County Profile: Denver County (Urban)

County Overview

Population Information 2023*

Total Population	Unique Lives in the CO APCD	Insured Population**
706,553	**451,030**	**644,528**

% Total Population in the CO APCD	% Total Insured Population in the CO APCD
64%	**70%**

*Data comes from the CO APCD Insights Dashboard, with data from reporting year 2023. See full considerations and methodology for Insights Dashboard population reporting.
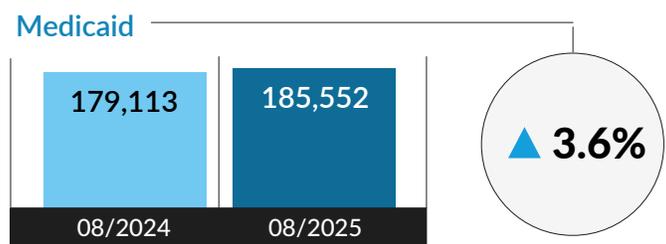
**County population and insured estimates are based on five years of Census data leading up to the selected year.

Map of Colorado Counties
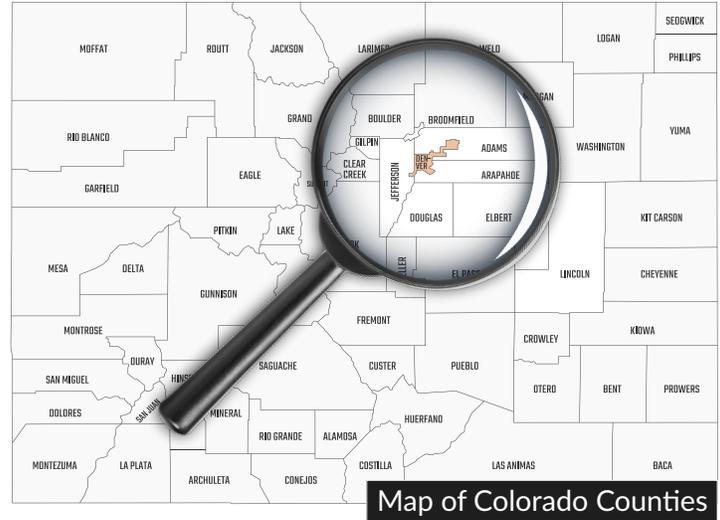
Year-Over-Year County Enrollment

Commercial

08/2024	08/2025
228,446	212,462

▼ **7.5%**

Medicaid

08/2024	08/2025
179,113	185,552

▲ **3.6%**
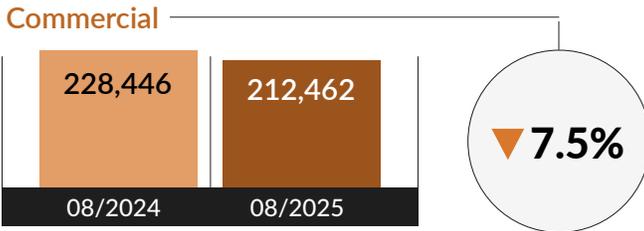
Commercial and Medicaid only, does not include Medicare Fee-for-Service or Advantage.

Spending on Care in Denver 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
$7,953	**$8,231**	**8** *Lower is better, out of 64 counties*

- Inpatient: $1,874
- Outpatient: $1,900
- Professional: $2,714
- Pharmacy: $1,550

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

- Denver County has **experienced a steady decline in primary care use in recent years**. Rates increased from 2014 to 2019 but fell each year from 2020 onward. In 2019, the rate was 510 visits per 1,000 people. In 2023, it dropped to 459 per 1,000, the lowest level since 2015.

- Denver County has **experienced a steady increase in plan non-users,** or people who do not utilize their insurance**,** during the same period. In 2021, the rate was 186 per 1,000 people. In 2023, it rose by 47% to 273 per 1,000, the highest rate recorded since Community Dashboard tracking began in 2013.

- Denver County has a **relatively lower rate of pharmaceutical spending**. In 2023, the county ranked 20th (ranked lowest to highest) for pharmacy spending by health plan + patient, placing it in the top third of Colorado counties.

Explore more county profiles and download the full underlying dataset for the Community Dashboard on civhc.org.