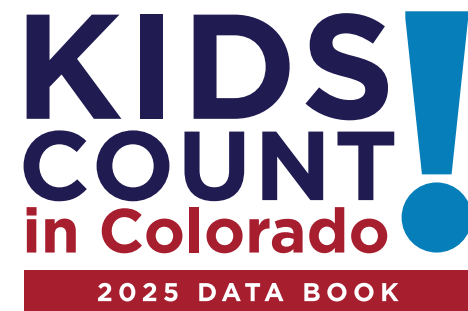
The **KIDS Count in Colorado! Data Book** is an annual publication by the Colorado Children's Campaign that provides the best available state- and county-level data on the well-being of kids in Colorado. This report is intended to support policymakers and communities in understanding and making data-driven decisions for Colorado's children and families.

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Jared Polis
Governor

May 28, 2025

I am pleased to introduce the *2025 KIDS COUNT in Colorado! Data Book*. This is the seventh year I have written this letter. In that time, Colorado has made remarkable progress for kids and families. Every year, the Colorado Children's Campaign's research and analysis helps us see that progress.

There is a lot to celebrate. In 2024, the Prenatal-to-3 Policy Impact Center identified Colorado as the state that had made the most significant increases in investments for families. This year's report also shows the great strides our state has made in early childhood, including nearly 70% of 4-year-olds participating in the first year of Universal Preschool.

But *KIDS COUNT* is also a call to action. Too many of our state's young people are struggling with reading and math skills five years after the COVID-19 pandemic. We need to continue to do all we can to help students prepare to flourish in college and in their careers.

Each year, I am extremely grateful for the dedicated work of the Colorado Children's Campaign's efforts to uplift the needs of kids through this report, at the state Capitol, and beyond. Their work is critical to achieving what we know is possible for youth and families in Colorado.

We are better when we work together to identify challenges and find solutions. The data and research in *KIDS COUNT* help us understand what's working and what's not working for Colorado kids. Thank you for reading and using this report and for your commitment to children.

Sincerely,

Jared Polis
Governor
State of Colorado

Heather Tritten
President and CEO
Colorado Children's Campaign

May 28, 2025

For more than 30 years, the *KIDS COUNT in Colorado!* project has helped Colorado's decision-makers and communities understand how kids are doing.

How many children are living in poverty? Do children have access to health coverage? Where is Colorado doing well to support kids academically, and where do we have room for improvement? Each year, the report is slightly different — but each year, it helps drive the conversation about where we need to focus our efforts to help children.

When you, our readers, put the insights from this book into practice — when you use them to figure out where to spend resources, where to ask more questions, and where to work together to make change — more children in our state get what they need to learn and grow.

The findings in this year's *KIDS COUNT in Colorado! Data Book* remind us of why we need research and data more than ever. Five years after the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's report finds some promising trends in mental health, absenteeism, and graduation rates. We can see the positive results of our state's efforts to invest in early childhood and in families' economic security. At the same time, too many families are struggling with the cost of living — and too many children are still struggling to meet expectations in reading and math.

As our team put this report together in early 2025, the federal policy landscape began to shift dramatically. The future of national institutions that support research in education, health, and other areas that support kids is unclear. At the same time, the federal government is making or considering changes to a wide range of programs and policies that affect children, including public health coverage, and public education.

How will these changes affect Colorado's children? This year, it's clear we need to advocate for what kids need — and for the data and research that allow us to understand what their needs are.

Let's use this report to keep asking questions in our communities, and as a community, to help us continue to make Colorado a place where *every kid* can thrive.

Heather Tritten
President and CEO, Colorado Children's Campaign

Demographics

Who Are Colorado's Kids?

In 2023...
There were about **1.2 million** children living in Colorado.
Roughly one in five Coloradans (21%) were under age 18.

| 30% | Ages 0-5 | 28% | Ages 6-10 | 42% | Ages 11-17 |
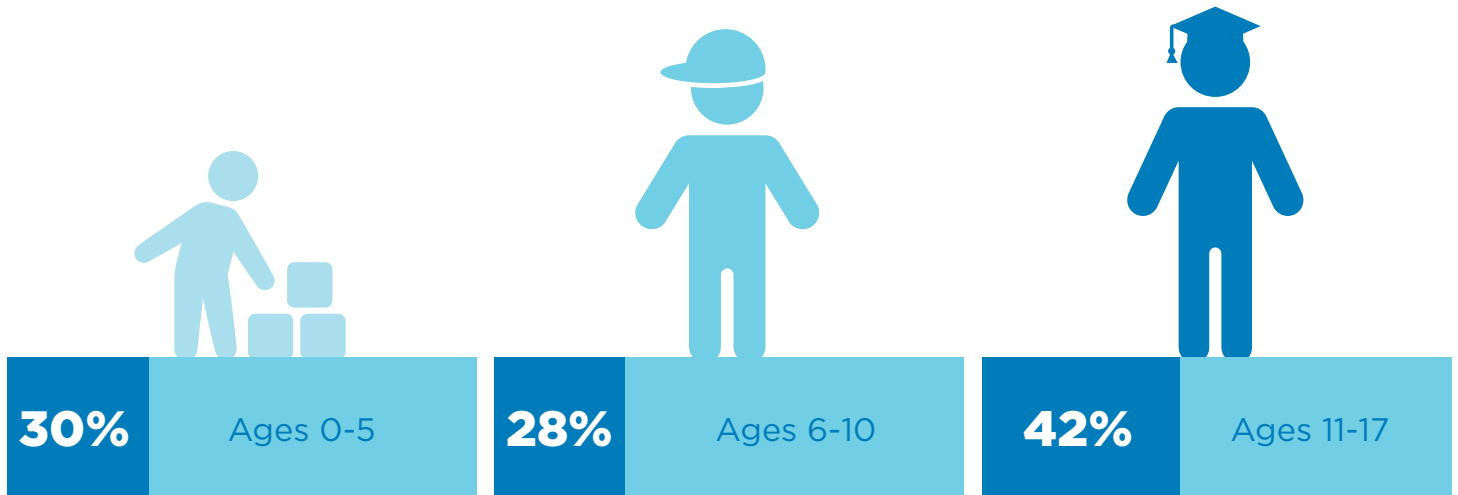
1,246,217 Colorado children

CHILDREN BY RACE AND ETHNICITY, 2023

Race/Ethnicity	Percentage
White	53%
Hispanic	33%
Two or More Races	5%
Black or African American	5%
Asian	4%
American Indian	1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.2%
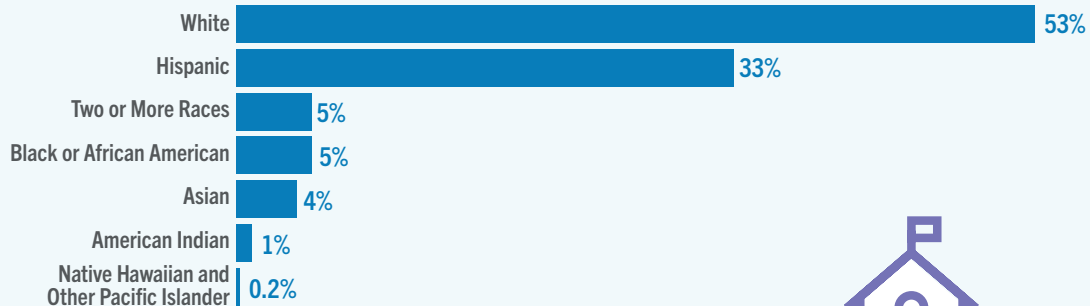
Children who spoke a language other than English at home ages 5-17, 2023

16%
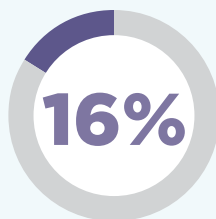
148,302 children

881,065 children enrolled in public school, 2024-25

29,224 immigrant students enrolled in public school, 2024-25

Sources: Colorado Department of Local Affairs, State Demography Office; Colorado Department of Education; U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

CHILD POPULATION CHANGES

CHILD POPULATION IN 2023 AND CHANGE SINCE 2019

The % labeled for each county = % change in child population between 2019 and 2023

Population (2023): 93 to 1,912 | 1,913 to 6,284 | 6,285 to 15,982 | 15,983 to 69,861 | 69,862 to 169,255

Source: Colorado Department of Local Affairs

IN 2023, THE COUNTIES THAT WERE HOME TO THE MOST CHILDREN WERE:

El Paso County:
169,255 children

Arapahoe County:
149,549 children

Adams County:
132,499 children

Denver County:
131,280 children

Jefferson County:
109,671 children

Between 2019 and 2023, Colorado's child population decreased by roughly 28,000 kids.
However, 15 counties had an increase in child populations. Weld County had the largest increase in the number of children: Its child population grew by more than 6,000 kids. Boulder County had the biggest decline: It had roughly 6,000 fewer children in 2023 than in 2019.[1]

[1]Colorado Department of Local Affairs, State Demography Office. (2019-2023).

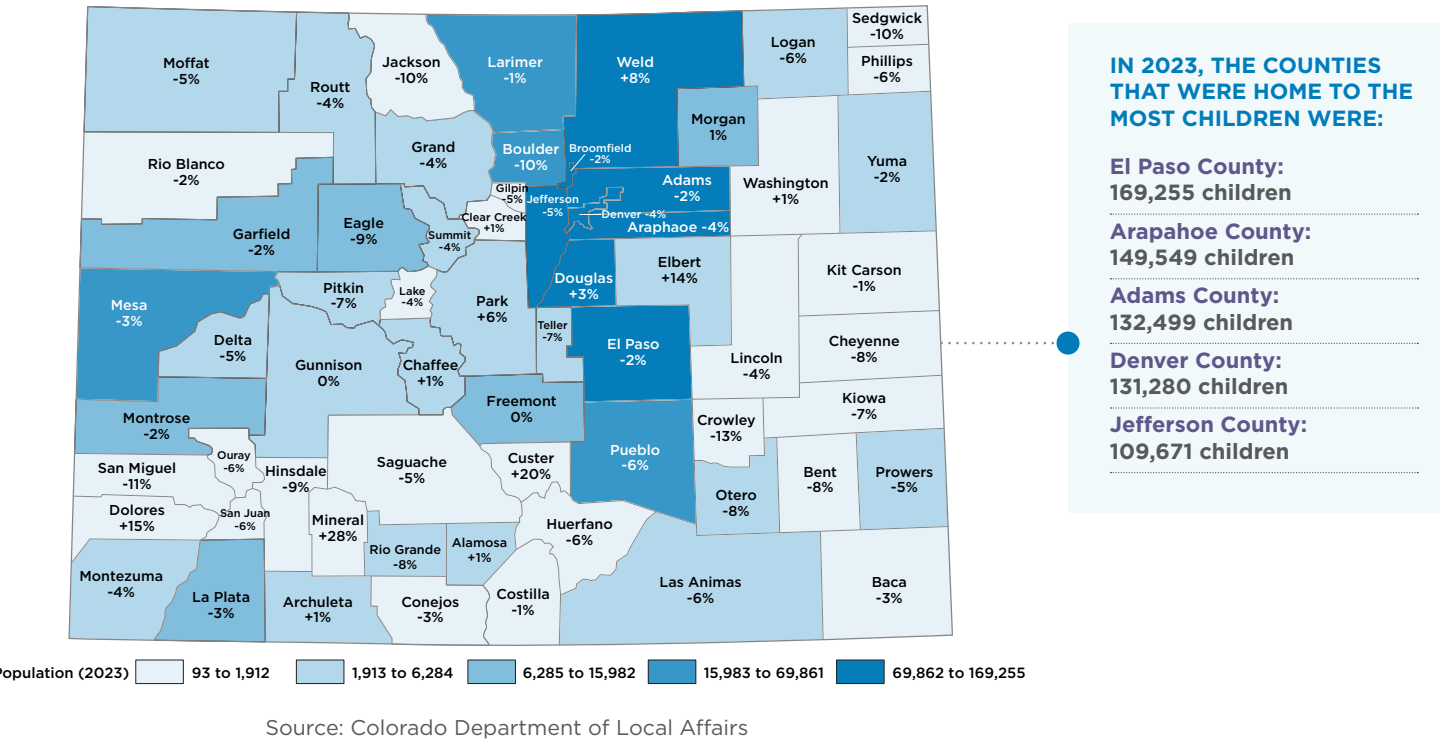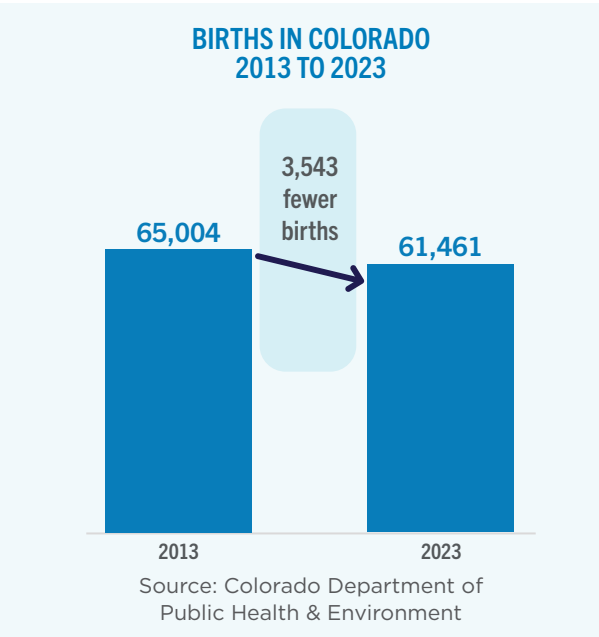## While the birth rate in Colorado fell over the last decade, the number of babies born only decreased slightly.

BIRTHS IN COLORADO 2013 TO 2023

65,004 — 3,543 fewer births → 61,461

2013 2023

Source: Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment

The birth rate in 2023 was 50.7 births per 1,000 women ages 15 to 44, down from 61.6 births per 1,000 women a decade earlier.[2] The number of babies born only decreased by about 3,500 per year during that same time.

Birth rates varied by race and ethnicity. The two populations with the highest birth rates were Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders (117.3 births per 1,000 women) and Hispanic, All Races (63.6 births per 1,000 women). The population with the lowest birth rate was American Indian/Alaska Native (33.7 births per 1,000 women).[3]

HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION & INCOME

Seventy percent of Colorado children were living with both parents between 2019 and 2023. However, there was wide variation across counties. Grand County had the highest share of children in two-parent households (94%), while Huerfano County had the lowest share (49%).[4]

Between 6% and 7% of children — roughly 80,000 Colorado kids — lived with a grandparent as the head of their household in 2023.[5]

One in nine children were living in poverty.
(An income of $30,000 or less for a family of four in 2023)
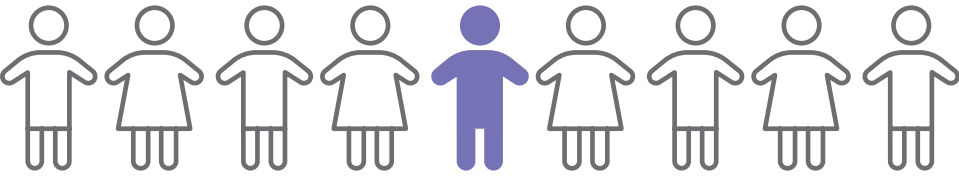
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates

Between 2022 and 2023, there was no significant change in Colorado's childhood poverty rate. About 10.9% of Colorado's children were living in families with incomes at or below the federal poverty level ($30,000 for a family of four in 2023).[6] [See page 12 for more information on childhood poverty and household resources.]

[2] Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment. (2023). Vital Statistics Program. Administrative data request.
[3] Colorado Department of Local Affairs. (2023). Live birth and fertility rates by maternal race ethnicity.
[4] U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey. (2019-2023). Table B23008.
[5] U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey. (2023). Table B10001.
[6] U.S. Census Bureau. (2023). Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates.

Economic Security

Colorado has one of the lowest rates of childhood poverty in the nation and a relatively high median family income. But a closer look at the data shows there are many families who are struggling to make ends meet.

Economic Security At a Glance

$93,048
Colorado Household Survival Budget, family of four (2023)

$118,733
Median family income among households with children (2023)

133,500
Children living in poverty (2019-2023)
$30,000 per year or less for a family of four in 2023
10.9% of Colorado children

342,680
Children living in households with income double the federal poverty level (2019-2023)
$60,000 per year or less for a family of four in 2023
28.0% of Colorado children

Highlights

Nearly 30% of Colorado households with children experienced financial hardship. This was even more common in single-parent homes. In 2023, 28% of households with children made less than the estimated cost of living. Sixty-nine percent of single mothers did not have enough resources to meet their basic needs, compared with 16% of households with two parents.

Colorado had significant income differences across race. In 2023, the median income among households with children was $118,733. But there were significant gaps in income across communities: The median income among American Indian/Alaskan families was $56,700 and the median income among Black families was $64,200 — less than half the median income of White and Asian and Pacific Islander families.

Many more children are homeless now than in prior years. The number of children experiencing homelessness increased drastically between 2023 and 2024. According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's January Point-in-Time count, the number of children experiencing homelessness more than doubled. The number of public school students identified as homeless also increased by roughly 28%, or 5,000 students.

Sources: United Ways of Colorado; U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey; U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Colorado Department of Education

FAMILY INCOME

Financial stability is vital for supporting children's growth, development, and security. Family income and changes over time help us to understand how many Colorado families have what they need — and how many do not — to afford basic needs like housing, food, and child care.
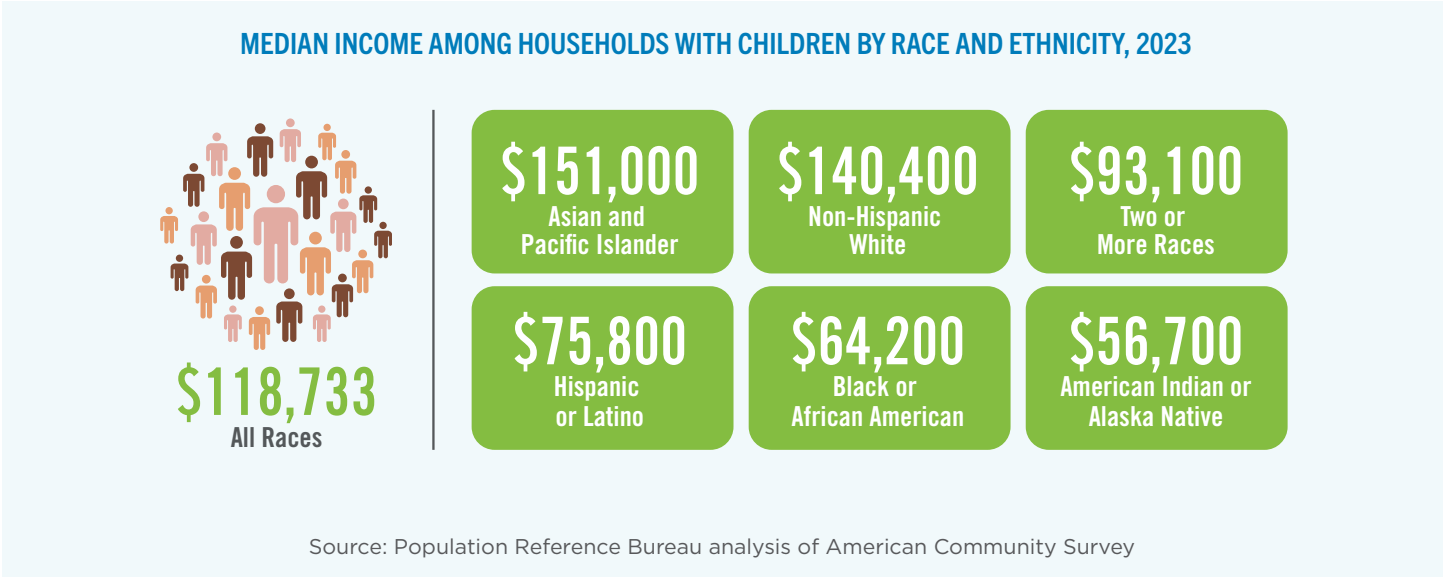
The Data

The U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey estimates the median income among families with children in Colorado. The Bureau also reports estimated household income in relation to the federal poverty level (FPL).

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME

Median family income describes the middle-most income in Colorado, meaning half of Colorado families make more money and half of Colorado families make less money than the median income.

$118,733
2023 median income among Colorado households with children

Incomes varied by family race and ethnicity.

MEDIAN INCOME AMONG HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN BY RACE AND ETHNICITY, 2023

$118,733
All Races

$151,000 Asian and Pacific Islander	$140,400 Non-Hispanic White	$93,100 Two or More Races
$75,800 Hispanic or Latino	$64,200 Black or African American	$56,700 American Indian or Alaska Native

Source: Population Reference Bureau analysis of American Community Survey

In 2023, the median family income in Colorado was $118,733, well above the national median family income of $95,700. Colorado families' incomes have been increasing each year: Between 2022 and 2023, after adjusting for inflation the median family income grew by roughly $4,000, or 4%.[1]

There were large differences in income across race, with nearly a $100,000 difference between the highest and lowest median incomes. **American Indian and Alaska Native families had the lowest median income of $56,700 — less than half of the state's median income.** Asian and Pacific Islanders had the highest median income of $151,000.[2] Racial disparities in household income and in child poverty are tied, in part, to historic and ongoing policies and practices that have affected the economic opportunities available to Black or African American, Hispanic, Native American, and many other non-white families in Colorado.[3]

The Cost of Living Is Going Up.

Colorado is becoming more expensive. Every two years, Colorado Legislative Council staff conduct a School District Cost of Living study to support the school funding formula in allocating dollars across school districts. While an imperfect measure for the cost of basic needs, these data can begin to describe changes in costs for families over time. Between 2021 and 2023, the cost of living increased by 6.77% or more in 57 of the 178 school districts in Colorado. Six of these districts' cost of living increased by over 10% in just two years.[4]

The U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics also calculates change in costs through the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), reported at the national, regional, and local-urban levels. In the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood area between November 2023 and 2024, the price of goods rose by an average of 2%. The cost of food rose by 3.6%, mainly because the cost of food outside of the home rose by 5.6%. The cost of energy decreased by 8.1%.[5]

[1] U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey. (2023). Table B19125.

[2] U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey. (2023). Analysis by Population Reference Bureau.

[3] Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. (2018). Advancing racial equity with state tax policy.

[4] Legislative Council Staff. (2024). 2023 school district cost of living study.

[5] U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mountain Plains Information Office. (2024). Consumer Price Index, Denver-Aurora-Lakewood area — November 2024.

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY

The federal poverty level (FPL) is calculated by tripling the annual cost of food in 1963 and adjusting for inflation and family size. Children in families with incomes at or below the FPL — $30,000 per year or less for a family of four in 2023 — are said to be living in poverty.
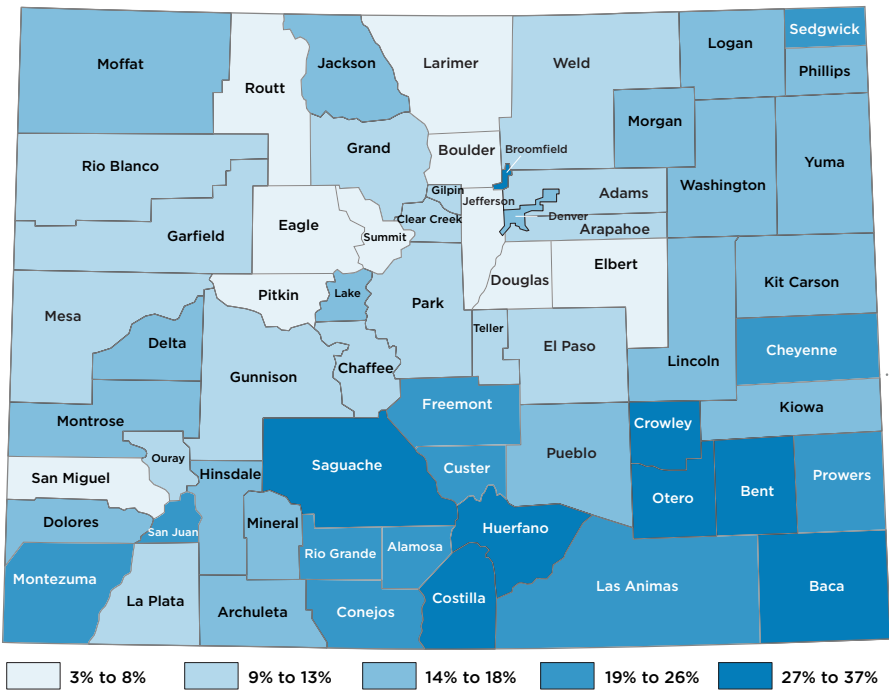
One in nine children were living in poverty

(An income of **$30,000** or less for a family of four in 2023)

Childhood poverty rates varied widely across Colorado communities.

**CHILDREN UNDER 18 LIVING IN POVERTY, 2023**

COUNTIES WITH THE HIGHEST RATE OF CHILDHOOD POVERTY IN 2023:

1. Costilla		37.2%
2. Crowley		31.8%
3. Huerfano		30.6%
4. Saguache		30.3%
5. Baca		29.1%

Legend: 3% to 8% | 9% to 13% | 14% to 18% | 19% to 26% | 27% to 37%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates

CHILDREN UNDER 18 LIVING IN POVERTY, 2023

- Hispanic or Latino: 17%
- Two or More Races: 14%
- Asian and Pacific Islander: 9%
- White: 6%
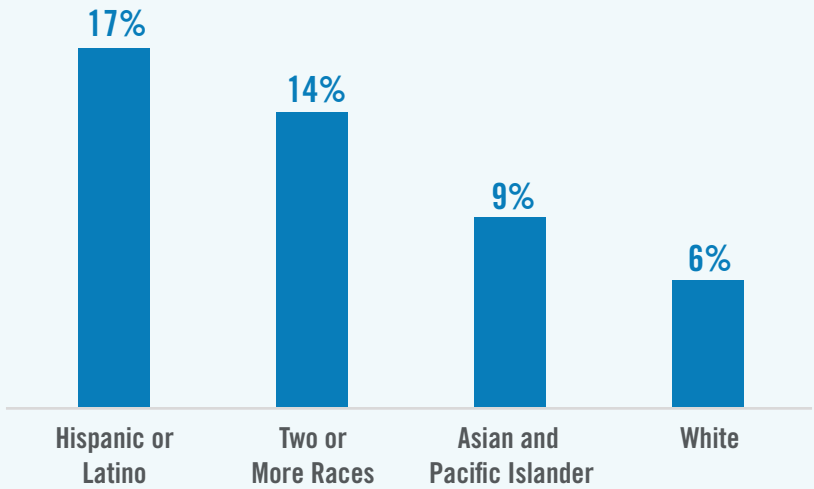
Source: Population Reference Bureau analysis of American Community Survey
Note: The margin of error for children who were Black/African American and American Indian/Alaska Native is too large to report data for 2023.

The share of children living in poverty has remained mostly stable in recent years. In 2023, an estimated 10.9% of Colorado children lived in poverty. Colorado had a lower rate of childhood poverty than the nation as a whole (16.0%). However, there were still roughly 130,000 children experiencing poverty.[6]

Children living in rural counties were more likely to be living in poverty. The highest childhood poverty rates were found in Costilla (37.2%) and Crowley (31.8%) counties and the lowest rates were found primarily along the Front Range and mountain resort regions.[6]

As in previous years, children of color were more likely to be living in poverty. In 2023, Hispanic children and children of two or more races were more than twice as likely to be living in poverty than white children. The margin of error was too large to report data on children who were Black/African American or American Indian/Alaska Native.[7]

Children Living in Extreme Poverty in Colorado

Between 2019 and 2023, roughly 65,000 children under 18 (5.4%) were living in families whose income was less than half of the federal poverty level — $15,000 a year or less for a family of four in 2023. The rate of extreme childhood poverty has remained the same for the past five years.[8]

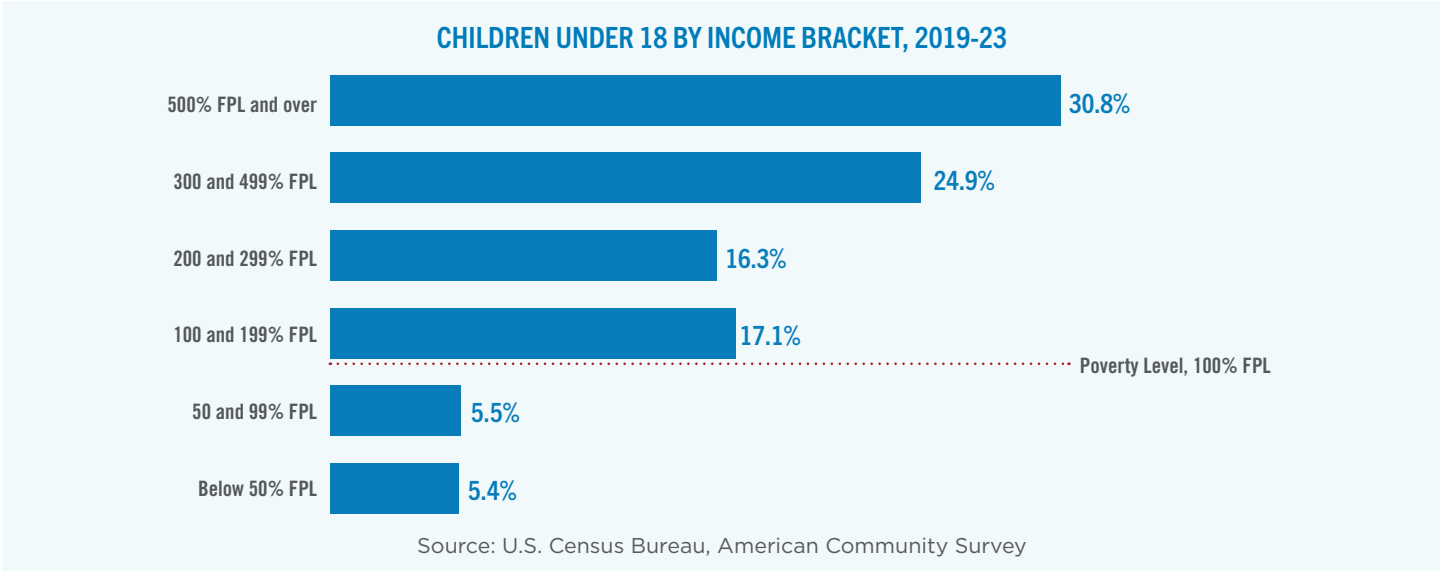[6] U.S. Census Bureau. Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates Program.
[7] U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey. (2023). Analysis by Population Reference Bureau.
[8] U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey. (2019-2023). Table B17024.

BEYOND THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL

The federal poverty level does not necessarily reflect the amount of money a family needs to meet basic needs. Even a family making double the federal poverty level (200% FPL) may still not have enough to make ends meet. This is why many government programs, including public health insurance, child care, and free and reduced-price lunch, serve children from families with incomes above the federal poverty level. A broader look at family income helps us better understand the true number of families that lack financial security.

Between 2019 and 2023, roughly 30% of Colorado children lived in households with incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level.

CHILDREN UNDER 18 BY INCOME BRACKET, 2019-23

Income bracket	Percent
500% FPL and over	30.8%
300 and 499% FPL	24.9%
200 and 299% FPL	16.3%
100 and 199% FPL	17.1%
50 and 99% FPL	5.5%
Below 50% FPL	5.4%

Poverty Level, 100% FPL

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

CHILDREN UNDER 18 LIVING IN HOUSEHOLDS WITH INCOMES BELOW 200% FPL BY COUNTY, 2019-23

8% to 20%   21% to 31%   32% to 41%   42% to 51%   52% to 64%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

CHILDREN UNDER 18 IN HOUSEHOLDS WITH INCOMES BELOW:

50% FPL: 5.4%, 65,486 children
$15,000 annually or less for a family of four (2023)

100% FPL: 10.9%, 133,579 children
$30,000 annually or less for a family of four (2023)

200% FPL: 28.0%, 342,685 children
$60,000 annually or less for a family of four (2023)

300% FPL: 44.3%, 542,785 children
$90,000 annually or less for a family of four (2023)

While Colorado has a relatively small share of families with incomes below the federal poverty level, a significant share of children still live in households with low incomes. Between 2019 and 2023, 28% of children were in households with incomes below 200% of the federal poverty level and 44% of children were in households with incomes below 300% of the federal poverty level.[8]

Many rural counties had more children living in households with incomes below 200% FPL. The average family income was higher among children in Boulder, some Denver metro area counties, and in the mountain regions.[8]

INCOME SUPPORT

In 2024, the Prenatal-to-3 Policy Impact Center named Colorado the top state in the nation for resources that support for families with young children. **Between 2020 and 2024, Colorado increased the total resources available to a parent earning minimum wage by $21,627,** largely through more state investments in paid family medical leave [see page 45] and tax credits.[9]
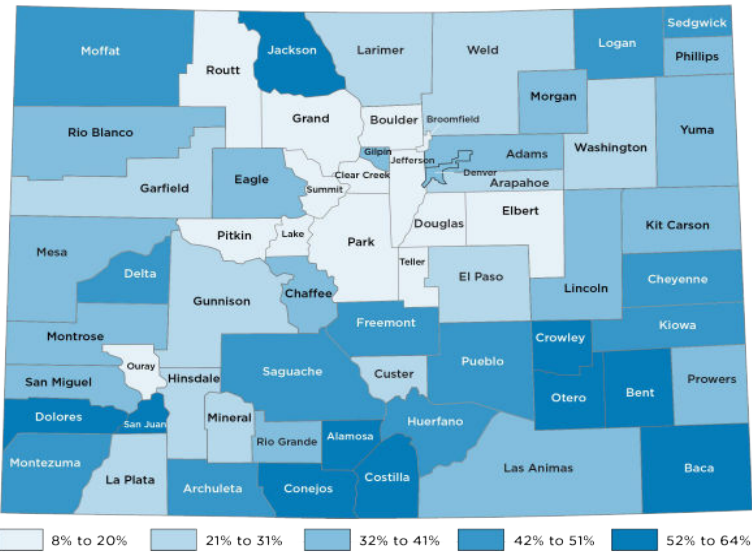
Tax Credits

Colorado families can use multiple state and federal tax credits to increase their household income. The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) exists at the federal and state levels and provides a refundable tax credit for low-to-moderate income working families. The federal Child Tax Credit (CTC) also provides a partially refundable tax credit for eligible families with children and the state Child Tax Credit provides a partially refundable credit for eligible families with children under 6. Combined, parents can receive up to $3,200 through state and federal Child Tax Credits. Additionally, the Family Affordability Tax Credit (FATC) is a new refundable state tax credit available to eligible families with children in tax year 2024. Parents can receive up to $3,200 if they have children under 6 and up to $2,400 if they have children between 6 and 16 years old.

Basic Cash Assistance

Families with very low incomes may be eligible for basic cash assistance through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, known here as Colorado Works. Basic cash assistance provides modest monthly payments to families with children living far below the poverty level. A family of three, for example, must make less than $421 each month or $5,052 a year to qualify. In 2023, **47,003 children, or 3.8% of all children in Colorado, received TANF basic cash assistance.**[10] As of May 2025, a family with one adult and two children receives $592 per month in TANF basic cash assistance.

[8] U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey. (2019-2023). Table B17024.

[9] Prenatal-to-3 Policy Impact Center. (2024). Colorado's progress on the Prenatal-to-3 state policy roadmap.

[10] Colorado Department of Health and Human Services. (2023). Administrative data request.

COST OF LIVING: ALICE HOUSEHOLD SURVIVAL BUDGET

Each household has its own unique budget needs depending on its size, location, and family situation. The United Ways of Colorado launched the Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) project in January 2025 to more specifically estimate the financial needs of Colorado families.

The Data

The United Ways of Colorado calculates a Household Survival Budget — the minimum income necessary to meet basic needs — based on household size and location. The ALICE Project measures both the cost of living and the number of households that may lack economic security in each county and across the state.

The average Colorado family of four needed $93,000 a year to make ends meet in 2023.

Average Household Survival Budget for a Colorado family with two parents, one infant, and one toddler, 2023:

$93,048	Above 300% FPL	$46.52
Household Survival Budget	Percent of Federal Poverty Level	Necessary Household Hourly Wage

2023 STATEWIDE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SURVIVAL BUDGET:

Expense	Monthly Cost
Rent & Utilities	$1,424
Child Care	$1,717
Food	$1,396
Transportation	$960
Health Care	$699
Technology	$116
Miscellaneous	$631
Tax	$811
Annual Total	$93,048

HOUSEHOLD SURVIVAL BUDGETS RANGED FROM $125,940 IN SUMMIT COUNTY TO $67,692 IN BENT COUNTY. THE MOST EXPENSIVE COUNTIES FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR WERE:
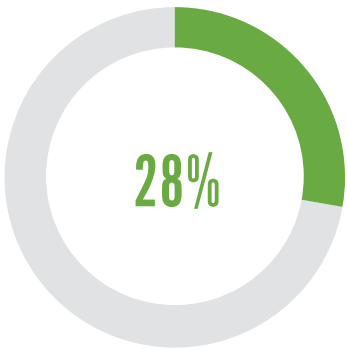
1. Summit: $125,940

2. Pitkin: $124,224

3. Eagle: $123,600

Source: United Ways of Colorado

Nearly 30% of households with children were experiencing financial hardship.

HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP, 2023

28%

Source: United Ways of Colorado

Children with single parents were far more likely to experience financial hardship than those in two-parent households.

HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP BY HOUSEHOLD TYPE, 2023

Household Type	Percent
Single Parent, Female Lead	69%
Single Parent, Male Lead	46%
Married with Children	16%
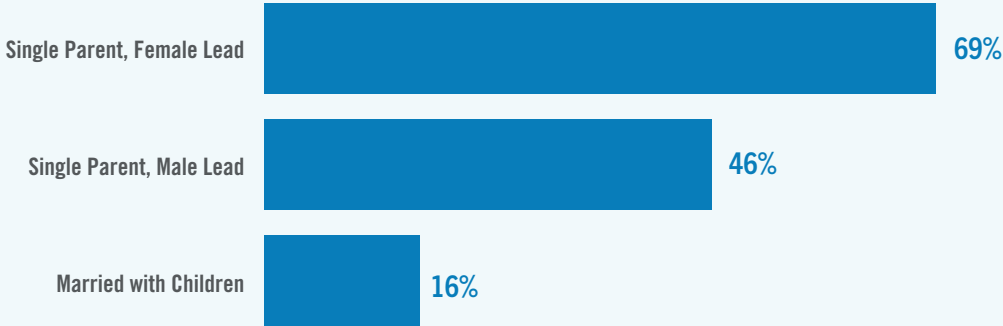
Source: United Ways of Colorado

In 2023, the average Colorado household with two children needed $93,048 to meet its basic needs. Budgets varied across the state, ranging from more than $125,000 in Summit County to $67,000 in Bent County.[11]
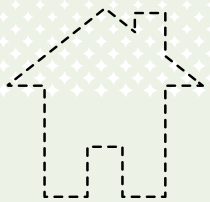
An estimated 28% of Colorado households with children made less than their county Household Survival Budget. Kids living with one parent were most likely to lack financial stability: Nearly 50% of single parent, male-led households and 70% of single parent, female-led households did not make enough money to afford their basic needs. In comparison, only 16% of married households with children were unable to afford their basic needs.[11]

[11] United Ways of Colorado. (2025). ALICE in Colorado. Data request.

2025 SPOTLIGHT: HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

Stable, safe housing is critical for children's short- and long-term physical and mental well-being. Children without stable housing are more likely to have poor overall health, adverse childhood experiences, and struggle to meet academic standards.[12] In Colorado, the share of children experiencing housing instability is increasing.

The Data

Data on housing and homelessness are provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; the Colorado Department of Education; the National Low Income Housing Coalition; and the Colorado Judicial Branch.

HOMELESSNESS

Many young Colorado families do not have stable housing. **An estimated 10.3% of people who gave birth in the 2023 calendar year did not have a steady place to live or were concerned about losing their housing in the few months after giving birth,** according to the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment's Baby & You Survey.[13]
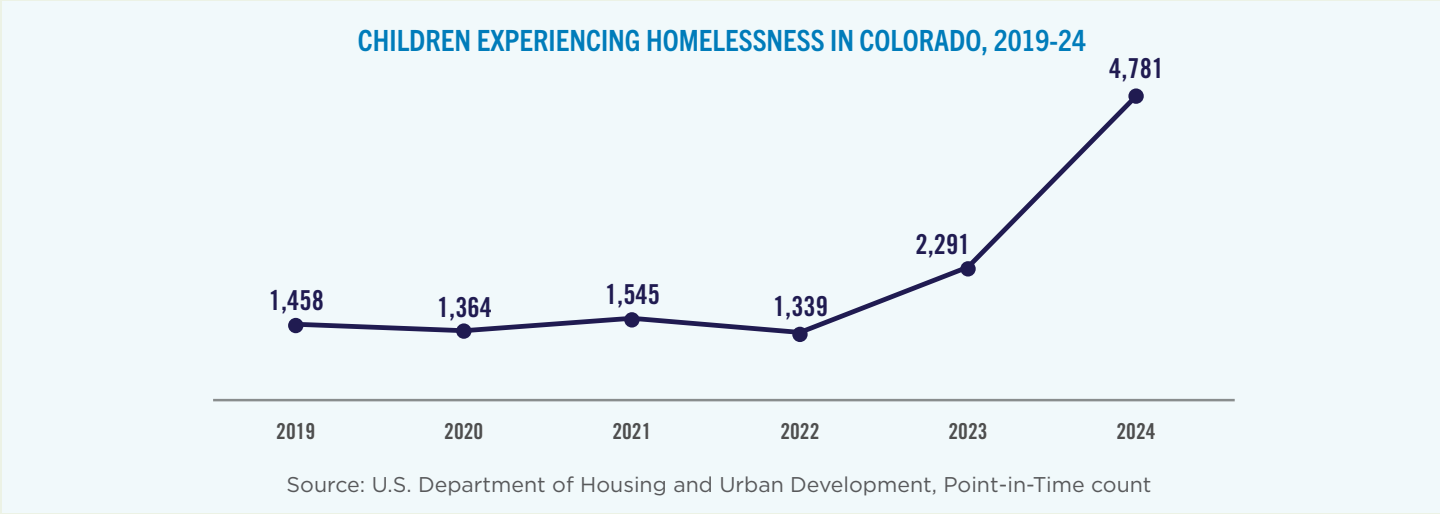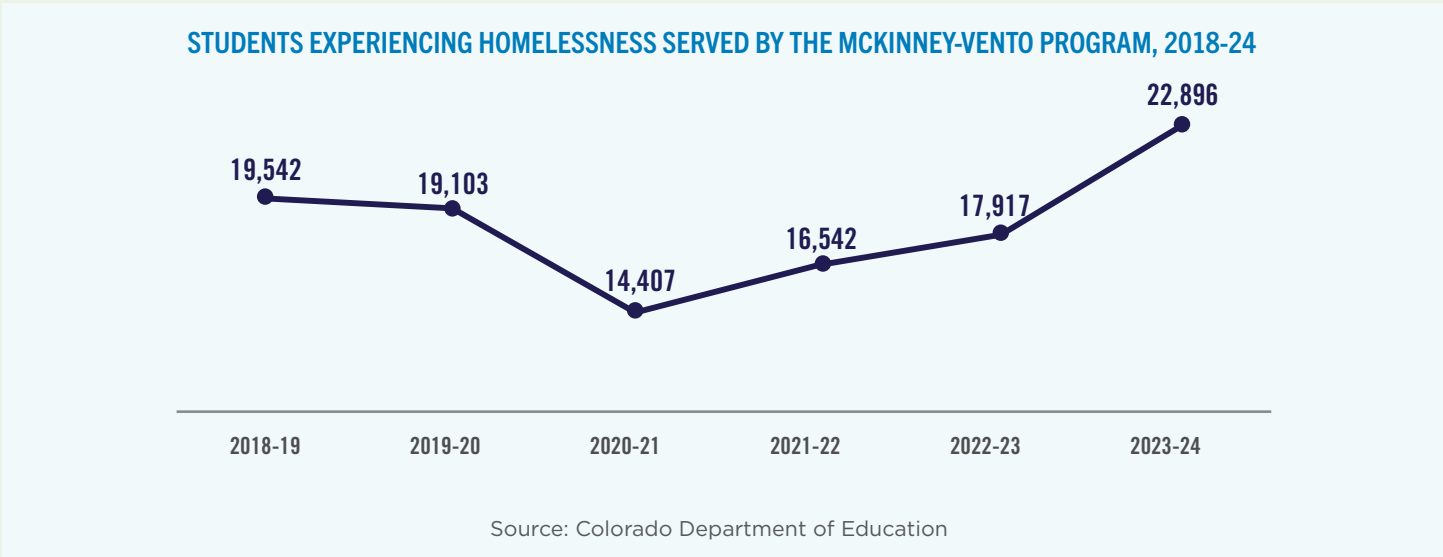
The number of children experiencing homelessness more than doubled in the past year.

CHILDREN EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN COLORADO, 2019-24

Year	Value
2019	1,458
2020	1,364
2021	1,545
2022	1,339
2023	2,291
2024	4,781

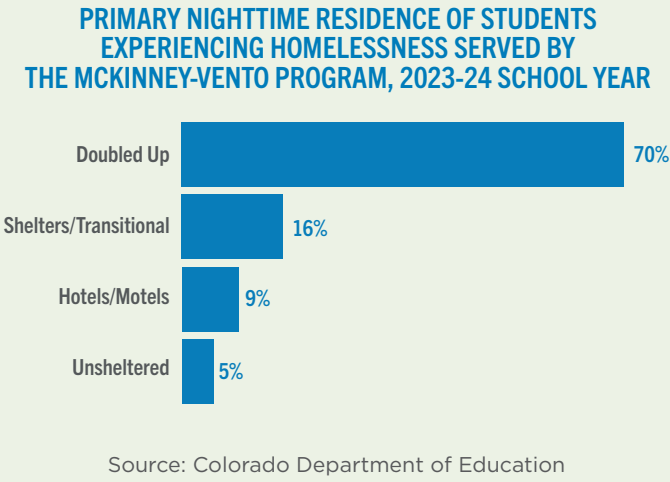Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Point-in-Time count

Each year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires localities to conduct a Point-in-Time count of all people experiencing sheltered and unsheltered homelessness. In 2024, Colorado's Point-in-Time count reported 4,781 children experiencing homelessness, more than double the 2,291 children counted in the prior year.[14] According to the Colorado Coalition for Homelessness, the exact cause of this increase is unknown. But it may reflect an increase of immigrant families arriving in Denver, high housing costs, and difficulty affording rent amid inflation.[15]

The number of students with unstable housing increased by 28% — roughly 5,000 kids — between the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.

STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS SERVED BY THE MCKINNEY-VENTO PROGRAM, 2018-24

Year	Value
2018-19	19,542
2019-20	19,103
2020-21	14,407
2021-22	16,542
2022-23	17,917
2023-24	22,896

Source: Colorado Department of Education

Most homeless students served by the McKinney-Vento program were "doubled up" with another household.

PRIMARY NIGHTTIME RESIDENCE OF STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS SERVED BY THE MCKINNEY-VENTO PROGRAM, 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Residence	Percent
Doubled Up	70%
Shelters/Transitional	16%
Hotels/Motels	9%
Unsheltered	5%

Source: Colorado Department of Education

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education program, offered through the Colorado Department of Education, is a federally funded program that serves children experiencing homelessness to support stable school enrollment, education, and nighttime residence. Unlike the Point-in-Time count, the program includes all students who experienced homelessness throughout the entire year, not just on a single day, and uses a broader definition of homelessness to include children who have unstable housing but do not live in shelters.

In school year 2023-24, the McKinney Vento program served 22,896 Colorado children, roughly 2% of all public-school students. Most of these students were living in a 'doubled-up' arrangement, meaning they were sharing housing with others often due to loss of housing or economic hardship.[16]

10% of students experiencing homelessness were living without a parent or guardian

[12] Urban Institute. (2024). How housing instability affects children's health and development.
[13] Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment. (2024). Baby & You 2023 birth cohort survey data.
[14] U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. (2024). 2024 AHAR: Part 1 — PIT estimates of homelessness in the U.S.
[15] Colorado Coalition for the Homeless. (2025). Press release.

[16] Colorado Department of Education. (2023-24). Homeless education data.

EVICTIONS

The increasing number of children experiencing homelessness is, in part, due to challenges in affording housing. In 2024, the fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Colorado was $1,948 each month — **a $3,324 increase in annual rent costs from the previous year.**[17]

Average annual rent for a two bedroom apartment in Colorado increased by about $5,000 between 2022 and 2024.

AVERAGE ANNUAL RENT FOR A TWO-BEDROOM APARTMENT IN COLORADO, 2022-24
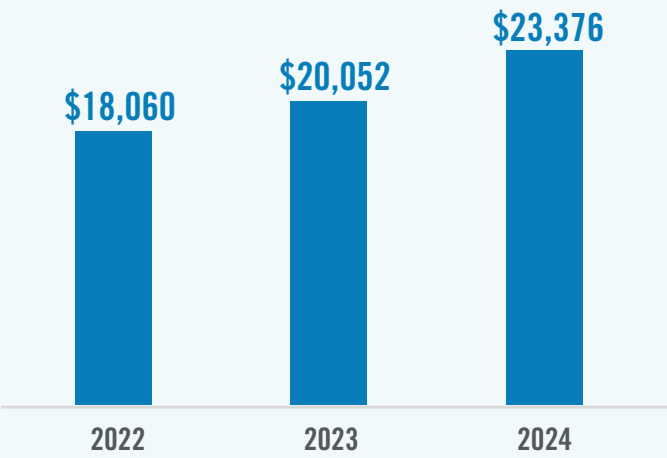
Source: National Low Income Housing Coalition

Evictions are becoming more common.

EVICTION FILINGS ACROSS ALL COLORADO HOUSEHOLDS, 2021-24
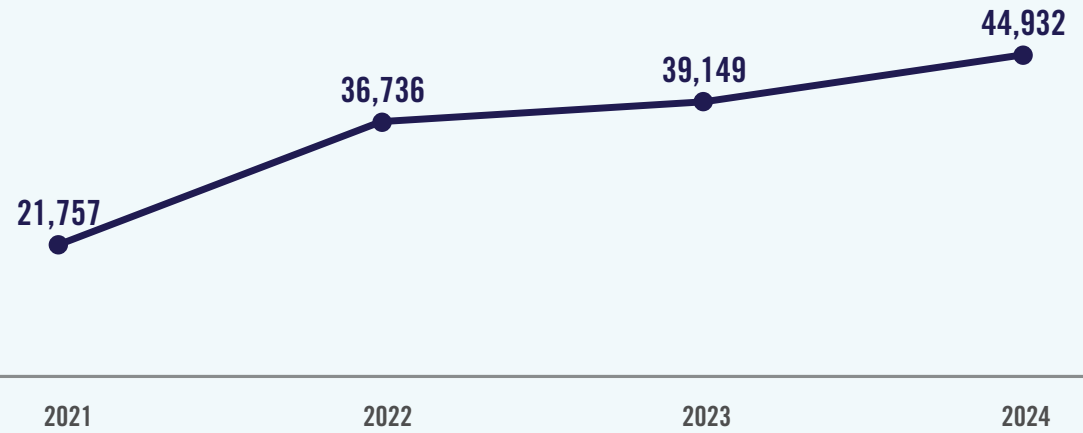
Source: Colorado Judicial Branch, Residential Eviction Filings by Case File Data

The newly released Residential Eviction Filings dashboard describes all evictions across the state, including households both with and without children. Between 2021 and 2024, residential evictions more than doubled, from 21,757 in 2021 to 44,932 in 2024. **Roughly 40% of eviction filings in 2024 were due to nonpayment** — which may reflect families' struggle to afford rent.[18]

National research has found that households with children are twice as likely to be threatened with an eviction as adults without children.[19] While Colorado's data cannot currently differentiate between households with and without children, increased evictions across all households likely points to growing housing instability for kids.

[17] National Low Income Housing Coalition. (2023-2024). Colorado.

[18] Colorado Judicial Branch. (2025). Residential eviction filings by case file date.

[19] Graetz, Nick, et al. "A comprehensive demographic profile of the US evicted population." Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, vol. 120, no. 41, 2 Oct. 2023.

Health

In 2024, the Annie E. Casey Foundation ranked Colorado 28th in the nation in children's health based on four measures: low birthweight, lack of health insurance, child deaths, and childhood obesity. While we know that children's health extends beyond only these data, Colorado's low ranking points to a need to better understand and support child health and well-being.

Health At a Glance

22%
Births to parents not receiving early prenatal care (2023)

10%
Low-weight births (2023)

92%
Students with up-to-date immunizations (2023-24 school year)

61%
Third graders with tooth decay (2022-23 school year)

4%
Uninsured children (2023)

38%
Children enrolled in Medicaid or Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) (FY 2023-24)

Medicaid	CHP+
579,694	**106,565**

Highlights

More children were insured by Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) in fiscal year 2023-24. Enrollment in CHP+ grew by roughly 60,000 in fiscal year 2023-24. Many of these children were likely previously enrolled in Medicaid but now qualify for CHP+ because their families' incomes increased.

Fewer pregnant people received early prenatal care in 2023 than in the prior decade. In 2023, 22% of babies were born to parents who did not receive prenatal care in their first trimester.

Between 2016 and 2023, fewer teens died by suicide but more died by accidental overdoses, motor vehicle accidents, and homicide. The rate of children ages 15 to 19 who died as a result of suicide decreased to 14.6 death per every 100,000 teens in 2023, down from 18.1 deaths in 2016. However, rates of accidental overdoses, motor vehicle accidents, and homicides were significantly higher than they were in 2016.

Sources: Annie E. Casey Foundation; Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment; U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey; Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

PRENATAL & INFANT HEALTH

Prenatal care and a healthy birthweight are linked to a child's short- and long-term health. Colorado tracks data on its youngest children to understand how well we are supporting expectant parents and babies.
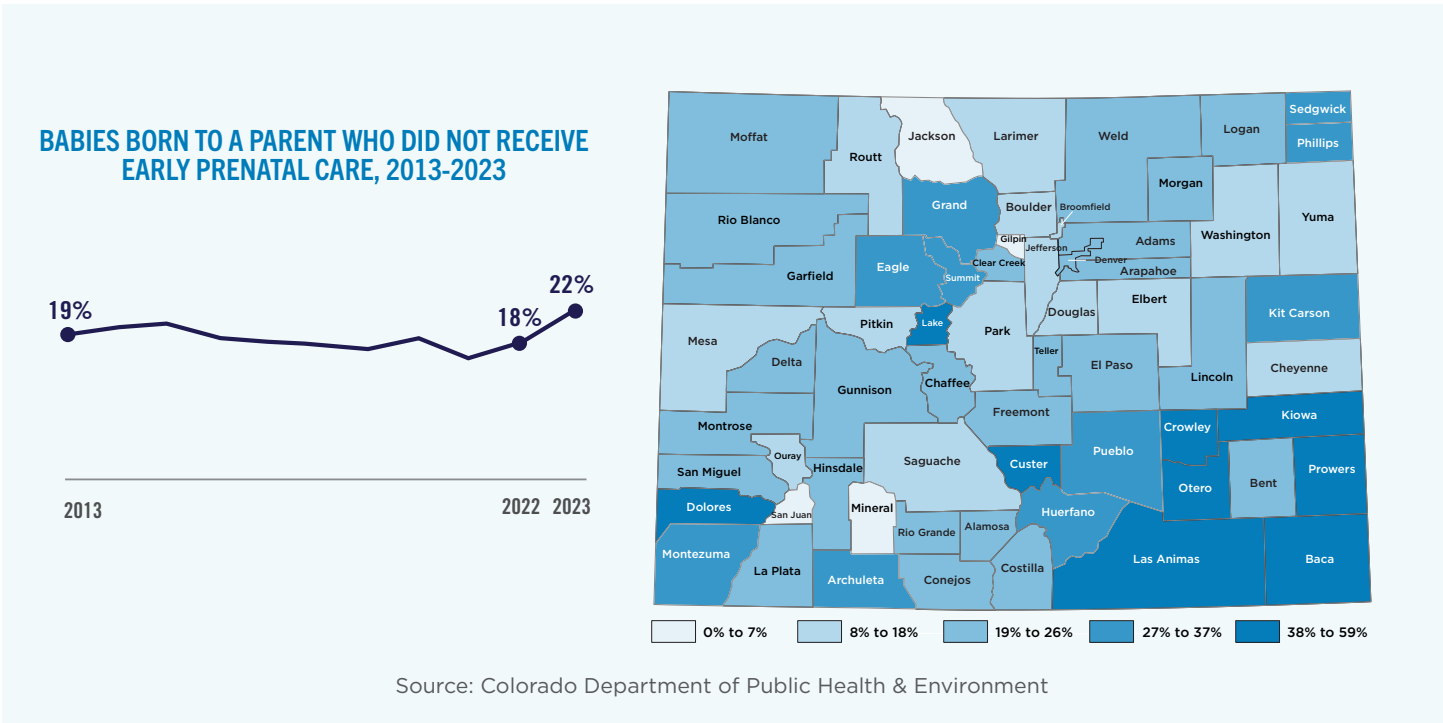
The Data

The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment reports data on prenatal care, infant health, and infant mortality for all babies born in Colorado within a given year.

PRENATAL CARE

High-quality prenatal care helps prevent complications and supports good health for both the parent and baby.[1] But some Colorado parents do not receive prenatal care in their first trimester, known as early prenatal care.

The share of babies born to parents who received early prenatal care dropped to its lowest point in a decade.

BABIES BORN TO A PARENT WHO DID NOT RECEIVE EARLY PRENATAL CARE, 2013-2023

19%   18%   22%

2013   2022   2023

0% to 7%   8% to 18%   19% to 26%   27% to 37%   38% to 59%

Source: Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment

Most prenatal care costs are completely covered under public and private insurance plans in Colorado. Despite this, the use of early prenatal care in 2023 was the lowest in a decade. Twenty-two percent of pregnant people who gave birth in 2023 did not receive prenatal care in the first trimester — a four percentage point change from the prior year.[2]

The share of expectant parents who received prenatal care varied widely across counties, with the lowest rates in the southeast corner of the state. These low rates may in part be due to lack of access to providers.[3]

[1] U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: National Institutes of Health. What is prenatal care and why is it important.

[2] Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment. (2023). Vital Statistics Program. Administrative data request.

[3] March of Dimes. (2023). Where you live matters: Maternity care in Colorado.
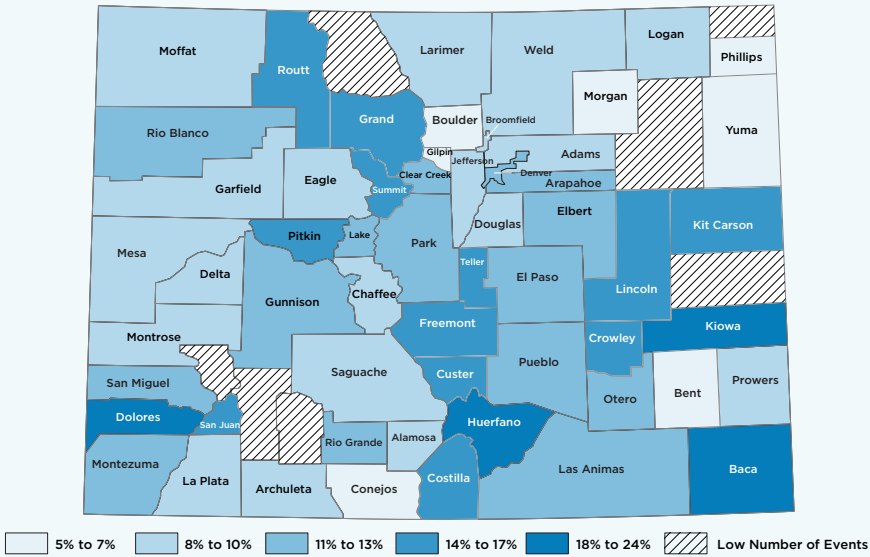
LOW BIRTHWEIGHT

A baby born weighing less than 5.5 pounds is considered to have a low birthweight. These children are at a higher risk of serious medical complications at birth, long-term chronic health conditions, and dying before their first birthday.[4]

Colorado has one of the highest rates of low birthweight in the country.

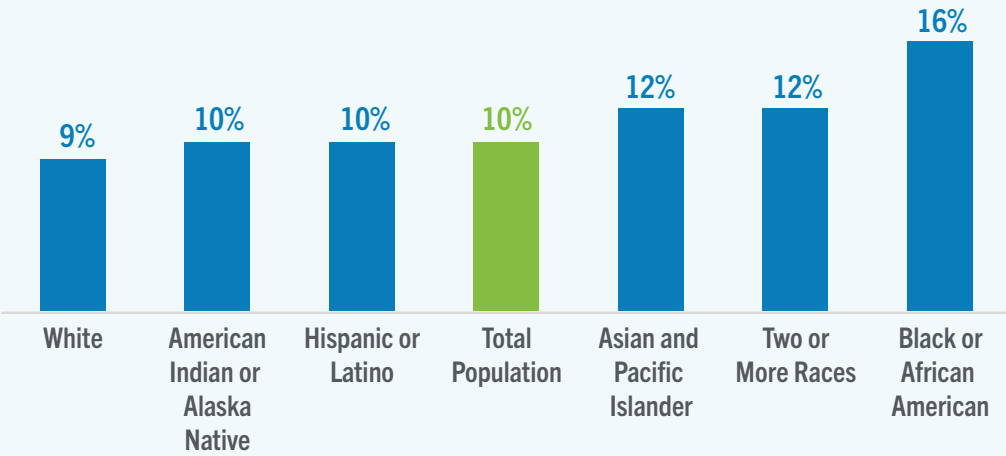**One in ten babies were born weighing less than 5.5 pounds at birth.**

BABIES BORN WEIGHING LESS THAN 5.5 POUNDS BY COUNTY, 2023

| 5% to 7% | 8% to 10% | 11% to 13% | 14% to 17% | 18% to 24% | Low Number of Events |

Source: Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment

BABIES BORN WITH LOW BIRTHWEIGHT BY RACE AND ETHNICITY, 2023

White	American Indian or Alaska Native	Hispanic or Latino	Total Population	Asian and Pacific Islander	Two or More Races	Black or African American
9%	10%	10%	10%	12%	12%	16%

Source: Population Reference Bureau analysis of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics microdata files

[4] March of Dimes. (n.d.) Low birthweight.

In 2024, Colorado was among the top 10 states with the highest rate of babies born underweight: About 10% of babies were born with a low birthweight in 2023.[5, 6] The frequency of low-weight births varied by race and ethnicity. Black or African American children were six percentage points more likely to be born underweight than the rest of the population.

Low birthweights are often due to early deliveries or a restriction on a baby's growth while they are in the womb which can be caused by a variety of factors like smoking, poor nutrition, stress, infections and violence.[7] The high rate of low birthweight in Colorado may also be due in part to the state's relatively high altitude.[8]

INFANT MORTALITY

The infant mortality rate describes the number of babies who died before their first birthday per every 1,000 births. The most common causes of infant mortality include birth defects, prematurity and low birthweight, and sudden infant death syndrome.[9]

Infant mortality varied widely across races and ethnicities.

INFANT MORTALITY RATE PER 1,000 BIRTHS BY RACE AND ETHNICITY, 2023

Black	Hispanic	Total Population	White	Asian
7.4	5.3	4.5	3.2	2.4
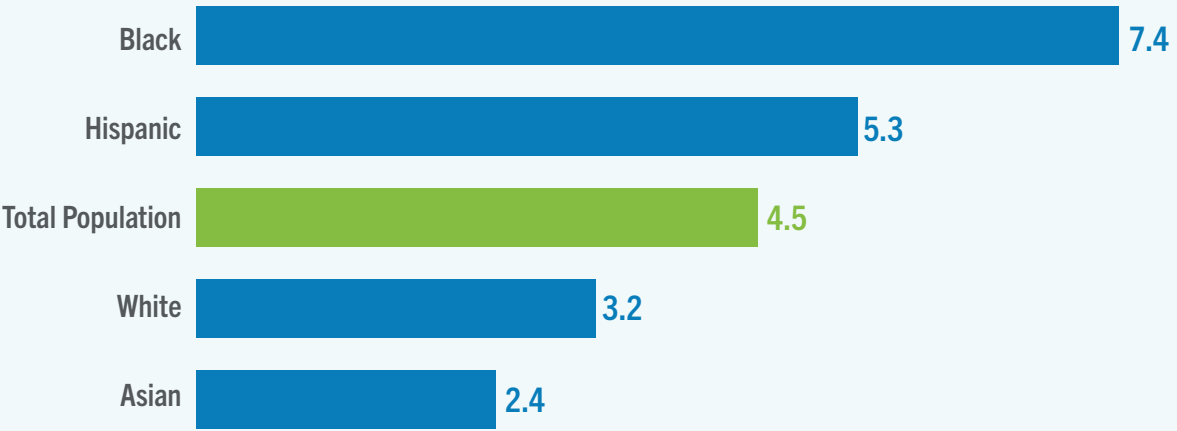
Source: Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment

Colorado's infant mortality rate has remained relatively stable over the past few years. In 2023, there were roughly 270 babies who died before their first birthday, or 4.5 deaths for every 1,000 births. Mortality rates were much higher among babies who were Hispanic or Black.[10] Infant mortality is linked to a variety of factors including poverty, a parent's well-being, public health, and the availability of proper health care.[11]

[5] The Annie E. Casey Foundation. (2024). Kids Count data book: State trends in child well-being.

[6] Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment. (2023). Vital Statistics Program. Administrative data request.

[7] March of Dimes. (n.d.) Low birthweight.

[8] Bailey, B.A. et al. (2020). High altitude continues to reduce birth weights in Colorado. Maternal and Child Health Journal, 23(11).

[9] March of Dimes. (n.d.). Mortality and morbidity: Data for Colorado.

[10] Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment. (2023). Vital Statistics Program. Administrative data request.

[11] Annie E. Casey Foundation. (2018). That scary infant mortality rate.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Vaccinations strengthen children's immune systems and protect against disease.[12] Colorado requires immunizations for common diseases such as Hepatitis B, chickenpox, measles, and rubella for all children attending school or licensed child care. However, Colorado is one of only 13 states that allows personal, religious, and medical exemptions from vaccine requirements.[13]

The Data

The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment collects data on children who are fully immunized or exempt from vaccinations from all child care providers, public schools, and colleges and universities.

Fewer Kindergartners were fully immunized in 2023-24.

KINDERGARTNERS WHO WERE FULLY IMMUNIZED, 2019-24

	2019-20	2023-24
Vericella	90%	87%
DTdap	93%	88%
Polio	93%	88%
MMR	93%	88%
HepB	93%	91%
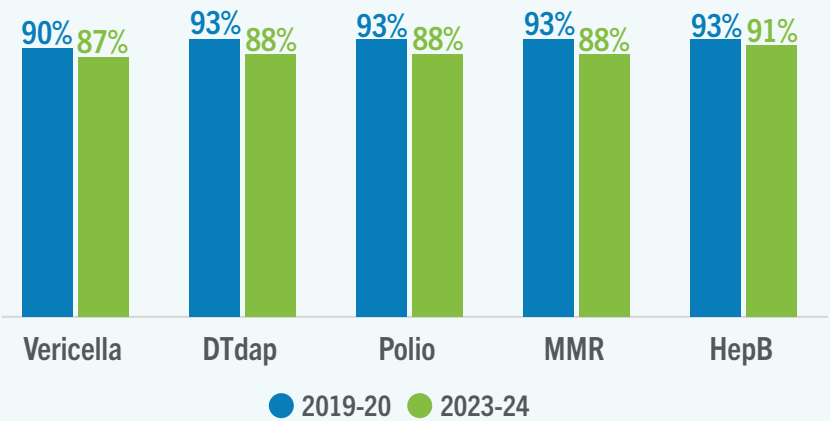
Source: Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment

NINE SMALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAD IMMUNIZATION COMPLIANCE RATES BELOW 80% FOR K-12 STUDENTS IN THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Moffat Consolidated School District 2	59.8%
Hinsdale County School District RE 1	72.1%
Branson Reorganized School District 82	73.5%
Dolores County School District RE 2	74.9%
Elbert School District 200	76.3%
Hanover School District 28	76.4%
Agate School District 300	78.3%
Pritchett School District RE-3	78.4%
Manitou Springs School District 14	79.2%

In school year 2023-24, about 90% of Kindergartners were in compliance with their vaccination requirements, meaning they were either fully immunized or exempt from vaccinations. Despite a slight increase between school years 2022-23 and 2023-24, a smaller share of Kindergartners received all their vaccinations than in the 2019-20 school year.[14]

About 92% of K-12 students were fully immunized or exempt from vaccinations. Rates ranged across communities. Nine school districts had fewer than 80% of students in compliance with their vaccinations.[14] These communities are at a higher risk for outbreaks of diseases such as measles, mumps and rubella, which require a 95% vaccination rate to keep the community safe from disease.[15]

[12] Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (n.d.). Vaccines & immunizations.

[13] National Conference of State Legislatures. (2025). State non-medical exemptions from school immunization requirements.

[14] Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment. (2023-24). State of Colorado immunization data.

[15] Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (n.d.). Assessing Measles outbreak risks in the United States.
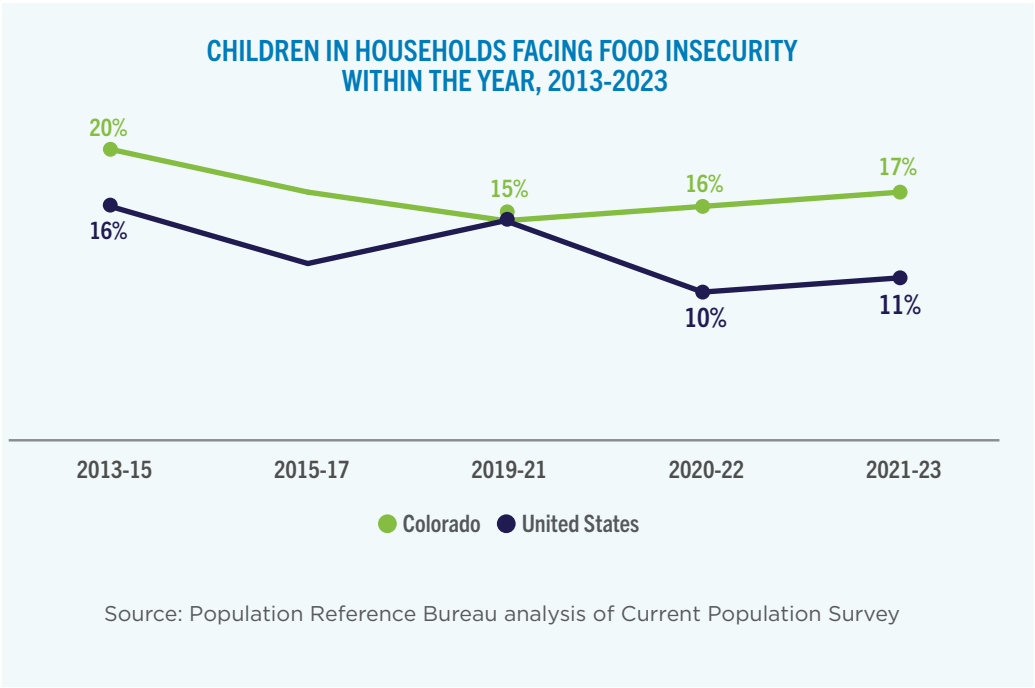
FOOD INSECURITY

Children need enough to eat to grow and learn. Kids without enough food are more likely to have overall poor health, higher rates of emergency room visits, and worse mental health.[16]
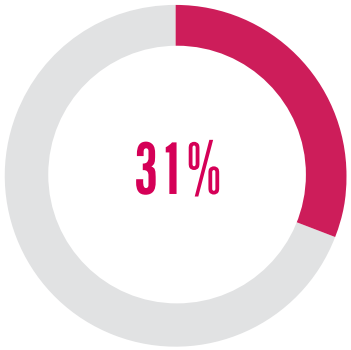
The Data

The U.S. Census Bureau surveys families on their level of food security every few years. The Baby & You Survey, conducted by the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment, captures information about Colorado parents who recently gave birth about their family experiences, including food insecurity.

Many Colorado children face food insecurity.

CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLDS FACING FOOD INSECURITY WITHIN THE YEAR, 2013-2023

2013-15	2015-17	2019-21	2020-22	2021-23
Colorado 20%		15%	16%	17%
United States 16%		15%	10%	11%

● Colorado ● United States

Source: Population Reference Bureau analysis of Current Population Survey

31%

Coloradans who recently gave birth said they were worried about running out of food between 2021 and 2023.

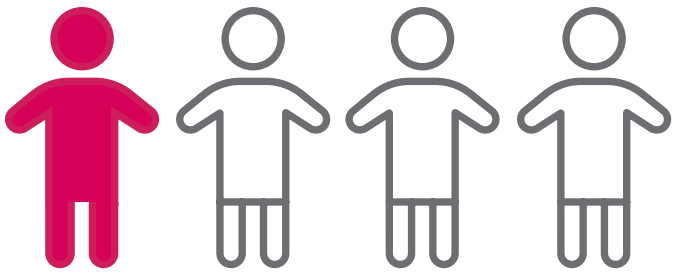Source: Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment

Many Colorado families reported concerns about having enough food to eat. Between 2021 and 2023, 11% of children were in families that faced food insecurity at some point in the year.[17]

Families with newborn babies were even more likely to report food insecurity: Nearly one in three (31%) parents who had recently given birth were worried about running out of food before there was enough money to restock within the last year.[18]

One in four children were overweight or obese

Access to nutritious food is essential to help children keep a healthy weight. Kids who are overweight are at increased risk for chronic health conditions, poor mental health, and a lower self-reported quality of life.[19] While Colorado has one of the lowest rates of childhood obesity in the country, there are still a significant number of kids above a healthy weight in our state. **In 2022-23, one in four Colorado children were overweight or obese.**[20]

Colorado's Healthy School Meals for All program provides free food to public school students, helping ensure children have enough to eat. For more information, see page 63.

The **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)** is a federally funded program that helps families get food by providing monthly cash for groceries and other food expenses. In 2024, 317,040 Colorado children participated in SNAP — an increase of 33,627 children from 2021.[21]

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[16] Thomas, M.M.C., Miller, D.P., Morrissey, T.W. (2019). Food Insecurity and Child Health, Pediatrics, 144:4.

[17] Annie E. Casey Foundation. (2021-23). Children living in households that were food insecure at some point during the year in Colorado.

[18] Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment. (2023). Baby & You 2023 birth cohort survey data.

[19] Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (n.d.). Consequences of obesity.

[20] Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative. (2022-23). National survey of children's health.

[21] Colorado Department of Human Services. (2021-24). Administrative data request.
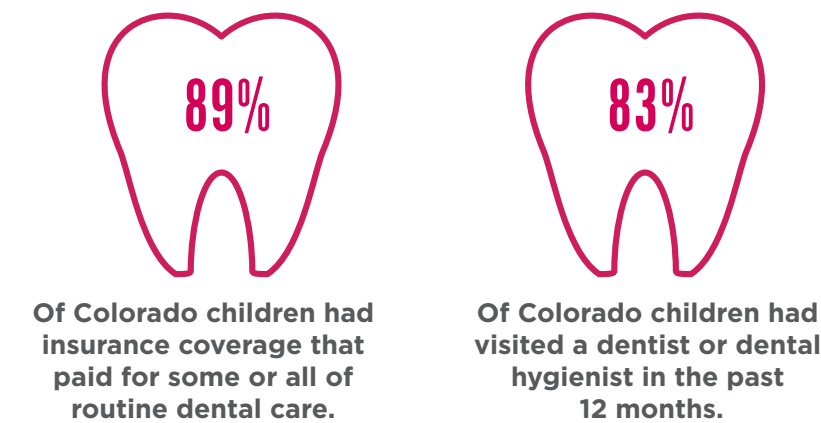
ORAL HEALTH

Healthy teeth and gums help children eat, speak, and smile. Good oral hygiene and a proper diet can prevent cavities and tooth decay and support kids' overall health and well-being.[22]

The Data

The Colorado Health Access Survey estimates the number of children who have access to dental hygiene services. The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment conducts the Basic Screening Survey, which randomly screens public school students in Kindergarten and third grade for both treated and untreated dental decay.

Most kids had access to dental hygiene services, but tooth decay is becoming more common.

89%
Of Colorado children had insurance coverage that paid for some or all of routine dental care.

83%
Of Colorado children had visited a dentist or dental hygienist in the past 12 months.

Source: Colorado Health Access Survey

STUDENTS WITH TOOTH DECAY, 2016-23

	2016-17	2022-23
Kindergarten	31%	46%
3rd Grade	47%	61%

● Kindergarten ● 3rd Grade
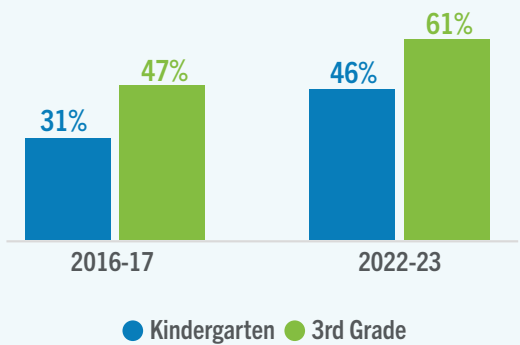
Source: Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment

Nearly 90% of Colorado's kids had access to dental hygiene services when they needed it.[23] However, the most recent survey of public school students revealed that children's oral health status is getting worse. **The presence of tooth decay increased by 15 percentage points among Kindergartners and 14 percentage points among third graders between the 2016-2017 and 2022-23 school years**. While the presence of tooth decay increased across all communities, it was most common in low-income communities.[24]

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[22] Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (n.d.). About cavities (tooth decay).

[23] Colorado Health Institute. (2024). Colorado Health Access Survey 2023.

[24] Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment. (n.d.). Colorado Basic Screening Survey Dashboard.

CHILD DEATHS

While most Colorado children live to be adults, children die every year from preventable deaths. Knowing the common causes can help us to better protect and support our kids.
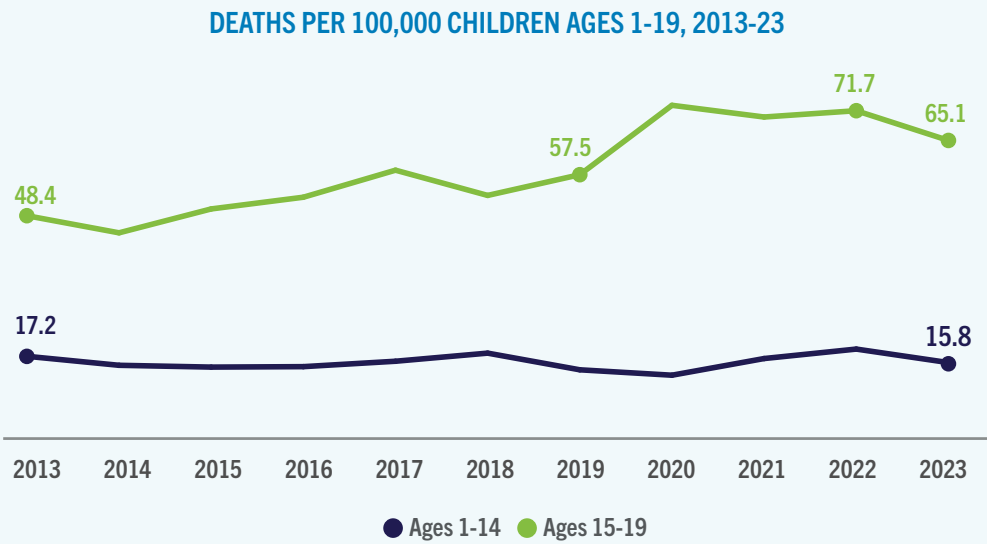
The Data

The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment reports data on child deaths and causes of death through its Vital Statistics Program.

The rate of deaths is significantly higher among teens than among younger children.

DEATHS PER 100,000 CHILDREN AGES 1-19, 2013-23

● Ages 1-14 ● Ages 15-19

Source: Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment

Teens were less likely to die by suicide, but more likely to die as a result of accidental drug overdose, motor vehicle accident, or homicide.

DEATHS PER 100,000 TEENS AGES 15-19 DUE TO SUICIDE OR ACCIDENTAL OVERDOSE, 2016-23

● Suicide ● Accidental Overdose
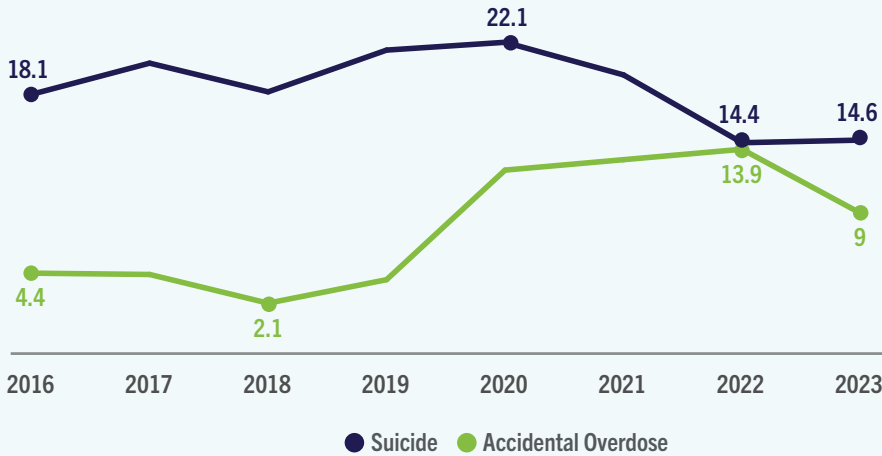
DEATHS PER 100,000 TEENS AGES 15-19 DUE TO MOTOR VEHICLE OR HOMICIDE, 2016-23

● Motor Vehicle ● Homicide
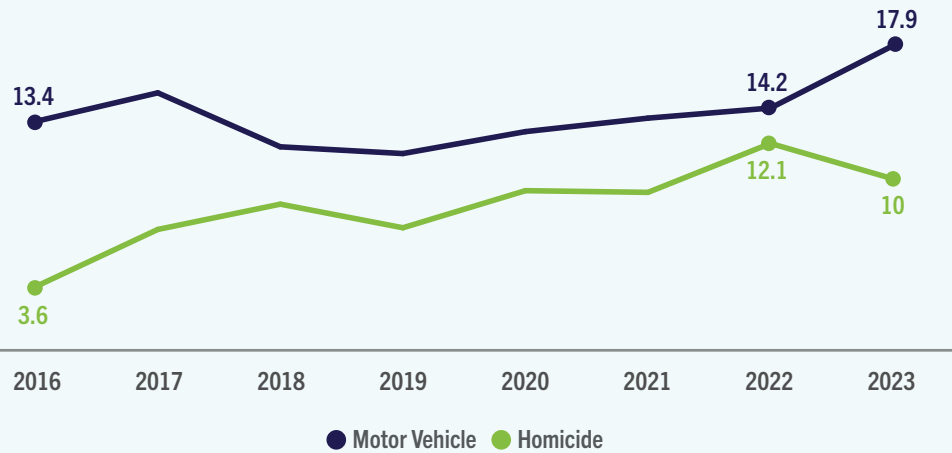
Source: Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment

The number of deaths among Coloradans ages 1 to 19 remained relatively stable between 2020 and 2023, around 400 deaths each years. However, between 2013 and 2023, the rate of deaths among teens ages 15-19 increased by about 17 deaths per 100,0000 teenagers.[25]

In 2023, the most common causes of unintentional injury deaths among all children were motor vehicle accidents, unspecified accidents, and accidental drug overdoses. But the causes of death among teens have been changing. The rate of teen suicide is lower than it was in 2016. Meanwhile, the rate of deaths due to accidental overdose, homicide, and motor vehicle accidents increased.[25] These data point to a need to better understand the underlying causes and provide greater support to teenagers.

[25] Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment. (2023). Vital Statistics Program. Administrative data request.

UNINSURED CHILDREN

Children with health insurance are more likely to visit a doctor for primary and preventive care, ultimately improving their long-term health and reducing costs for families, providers, and the health system.[26]

The Data

The U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey estimates the share of children who have health insurance. The 2023 data do not reflect significant shifts in public health insurance policy that affected children's coverage in 2024 and 2025. [See page 40.]

Over the past decade, the share of uninsured children in Colorado dropped by half.

CHILDREN UNDER 19 WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE, 2013-2023

Source: Population Reference Bureau analysis of American Community Survey
Note: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, only experimental estimates are available for 2020 which cannot be compared to other years.

CHILDREN UNDER 19 WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE, 2022

2.3% to 3.9%   4.0% to 5.1%   5.2% to 6.4%   6.5% to 8.2%   8.3% to 11.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Health Insurance Estimates

[26] Kaiser Family Foundation. (2024). Key facts about the uninsured population.

CHILDREN UNDER 19 WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE BY HOUSEHOLD INCOME, 2023

CHILDREN UNDER 19 WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE BY RACE AND ETHNICITY, 2023

Source: Population Reference Bureau analysis of American Community Survey

More Colorado children had health coverage in 2023: Just 4% of Colorado children were uninsured, down from 9% in 2013.[27] However, rates varied across communities. American Indian or Alaska Native children were least likely to have insurance, with an uninsured rate of 7%. The highest rate of uninsurance was among children whose families made between 150% and 199% FPL, despite the fact that these families qualify for public health insurance coverage.[27]

Well-Child Visits and Pediatric Care

Well-child visits are important, routine check-ups during which a child's pediatrician monitors and supports their health, growth, and development. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends 11 well-child visits between the ages of 0 and 30 months and annual visits starting at 3 years old.[27] Currently, there are not publicly available data on children in Colorado who attend the recommended number of well-child visits. This information would help us understand the state of children's health and health care access.

Colorado needs pediatricians to ensure all kids have access to well-child visits and support their overall health. In 2024, the American Board of Pediatrics ranked Colorado 15th for the ratio of general pediatricians available to number of children needing care: Colorado had 1,073 pediatricians, or one pediatrician for every 1,132 children. This was slightly better than the national rate of one pediatrician for every 1,511 children.[29]

[27] Annie E. Casey Foundation. (2023). Population Reference Bureau analysis of American Community Survey.

[28] Hagan, J.F., J.S. Shaw, and P.M. Duncan. (eds.). Bright Futures: Guidelines for Health Supervision of Infants, Children, and Adolescents. 4th ed. Elk Grove Village, IL: American Academy of Pediatrics, 2017.

[29] American Board of Pediatrics. (2024). General pediatricians U.S. state and county maps.

2025 SPOTLIGHT: PUBLIC HEALTH INSURANCE

Families that do not receive health insurance through an employer and do not make enough money to afford private insurance can enroll in public health insurance to help them access and afford important services. In state fiscal year 2023-24, more than one in three Colorado children (38%) were enrolled in public health insurance through Medicaid or Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+).[30]

The Data

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing reports data on all public health insurance programs, including Medicaid and Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+). Enrollment data from the 2024-25 fiscal year, the first full year without any pandemic-era continuous enrollment policies in Medicaid and CHP+ since 2020, are not yet available.

Medicaid and CHP+ provide health coverage for children in households making less than 260% FPL.

Health First COLORADO
Colorado's Medicaid Program

- Covers children in households making less than 142% FPL
- Provided health insurance to 589,694 children in fiscal year 2023-24
- Served 57,557 fewer children than the previous year

CHP+
Child Health Plan Plus

- Covers children in households that do not qualify for Medicaid but have an income less than 260% FPL
- Provided health insurance to 106,565 children in fiscal year 2023-24
- Served 59,542 more children than the previous year

During the COVID-19 public health emergency, the federal government required that Medicaid and CHP+ allow children to remain insured without having to annually confirm their eligibility. Between the spring of 2023 and 2024, the programs returned to pre-pandemic policies and again began requiring families to reapply each year, a change referred to as the Medicaid unwind.

Many children lost Medicaid coverage during the transition, at least temporarily, due to loss of eligibility or administrative errors. However, **new data suggest that even when there were initial gaps in coverage, most children were ultimately re-enrolled in Medicaid or CHP+ by the end of fiscal year 2023-24.**

In fiscal year 2023-24, Medicaid and CHP+ served a combined total of 686,259 children — nearly 2,000 more children than the previous year. However, the number of children in each program changed significantly. Between fiscal year 2023-24 and the prior year, Medicaid enrollment decreased by 57,557 and CHP+ enrollment increased by 59,542.[31]

[30] Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing. (2023-24). Report to Community.
[31] Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing. (2023-24). Administrative data request.

CHILDREN ENROLLED IN MEDICAID & CHP+, 2018-24

	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24
CHP+	99,166	86,075	59,361	49,658	47,023	106,565
Medicaid	572,747	561,924	587,980	617,920	637,251	579,694
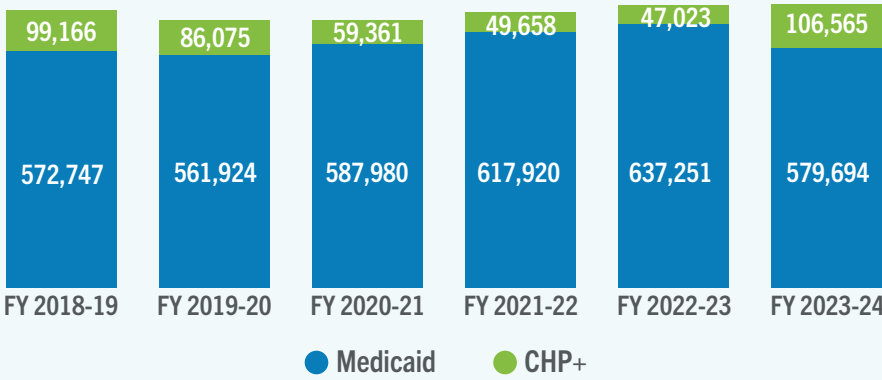
● Medicaid ● CHP+

Source: Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing

As families were required to again report income after the pandemic, many children who were enrolled in Medicaid had household earnings that made them ineligible for Medicaid and instead eligible for CHP+. However, the public health insurance policy landscape continues to evolve. Data from fiscal year 2024-25, the first year completely unaffected by pandemic-era policies, will offer a clearer picture of the impact of the Medicaid unwind and other changes to the public health coverage policy landscape.

EXPANDING PUBLIC INSURANCE COVERAGE

Cover All Coloradans: Coverage for Undocumented Kids and Pregnant Adults

On January 1, 2025, undocumented children and pregnant and postpartum adults became eligible for health coverage through Medicaid and CHP+ for the first time because of Cover All Coloradans (HB22-1289). Colorado is one of 14 states to provide comprehensive state-funded health care coverage for children, regardless of immigration status. In the first few months, more than 14,000 Coloradans gained coverage through this expansion, including more than 11,000 children.[32] Many previously went without access to comprehensive perinatal care or well-child visits.

Continuous Eligibility Ages 0-3: Keeping Kids Covered

At the end of 2024, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved Colorado's Section 1115 Waiver to implement multi-year continuous eligibility for kids ages 0 to 3, meaning low-income children who qualify for Medicaid or CHP+ in Colorado do not need to reapply or redetermine their eligibility during those 36 months. Colorado is one of 12 states implementing multi-year continuous eligibility to protect children from losing health coverage if their family's income changes. This policy reduces the administrative burden of processing applications for the youngest Coloradans and aims to reduce overall Medicaid costs as the children who stay enrolled will have access to preventive and primary care services that keep them healthier throughout their lifetime.

[32] Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing. (2023-24). Administrative data request.

Early Childhood

The first years of a child's life set the stage for their long-term development and success. Colorado has a growing system of early childhood service and learning opportunities for its youngest children and families.

In 2023, Colorado was home to 379,117 children ages 0 to 5.

187,231 children ages 0-2	**191,886** children ages 3-5

Early Childhood Programs At a Glance

Children Enrolled in Early Childhood Programs

43,479 Colorado Universal Preschool Program (FY 2023-24)	**24,648** Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (FY 2023-24)	**11,173** Head Start and Early Head Start (FY 2023-24)
11,807 Home-Visiting Programs (FY 2023-24)	**11,562** Early Intervention Evaluations (2023)	**17,890** Early Intervention Services (2023)

Highlights

More than two-thirds of Colorado 4 year olds participated in the Universal Preschool Program. In its first year, the Universal Preschool Program provided free, part-time preschool to more than 40,000 children, or roughly 70% of Colorado 4 year olds.

Colorado's child care capacity is growing. Between September 2023 and September 2024, the state added roughly 4,000 slots for children under 6 and 6,000 slots for school-age children.

More children are getting evaluated and supported for developmental delays. Between 2021 and 2023, Colorado nearly doubled the number of young kids who were evaluated for developmental delays. Increased evaluations also led to more kids getting the services they needed.

Sources: Colorado Department of Local Affairs, State Demography Office; Colorado Department of Early Childhood; Parent Possible

TYPES OF CHILD CARE

Young children need full-time care from a trusted adult. Many families choose to use licensed child care providers or rely on a nanny or a family, friend, or neighbor for care. In others, a parent stays home with their children. Rel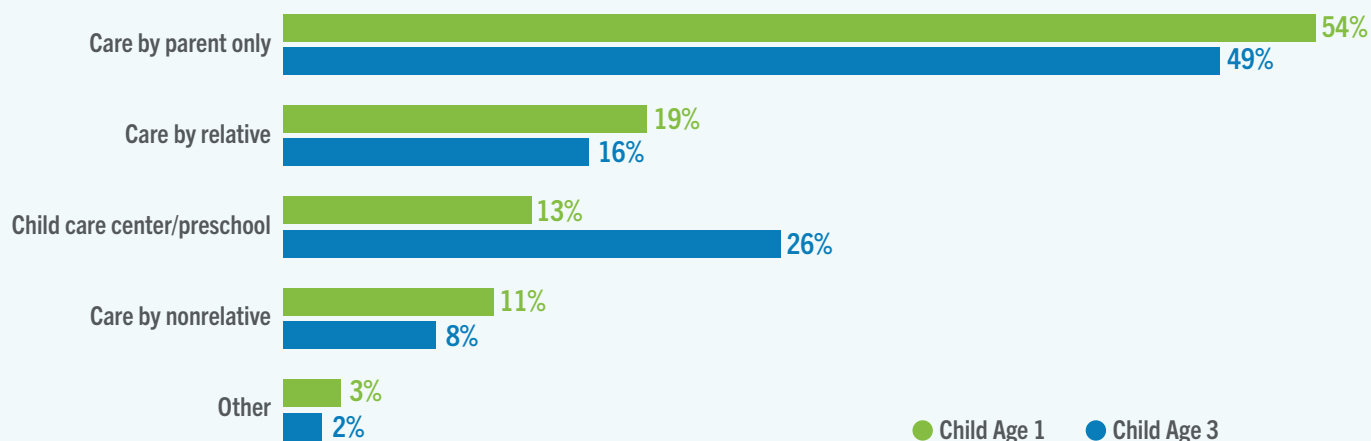iable child care is particularly important for working parents. In 2023, roughly 40,000 Colorado parents reported quitting a job, not taking a job, or greatly changing their job because of problems with child care.[1]

FAMILY CHOICES

Each family has its own unique child care needs and preferences. New data on Colorado family choices helps us better understand how our child care systems are meeting — or not meeting — family needs.

The Data

The Health eMoms Survey Program, conducted by the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment, provides the best available data on families' child care decisions. Coloradans who gave birth between 2018 and 2020 were surveyed when their child was 1 year old and again when their child was 3. The survey was conducted during the COVID-19 pandemic, between 2018 and 2021, which may have affected families' work and child care arrangements.

40,000

Colorado parents reported quitting a job, not taking a job, or greatly changing their job because of problems with child care in 2023.

[1] Center for American Progress (2023). Child care and early learning: explore state data.

Most young children were cared for by a family member, but more children attended formal child care as they got older.

CHILD CARE CHOICES, 2018-2021

Care by parent only	54% (Child Age 1) / 49% (Child Age 3)
Care by relative	19% (Child Age 1) / 16% (Child Age 3)
Child care center/preschool	13% (Child Age 1) / 26% (Child Age 3)
Care by nonrelative	11% (Child Age 1) / 8% (Child Age 3)
Other	3% (Child Age 1) / 2% (Child Age 3)

● Child Age 1   ● Child Age 3

Source: Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (2018-2021)
Note: Data describe child care choices for the same cohort of children at the age of 1 and again at the age of 3.

Most infants and toddlers were cared for by a parent or relative. In their first year, an estimated 73% of infants were cared for by a family member. Fifty-four percent were with their parents full-time and 19% were with a relative. As those children grew to age 3, 65% were still spending a majority of their time with their family. However, some families transitioned to child care centers. Parents were twice as likely to use licensed child care when their child was 3 years old compared to when they were 1.[2]

Most families were happy with their child care, but some would have preferred access to a child care center instead. Roughly one in five families wanted a different type of child care. Among these families, 70% would have preferred a child care center or preschool. One of the biggest barriers to these centers was the high cost of care.[2]

While parents' decisions reflected in the Health eMoms Survey were likely influenced by the COVID-19 pandemic, more recent national data also indicate that many children are still cared for by their family: About one in five parents across the country relied on a relative for child care.[3]

COLORADO
Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program (FAMLI)
Department of Labor and Employment

Parental Leave

Over this past year, Colorado introduced a new support for parents to stay home with their child, at least in their earliest days. In 2020, Colorado voters established the Family Medical Leave and Insurance Program (FAMLI), which gives Coloradans 12 weeks of paid family leave, including paid parental leave for each parent after a child is born. The program took effect in January 2024. As of January 2025, **63,910 parents** had applied to use FAMLI support for parental bonding leave.[4]

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[2] Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment. (2024). Child Care Access in Colorado.

[3] U.S. Census Bureau. (2023). About 1 in 5 parents relied on a relative for child care.

[4] Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Family Medical Leave Insurance Program. (2024). FAMLI by the numbers.

LICENSED CHILD CARE CAPACITY

Many families use a licensed child care provider such as a child care center or home as a safe place for their children to learn and grow. These providers are an essential part of our child care system, offering part- and full-time care to many of Colorado's kids.
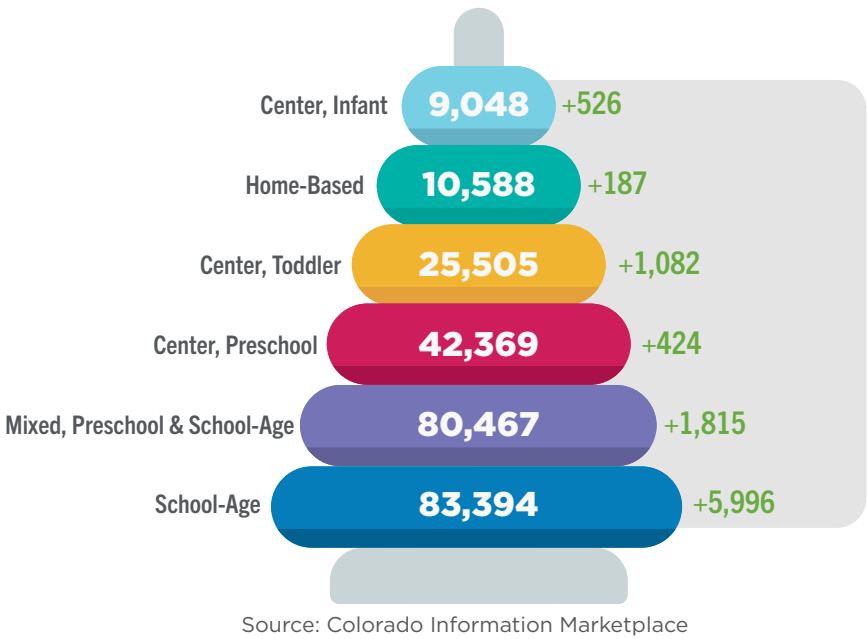
The Data

The Colorado Department of Early Childhood reports child care providers' licensed capacity to the Colorado Information Marketplace. Licensed capacity reflects the maximum number of kids each provider can serve. However, some providers serve fewer children than they report, whether by choice, such as a decision to maintain smaller staff-to-child ratios, or because they cannot find enough teachers. These data are compared to the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, which estimates the number of children younger than 5 with all parents working.

Licensed child care capacity in Colorado is increasing.

LICENSED CHILD CARE SLOTS IN SEPTEMBER 2024
Change since September 2023

Category	Slots	Change
Center, Infant	9,048	+526
Home-Based	10,588	+187
Center, Toddler	25,505	+1,082
Center, Preschool	42,369	+424
Mixed, Preschool & School-Age	80,467	+1,815
School-Age	83,394	+5,996

Source: Colorado Information Marketplace

In September 2024, Colorado had 248,371 child care slots available to children ages birth through school-age (6-12) and 164,977 slots available to exclusively children ages birth to 5. This was an increase of about 10,000 slots, including 4,000 new slots for children under 6 and 6,000 new slots for school-age children.[5]

[5] Colorado Information Marketplace. (September 2023 & 2024). ChildCare.

There were only enough child care slots to serve roughly two of every three young children in families with all parents working.

AVAILABLE CHILD CARE SLOTS AND CHILDREN WITH ALL PARENTS WORKING, 2023
CHILDREN AGES BIRTH THROUGH 5

246,991 Children with both parents in workforce

82,014 Fewer slots than children

164,977 Available Slots
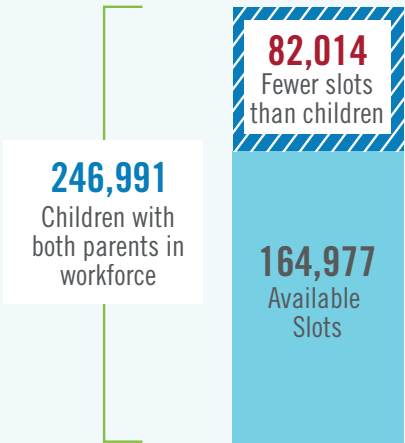
Source: Colorado Information Marketplace (September 2023) & American Community Survey (2019-2023)

Despite this growth, there was only enough licensed child care capacity to serve two-thirds of children under age 6 in families where all parents were working. In September 2023, providers reported 164,977 slots compared to an estimated 246,991 children under the age of 6.[5,6]

While not all families are looking for licensed child care, differences in the number of slots available and the number of children who need care point to a potential need to support providers in adding more slots or families in finding alternative approaches to care.

Supporting the Child Care Workforce

A strong and sustainable workforce is essential for making sure Colorado's families have safe and reliable child care. One of the biggest reasons providers cannot expand their capacity is due to trouble with recruiting and retaining child care workers.[7] Recently, Colorado has made progress in paying its teachers higher wages: In May 2023, Colorado ranked 5th in the nation for highest average salary for child care workers.[8] However, wages still remained low relative to other Colorado industries. In 2023 the annual mean wage among child care workers was $38,240, or $18.39/hour — almost 50% less than the average hourly wage for all Colorado workers.[9] Many child care workers do not have enough money to make ends meet. An estimated 13% of the Colorado child care workforce were living in poverty and 32% relied on the public safety net in 2022.[10]

[6] U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey. (2019-2023). Table B23008.
[7] National Association for the Education of Young Children. (2025). An unsustainable status quo.
[8] U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. (2023). Occupational employment and wages, May 2023: Childcare workers.
[9] Colorado Department of Labor and Employment. (2023). Colorado occupational employment and wages 2023.
[10] Center for the Study of Child Care Employment. (2024). 2024 index: Colorado.

THE COST OF LICENSED CHILD CARE

Licensed child care is expensive. The federal government recommends families spend no more than 7% of their income on child care, but most families in Colorado spend far more.[11, 12] This high cost is a burden on family budgets and prevents some parents from using licensed child care altogether. In a recent national study, the most common reason child care providers reported having empty slots was because they believed parents could not afford to enroll their children.[13]

The Data

The cost of child care varies by location, type of child care, and a child's age. Child Care Aware of America partners with state and local departments to estimate the average cost of child care across Colorado. For county-specific prices, the National Database of Childcare Prices uses the Colorado 2022 Market Rate Survey.

Colorado is one of the most expensive states for child care.

AVERAGE ANNUAL COST OF CHILD CARE IN COLORADO, 2023

Licensed Child Care Home	Licensed Child Care Center
$12,750 Infant	$19,573 Infant
$12,750 Toddler	$16,307 Toddler
$11,970 4 year old	$13,809 4 year old

Source: Child Care Aware of America

Child care in Colorado is particularly expensive. In 2023, Colorado was ranked as the fourth least affordable state for center infant care by Child Care Aware of America: Families had to pay almost $20,000 a year for full-time care for a young baby.[12] A family of four making less than $81,000 — or 270% FPL — would have needed to pay 24% of its earnings to afford care for an infant in a center and 44% of its earnings to afford care for an infant and a toddler.

Some Colorado counties had more affordable care than others. For example, in 2024 the annual cost of infant care at a center ranged from $5,989 in the most affordable counties to $24,794 in the most expensive.[14] However, some of the counties where cost is more affordable also have lower median incomes and higher rates of poverty.

[11] U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (2024). Improving child care access, affordability, and stability in the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF).

[12] Child Care Aware of America. (2023). Price of care: 2023

[13] National Association for the Education of Young Children. (2025). An unsustainable status quo.

[14] U.S. Department of Labor, Women's Bureau. (2022). National Database of Childcare Prices.

Child care is most expensive in the Denver metro area and Colorado's mountain resort towns.

COST OF CENTER-BASED INFANT CARE, 2024

| $5,989 to $6,383 | $6,384 to $13,365 | $13,366 to $17,147 | $17,148 to $21,067 | $21,068 to $24,794 | No Data |

Source: National Database of Childcare Prices
Note: 2024 data are calculated by using Colorado's 2022 Market Rate Survey and adjusting costs for inflation.
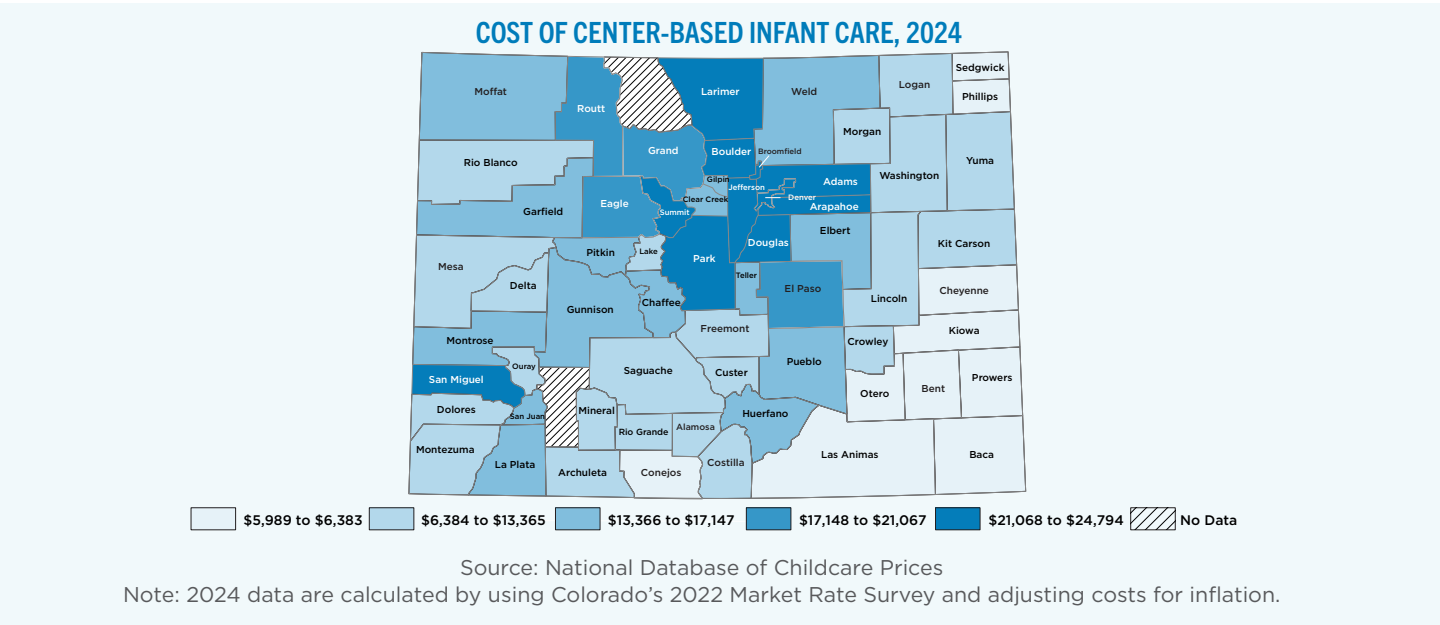
REDUCING COSTS FOR FAMILIES WITH LOW INCOMES

Programs supported by federal funding help make child care more affordable for low-income families.

Colorado Child Care Assistance Program

The Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) subsidizes the cost of child care for low-income families with funds from the federal Child Care and Development Fund. Families can enroll in CCCAP if they are working or in school and make less than 85% of the state median income — roughly $110,580 for a family of four in 2024. **In fiscal year 2023-24, CCCAP served 25,864 children, or 9% of all eligible children.[15]**

In 2024, the federal government passed a new rule that required states to limit out-of-pocket costs for families and increase payments to child care providers.[11] While the rule will improve CCCAP's support for families, without additional funding, Colorado cannot afford the higher costs and may be forced to reduce the number of kids it serves. Colorado families are already feeling the impact of this change. In anticipation of these increasing costs, many counties have stopped enrolling new children to make sure they can afford continued support for the children they already serve.

Head Start & Early Head Start

Early Head Start, serving children ages 0 to 2, and Head Start, serving children ages 3 to 5, provide comprehensive early care for children and education services for children and their families. Families can enroll if they are earning at or below 100% FPL — roughly $30,000 for a family of four in 2023 and $32,000 for a family of four in 2025. Families receiving other public assistance, experiencing homelessness, and children in foster care may also be eligible.

Over the past year, Colorado expanded the number of children it served as a result of more funding and new efforts to recruitment and enroll eligible families. In fiscal year 2023-24, Early Head Start served **3,778 infants and toddlers** and Head Start served **7,395 preschoolers. Combined, these programs served 15% more children than the previous year.[15]**

[15] Colorado Department of Early Childhood. (Fiscal year 2023-24). Administrative data request.

## 2025 SPOTLIGHT: UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

In 2023, the Colorado Department of Early Childhood launched the Colorado Universal Preschool Program, which provides free part-time preschool to all 4 year olds in Colorado and qualifying 3 year olds. In its first year, the Universal Preschool program served nearly 70% of Colorado's 4 year olds. With more data and time, we will gain a clearer picture of how the program has changed Colorado children's access to preschool.

The Data

The Colorado Department of Early Childhood reports data on all 4 year olds who were served by the Universal Preschool program in its first year, fiscal year 2023-24. Data about 3 year olds served is forthcoming.

In fiscal year 2023-24, the Universal Preschool Program served 43,479 4-year-olds, nearly 70% of all children.

FOUR YEAR OLDS ENROLLED IN UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL BY HOURS SUBSIDIZED, FY 2023-24

- 30 Hours: 11%
- 15 Hours: 70%
- 10 Hours: 19%
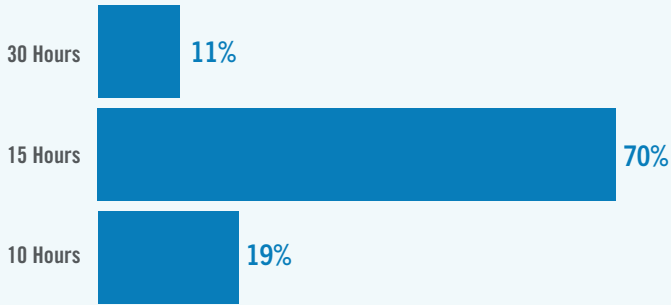
FOUR YEAR OLDS ENROLLED IN UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL BY FAMILY INCOME, FY 2023-24

- 49.5% Below 270% FPL
- 50.5% Above 270% FPL
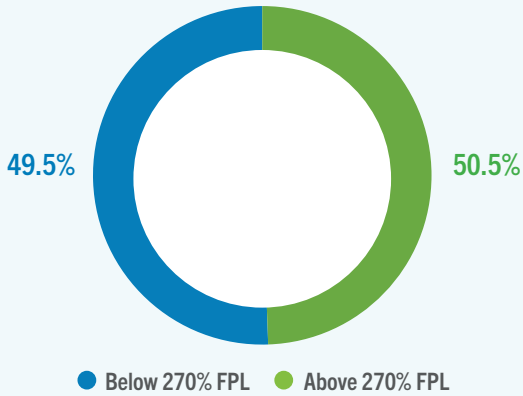
Source: Colorado Department of Early Childhood.

FOUR YEAR OLDS ENROLLED IN UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL BY HOME COUNTY, FY 2023-24

Legend:
- 10 to 121
- 122 to 425
- 426 to 1,131
- 1,132 to 3,671
- 3,672 to 5,341
- Fewer than 10 children served
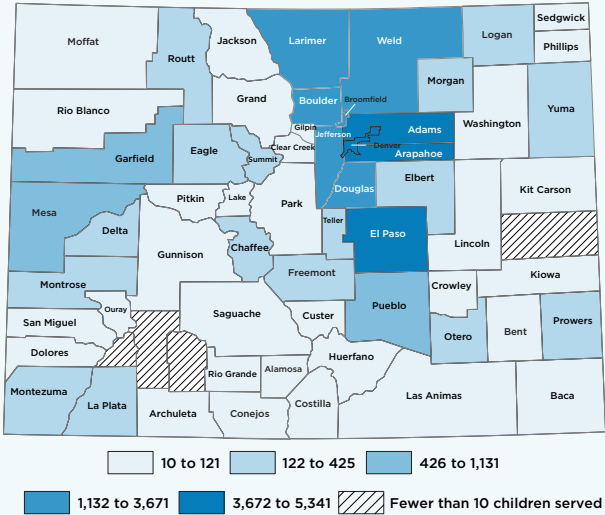
FOUR YEAR OLDS ENROLLED IN UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL BY RACE AND ETHNICITY, FY 2023-24

- White: 50%
- Unspecified: 31%
- Bi-Racial/Multi-Racial: 7%
- Black or African American: 6%
- Asian or Pacific Islander: 4%
- Something Else: 1%
- Native American: 1%

28% of children served were Hispanic
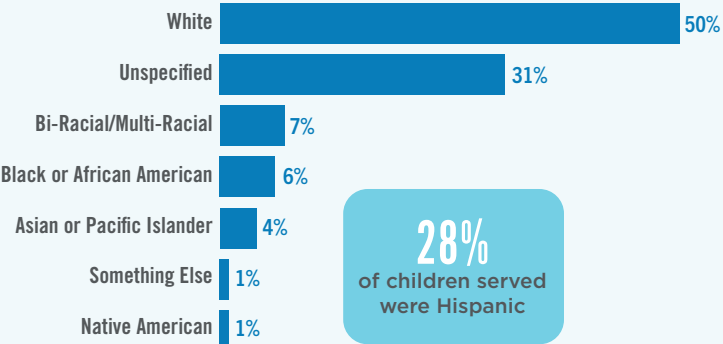
Note: 'Unspecified' includes families who did not provide their race or chose not to answer

UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL PROVIDERS BY PROVIDER TYPE, FY 2023-24

- 317 (Community-Based)
- 885 (Home-Based)
- 723 (District-Based)

Legend: ● Home-Based ● District-Based ● Community-Based
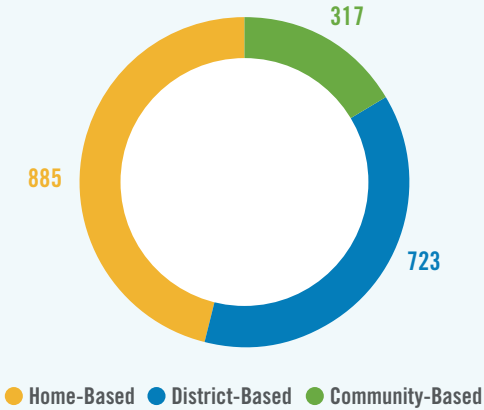
Source: Colorado Department of Early Childhood.

The Universal Preschool program provides 15 hours per week of free preschool to every 4 year old and 30 hours per week to children from families with low incomes who have an additional qualifying factor such as experiencing homelessness or learning English. Three year olds who meet the same qualifying factors may also be eligible for the program if there is sufficient funding. All 3 year olds receiving special education services are eligible as well. The program allows children to attend preschool at a community-based child care provider, a home-based provider, or a public school.

In its first year, fiscal year 2023-24, the Universal Preschool Program served **68.7% of Colorado's 4 year olds — 43,479 children. Nearly 2,000 providers participated in the program**. About half of children served were living in a household making below 270% FPL, about $81,000 for a family of four. The Colorado Department of Early Childhood estimates that **participating families saved an average of $6,100** on preschool.[16]

About 46% of participating providers were community-based, or private providers, while 36% were school district-based. A majority of students (56%) attended a school district-based program.[16]

[16] Colorado Department of Early Childhood. (2025). Colorado Universal Preschool Program: FY 2023-24.

EARLY INTERVENTION

Early Intervention Colorado screens and provides services to infants and toddlers with disabilities or developmental delays in areas like speech and walking. Identifying kids in need of support early and getting them the right services gives them a better chance to develop the skills they need to learn, grow, and succeed.[17]
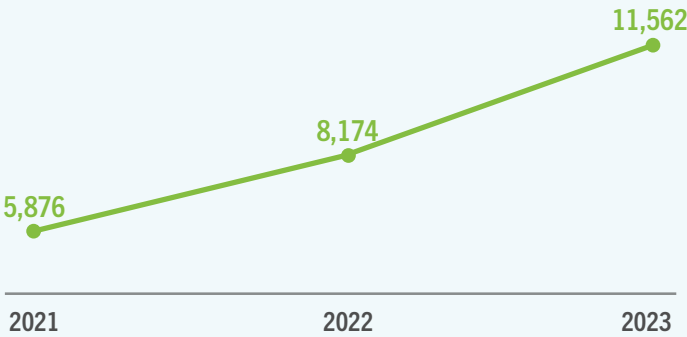

The Data

The Colorado Department of Early Childhood collects data on the number of children who were evaluated by Early Intervention Colorado and enrolled in services.

Colorado nearly doubled the number of children who were evaluated for developmental delays between 2021 and 2023.

CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED DEVELOPMENTAL EVALUATION FROM EARLY INTERVENTION COLORADO, 2021-2023

5,876 (2021)
8,174 (2022)
11,562 (2023)

Source: Colorado Department of Early Childhood

More children are getting enrolled in early intervention services.

CHILDREN ENROLLED IN EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES:

14,117	17,890
2021	2023

Source: Colorado Department of Early Childhood

In recent years, Colorado expanded eligibility for developmental screenings and increased funding for early intervention services. This has grown both the number of children screened for developmental delays and enrolled in services. In 2023, Colorado evaluated 11,562 children for developmental delays, nearly double the number of children who were evaluated in 2021. This has also led to an increase of over 3,000 children enrolled in services who each received an individualized service plan.[18] Getting more children evaluated and connected to services means more Colorado kids are getting what they need to build a foundation for learning, skills, and health.

Home Visiting

Home visiting programs are another opportunity for families to aid their child's development. These programs offer evidence-based, in-home services to families to support pregnant people and young children. Programs address a variety of needs including health, child development, school readiness, and the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

In fiscal year 2023-24, 11,807 children received home visiting services, roughly the same number of children served in the prior year.[19] Children were served by one of the following models: Parents as Teachers (PAT), Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY), Home-based Head Start, Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP), Child First, Family Connects, Baby Bear Hugs, Safecare, Healthy Steps, and Healthy Families America.

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[17] Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (n.d.). Why act early if you're concerned about development.

[18] Colorado Department of Early Childhood. (2021-2023). Administrative data request.

[19] Parent Possible. (2023-24). Administrative data request.
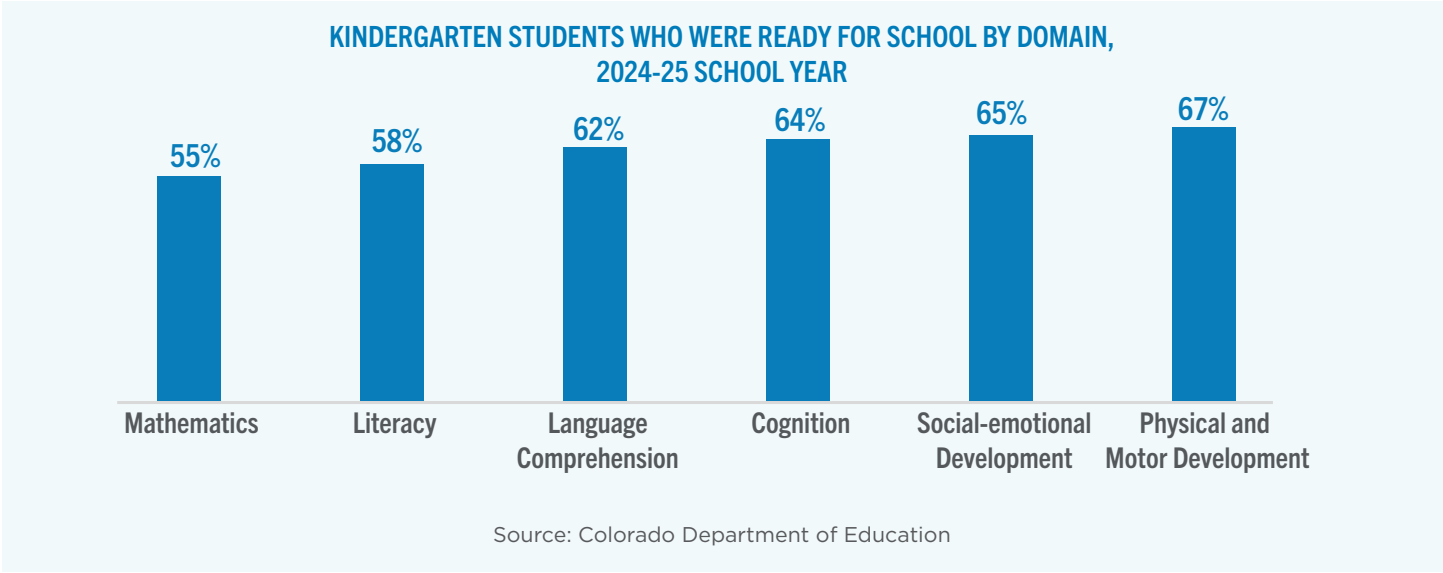
SCHOOL READINESS

Strong support for early childhood development helps young kids get ready for school. School readiness data describe a child's preparedness to take part in and benefit from elementary school.

The Data

The Colorado Department of Education administers the Kindergarten School Readiness (KSR) assessment to all public Kindergartens in the fall of each year. The KSR is the best, most widely-used measure of children's knowledge and skills as they begin public Kindergarten. Kindergartners are assessed in six domains — physical well-being and motor development, social and emotional development, language and comprehension development, cognition, literacy, and mathematics.

Between half and two-thirds of Colorado Kindergartners demonstrated school readiness across six different domains.

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS WHO WERE READY FOR SCHOOL BY DOMAIN, 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

Mathematics	Literacy	Language Comprehension	Cognition	Social-emotional Development	Physical and Motor Development
55%	58%	62%	64%	65%	67%

Source: Colorado Department of Education

In the fall of 2024, the share of Kindergartners ready for school ranged from 55% in mathematics to 67% in physical and motor development. In every domain, fewer children were considered ready for school than in the previous year. The drop was most likely due to an administrative change: The assessment increased the school readiness benchmark score in 2024, resulting in fewer children meeting expectations.[20]

[20] Colorado Department of Education. (2025). Administrative data request.

Public Education

Children's education helps them develop essential skills like reading, writing, and math that they'll use for the rest of their lives. Colorado has a diverse system of public schools — including online and in-person traditional and charter schools — that provide students with opportunities to learn and succeed.

Public Education At a Glance

881,065
Total Public-School Student Enrollment (PK-12) (2024-25 school year)

84%
On-time Graduation Rate (2023-24 school year)

56%
Students grades 3-8 not meeting grade-level expectations in English language arts (2024)

66%
Students grades 3-8 not meeting grade-level expectations in Mathematics (2024)

28%
Students grades K-12 who were chronically absent from school (2023-24 school year)

Highlights

This year, Colorado is serving twice as many immigrant students as in the previous year. In the 2024-25 school year, there were nearly 30,000 immigrant students attending Colorado public schools, compared with roughly 15,000 the prior year.

Youth report that their mental health is improving. Between 2021 and 2023, more middle and high school students felt better able to manage their stress and fewer had feelings of hopelessness.

More than half of students did not meet academic standards in English and math. In 2024, 56% of students did not meet expectations in English and 66% of students did not meet expectations in math. While there was some improvement from the prior year, scores remain lower than they were before the COVID-19 pandemic.

Source: Colorado Department of Education; Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment.

STUDENT BODY

Colorado has more than 1,900 public schools across 178 school districts that enroll students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade.

The Data

The Colorado Department of Education conducts the annual Student October Count to determine how many children are enrolled in public schools and allocate state funding accordingly.
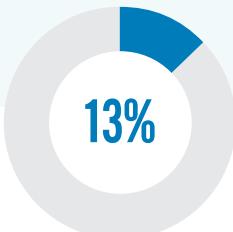
881,065 students were enrolled in Colorado public schools during the 2024-25 school year.
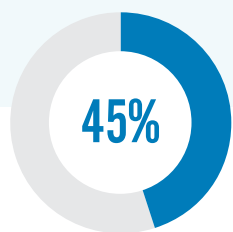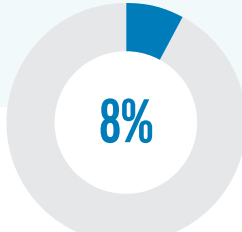
45% were eligible for free and reduced-price lunch
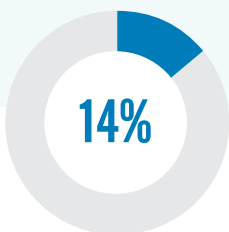
14% were English Language Learners

13% received special education services

8% were identified as gifted and talented

Overall enrollment decreased by about 400 students between the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years.

COLORADO STUDENT BODY BY RACE AND ETHNICITY, 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

White	49%
Hispanic/Latino	36%
Two or More Races	5%
Black or African American	5%
Asian	3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.6%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.3%
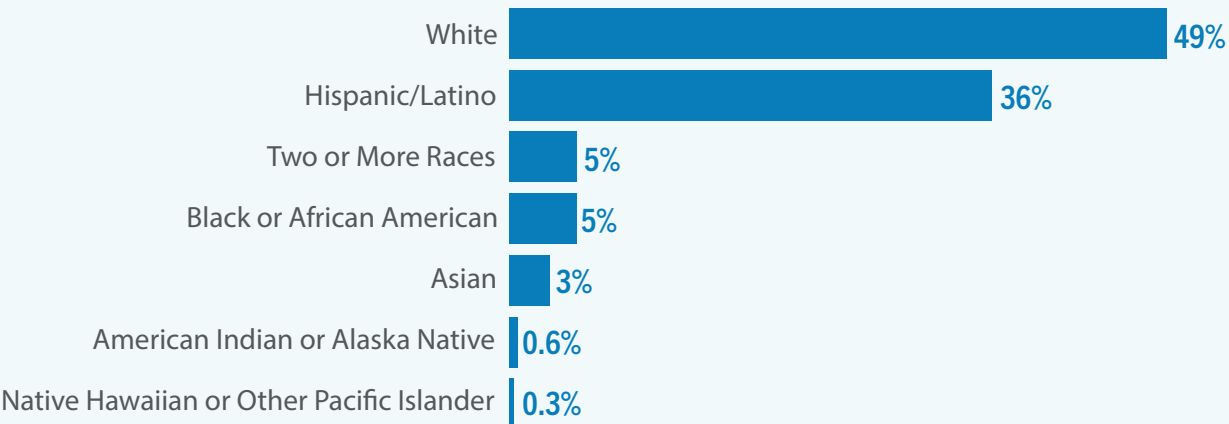
Source: Colorado Department of Education

The number of immigrant students nearly doubled in just one year.

IMMIGRANT AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER ENROLLMENTS, 2023-25

	2023-24 school year	2024-25 school year
Immigrant Students	14,871	29,224
English Language Learners	114,509	123,777
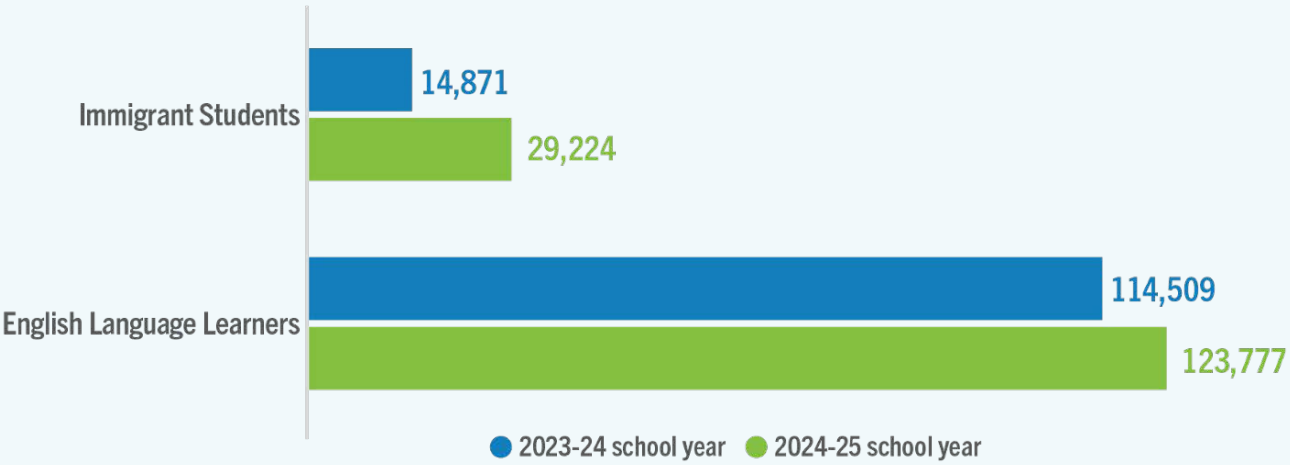
Source: Colorado Department of Education

In the 2024-25 school year, Colorado's public school system served more than 880,000 students. However, enrollments continued to remain lower than they were in the 2019-20 school year October count. In just this last year, enrollment dropped by about 400 students.[1]

At the same time, public schools are serving more immigrant students. Between the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years, the immigrant student population nearly doubled from nearly 15,000 to 29,000 students. The English language learner population grew by a little less than 10,000 students to almost 124,000 students.[1]

Changes in School Funding

In 2024, the Colorado legislature approved two significant changes to public school funding. The state eliminated the Budget Stabilization Factor, a Great Recession-era budgeting mechanism that resulted in the state investing almost $10 billion less in public schools than it was constitutionally required to during the nearly-15 years it was in effect. The state also updated its school funding formula for the first time in 30 years. These shifts aimed to significantly increase funding for Colorado schools, especially schools serving students living in poverty, students who are learning English, and students with special learning needs.

[1] Colorado Department of Education. (2024-25). Pupil Membership.

2025 SPOTLIGHT: ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Standardized tests are an important tool for understanding children's academic performance and differences among groups of students, schools, and districts. In Colorado, fewer students are meeting expectations across grade levels and subject areas than before the COVID-19 pandemic. Students from homes with limited financial resources were consistently less likely to meet or exceed expectations. There are a variety of reasons for these declining test scores, including changes in the tests themselves and effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The fact that a majority of Colorado students failed to meet academic standards in both English language arts and math points to a need for more support for students in and outside of the classroom.

The Data

The Colorado Department of Education measures students' academic performance through the Colorado Measures of Success (CMAS), the Preliminary SAT, and the SAT.

CMAS SCORES

The Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) is administered to students in grades 3 through 8 each year.

More than half of students in grades 3 through 8 did not meet grade-level expectations in language and math.

STUDENTS NOT MEETING EXPECTATIONS, GRADES 3 THROUGH 8:

56%	83%	66%
English Language Arts	Spanish Language Arts	Mathematics

Source: Colorado Department of Education
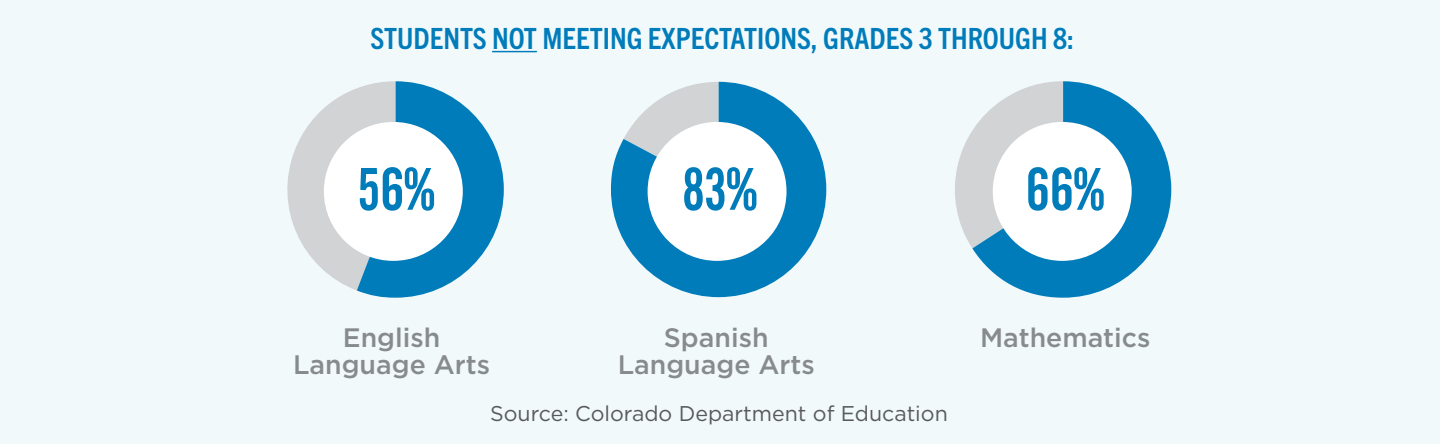
Students from households with lower incomes are far less likely to meet academic standards than their peers – and disparities persist through middle school.

STUDENTS NOT MEETING ACADEMIC STANDARDS IN ENGLISH BY HOUSEHOLD INCOME, 2024

	3rd Grade	8th Grade
Eligible for Free/Reduced-Price Lunch	75%	74%
Not Eligible for Free/Reduced-Price Lunch	44%	43%

● Eligible for Free/Reduced-Price Lunch ● Not Eligible for Free/Reduced-Price Lunch

Source: Colorado Department of Education
Note: Students were eligible for free and reduced-price lunch if their family income was 185% FPL or less.

In 2024, about two-thirds (66%) of students in grades 3 through 8 did not meet expectations in math and more than half (56%) did not meet expectations in English language arts. More than 80% of students did not meet expectations in Spanish language arts. There were small improvements in scores over the last year, but the share of students meeting academic standards still remains lower than in 2019.[2]

Three out of four (75%) 3rd graders who were eligible for free or reduced-price lunch did not meet expectations in English language arts. By comparison, fewer than half (44%) of their peers from higher income homes failed to meet expectations. These disparities persisted throughout elementary and middle school: Disparities in 8th grade were almost identical to disparities in 3rd grade.[2]
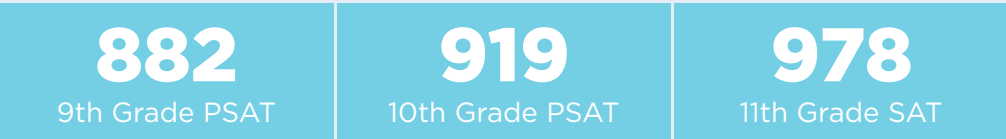
[2] Colorado Department of Education. (2024). Spring 2024 CMAS data and results.

PSAT & SAT SCORES

Students in grades 9 and 10 take Preliminary SAT (PSAT) exams, scored out of 1520 points. Eleventh grade students take the national SAT exam, scored out of 1600 points. Students have the option to use their SAT score to display competencies and meet graduation requirements if they score 470 or greater in reading and writing and 480 or greater in math.
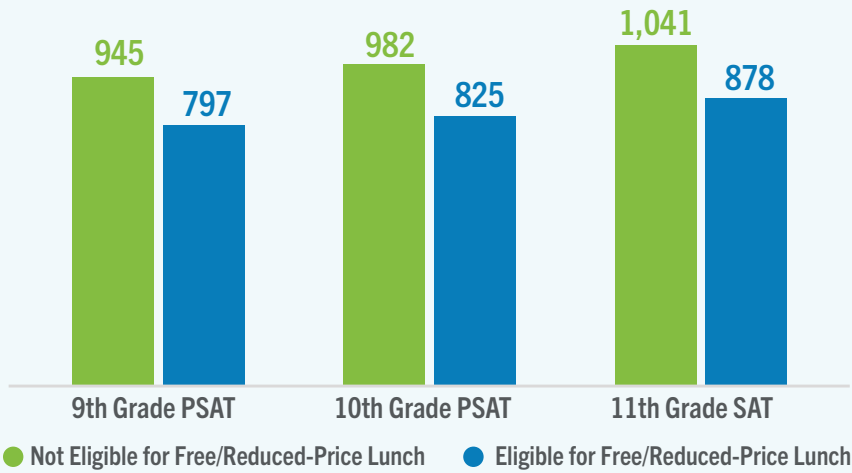

Average PSAT & SAT Scores, 2024

882	919	978
9th Grade PSAT	10th Grade PSAT	11th Grade SAT

Source: Colorado Department of Education
Note: In 2024 there were changes to the administration of the exams, including a shift to an online format. The Colorado Department of Education recommends interpreting changes across years with caution.

Economic disparities in test scores persisted through high school.

AVERAGE PSAT & SAT SCORES BY HOUSEHOLD INCOME, 2024

	9th Grade PSAT	10th Grade PSAT	11th Grade SAT
Not Eligible for Free/Reduced-Price Lunch	945	982	1,041
Eligible for Free/Reduced-Price Lunch	797	825	878

● Not Eligible for Free/Reduced-Price Lunch   ● Eligible for Free/Reduced-Price Lunch

Source: Colorado Department of Education
Note: Students were eligible for free and reduced-price lunch if their family income was 185% FPL or less.

Colorado students' average scores on the PSAT and SAT were lower in 2024 than in 2023.[3] This drop was expected: 2024 was the first time that the exams were administered online. The online exam is adaptive and more challenging, increasing the difficulty of questions if students answer correctly.

The average score for students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch was 150 points or more lower than the average score for students from homes with higher incomes.[3] These gaps point to a need to support students by improving educational opportunities and access to targeted tutoring and enrichment activities.

[3] Colorado Department of Education. (2024). SAT/PSAT data and results.

SCHOOL EXPERIENCES

Students learn best and are more likely to be interested in class when they are in a safe and supportive environment. Colorado schools are using new tools to better understand and measure students' experiences in schools.

The Data

The Colorado Department of Education reports data on attendance, staff ratios, and other aspects of experiences at school. The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment Healthy Kids Colorado Survey asks youth in Colorado about their well-being.

Data on School Climate Is Improving

In 2022, Colorado began requiring school districts to report data on a wider set of factors that contribute to school climate, including chronic absenteeism, student behavior, service provider ratios, and the use of restraint and seclusion in schools. The first of these reports was released in September 2024, but the data it included were lacking specificity on behavior incidents and disciplinary practices due in part to reporting inconsistencies across districts. In future years, with a fuller set of data on school climate, we will be better equipped to understand and improve student experiences across Colorado schools.

ATTENDANCE

Students' academic success is tied to their school attendance. A student's attendance in 9th grade is a better predictor of whether they will complete high school than their test scores.[4] In Colorado, students are considered chronically absent if they miss 10% or more of school days in a school year, excused or unexcused.

Chronic absenteeism decreased after its pandemic peak.

K-12 STUDENTS WHO WERE CHRONICALLY ABSENT FROM SCHOOL, 2019-24

Year	Percent
2019-20	23%
2020-21	23%
2021-22	35%
2022-23	31%
2023-24	28%
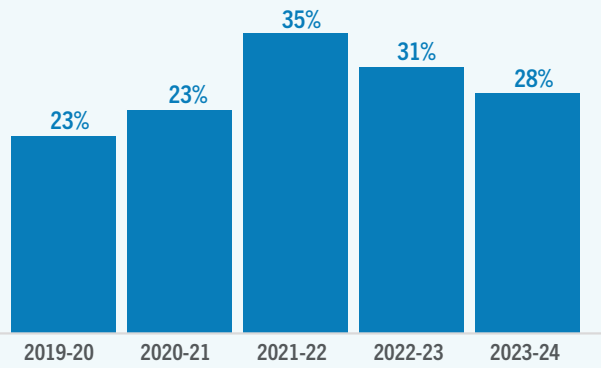
K-12 STUDENTS WHO WERE CHRONICALLY ABSENT BY SCHOOL DISTRICT, 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Legend: 3% to 12% | 13% to 21% | 22% to 30% | 31% to 41% | 42% to 61% | No Data
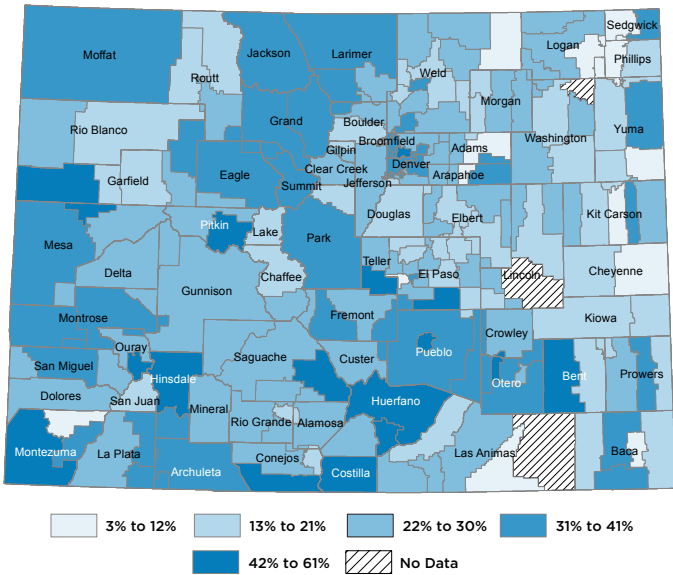
MORE THAN HALF OF STUDENTS WERE CHRONICALLY ABSENT IN FIVE SMALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS:

Ouray R-1: 61%

Manzanola 3J: 54%

Centennial R-1: 54%

Huerfano Re-1: 53%

Moffat 2: 51%

Source: Colorado Department of Education

In the 2023-24 school year, roughly 28% of students were chronically absent. While this is a decrease from prior years, the share of students who missed school regularly was still higher than before the COVID-19 pandemic.[5] Rates of chronic absenteeism ranged widely across school districts.

Healthy School Meals for All

The Healthy School Meals for All program, enacted by Colorado voters in 2022, provides free meals to all students attending schools participating in the National School Lunch or School Breakfast program. The program aims to reduce the stigma of receiving free meals at school and the administrative burden of providing these meals. In the program's first year, school year 2023-2024, Healthy School Meals for All served almost 101 million meals and grew the number of students receiving free lunch by 32%.[6]
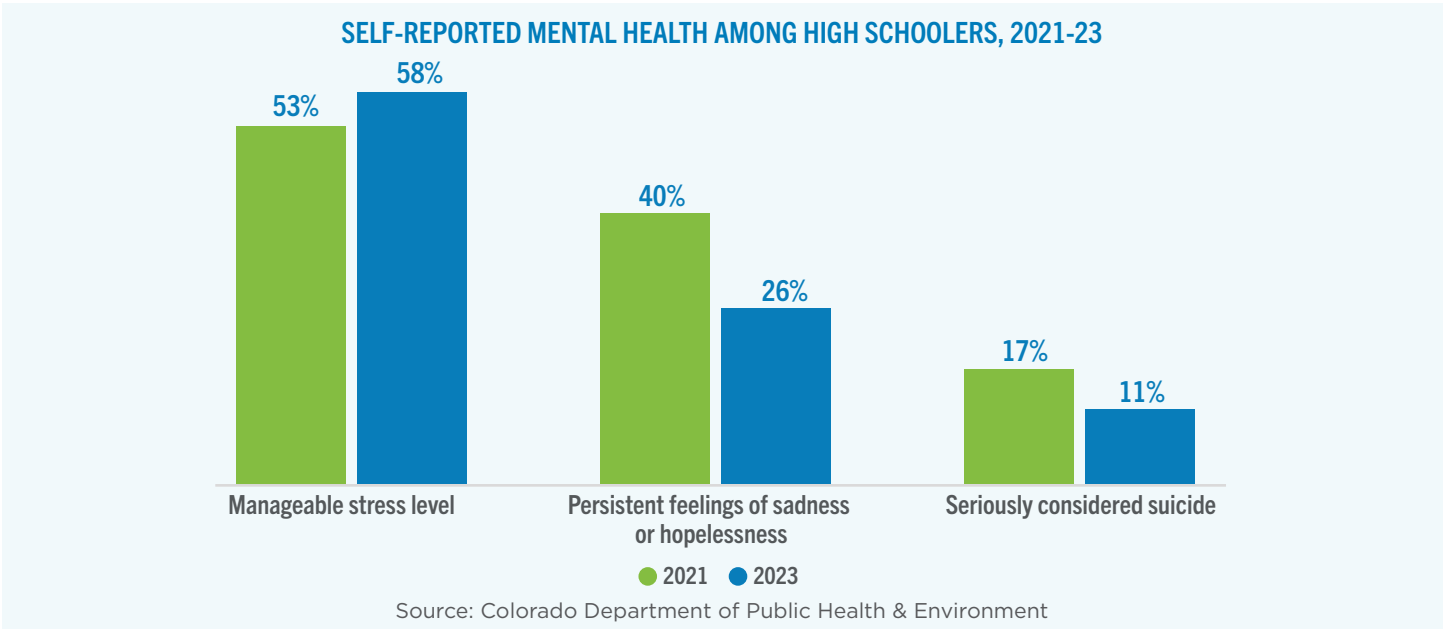
[4] Colorado Department of Education. (n.d.). Attendance and Truancy.

[5] Colorado Department of Education. (2023-24). Attendance.

[6] Urban Institute. (2024). Healthy School Meals For All in Colorado.

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a growing focus on youth mental health. The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment administers the Healthy Kids Colorado Survey in schools and communities to better understand the health and well-being of kids in our state.

More youth are reporting better mental health and less stress.

SELF-REPORTED MENTAL HEALTH AMONG HIGH SCHOOLERS, 2021-23

Category	2021	2023
Manageable stress level	53%	58%
Persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness	40%	26%
Seriously considered suicide	17%	11%

● 2021 ● 2023

Source: Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment

Between 2021 and 2023, more high schoolers reported feeling able to manage their stress and fewer high schoolers reported feeling consistently sad and hopeless or considering suicide. There was a similar trend among middle schoolers.[7] This improvement was echoed in the falling rate of teen suicide [see page 37].

Free Mental Health Services for Youth

Between October 2021 and April 2024, the I Matter Program reached:

12,486	49,521	1,512	64%
Youth	Therapy sessions	Spanish-language therapy sessions	Telehealth sessions

In 2021, Colorado created the I Matter program to expand access to mental health and substance use disorder services for kids. I Matter provides up to six free therapy sessions and access to care navigators for all youth to help them and their families continue care beyond the covered sessions. Between October 2021 and April 2024, I Matter provided 12,486 youth with 49,521 free therapy sessions, 64% of which were made accessible through telehealth.[8]

[7] Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment. (2023). 2023 Healthy Kids Colorado Survey Results.

[8] Colorado Behavioral Health Administration. (2024). Temporary youth mental health services program (I Matter) July 2024 Legislative

TEACHERS

Teachers play a key role in a student's experiences and ability to learn. Providing livable wages and a supportive work environment are essential to hiring and keeping high-quality teachers in the classroom. The Colorado Department of Education reports on teacher turnover, teacher salaries, and teacher-to-student ratios.

School year 2023-24

55,358 teachers

$68,647	17%	17:1	635
Average Salary	Turnover Rate	Average Teacher-to-Student Ratio	Unfilled Positions

Source: Colorado Department of Education

More teachers are leaving the classroom. Between fall 2022 and fall 2023, Colorado's teacher turnover rate was 17%, up from 14% in the 2020-21 school year.[9] This high turnover rate is leaving many positions unfilled: At the end of the 2023-24 school year, there were 635 teacher positions that remained unfilled, compared with 264 positions at the end of the 2018-19 school year.[10] High workloads, increased interference in curricula, and low pay were the most common reasons teachers cited for leaving their jobs.[11] In 2024, Colorado ranked 46th in the nation for starting teacher salary and 24th in the nation for average teacher salary.[12]

[9] Colorado Department of Education. (2023-24). School district/staff statistics.

[10] Colorado Department of Education. (n.d.). Educator Shortage Survey results.

[11] Colorado Education Association. (2025). Addressing Colorado's growing school staffing crisis.

[12] National Education Association. (2024). Educator pay in America.
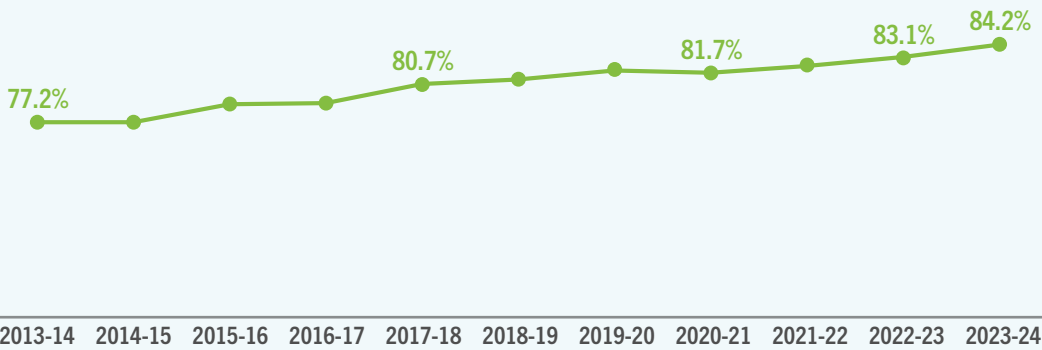
GRADUATION RATES

Students who graduate on time are more likely to pursue higher education, have better health outcomes, and are less likely to participate in risky behaviors.[13] In Colorado, graduation rates continue to rise, but vary widely across and within communities.
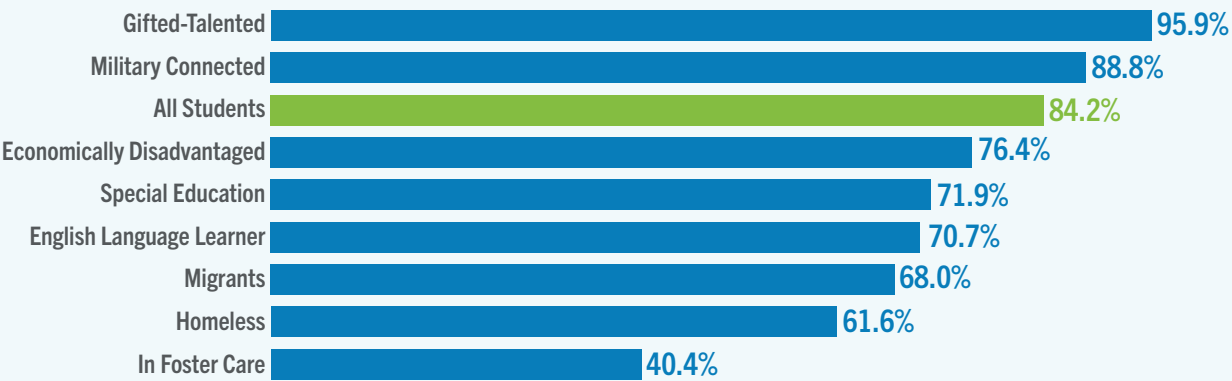
The Data

The Colorado Department of Education reports the rate of students who graduate on time — within four years of starting high school — by student cohort.

On-time graduation rates continued to rise this year.

But some students were less likely to graduate than their peers.

STUDENTS GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL IN FOUR YEARS, 2013-2024

77.2%   80.7%   81.7%   83.1%   84.2%

2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17 2017-18 2018-19 2019-20 2020-21 2021-22 2022-23 2023-24

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATES BY STUDENT EXPERIENCE, 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Gifted-Talented	95.9%
Military Connected	88.8%
All Students	84.2%
Economically Disadvantaged	76.4%
Special Education	71.9%
English Language Learner	70.7%
Migrants	68.0%
Homeless	61.6%
In Foster Care	40.4%

Source: Colorado Department of Education

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATES BY GENDER, 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Male	Female
81.8%	86.6%

Note: Graduation rates for nonbinary students are not reported due to a small cohort size

ON-TIME GRADUATION RATES BY RACE AND ETHNICITY, 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Asian	93.2%
White	89.1%
Two or More Races	85.0%
All Students	84.2%
Black or African American	78.3%
Hispanic or Latino	77.3%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	69.9%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	69.5%

Sour orado Department of Education

More Colorado students graduated on time over the past decade. In 2024, 84.2% of students graduated in four years compared to 77.3% of students in 2014. However, some students are more likely to graduate on time than others. In the 2023-24 school year, foster care students were the least likely to graduate (40.4%), with graduation rates 44 percentage points lower than the state average. Students experiencing homelessness (61.6%) and migrant students (68.0%) were also far less likely to graduate on time than their peers. [14]

Graduation rates also varied by gender, race, and ethnicity. In the 2023-24 school year, graduation rates for Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander students and American Indian or Alaska Native students were roughly 14 percentage points lower than the state average (69.5%). Female students had a higher graduation rate than male students: 86.6% of female students graduated on time, compared with 81.8% of male students.[14]

[13] Annie E. Casey Foundation. (n.d.). High school students not graduating on time in the United States.

[14] Colorado Department of Education. (2023-24). Graduation statistics.

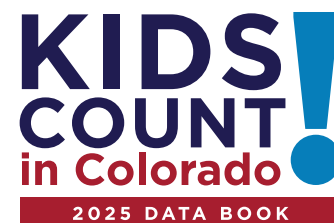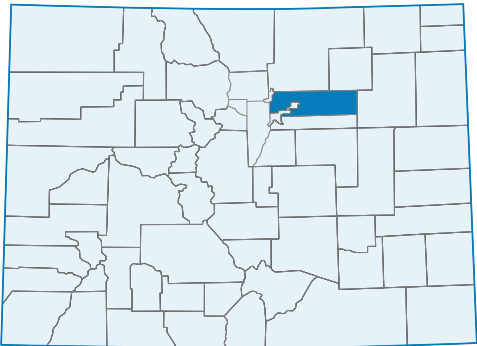# County Data Tables
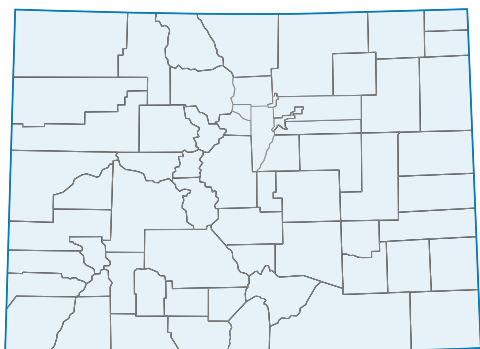
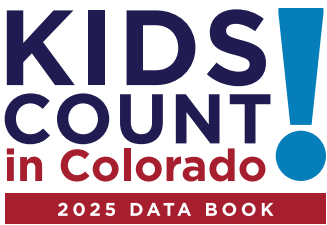# STATE OF COLORADO

	COLORADO
POPULATION	
2023 Total Population	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	379,117
Ages 6-10	347,432
Ages 11-17	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-28,610
2023 Live Births	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY	
2023 Median Household Income	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	28.0%
HEALTH	
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD	
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	43,479
EDUCATION	
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	84.2%

Sources: Colorado Department of Early Childhood; Colorado Department of Education; Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing; Colorado Department of Local Affairs, State Demography Office; Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment; U.S. Census Bureau: American Community Survey, SAIPE

ADAMS COUNTY

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POPULATION	ADAMS	COLORADO
2023 Total Population	533,580	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	132,499 (25%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	41,081	379,117
Ages 6-10	36,346	347,432
Ages 11-17	55,072	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-2,341	-28,610
2023 Live Births	7,000	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$95,278	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$110,028	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	12.8%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	34.6%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	23.1%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	9.2%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	77,261	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	14,157	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	6.0%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	12,982	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	2,513	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	4,416	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	81,525	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	46,040 (56%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	18,553 (23%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	10,999 (13%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	67.3%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	75.1%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	82.5%	84.2%

Sources: Colorado Department of Early Childhood; Colorado Department of Education; Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing; Colorado Department of Local Affairs, State Demography Office; Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment; U.S. Census Bureau: American Community Survey, SAIPE
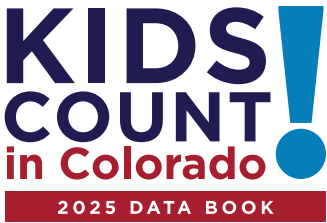
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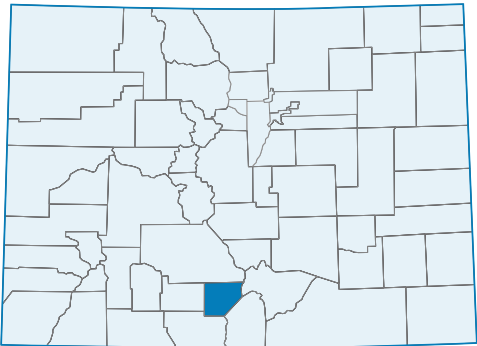
POPULATION	ALAMOSA	COLORADO
2023 Total Population	16,648	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	3,938 (24%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	1,179	379,117
Ages 6-10	1,104	347,432
Ages 11-17	1,655	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	56	-28,610
2023 Live Births	172	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$50,056	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$86,088	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	26.0%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	59.2%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	20.9%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	9.3%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	2,722	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	545	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	6.4%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	487	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	156	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	95	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	2,294	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	1,736 (76%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	367 (16%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	328 (14%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	64.2%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	78.6%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	80.0%	84.2%

Sources: Colorado Department of Early Childhood; Colorado Department of Education; Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing; Colorado Department of Local Affairs, State Demography Office; Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment; U.S. Census Bureau: American Community Survey, SAIPE
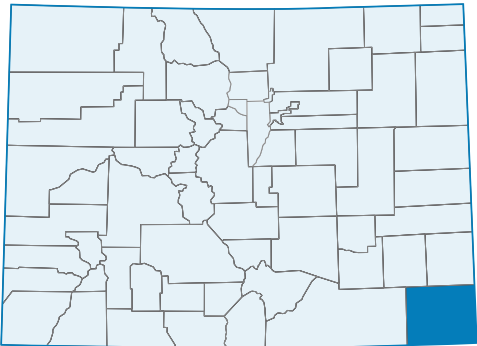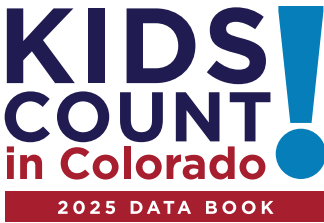
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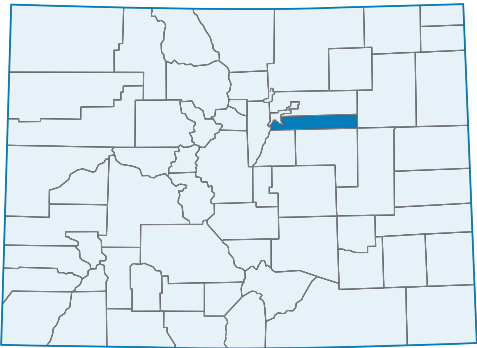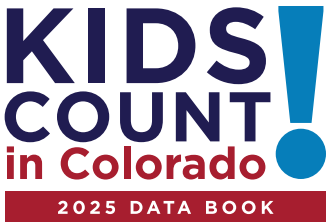
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POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	655,760	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	149,549 (23%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	45,487	379,117
Ages 6-10	40,885	347,432
Ages 11-17	63,177	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-5,600	-28,610
2023 Live Births	7,500	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$97,560	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$114,540	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	13.2%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	27.6%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	25.2%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	10.4%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	73,045	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	12,864	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	6.0%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	21,709	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	3,071	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	5,341	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	116,235	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	59,694 (51%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	27,711 (24%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	16,517 (14%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	60.5%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	68.8%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	81.2%	84.2%

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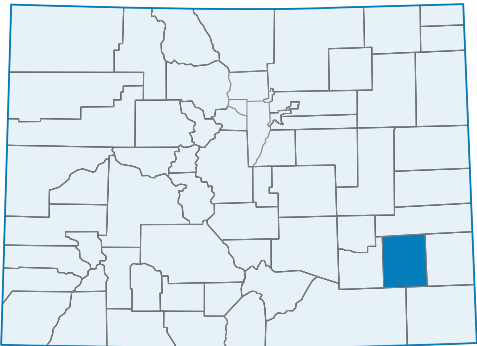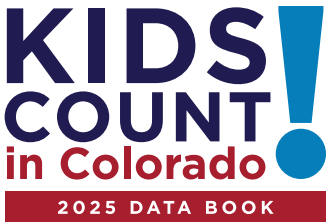
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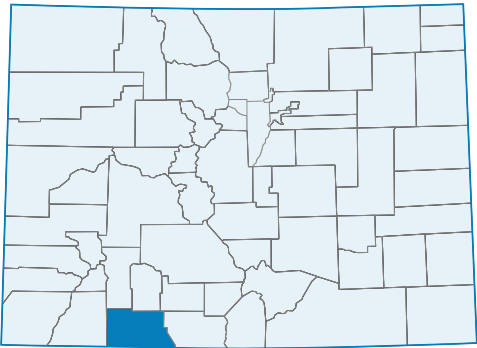
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POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	14,178	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	2,451 (17%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	699	379,117
Ages 6-10	771	347,432
Ages 11-17	981	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	34	-28,610
2023 Live Births	105	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$74,432	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$90,360	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	18.0%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	50.4%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	28.2%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	8.6%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	1,537	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	315	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	6.4%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	249	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	26	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	59	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	1,588	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	894 (56%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	85 (5%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	186 (12%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	60.2%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	72.7%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	96.1%	84.2%

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POPULATION	BACA	COLORADO
2023 Total Population	3,374	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	747 (22%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	235	379,117
Ages 6-10	208	347,432
Ages 11-17	304	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-23	-28,610
2023 Live Births	35	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$47,421	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$68,136	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	29.1%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	61.2%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	50.0%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	20.0%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	525	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	134	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	4.5%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	110	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	0	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	40	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	626	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	416 (66%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	NR	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	106 (17%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	71.0%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	75.2%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	89.7%	84.2%

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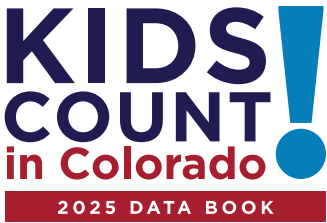

BENT COUNTY

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POPULATION	BENT	COLORADO
2023 Total Population	5,686	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	882 (16%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	258	379,117
Ages 6-10	248	347,432
Ages 11-17	376	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-74	-28,610
2023 Live Births	41	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$44,960	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$67,692	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	27.4%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	60.2%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	24.4%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	7.3%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	644	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	119	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	3.9%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	121	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	19	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	39	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	1,137	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	829 (73%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	23 (2%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	177 (16%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	66.4%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	73.1%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	72.4%	84.2%

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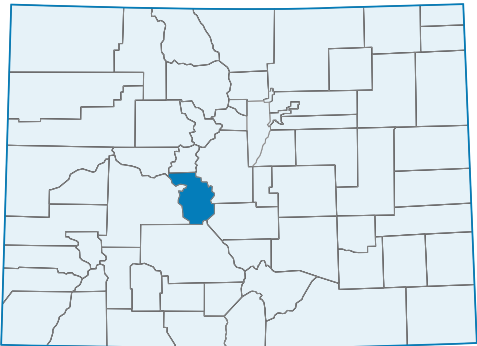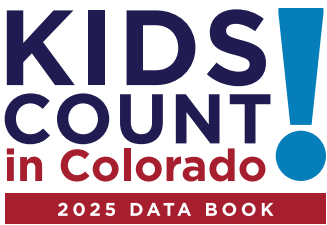
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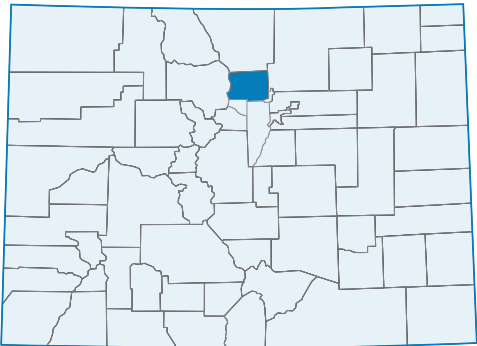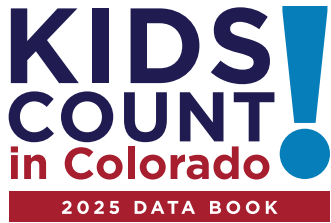
	BOULDER	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	326,663	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	56,411 (17%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	14,881	379,117
Ages 6-10	15,495	347,432
Ages 11-17	26,035	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-6,309	-28,610
2023 Live Births	2,291	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$97,170	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$121,800	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	7.8%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	19.8%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	15.5%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	7.1%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	18,518	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	3,861	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	3.4%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	10,380	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	1,788	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	2,053	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	60,405	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	18,980 (31%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	6,078 (10%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	8,292 (14%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	43.6%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	52.3%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	93.3%	84.2%

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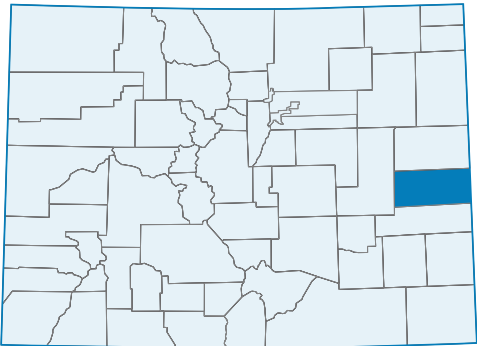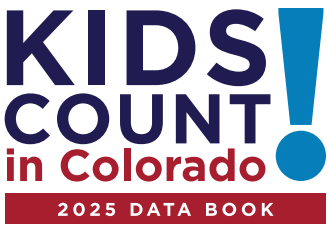
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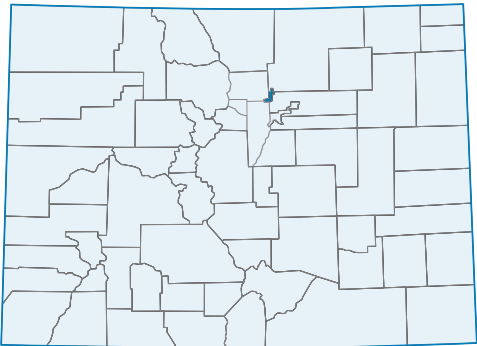
	BROOMFIELD	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	76,853	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	15,982 (21%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	4,268	379,117
Ages 6-10	4,467	347,432
Ages 11-17	7,247	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-256	-28,610
2023 Live Births	679	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$113,162	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$123,528	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	5.1%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	13.8%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	17.4%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	8.2%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	3,791	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	859	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	2.4%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	2,542	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	129	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	567	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	NR	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	NR	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	NR	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	NR	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	NR	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	NR	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	NR	84.2%

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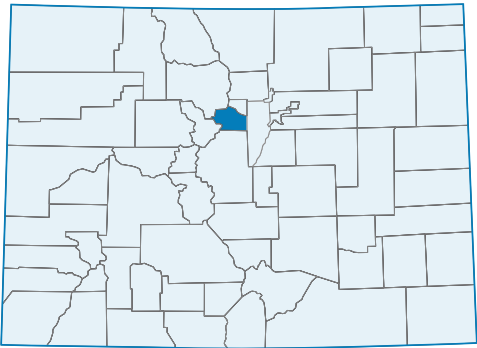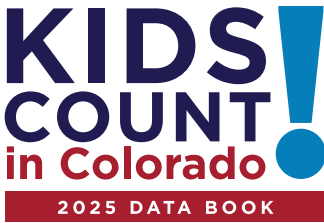
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	CHAFFEE	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	20,598	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	3,043 (15%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	954	379,117
Ages 6-10	872	347,432
Ages 11-17	1,217	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	17	-28,610
2023 Live Births	156	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$75,298	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$95,184	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	11.5%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	37.7%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	21.6%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	9.8%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	1,451	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	379	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	5.9%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	530	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	20	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	128	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	2,280	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	859 (38%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	78 (3%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	296 (13%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	50.0%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	62.4%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	93.4%	84.2%

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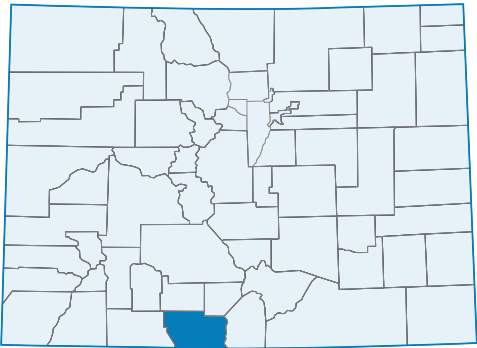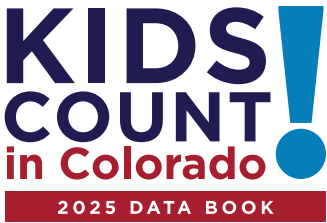
CHEYENNE COUNTY

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	CHEYENNE	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	1,719	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	399 (23%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	91	379,117
Ages 6-10	132	347,432
Ages 11-17	176	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-35	-28,610
2023 Live Births	19	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$63,177	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$71,220	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	19.6%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	43.2%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	11.8%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	NR	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	286	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	44	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	4.7%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	75	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	0	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	NR	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	284	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	164 (58%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	12 (4%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	27 (10%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	NR	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	NR	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	88.9%	84.2%

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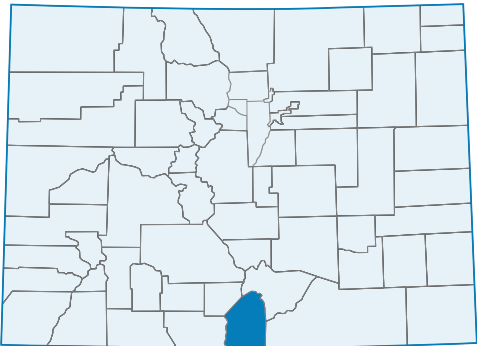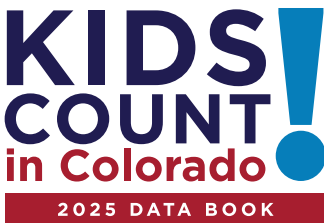
CLEAR CREEK COUNTY

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	CLEAR CREEK	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	9,153	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	1,443 (16%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	450	379,117
Ages 6-10	400	347,432
Ages 11-17	593	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	9	-28,610
2023 Live Births	58	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$94,093	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$103,128	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	11.3%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	15.3%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	21.6%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	10.3%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	446	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	99	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	4.8%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	208	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	19	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	41	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	634	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	193 (30%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	15 (2%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	72 (11%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	61.2%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	71.1%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	92.3%	84.2%

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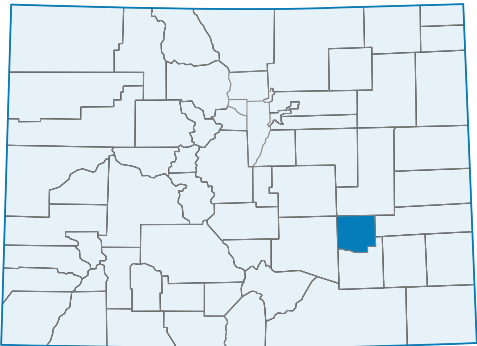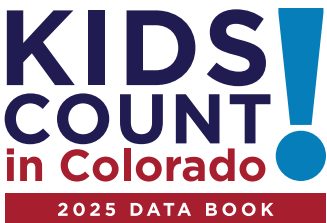
CONEJOS COUNTY

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	CONEJOS	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	7,497	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	1,912 (26%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	576	379,117
Ages 6-10	558	347,432
Ages 11-17	778	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-64	-28,610
2023 Live Births	94	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$53,174	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$81,216	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	22.7%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	61.7%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	23.4%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	6.4%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	1,264	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	261	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	4.8%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	159	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	43	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	52	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	1,507	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	948 (63%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	7 (0.5%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	164 (11%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	57.2%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	70.6%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	93.9%	84.2%

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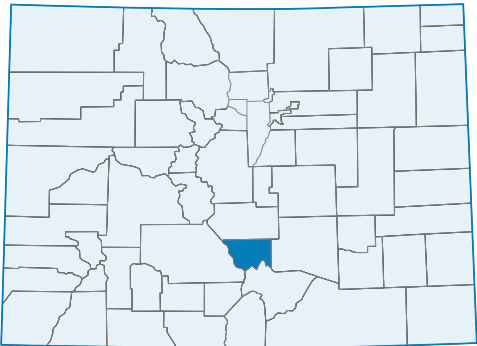
COSTILLA COUNTY

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	COSTILLA	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	3,636	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	672 (19%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	207	379,117
Ages 6-10	187	347,432
Ages 11-17	278	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-4	-28,610
2023 Live Births	35	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$38,731	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$90,036	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	37.2%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	61.3%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	20.6%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	14.3%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	649	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	76	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	5.1%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	97	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	16	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	27	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	493	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	413 (84%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	44 (9%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	39 (8%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	83.8%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	90.9%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	83.9%	84.2%

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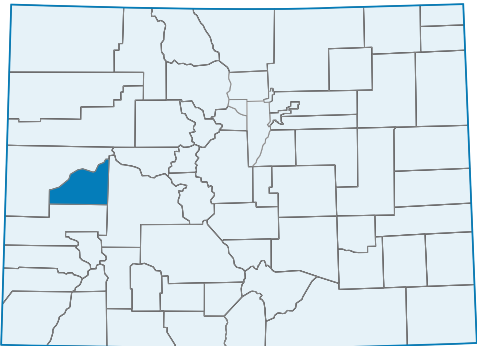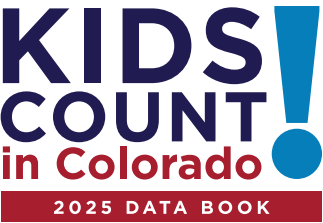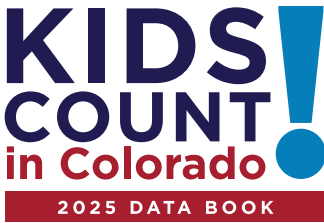|	CROWLEY	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	5,638	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	583 (10%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	168	379,117
Ages 6-10	165	347,432
Ages 11-17	250	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-89	-28,610
2023 Live Births	29	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$46,979	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$88,152	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	31.8%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	60.9%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	44.8%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	13.8%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	500	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	79	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	3.8%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	74	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	11	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	19	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	332	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	203 (61%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	NR	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	51 (15%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	76.9%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	86.9%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	72.4%	84.2%

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POPULATION	CUSTER	COLORADO
2023 Total Population	5,546	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	814 (15%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	272	379,117
Ages 6-10	250	347,432
Ages 11-17	292	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	138	-28,610
2023 Live Births	51	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$77,137	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$81,816	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	22.3%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	24.1%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	40.0%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	15.7%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	467	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	74	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	5.3%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	52	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	5	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	11	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	322	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	160 (50%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	NR	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	37 (11%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	66.9%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	81.8%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	95.2%	84.2%

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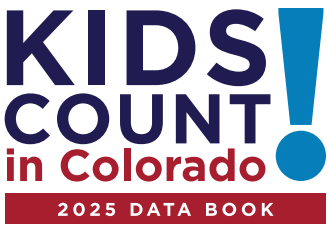

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POPULATION	DELTA	COLORADO
2023 Total Population	31,778	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	5,930 (19%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	1,719	379,117
Ages 6-10	1,690	347,432
Ages 11-17	2,521	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-330	-28,610
2023 Live Births	279	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$57,075	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$86,820	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	17.9%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	44.4%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	23.8%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	8.6%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	3,972	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	975	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	6.7%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	470	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	72	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	174	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	4,524	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	2,533 (56%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	222 (5%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	704 (16%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	53.9%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	69.0%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	89.0%	84.2%

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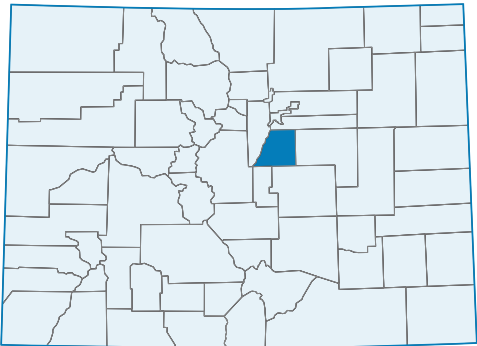
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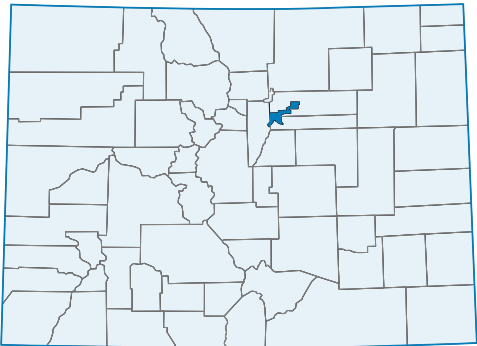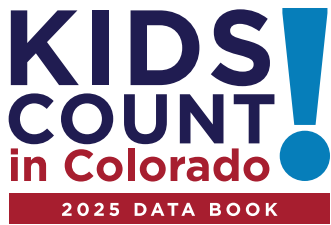
	DENVER	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	715,636	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	131,280 (18%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	46,135	379,117
Ages 6-10	34,620	347,432
Ages 11-17	50,525	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-5,829	-28,610
2023 Live Births	8,016	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$93,572	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$116,952	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	14.1%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	32.9%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	24.5%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	10.5%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	80,272	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	12,014	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	5.7%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	22,742	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	4,471	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	5,291	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	90,471	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	56,848 (63%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	28,350 (31%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	12,689 (14%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	59.3%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	68.8%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	79.9%	84.2%

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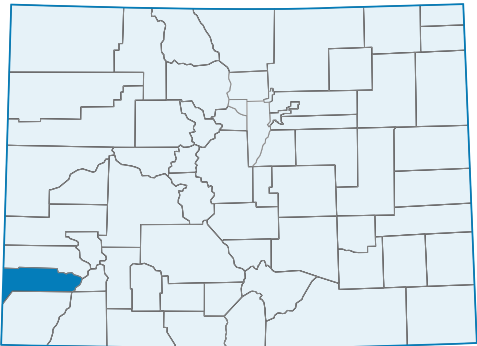
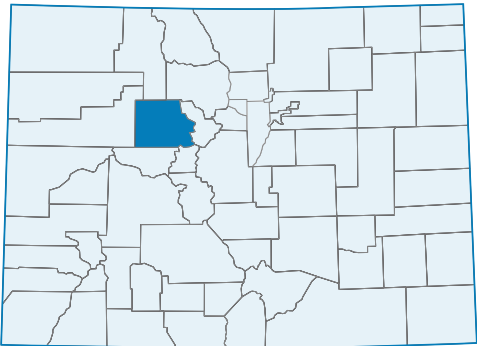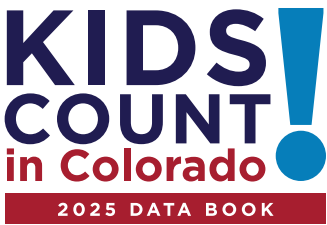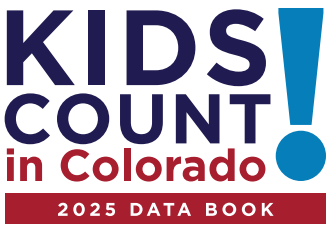|	DOLORES	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	2,270	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	441 (19%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	122	379,117
Ages 6-10	131	347,432
Ages 11-17	188	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	56	-28,610
2023 Live Births	17	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$57,701	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$82,308	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	16.1%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	54.0%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	40.0%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	23.5%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	234	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	55	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	4.4%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	41	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	0	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	11	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	262	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	150 (57%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	NR	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	49 (19%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	73.8%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	86.4%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	88.2%	84.2%

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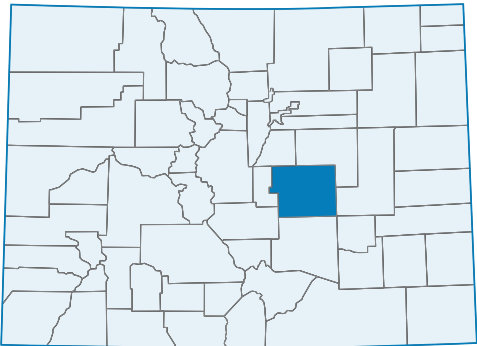
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	DOUGLAS	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	383,911	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	94,105 (25%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	25,063	379,117
Ages 6-10	26,744	347,432
Ages 11-17	42,298	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	2,485	-28,610
2023 Live Births	3,863	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$144,807	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$122,856	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	3.1%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	7.8%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	13.4%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	8.7%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	15,794	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	3,308	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	2.3%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	14,091	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	703	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	3,229	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	61,851	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	10,787 (17%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	3,042 (5%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	8,159 (13%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	37.7%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	47.7%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	92.2%	84.2%

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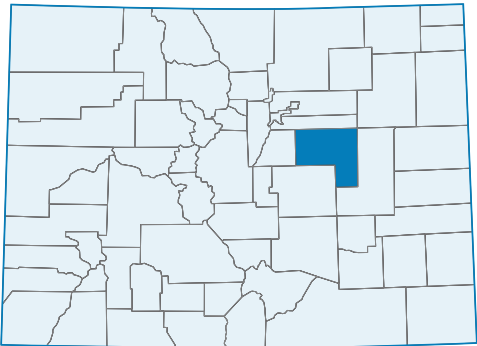
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	EAGLE	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	54,411	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	11,218 (21%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	3,191	379,117
Ages 6-10	3,017	347,432
Ages 11-17	5,010	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-1,084	-28,610
2023 Live Births	465	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$110,598	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$123,600	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	7.3%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	31.9%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	28.2%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	9.1%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	3,503	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	1,278	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	7.0%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	1,868	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	281	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	425	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	6,312	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	2,699 (43%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	1,883 (30%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	936 (15%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	60.6%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	73.2%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	83.2%	84.2%

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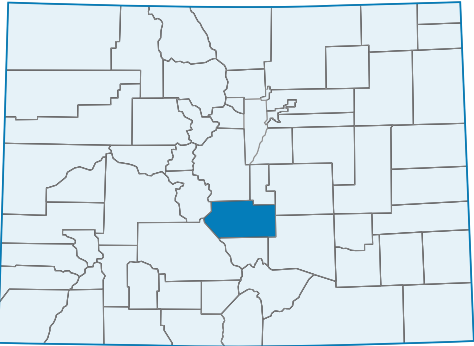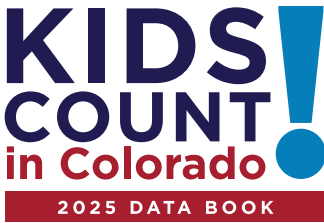
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	EL PASO	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	744,153	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	169,255 (23%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	54,182	379,117
Ages 6-10	47,616	347,432
Ages 11-17	67,457	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-3,349	-28,610
2023 Live Births	8,864	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$88,794	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$104,568	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	8.8%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	29.8%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	25.5%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	10.4%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	81,661	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	12,352	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	4.8%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	17,597	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	3,972	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	4,896	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	119,233	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	49,155 (41%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	6,481 (5%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	14,773 (12%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	53.0%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	64.6%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	77.4%	84.2%

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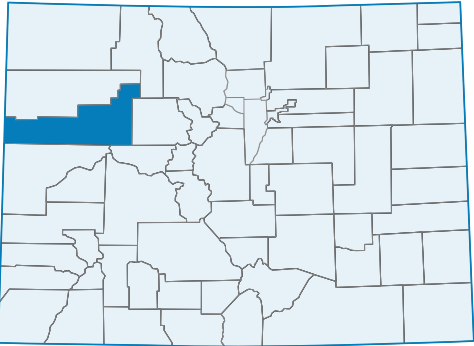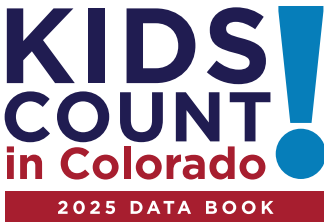

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	ELBERT	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	28,795	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	6,284 (22%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	1,769	379,117
Ages 6-10	1,850	347,432
Ages 11-17	2,665	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	751	-28,610
2023 Live Births	245	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$123,083	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$110,916	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	7.0%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	11.3%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	16.2%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	11.1%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	1,640	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	387	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	5.1%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	313	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	40	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	225	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	3,650	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	1,018 (28%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	83 (2%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	471 (13%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	55.9%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	67.0%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	95.5%	84.2%

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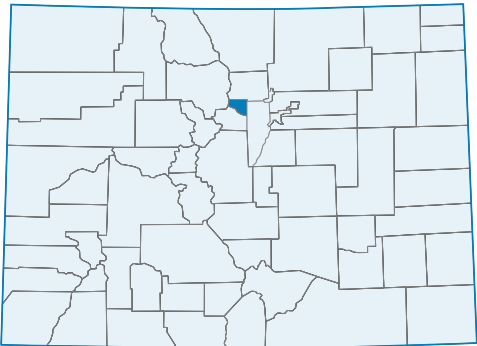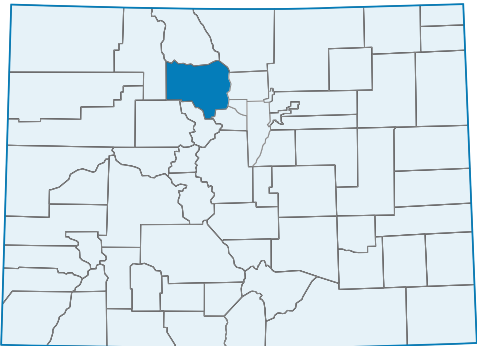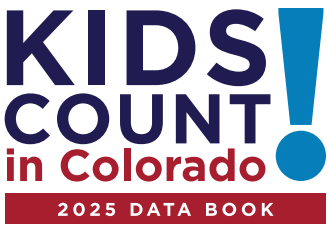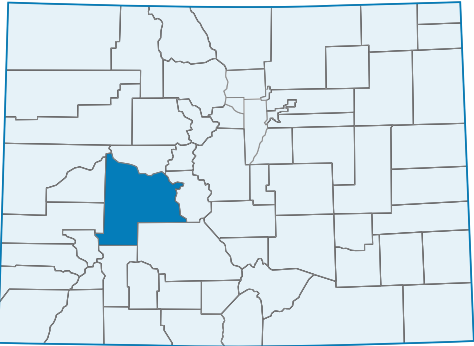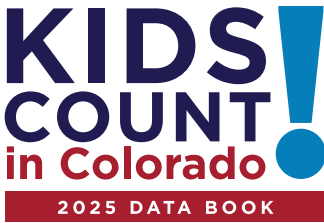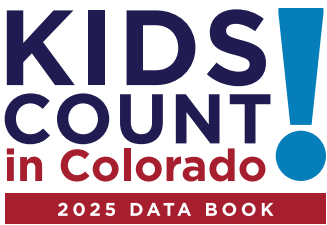
FREMONT COUNTY

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	FREMONT	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	50,359	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	7,805 (15%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	2,448	379,117
Ages 6-10	2,271	347,432
Ages 11-17	3,086	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	27	-28,610
2023 Live Births	343	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$61,015	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$79,500	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	20.3%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	41.7%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	22.4%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	13.2%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	4,819	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	919	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	4.4%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	836	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	268	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	196	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	4,644	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	2,557 (55%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	37 (1%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	791 (17%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	60.9%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	76.8%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	84.5%	84.2%

GARFIELD COUNTY

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	GARFIELD	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	62,722	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	15,082 (24%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	4,471	379,117
Ages 6-10	4,244	347,432
Ages 11-17	6,367	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-299	-28,610
2023 Live Births	720	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$94,696	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$102,960	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	10.5%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	29.2%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	21.3%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	10.0%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	6,921	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	2,391	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	8.7%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	1,611	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	141	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	563	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	11,749	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	5,919 (50%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	3,359 (29%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	1,408 (12%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	68.3%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	78.6%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	83.7%	84.2%

GILPIN COUNTY

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	GILPIN	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	5,925	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	977 (16%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	276	379,117
Ages 6-10	276	347,432
Ages 11-17	425	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	47	-28,610
2023 Live Births	45	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$88,589	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$113,496	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	9.7%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	34.9%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	7.0%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	6.7%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	380	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	86	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	3.4%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	80	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	35	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	29	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	392	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	168 (43%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	4 (1%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	44 (11%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	55.0%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	66.9%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	91.2%	84.2%

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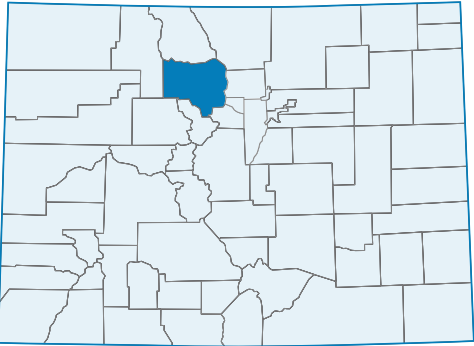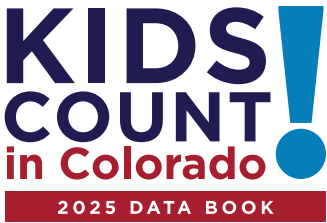
GRAND COUNTY

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	GRAND	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	15,971	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	2,534 (16%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	750	379,117
Ages 6-10	694	347,432
Ages 11-17	1,090	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-99	-28,610
2023 Live Births	134	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$93,257	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$97,596	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	9.3%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	15.5%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	29.0%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	15.7%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	912	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	251	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	6.8%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	310	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	38	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	94	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	1,690	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	561 (33%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	197 (12%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	235 (14%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	55.6%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	68.5%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	95.2%	84.2%

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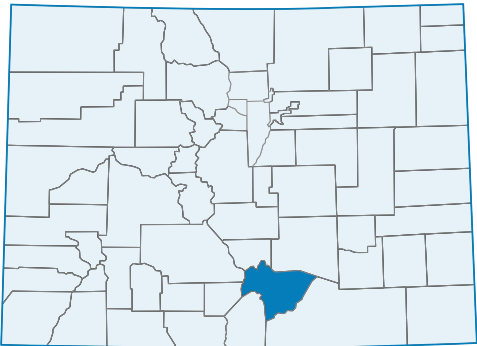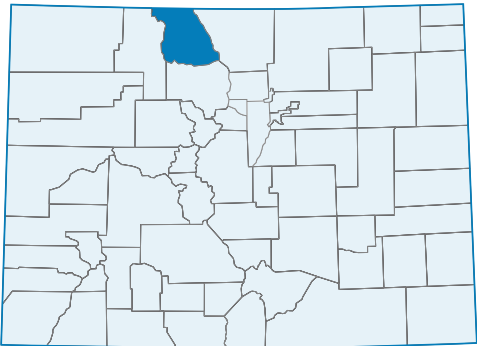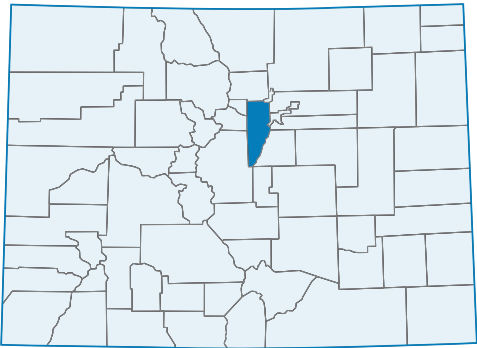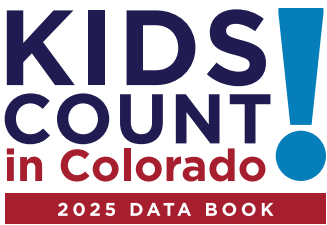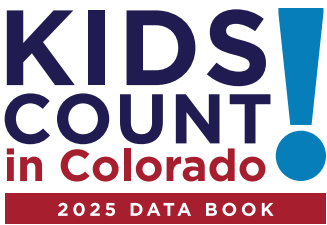
GUNNISON COUNTY

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	GUNNISON	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	17,321	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	2,951 (17%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	869	379,117
Ages 6-10	847	347,432
Ages 11-17	1,235	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-11	-28,610
2023 Live Births	136	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$79,658	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$87,012	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	9.1%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	22.6%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	20.1%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	11.9%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	1,006	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	346	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	4.4%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	575	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	41	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	121	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	2,096	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	695 (33%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	303 (14%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	192 (9%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	56.0%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	65.8%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	93.7%	84.2%

HINSDALE COUNTY

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	HINSDALE	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	772	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	125 (16%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	27	379,117
Ages 6-10	26	347,432
Ages 11-17	72	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-13	-28,610
2023 Live Births	6	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$71,541	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$84,240	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	17.3%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	26.6%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	20.0%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	NR	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	56	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	NR	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	9.3%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	30	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	2	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	NR	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	75	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	29 (39%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	NR	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	11 (15%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	48.4%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	54.8%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	NR	84.2%

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HUERFANO COUNTY

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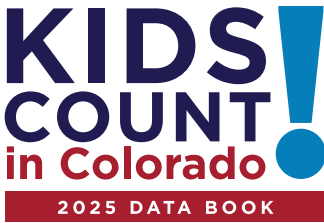|	HUERFANO	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	7,063	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	1,043 (15%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	289	379,117
Ages 6-10	317	347,432
Ages 11-17	437	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-62	-28,610
2023 Live Births	42	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$47,855	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$83,124	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	30.6%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	49.8%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	35.0%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	19.5%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	847	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	108	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	5.7%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	76	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	16	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	36	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	681	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	548 (80%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	NR	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	100 (15%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	82.5%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	92.4%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	89.2%	84.2%

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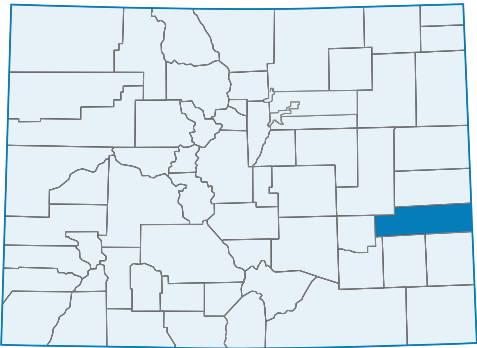

JACKSON COUNTY

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	JACKSON	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	1,311	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	223 (17%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	56	379,117
Ages 6-10	70	347,432
Ages 11-17	97	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-25	-28,610
2023 Live Births	8	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$96,811	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$90,432	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	15.7%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	64.2%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	0.0%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	NR	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	113	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	NR	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	11.9%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	15	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	0	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	10	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	144	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	44 (31%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	10 (7%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	22 (15%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	55.2%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	66.1%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	NR	84.2%

NR = Not reported due to low number of events

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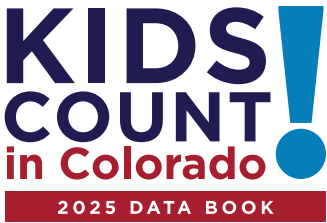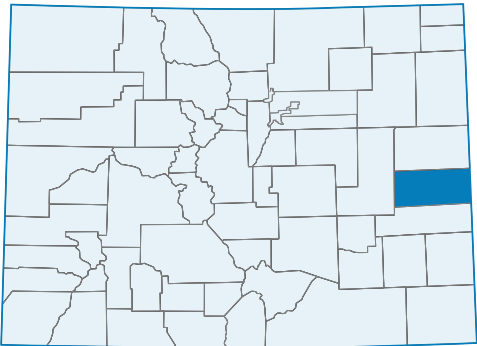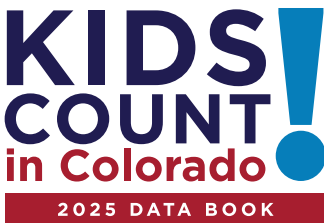
JEFFERSON COUNTY

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	JEFFERSON	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	576,381	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	109,671 (19%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	33,226	379,117
Ages 6-10	30,533	347,432
Ages 11-17	45,912	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-5,468	-28,610
2023 Live Births	5,284	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$102,146	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$117,228	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	7.5%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	17.6%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	15.9%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	9.1%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	35,830	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	6,287	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	3.6%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	18,896	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	1,692	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	3,671	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	75,508	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	22,974 (30%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	4,953 (7%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	10,056 (13%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	48.2%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	59.3%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	84.6%	84.2%

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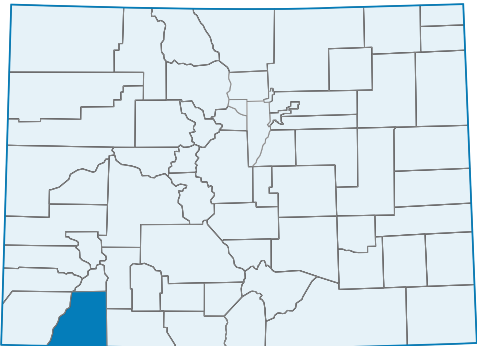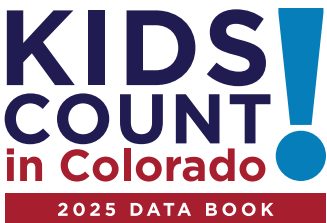
KIOWA COUNTY

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	KIOWA	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	1,376	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	323 (23%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	93	379,117
Ages 6-10	109	347,432
Ages 11-17	121	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-25	-28,610
2023 Live Births	17	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$55,523	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$75,480	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	18.2%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	45.5%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	58.8%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	23.5%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	220	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	43	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	4.4%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	41	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	0	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	17	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	243	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	154 (63%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	4 (2%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	25 (10%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	32.7%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	45.9%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	NR	84.2%

NR = Not reported due to low number of events

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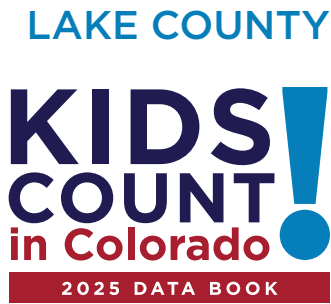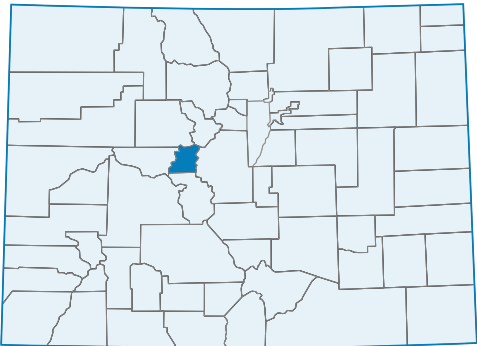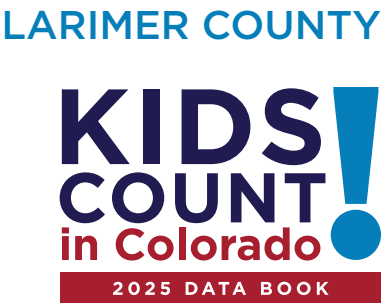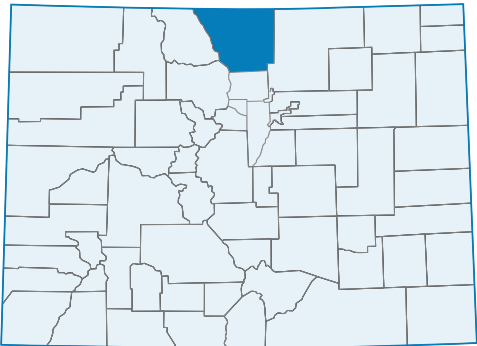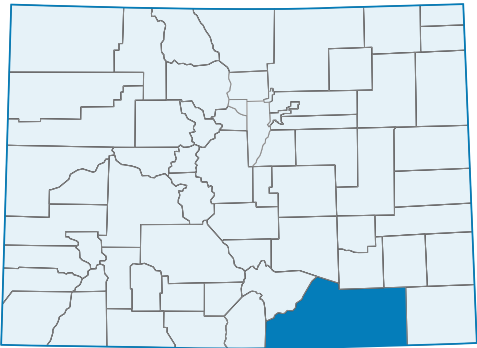
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	KIT CARSON	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	7,007	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	1,762 (25%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	524	379,117
Ages 6-10	474	347,432
Ages 11-17	764	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-25	-28,610
2023 Live Births	75	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$55,304	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$77,172	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	16.3%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	36.1%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	27.3%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	14.7%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	1,037	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	260	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	7.5%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	234	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	2	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	54	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	1,345	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	732 (54%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	183 (14%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	162 (12%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	71.6%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	80.9%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	94.4%	84.2%

LA PLATA COUNTY

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	LA PLATA	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	56,453	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	10,117 (18%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	2,578	379,117
Ages 6-10	2,875	347,432
Ages 11-17	4,664	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-283	-28,610
2023 Live Births	415	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$83,542	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$97,176	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	13.0%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	31.3%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	20.5%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	9.2%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	731	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	170	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	5.4%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	1,129	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	220	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	314	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	6,308	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	2,445 (39%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	308 (5%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	914 (14%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	55.6%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	68.3%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	87.3%	84.2%

LAKE COUNTY

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	LAKE	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	7,376	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	1,559 (21%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	510	379,117
Ages 6-10	416	347,432
Ages 11-17	633	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-64	-28,610
2023 Live Births	81	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$86,215	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$99,756	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	16.3%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	15.2%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	41.2%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	12.3%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	4,594	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	1,010	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	7.1%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	191	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	1	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	54	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	949	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	535 (56%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	274 (29%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	162 (17%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	76.3%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	82.9%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	74.4%	84.2%

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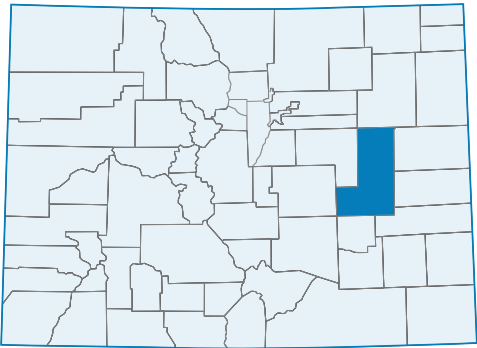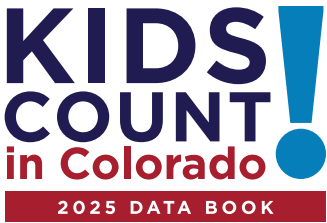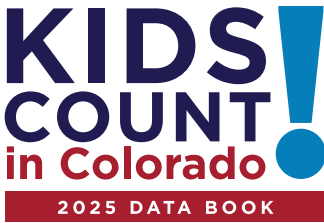
LARIMER COUNTY

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	LARIMER	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	370,639	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	69,861 (19%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	19,869	379,117
Ages 6-10	19,931	347,432
Ages 11-17	30,061	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-952	-28,610
2023 Live Births	2,896	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$88,519	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$107,136	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	7.7%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	23.0%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	14.1%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	8.7%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	26,136	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	5,344	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	4.5%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	9,914	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	1,162	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	2,191	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	45,251	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	14,858 (33%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	2,603 (6%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	5,298 (12%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	46.8%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	56.1%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	88.3%	84.2%

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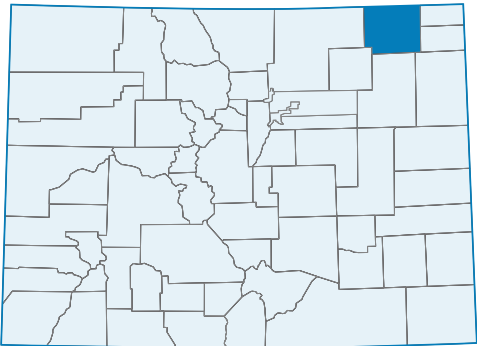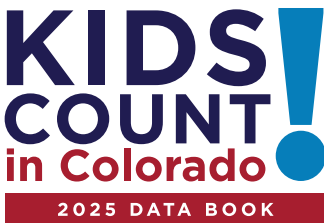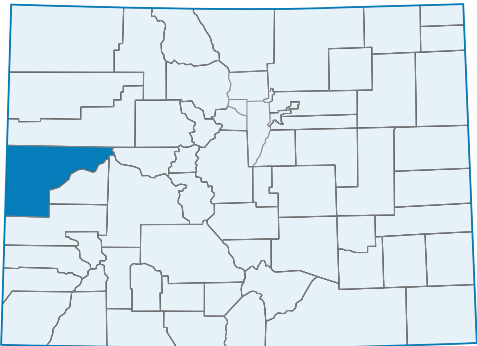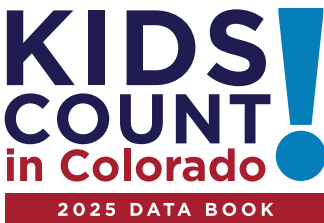
LAS ANIMAS COUNTY

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	LAS ANIMAS	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	14,373	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	2,467 (17%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	716	379,117
Ages 6-10	728	347,432
Ages 11-17	1,023	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-155	-28,610
2023 Live Births	113	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$52,067	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$82,404	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	23.9%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	37.5%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	53.1%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	12.6%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	1,874	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	277	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	5.5%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	187	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	113	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	67	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	1,871	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	1,027 (55%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	31 (2%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	223 (12%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	65.0%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	78.4%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	85.9%	84.2%

LINCOLN COUNTY

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	LINCOLN	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	5,500	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	1,095 (20%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	339	379,117
Ages 6-10	315	347,432
Ages 11-17	441	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-48	-28,610
2023 Live Births	50	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$58,034	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$80,232	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	17.2%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	38.2%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	26.0%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	14.0%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	701	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	96	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	4.6%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	197	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	12	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	54	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	701	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	339 (48%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	30 (4%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	156 (22%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	51.0%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	66.9%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	94.4%	84.2%

LOGAN COUNTY

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	LOGAN	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	20,607	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	3,823 (19%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	1,186	379,117
Ages 6-10	1,080	347,432
Ages 11-17	1,557	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-252	-28,610
2023 Live Births	176	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$55,415	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$76,536	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	15.7%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	49.4%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	19.3%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	9.1%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	2,177	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	485	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	5.0%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	483	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	77	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	152	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	2,651	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	1,190 (45%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	83 (3%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	462 (17%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	71.6%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	77.0%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	92.5%	84.2%

MESA COUNTY

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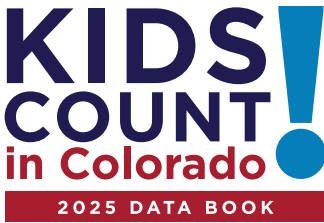2025 DATA BOOK

	MESA	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	159,637	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	32,094 (20%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	9,362	379,117
Ages 6-10	8,990	347,432
Ages 11-17	13,742	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-1,164	-28,610
2023 Live Births	1,449	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$66,339	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$84,120	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	13.4%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	34.5%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	17.7%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	9.8%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	18,085	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	3,746	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	5.4%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	3,523	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	933	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	1,131	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	20,402	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	10,796 (53%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	899 (4%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	3,317 (16%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	59.1%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	68.3%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	81.9%	84.2%

MINERAL COUNTY

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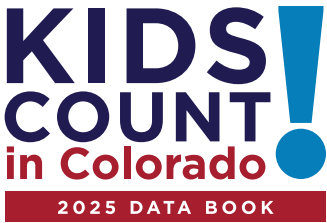**2025 DATA BOOK**
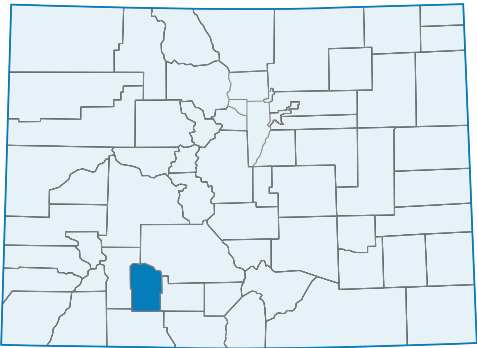
	MINERAL	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	935	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	140 (15%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	49	379,117
Ages 6-10	50	347,432
Ages 11-17	41	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	31	-28,610
2023 Live Births	6	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$37,108	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$85,344	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	17.1%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	24.0%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	0.0%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	NR	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	67	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	NR	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	5.7%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	49	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	4	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	NR	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	92	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	37 (40%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	NR	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	15 (16%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	58.3%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	75.0%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	NR	84.2%

NR = Not reported due to low number of events

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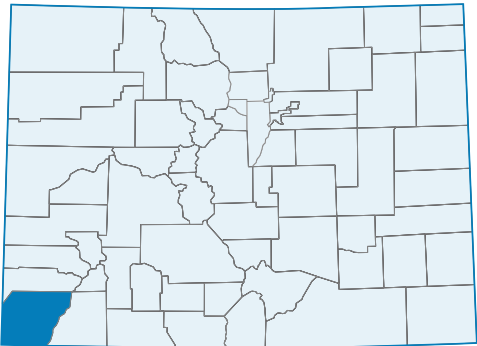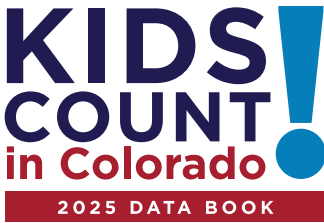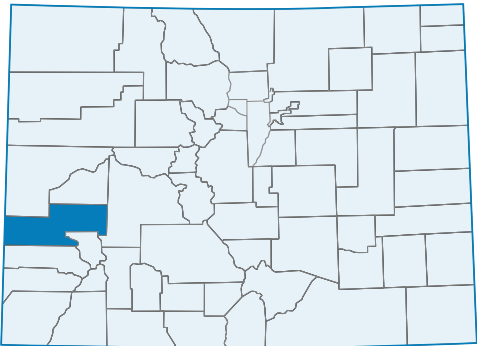
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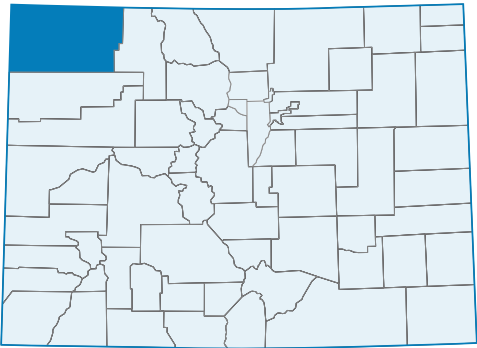
	MOFFAT	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	13,317	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	3,233 (24%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	894	379,117
Ages 6-10	978	347,432
Ages 11-17	1,361	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-165	-28,610
2023 Live Births	152	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$73,875	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$91,680	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	13.9%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	42.0%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	19.5%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	8.6%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	1,720	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	403	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	5.9%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	346	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	33	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	114	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	1,821	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	990 (54%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	193 (11%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	307 (17%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	66.9%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	79.4%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	82.2%	84.2%

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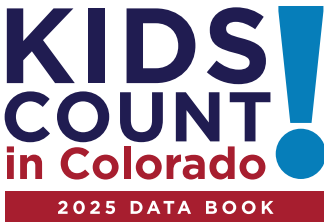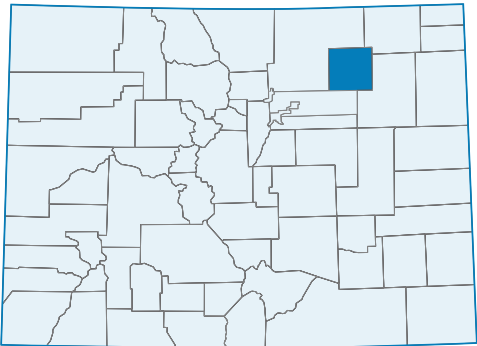
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	MONTEZUMA	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	26,563	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	5,337 (20%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	1,573	379,117
Ages 6-10	1,585	347,432
Ages 11-17	2,179	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-220	-28,610
2023 Live Births	235	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$60,809	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$85,812	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	21.5%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	43.1%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	26.9%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	10.6%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	3,669	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	819	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	7.1%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	625	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	141	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	152	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	3,565	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	2,063 (58%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	154 (4%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	523 (15%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	68.6%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	77.9%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	71.5%	84.2%

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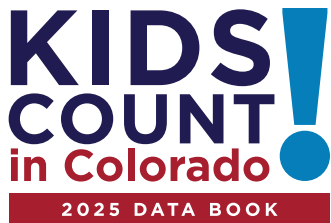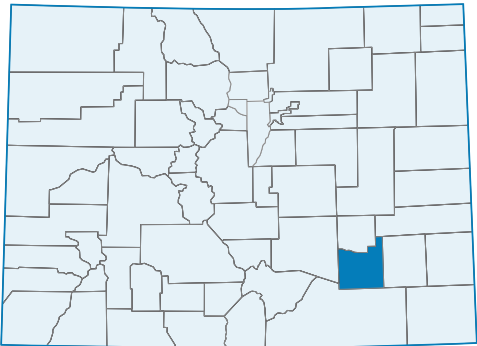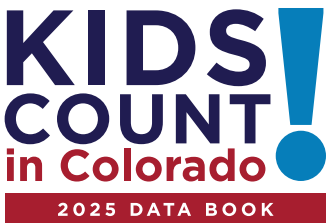
MONTROSE COUNTY

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	MONTROSE	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	44,167	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	8,939 (20%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	2,481	379,117
Ages 6-10	2,606	347,432
Ages 11-17	3,852	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-223	-28,610
2023 Live Births	382	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$67,113	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$85,488	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	14.3%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	37.3%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	23.3%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	8.1%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	5,247	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	1,620	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	7.4%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	769	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	216	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	273	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	6,251	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	3,478 (56%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	753 (12%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	1,057 (17%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	63.1%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	77.4%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	83.9%	84.2%

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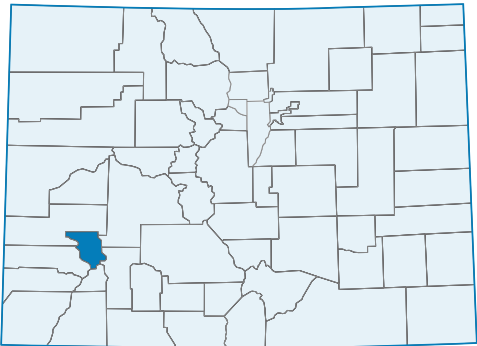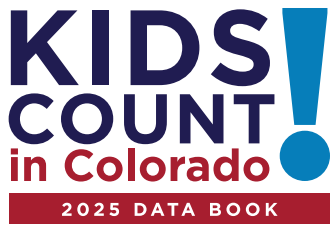
MORGAN COUNTY

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	MORGAN	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	29,559	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	7,809 (26%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	2,550	379,117
Ages 6-10	2,166	347,432
Ages 11-17	3,093	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	75	-28,610
2023 Live Births	412	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$68,541	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$75,564	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	14.9%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	40.6%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	25.4%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	5.3%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	4,691	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	1,039	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	7.7%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	1,042	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	161	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	327	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	6,000	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	3,359 (56%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	1,028 (17%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	764 (13%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	74.1%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	78.8%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	88.6%	84.2%

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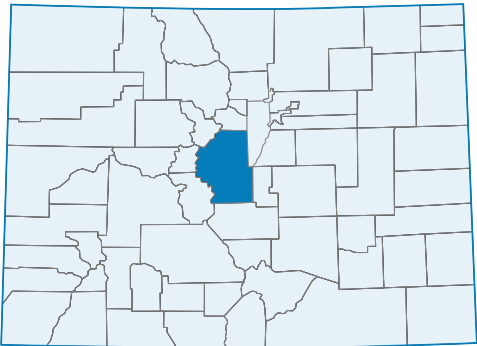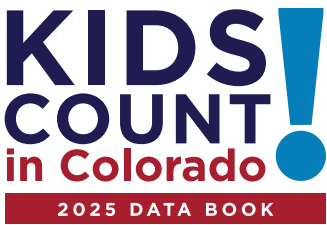
OTERO COUNTY

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	OTERO	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	18,115	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	4,133 (23%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	1,246	379,117
Ages 6-10	1,186	347,432
Ages 11-17	1,701	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-340	-28,610
2023 Live Births	179	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$52,169	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$71,124	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	27.0%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	59.2%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	43.0%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	12.8%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	3,069	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	518	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	5.1%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	611	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	68	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	138	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	2,877	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	2,021 (70%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	113 (4%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	457 (16%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	72.8%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	80.4%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	90.3%	84.2%

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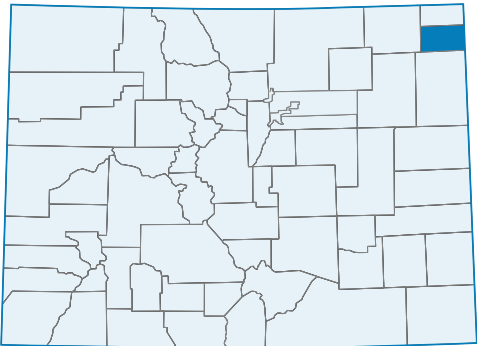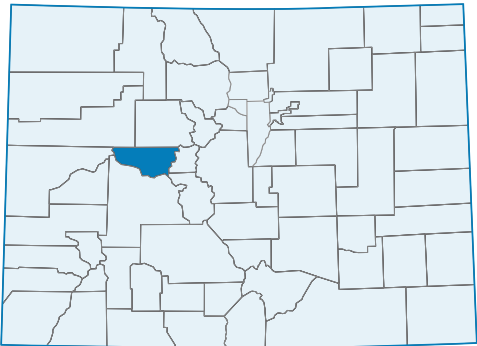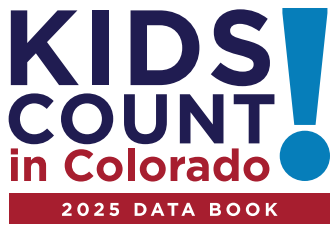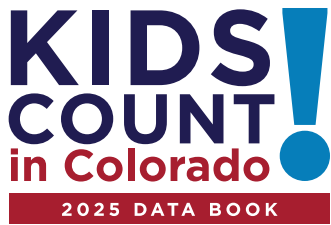
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	OURAY	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	5,160	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	705 (14%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	194	379,117
Ages 6-10	209	347,432
Ages 11-17	302	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-45	-28,610
2023 Live Births	31	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$92,760	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$96,360	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	9.3%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	16.7%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	10.0%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	NR	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	215	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	93	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	4.0%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	75	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	0	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	29	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	501	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	139 (28%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	16 (3%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	66 (13%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	39.9%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	53.9%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	97.0%	84.2%

PARK COUNTY

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	PARK	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	18,101	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	2,989 (17%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	943	379,117
Ages 6-10	877	347,432
Ages 11-17	1,169	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	165	-28,610
2023 Live Births	149	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$103,720	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$104,256	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	11.0%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	16.6%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	17.0%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	10.7%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	1,066	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	214	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	4.3%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	222	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	17	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	87	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	1,264	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	483 (38%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	45 (4%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	177 (14%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	51.9%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	62.7%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	84.8%	84.2%

PHILLIPS COUNTY

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	PHILLIPS	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	4,465	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	1,071 (24%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	310	379,117
Ages 6-10	314	347,432
Ages 11-17	447	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-67	-28,610
2023 Live Births	51	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$59,367	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$70,788	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	16.2%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	39.6%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	29.4%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	5.9%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	498	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	151	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	8.1%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	141	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	16	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	53	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	812	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	426 (52%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	123 (15%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	132 (16%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	67.8%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	82.8%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	90.3%	84.2%

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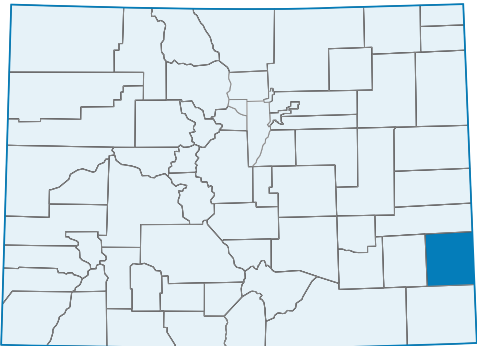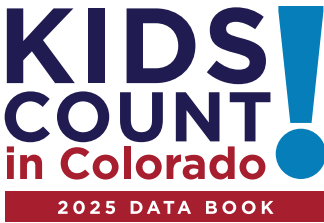
PITKIN COUNTY

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	PITKIN	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	16,642	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	2,599 (16%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	775	379,117
Ages 6-10	684	347,432
Ages 11-17	1,140	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-201	-28,610
2023 Live Births	109	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$109,268	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$124,224	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	5.3%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	16.3%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	15.4%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	14.7%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	446	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	168	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	4.2%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	554	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	18	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	91	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	1,584	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	94 (6%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	108 (7%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	218 (14%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	48.8%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	57.7%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	97.1%	84.2%

Sources: Colorado Department of Early Childhood; Colorado Department of Education; Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing; Colorado Department of Local Affairs, State Demography Office; Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment; U.S. Census Bureau: American Community Survey, SAIPE

PROWERS COUNTY

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POPULATION	PROWERS	COLORADO
2023 Total Population	11,745	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	2,960 (25%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	924	379,117
Ages 6-10	854	347,432
Ages 11-17	1,182	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-150	-28,610
2023 Live Births	143	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$50,365	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$72,840	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	24.8%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	39.7%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	39.1%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	9.1%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	2,078	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	532	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	7.1%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	395	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	43	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	136	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	2,153	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	1,485 (69%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	234 (11%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	337 (16%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	68.3%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	78.8%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	91.1%	84.2%

Sources: Colorado Department of Early Childhood; Colorado Department of Education; Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing; Colorado Department of Local Affairs, State Demography Office; Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment; U.S. Census Bureau: American Community Survey, SAIPE

PUEBLO COUNTY

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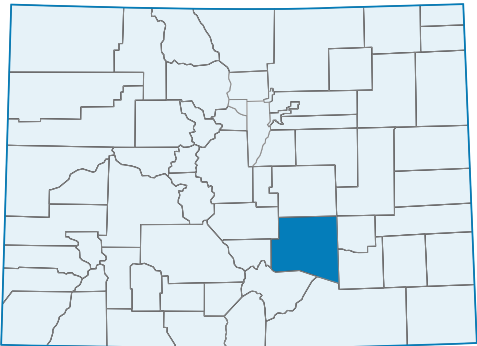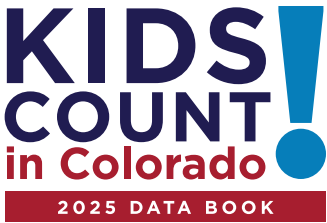
POPULATION	PUEBLO	COLORADO
2023 Total Population	169,427	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	35,417 (21%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	10,399	379,117
Ages 6-10	10,159	347,432
Ages 11-17	14,859	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-2,266	-28,610
2023 Live Births	1,708	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$63,801	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$81,720	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	17.3%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	46.6%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	36.9%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	12.3%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	26,128	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	3,386	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	4.1%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	3,325	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	1,098	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	1,071	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	24,496	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	16,186 (66%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	1,128 (5%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	3,820 (16%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	66.8%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	77.4%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	88.4%	84.2%

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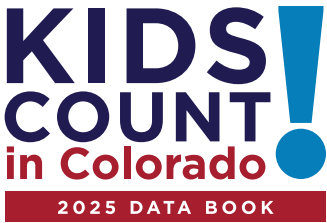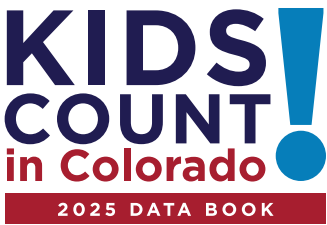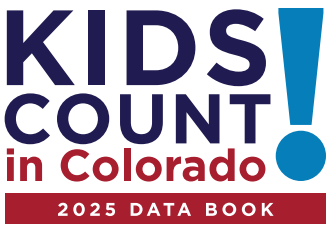
RIO BLANCO COUNTY

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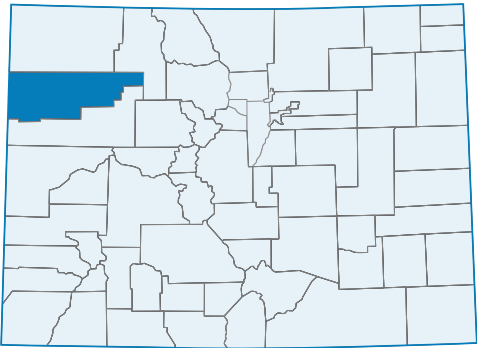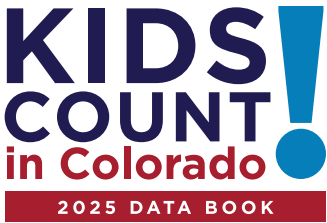
POPULATION	RIO BLANCO	COLORADO
2023 Total Population	6,576	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	1,599 (24%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	386	379,117
Ages 6-10	439	347,432
Ages 11-17	774	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-30	-28,610
2023 Live Births	49	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$72,088	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$89,364	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	11.4%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	33.5%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	25.6%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	10.2%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	698	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	133	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	6.0%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	145	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	13	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	47	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	1,162	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	483 (42%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	25 (2%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	178 (15%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	54.2%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	64.1%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	95.4%	84.2%

RIO GRANDE COUNTY

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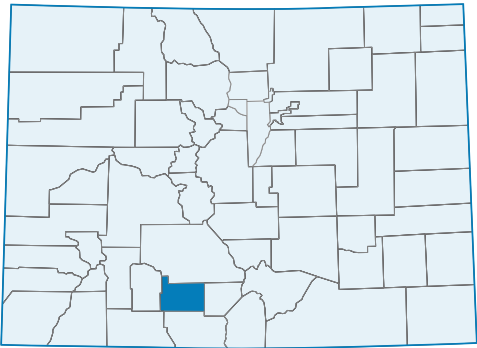
POPULATION	RIO GRANDE	COLORADO
2023 Total Population	11,210	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	2,450 (22%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	733	379,117
Ages 6-10	720	347,432
Ages 11-17	997	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-199	-28,610
2023 Live Births	110	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$55,574	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$80,532	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	24.5%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	33.9%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	19.3%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	12.7%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	1,558	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	343	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	9.3%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	351	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	53	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	80	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	1,628	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	1,003 (62%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	57 (4%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	238 (15%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	70.4%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	79.7%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	92.6%	84.2%

ROUTT COUNTY

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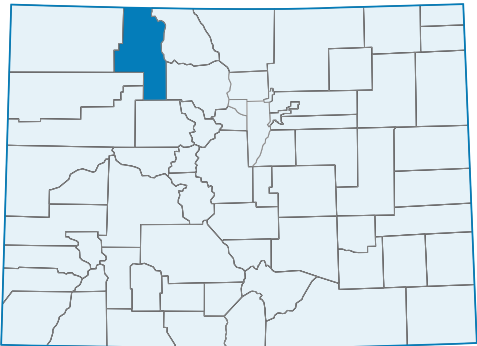
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POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	25,064	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	4,584 (18%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	1,239	379,117
Ages 6-10	1,228	347,432
Ages 11-17	2,117	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-208	-28,610
2023 Live Births	197	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$112,377	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$120,756	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	5.9%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	19.1%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	17.4%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	14.2%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	1,087	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	436	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	6.2%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	745	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	90	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	156	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	3,288	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	706 (21%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	321 (10%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	457 (14%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	37.9%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	53.0%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	91.4%	84.2%

SAGUACHE COUNTY

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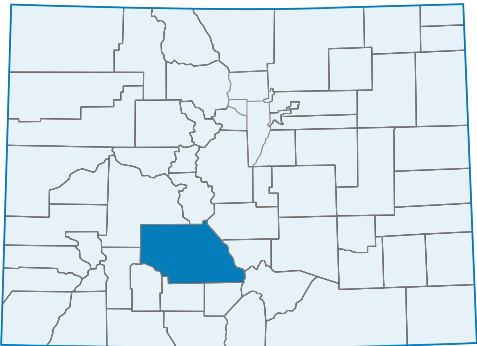
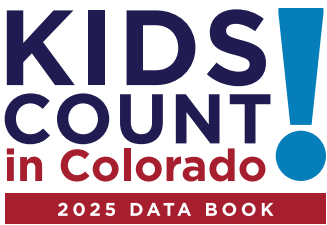|	SAGUACHE	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	6,681	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	1,258 (19%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	373	379,117
Ages 6-10	379	347,432
Ages 11-17	506	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-62	-28,610
2023 Live Births	60	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$47,829	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$76,332	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	30.3%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	50.7%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	13.3%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	10.0%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	962	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	178	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	6.8%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	322	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	3	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	34	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	1,039	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	848 (82%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	220 (21%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	119 (11%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	74.6%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	89.8%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	78.2%	84.2%

SAN JUAN COUNTY

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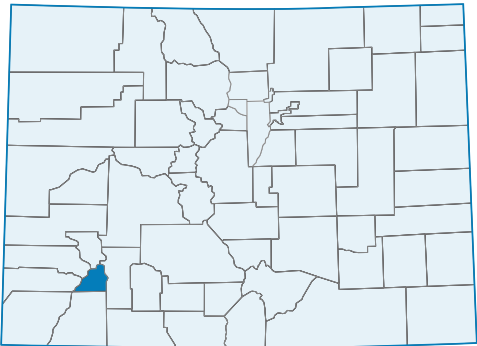
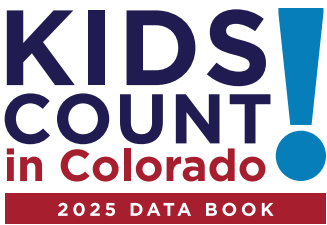|	SAN JUAN	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	803	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	93 (12%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	27	379,117
Ages 6-10	20	347,432
Ages 11-17	46	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-6	-28,610
2023 Live Births	4	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$102,689	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$107,808	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	20.0%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	55.1%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	0.0%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	NR	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	73	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	NR	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	10.3%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	45	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	0	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	NR	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	72	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	44 (61%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	16 (22%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	10 (14%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	NR	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	NR	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	NR	84.2%

NR = Not reported due to low number of events

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY

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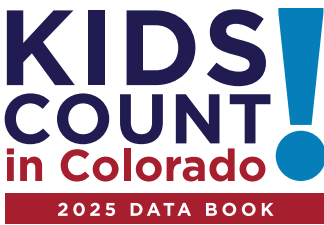|	SAN MIGUEL	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	7,855	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	1,345 (17%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	323	379,117
Ages 6-10	367	347,432
Ages 11-17	655	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-169	-28,610
2023 Live Births	55	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$94,927	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$113,472	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	8.3%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	32.1%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	25.0%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	10.9%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	381	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	154	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	5.0%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	311	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	35	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	45	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	993	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	334 (34%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	122 (12%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	99 (10%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	38.1%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	52.7%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	96.6%	84.2%

SEDGWICK COUNTY

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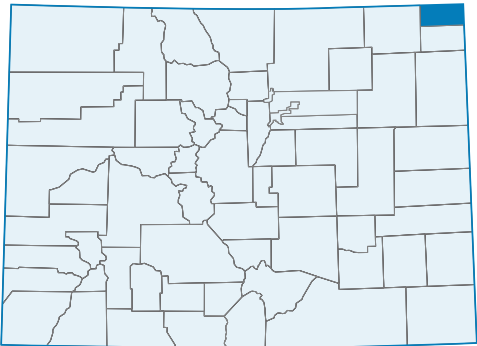
	SEDGWICK	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	2,313	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	433 (19%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	107	379,117
Ages 6-10	134	347,432
Ages 11-17	192	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-47	-28,610
2023 Live Births	18	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$45,999	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$73,548	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	22.7%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	50.9%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	35.3%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	NR	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	276	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	45	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	6.6%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	72	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	14	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	16	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	812	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	465 (57%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	44 (5%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	143 (18%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	75.6%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	80.4%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	96.0%	84.2%

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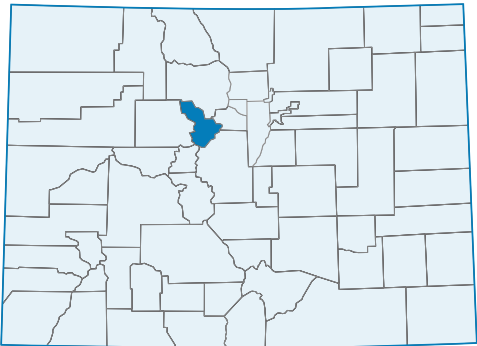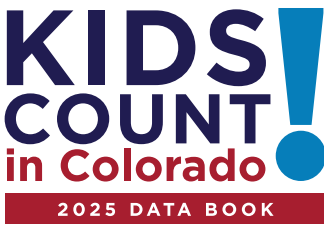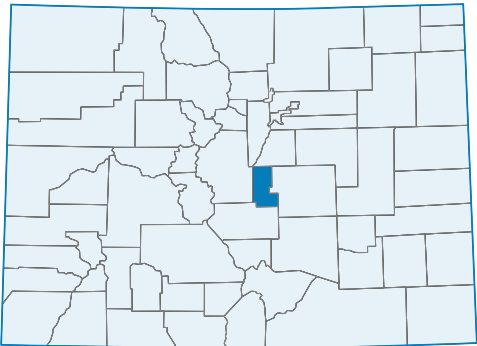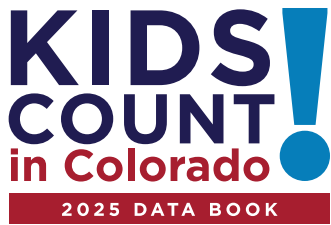
SUMMIT COUNTY

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	SUMMIT	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	30,441	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	5,056 (17%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	1,508	379,117
Ages 6-10	1,356	347,432
Ages 11-17	2,192	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-236	-28,610
2023 Live Births	246	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$105,135	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$125,940	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	7.2%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	19.3%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	32.4%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	14.6%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	1,603	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	550	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	5.8%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	977	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	65	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	190	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	3,475	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	1,318 (38%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	953 (27%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	464 (13%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	60.3%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	71.0%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	90.3%	84.2%

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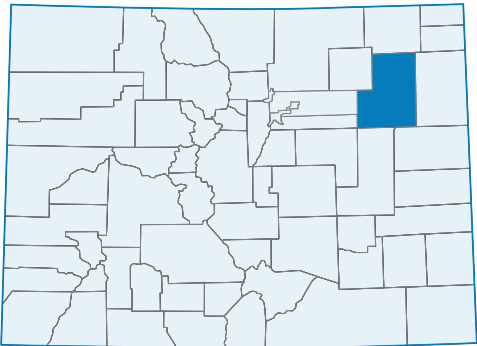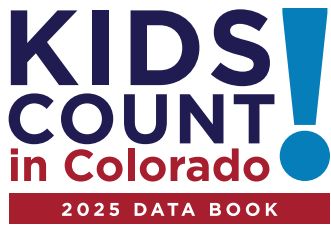
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	TELLER	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	24,631	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	3,930 (16%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	1,085	379,117
Ages 6-10	1,114	347,432
Ages 11-17	1,731	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-306	-28,610
2023 Live Births	177	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$88,089	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$91,908	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	12.0%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	17.8%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	22.3%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	16.5%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	1,982	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	393	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	3.6%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	414	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	74	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	134	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	2,142	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	872 (41%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	49 (2%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	274 (13%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	50.8%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	64.0%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	76.4%	84.2%

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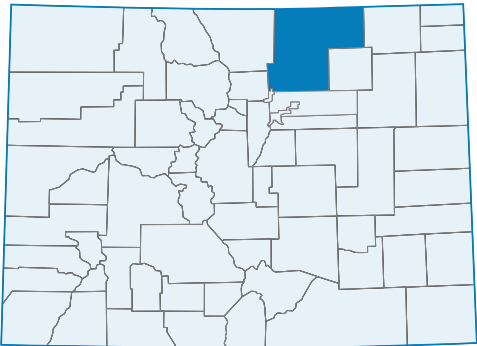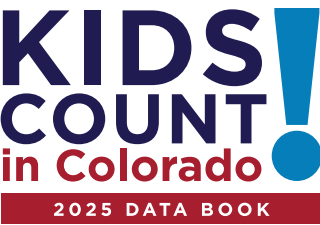

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	WASHINGTON	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	4,843	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	1,085 (22%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	309	379,117
Ages 6-10	323	347,432
Ages 11-17	453	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	7	-28,610
2023 Live Births	41	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$54,255	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$75,144	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	17.9%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	27.2%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	17.1%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	NR	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	670	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	133	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	6.0%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	234	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	27	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	48	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	878	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	449 (51%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	44 (5%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	124 (14%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	76.6%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	83.5%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	93.7%	84.2%

NR = Not reported due to low number of events

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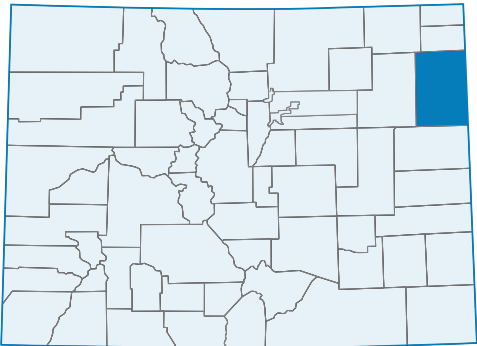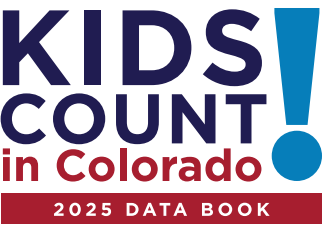
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	WELD	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	359,530	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	93,049 (26%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	29,300	379,117
Ages 6-10	26,969	347,432
Ages 11-17	36,780	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	6,805	-28,610
2023 Live Births	4,813	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$90,675	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$100,752	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	9.9%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	30.2%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	19.8%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	8.8%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	43,439	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	8,781	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	6.3%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	7,617	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	1,535	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	3,199	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	47,389	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	24,474 (52%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	7,341 (15%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	5,943 (13%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	65.0%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	73.9%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	89.3%	84.2%

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	YUMA	COLORADO
POPULATION		
2023 Total Population	9,881	5,876,300
2023 Child Population (Ages 0-17), % of Total Population	2,653 (27%)	1,246,217 (21%)
Ages 0-5	813	379,117
Ages 6-10	763	347,432
Ages 11-17	1,077	519,668
2023 Child Population Change from 2019	-41	-28,610
2023 Live Births	128	61,461
ECONOMIC SECURITY		
2023 Median Household Income	$61,870	$92,790
2023 Household Survival Budget	$77,424	$93,048
2023 Children (Ages 0-17) in Poverty (Household Income Below 100% FPL)	16.2%	10.9%
2019-2023 Children (Ages 0-17) Living in Households with Incomes Below 200% FPL	40.5%	28.0%
HEALTH		
2023 Babies Born to Women Without Early Prenatal Care	15.0%	22.0%
2023 Low Weight Births (<2,500 grams)	6.3%	9.8%
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Medicaid	1,445	579,694
FY 23-24 Children (Ages 0-18) Enrolled in Child Health Plan Plus	343	106,565
2022 Children (Ages 0-18) Without Health Insurance	8.2%	5.0%
EARLY CHILDHOOD		
Sept. 2024 Licensed Child Care Slots, Ages 0 to 5	365	164,977
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Colorado Child Care Assistance Program	32	25,864
FY 2023-24 Children Participating in Universal Preschool Program	138	43,479
EDUCATION		
2024-25 School Year PK-12 Pupil Enrollment	1,766	881,065
2024-25 School Year Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	1,076 (61%)	394,765 (45%)
2024-25 School Year English Language Learners	345 (20%)	123,777 (14%)
2024-25 School Year Special Education Students	250 (14%)	117,616 (13%)
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS English Language Arts	55.8%	55.9%
2024 Students Not Meeting or Exceeding Expectations on CMAS Math	64.5%	65.8%
2023-2024 School Year On-Time High School Graduation Rate	91.6%	84.2%

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