County Profile: Douglas County (Urban)

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County Overview

Population Information 2023*

Total Population	Unique Lives in the CO APCD	Insured Population**
366,565	**202,500**	**353,050**

% Total Population in the CO APCD	% Total Insured Population in the CO APCD
55%	**57%**

*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.
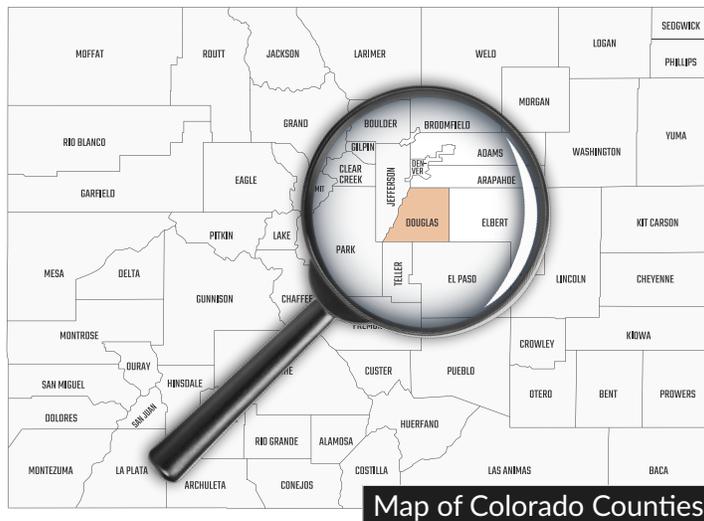
Map of Colorado Counties

Year-Over-Year County Enrollment

Commercial

08/2024	08/2025	
145,394	136,118	▼ 6.8%

Medicaid

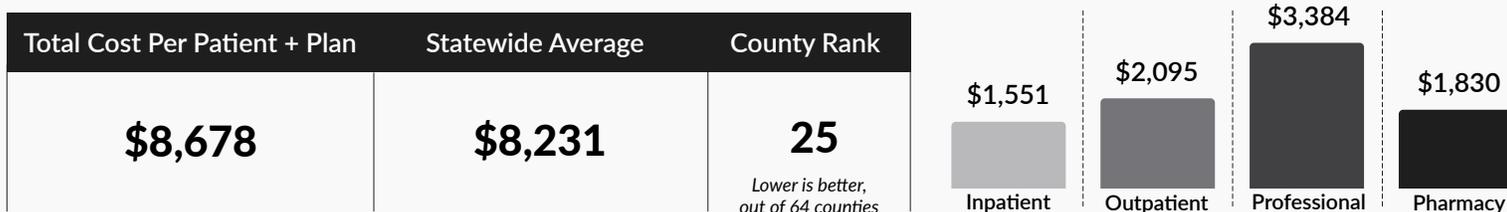| 08/2024	08/2025	
29,741	27,881	▼ 6.6%

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

Spending on Care in Douglas 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
$8,678	**$8,231**	**25**
		Lower is better, out of 64 counties

Inpatient	Outpatient	Professional	Pharmacy
$1,551	$2,095	$3,384	$1,830

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

- Douglas County has **slightly higher overall spending on care trends**. The county follows statewide trends across inpatient, outpatient, and pharmacy categories, but has historically higher professional service spending. In 2023, professional spending was $3,384 per person compared to the state benchmark of $2,909. The rate of increase was similar to the state (10.5% vs. 10.4%).

- Douglas County has one of the **highest rates of primary care use**. In 2023, the county saw 647 visits per 1,000 people, ranking 55th among Colorado counties (ranked lowest to highest).

- Douglas County has one of the **lowest rates of emergency department visits**. In 2023, the county saw 189 visits per 1,000 people, compared to the state benchmark of 311. Douglas ranked 5th (ranked lowest to highest).

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