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Too Far From Care

Closing The Gap in Colorado's Pediatric Access





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We create opportunity for every child in Colorado by catalyzing innovative policy, research, and advocacy solutions.

We fight their fight so they can focus on being kids.



Releasing New Reports Every October To...

Build Evidence to Inform Policy

Pull together the best available research and information to inform conversations at the capital.

Address Research Gaps in Colorado

Provide data and research on key issues often missed in key conversations.

Help Kids Focus on Being Kids

Arm advocates and decision-makers with the best information to improve the lives of Colorado's kids.

Demographics

Colorado is home to over 1.2 million kids.



Ages 0 to 5

380,800

31%



Ages 6 to 12

491,600

39%



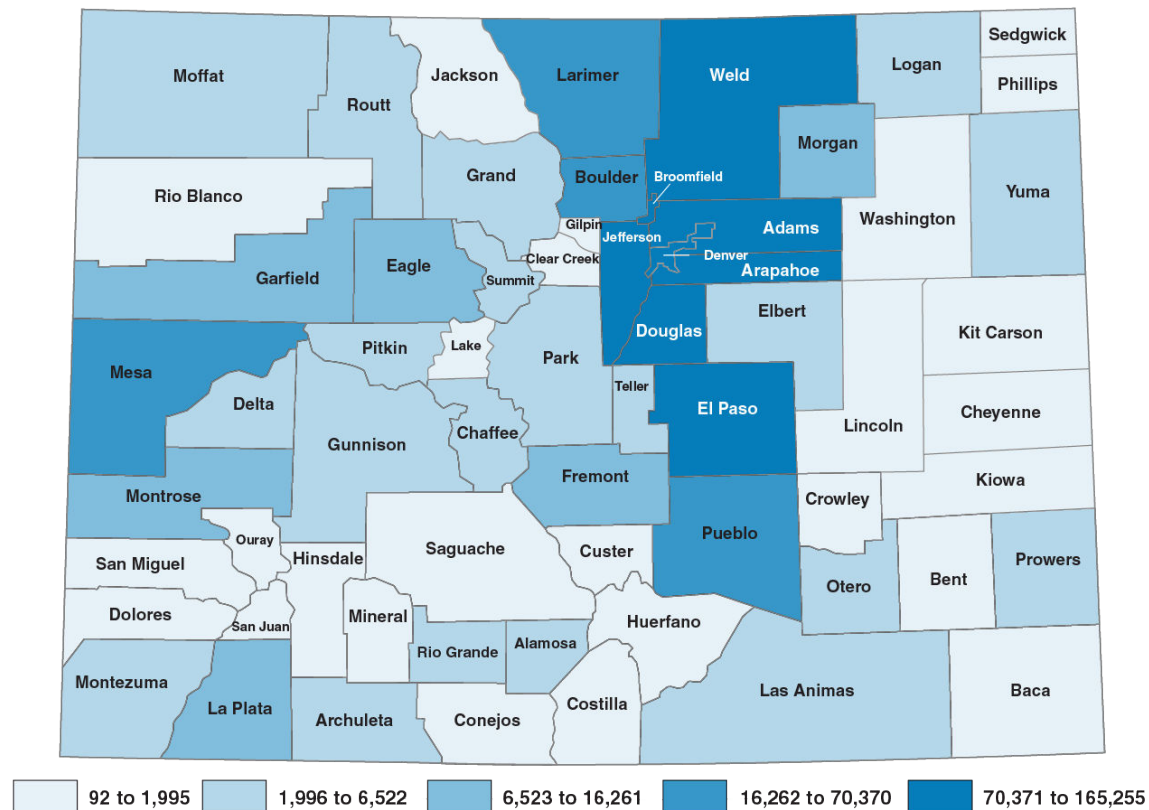
Ages 13 to 17

373,700

30%

Demographics

Child Population, 2024



Importance of Pediatric Primary Care



**Fewer
emergencies and
acute illnesses**



**Better brain
development**



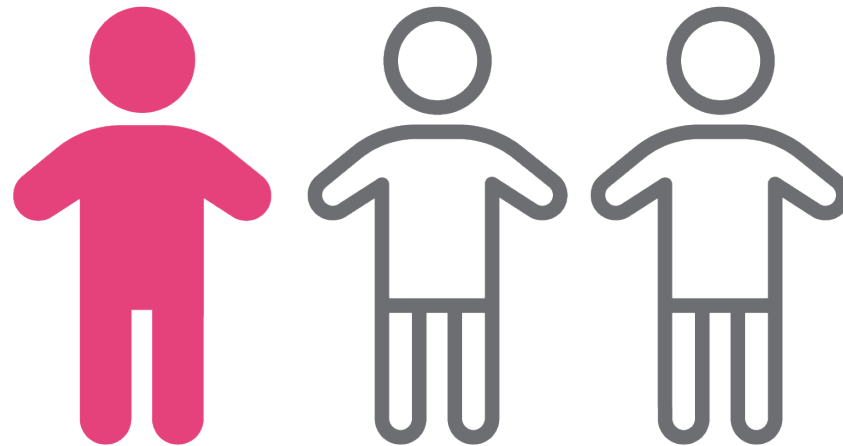
**Faster access to
specialists**



**Lower medical
costs**

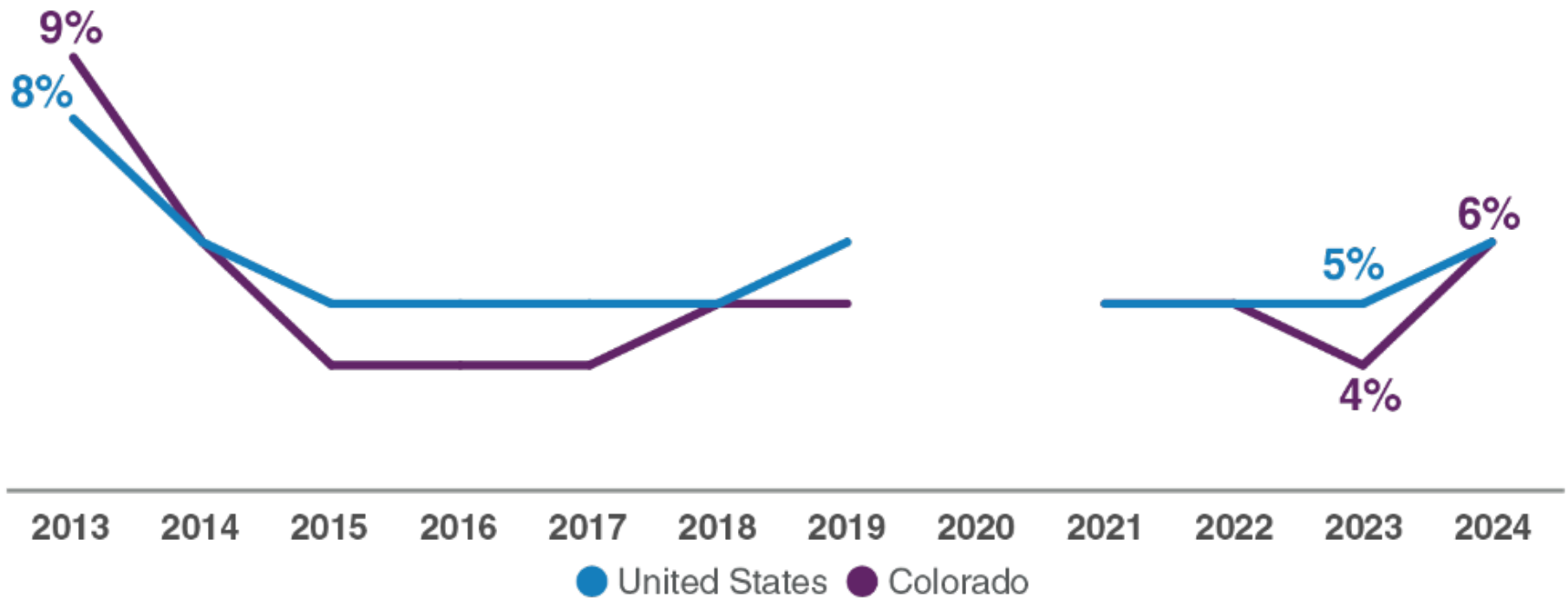
Childhood Vaccinations

One in three 2-year-olds are not fully vaccinated.



Uninsured Rate

Children under 19 without health insurance, 2013-2024



Medicaid and CHP+ Enrollment, declined by 10%

Colorado children enrolled in Medicaid or CHP+, FY 2024-25

About the Data



Supply

Pediatricians
Family doctors
Nurse practitioners
Physician assistants

vs

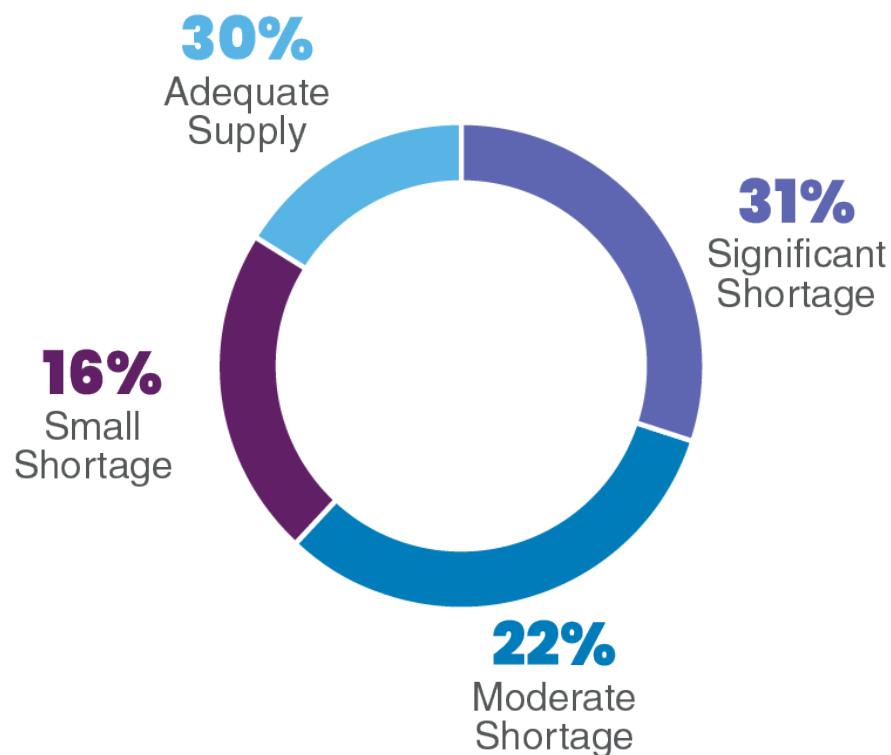


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Well-child visits needed for
children under 18

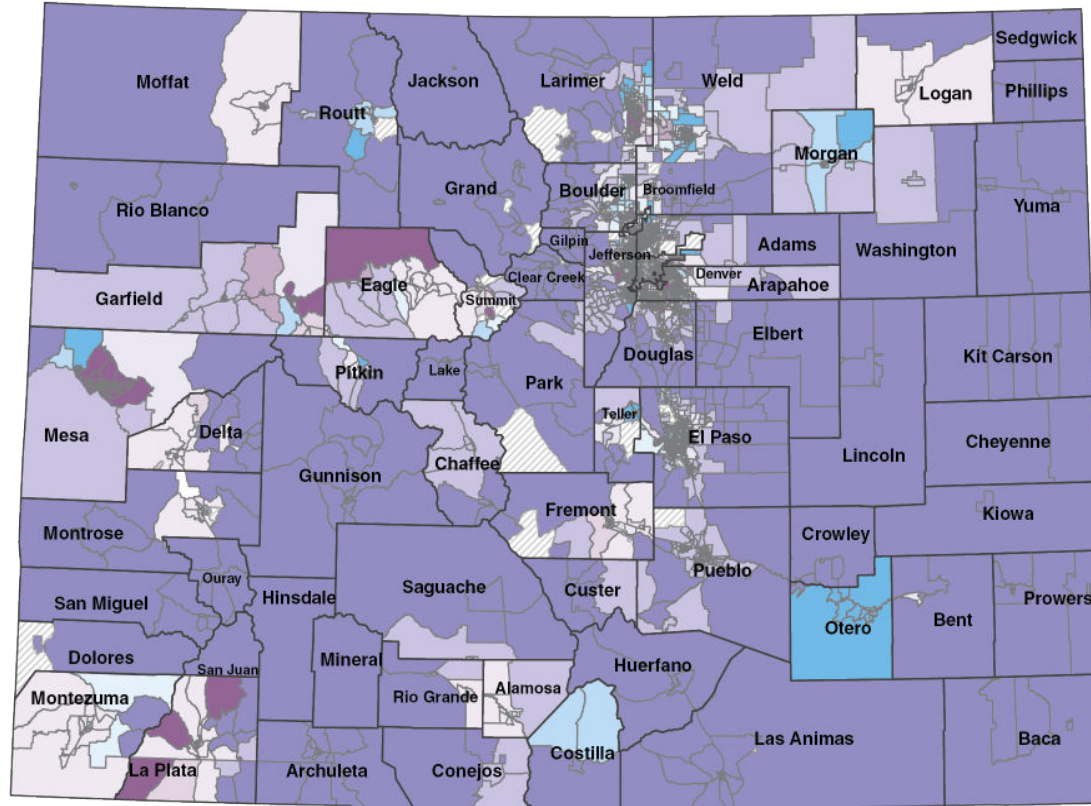
About 7 in 10 Colorado children live in communities without enough pediatric primary care.

Access to pediatric primary care among Colorado children, 2024

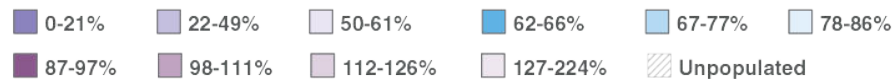


Note: The sum of parts does not equal 100% due to rounding. Source: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

Percent of demand met by pediatric primary care, 2024



Percent of demand met by supply



Source: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

82,000
kids
live where
providers meet
20% or less of the
need

Impact on Children & Families



Long travel



Time off work



Missed care

1 in 10 children

Did not get to the doctor when they needed because their parents could not take off work.

Pediatric Workforce



Pediatricians earn **25% less** over their careers than adult-care doctors



Fewer medical students are choosing pediatrics



Shortages are projected to **worsen** over the next decade across the U.S.

Role of Medicaid



**Colorado ranks in the
bottom third of states for
Medicaid spending on
children.**

The Path Forward

1 **Protect** and expand coverage and care for children.

2 **Focus** on rural and underserved communities.

3 **Advance** fiscal reform to invest in children's health.

Email Toni Sarge at Toni@ColoradoKids.org for more information on children's health policy.



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