

County Profile: Gunnison County (Rural)



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County Overview

Population Information 2023*

Total
Population
17,087

Unique Lives
in the CO APCD
11,010

Insured
Population**
16,034

% Total Population
in the CO APCD

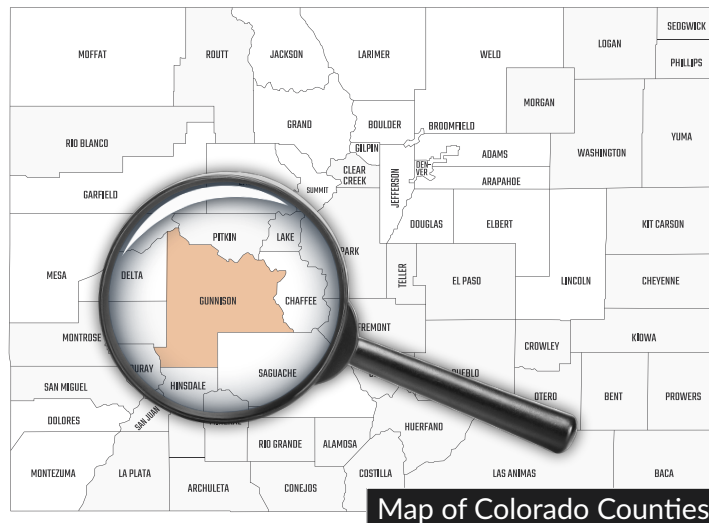
64%

% Total Insured Population
in the CO APCD

69%

*Data comes from the [CO APCD Insights Dashboard](#), with data from reporting year 2023. See full considerations and [methodology](#) for Insights Dashboard population reporting.

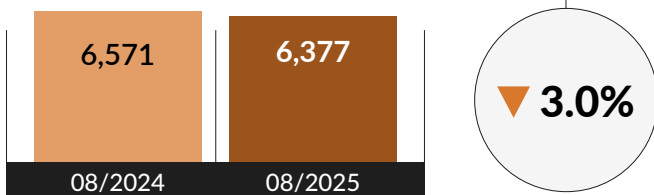
**County population and insured estimates are based on five years of Census data leading up to the selected year.



Map of Colorado Counties

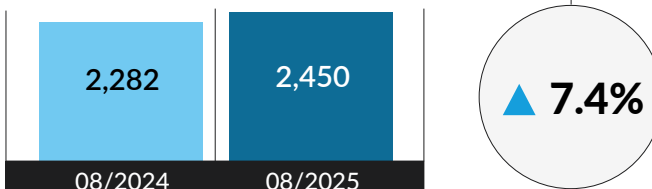
Year-Over-Year County Enrollment

Commercial



Commercial and Medicaid only, does not include Medicare Fee-for-Service or Advantage.

Medicaid



Spending on Care in Gunnison County

Payments Made by Health Plans and Patients Combined | All Payers, 2023 | Per Person Per Year (PPPY)

All data in this section comes from the [Community Dashboard](#), with most recent data through reporting year 2023.

Total Cost Per Patient + Plan	Statewide Average	County Rank				
\$9,805	\$8,231	45	\$2,082	\$4,462	\$2,128	\$1,359
		Lower is better, out of 64 counties	Inpatient	Outpatient	Professional	Pharmacy

County Trends and Notes | All measures reflect data from the [Community Dashboard](#) (2013 -2023)

- Gunnison County is ranked second (tied with Jackson County) for the **lowest rate of access to dental care for children and adolescents** among all Colorado counties (ranked lowest to highest). In 2023, the county recorded children and adolescents accessing dental care at a rate of 33%, notably below the benchmark rate for other rural Colorado counties of 53% and statewide benchmark of 59%.
- Gunnison County has a **slightly higher rate of healthy users**, or people accessing only routine care (such as preventive or only minor condition-related claims) compared to other Colorado counties. In 2023, Gunnison County recorded healthy users accessing care at a rate of 163 per 1,000 people, below the statewide benchmark of 148 per 1,000 people and rural county benchmark of 138 per 1,000 people.
- Gunnison County has a **lower rate of emergency department (ED) visits** compared to other rural Colorado counties. In 2023, Gunnison recorded an ED visit rate of 242 per 1,000 people, well below the statewide benchmark of 316 per 1,000 people and rural county benchmark of 344 per 1,000 people.

Explore more county profiles and download the full underlying dataset for the Community Dashboard on [civhc.org](#).