

County Profile: Otero County (Rural)



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County Overview

Population Information 2023*

Total
Population
18,274

Unique Lives
in the CO APCD
15,460

Insured
Population**
16,971

% Total Population
in the CO APCD

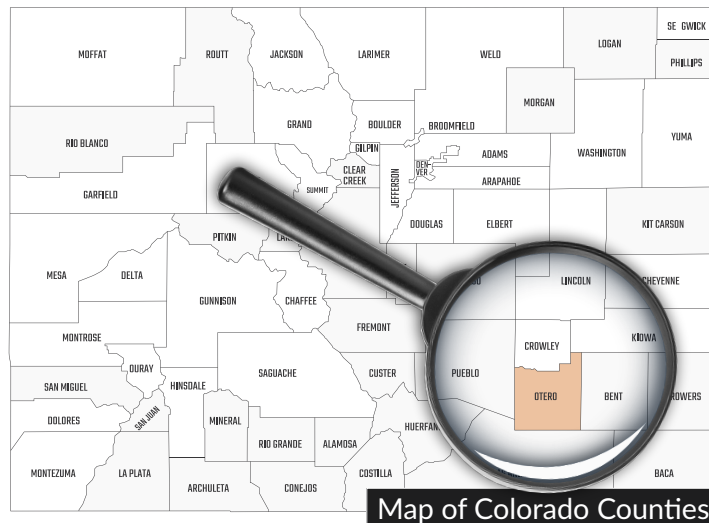
85%

% Total Insured Population
in the CO APCD

91%

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

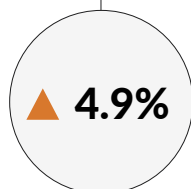
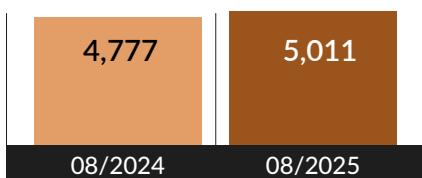
**County population and insured estimates are based on five years of Census data leading up to the selected year.



Map of Colorado Counties

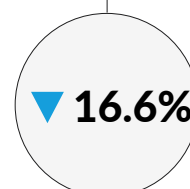
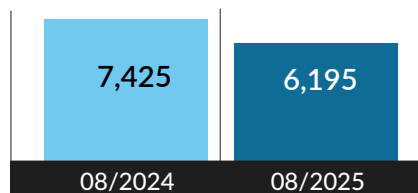
Year-Over-Year County Enrollment

Commercial



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

Medicaid

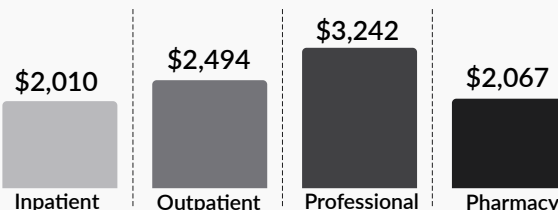


Spending on Care in Otero County

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
\$9,569	\$8,231	37 Lower is better, out of 64 counties



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

- People in Otero County **access primary care at a consistently lower rate** than people in other counties. In 2023, people in Otero County access primary care at a rate of 467 per 1,000 people compared to a statewide rate of 547 per 1,000 people and rural county rate of 555 per 1,000 people.
- Otero County has a **lower rate of eligible people who receive breast cancer screenings** compared to most Colorado counties. In 2023, eligible people in Otero County received screenings at a rate of 55% compared to a statewide benchmark of 63% and rural county rate of 61%.
- People in Otero County **use the emergency department (ED) at a higher rate** than people in other Colorado counties. In 2023, the county recorded an ED utilization rate of 428 per 1,000 people compared to a statewide benchmark of 316 per 1,000 people and rural county rate of 344 per 1,000.

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