

# County Profile: Lincoln County (Rural)



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## County Overview

### Population Information 2023\*

Total Population  
**4,369**

Unique Lives in the CO APCD  
**3,520**

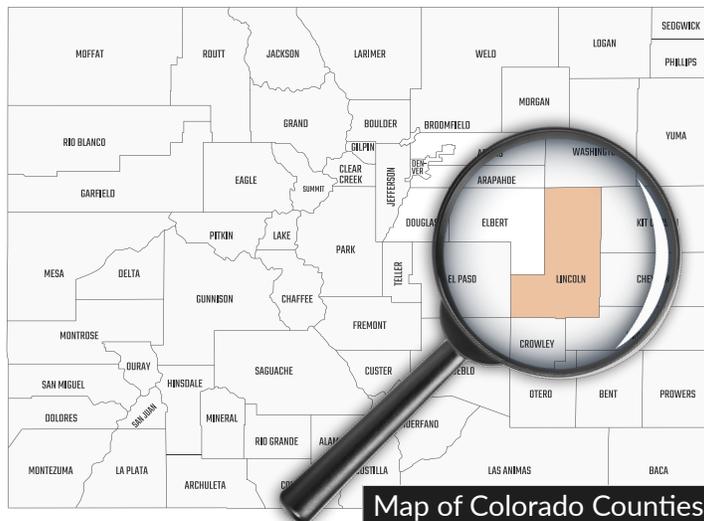
Insured Population\*\*  
**4,025**

% Total Population in the CO APCD  
**81%**

% Total Insured Population in the CO APCD  
**87%**

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

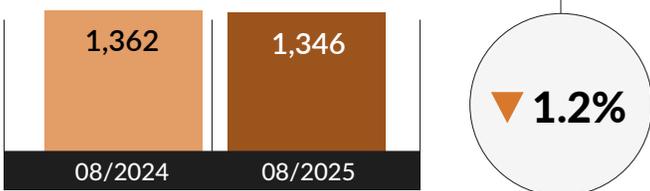
\*\*County population and insured estimates are based on five years of Census data leading up to the selected year.



Map of Colorado Counties

## Year-Over-Year County Enrollment

### Commercial



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

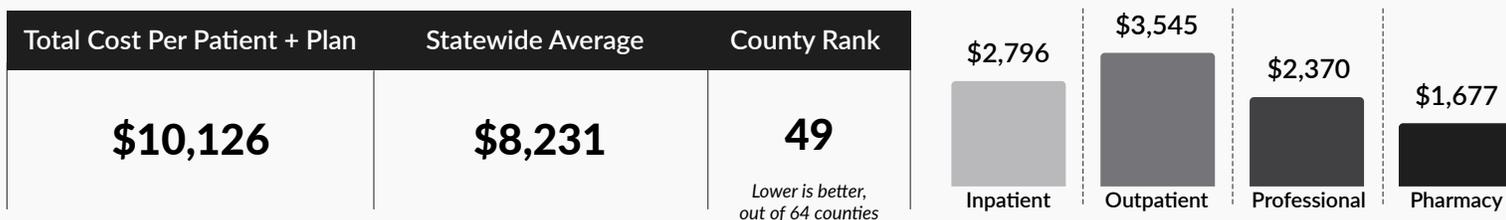
### Medicaid



## Spending on Care in Lincoln 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.



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

- Lincoln County has experienced a **significant rise in spending on care in recent years**. From 2020 to 2023, total spending (plan + patient) increased from \$7,172 to \$10,126 per person per year, a 41.1% increase.
- Lincoln County has a **consistently lower rate of primary care use compared to statewide and urban benchmarks**. In 2023, the county recorded 465 visits per 1,000 people, compared to the statewide average of 547. Lincoln ranked 8th lowest among Colorado counties (ranked lowest to highest). The county also ranks 9th lowest in breast cancer screening rates, with 51% of eligible residents screened in 2023.
- Lincoln County has a **higher rate of emergency department visits than most counties**. In 2023, the county saw 429 ED visits per 1,000 people, compared to the statewide rate of 316. Hospital 30-day readmission rates are also consistently higher, including both total and unplanned readmissions.

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