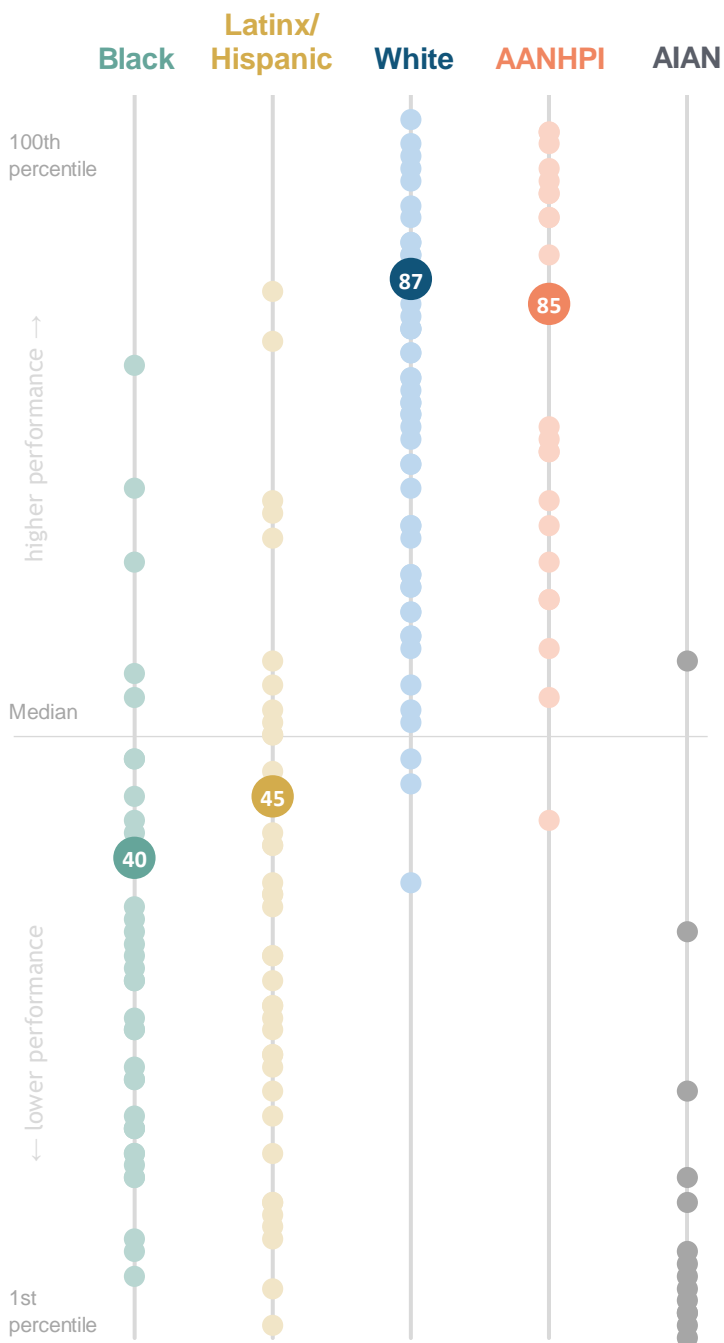


# Health Equity in Colorado

## Overall Health System Performance by Race/Ethnicity

Each column is a racial/ethnic group, each point represents a state. Performance represented as percentiles (1–100). Colorado performance percentile highlighted. No highlighted dot indicates overall performance data not available for that group.



Source: David C. Radley et al., *Achieving Racial and Ethnic Equity in U.S. Health Care: A Scorecard of State Performance* (Commonwealth Fund, Nov. 2021).

### State population

|                 |           |     |
|-----------------|-----------|-----|
| Total           | 5,664,136 |     |
| AANHPI          | 189,574   | 3%  |
| AIAN            | 30,043    | <1% |
| Black           | 213,587   | 4%  |
| Latinx/Hispanic | 1,234,529 | 22% |
| White           | 3,835,414 | 68% |

### Black

Rank of Black people in CO compared to all states

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Overall             | 11 of 38 states |
| Health Outcomes     | 1 of 38         |
| Health Care Access  | 29 of 40        |
| Health Care Quality | 25 of 40        |

### Latinx/Hispanic

Rank of Latinx people in CO compared to all states

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Overall             | 13 of 42 states |
| Health Outcomes     | 33 of 42        |
| Health Care Access  | 20 of 48        |
| Health Care Quality | 13 of 48        |

### White

Rank of white people in CO compared to all states

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Overall             | 12 of 51 states |
| Health Outcomes     | 2 of 51         |
| Health Care Access  | 29 of 51        |
| Health Care Quality | 17 of 51        |

### Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander (AANHPI)

Rank of AANHPI people in CO compared to all states

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Overall             | 11 of 23 states |
| Health Outcomes     | 6 of 24         |
| Health Care Access  | 12 of 30        |
| Health Care Quality | 14 of 41        |

### American Indian, Alaska Native (AIAN)

Rank of AIAN people in CO compared to all states

|                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Overall             | — of 14 states |
| Health Outcomes     | — of 14        |
| Health Care Access  | — of 16        |
| Health Care Quality | — of 16        |

Lower values indicate higher rank and better performance among each racial/ethnic group in CO compared to other states. Performance data not available for all groups in every state. “—” means data not available.

# Table 1. Colorado Performance Data

|  | Black   |         | Latinx/<br>Hispanic |         | White   |         | AANHPI  |         | AIAN    |         |
|--|---------|---------|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|  | CO rate | US rate | CO rate             | US rate | CO rate | US rate | CO rate | US rate | CO rate | US rate |
| Health Outcomes  |         |         |                     |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Mortality amenable to health care (per 100,000 population)                                   | 112     | 153     | 71                  | 67      | 56      | 78      | 44      | 49      | 86      | 108     |
| Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)   | 7       | 11      | 5                   | 5       | 4       | 5       | —       | 4       | —       | 9       |
| Breast cancer deaths (per 100,000 female population)   | 20      | 28      | 16                  | 14      | 18      | 20      | —       | 12      | —       | 15      |
| Colorectal cancer deaths (per 100,000 population)  | 17      | 17      | 14                  | 11      | 11      | 13      | 9       | 9       | —       | 13      |
| Hospital 30-day readmission rate age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)                  | 35      | 60      | —                   | —       | 23      | 37      | —       | —       | —       | —       |
| Adults who smoke (%)   | 20      | 17      | 14                  | 12      | 12      | 15      | 9       | 8       | 18      | 28      |
| Adults who are obese (%)   | 31      | 42      | 32                  | 36      | 22      | 31      | 7       | 13      | 35      | 40      |
| Adults who have lost six or more teeth (%)   | 6       | 11      | 6                   | 7       | 6       | 10      | —       | 3       | 8       | 18      |
| Health Care Access   |         |         |                     |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Uninsured adults (%)   | 10      | 14      | 20                  | 26      | 8       | 9       | 9       | 8       | 16      | 25      |
| Uninsured children (%)   | 6       | 5       | 7                   | 9       | 4       | 4       | —       | 4       | —       | 14      |
| Adults who went without care because of cost (%)   | 12      | 15      | 17                  | 19      | 10      | 10      | 9       | 9       | 15      | 17      |
| High out-of-pocket medical spending (%)  | 11      | 7       | 10                  | 6       | 7       | 6       | —       | 5       | —       | 7       |
| Adults with a usual source of care (%)   | 68      | 78      | 60                  | 60      | 77      | 81      | 67      | 75      | 64      | 71      |
| Health Care Quality  |         |         |                     |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Preventable hospitalizations age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)                      | —       | 59      | —                   | —       | 20      | 39      | —       | —       | —       | —       |
| Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries) | 281     | 290     | —                   | —       | 157     | 180     | —       | —       | —       | —       |
| Adult women who received a mammogram (%)   | 79      | 85      | 68                  | 79      | 73      | 78      | 63      | 76      | 55      | 72      |
| Adult women with a cervical cancer screening test (%)  | 74      | 83      | 76                  | 79      | 74      | 76      | 67      | 72      | 76      | 72      |
| Adults with a colon cancer screening test (%)  | 71      | 71      | 62                  | 59      | 73      | 73      | 71      | 63      | 66      | 61      |
| Adults with a recent flu shot (%)  | 43      | 37      | 40                  | 35      | 51      | 49      | 47      | 47      | 49      | 39      |
| Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine (%)  | 69      | 61      | 68                  | 55      | 79      | 74      | 88      | 67      | 68      | 62      |
| Children with a medical and dental preventive care visit (%)                                 | 61      | 63      | 66                  | 61      | 76      | 70      | —       | —       | —       | —       |
| Children with all recommended vaccines (%)   | —       | 66      | 88                  | 70      | 66      | 76      | —       | —       | —       | —       |
| Adults with a dental visit (%)   | 59      | 60      | 57                  | 57      | 71      | 69      | 65      | 67      | 63      | 56      |
| Primary care spending as share of total, age 65 and older (%)                                | 4       | 5       | —                   | —       | 6       | 6       | —       | —       | —       | —       |

**Table 2. Colorado Performance Ranks & Percentile Scores**

|  | Black         |       | Latinx/<br>Hispanic |       | White         |       | AANHPI        |       | AIAN          |       |
|--|---------------|-------|---------------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|---------------|-------|
|  | Group<br>rank | Score | Group<br>rank       | Score | Group<br>rank | Score | Group<br>rank | Score | Group<br>rank | Score |
| <b>Health Outcomes</b>   | 1             | 38    | 33                  | 56    | 2             | 85    | 6             | 97    | —             | —     |
| Mortality amenable to health care (per 100,000 population)                                   | 5             | 29    | 35                  | 54    | 3             | 76    | 12            | 90    | —             | —     |
| Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)   | 1             | 35    | 16                  | 59    | 12            | 86    | —             | —     | —             | —     |
| Breast cancer deaths (per 100,000 female population)   | 2             | 41    | 26                  | 66    | 12            | 58    | —             | —     | —             | —     |
| Colorectal cancer deaths (per 100,000 population)  | 16            | 18    | 31                  | 41    | 3             | 70    | 18            | 76    | —             | —     |
| Hospital 30-day readmission rate age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)                  | 1             | 69    | —                   | —     | 7             | 92    | —             | —     | —             | —     |
| Adults who smoke (%)   | 29            | 18    | 27                  | 63    | 8             | 72    | 13            | 87    | —             | —     |
| Adults who are obese (%)   | 1             | 72    | 6                   | 67    | 3             | 86    | 1             | 100   | —             | —     |
| Adults who have lost six or more teeth (%)   | 1             | 88    | 23                  | 77    | 7             | 76    | —             | —     | —             | —     |
| <b>Health Care Access</b>  | 29            | 39    | 20                  | 23    | 29            | 74    | 12            | 67    | —             | —     |
| Uninsured adults (%)   | 10            | 68    | 14                  | 28    | 20            | 81    | 16            | 72    | —             | —     |
| Uninsured children (%)   | 22            | 43    | 13                  | 36    | 23            | 70    | —             | —     | —             | —     |
| Adults who went without care because of cost (%)   | 10            | 60    | 12                  | 31    | 27            | 74    | 12            | 83    | —             | —     |
| High out-of-pocket medical spending (%)  | 26            | 13    | 32                  | 17    | 35            | 48    | —             | —     | —             | —     |
| Adults with a usual source of care (%)   | 38            | 36    | 22                  | 17    | 41            | 62    | 19            | 33    | —             | —     |
| <b>Health Care Quality</b>   | 25            | 35    | 13                  | 51    | 17            | 90    | 14            | 64    | —             | —     |
| Preventable hospitalizations age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries)                      | —             | —     | —                   | —     | 1             | 99    | —             | —     | —             | —     |
| Potentially avoidable emergency department visits age 65 and older (per 1,000 beneficiaries) | 20            | 23    | —                   | —     | 6             | 93    | —             | —     | —             | —     |
| Adult women who received a mammogram (%)   | 33            | 53    | 42                  | 11    | 42            | 26    | 33            | 7     | —             | —     |
| Adult women with a cervical cancer screening test (%)  | 36            | 40    | 33                  | 51    | 31            | 36    | 27            | 9     | —             | —     |
| Adults with a colon cancer screening test (%)  | 22            | 65    | 16                  | 35    | 22            | 78    | 8             | 68    | —             | —     |
| Adults with a recent flu shot (%)  | 8             | 54    | 9                   | 39    | 18            | 88    | 14            | 74    | —             | —     |
| Older adults who received the pneumonia vaccine (%)  | 4             | 55    | 16                  | 49    | 3             | 93    | 2             | 98    | —             | —     |
| Children with a medical and dental preventive care visit (%)                                 | 24            | 28    | 14                  | 55    | 7             | 94    | —             | —     | —             | —     |
| Children with all recommended vaccines (%)   | —             | —     | 2                   | 95    | 48            | 18    | —             | —     | —             | —     |
| Adults with a dental visit (%)   | 27            | 28    | 31                  | 22    | 17            | 88    | 18            | 66    | —             | —     |
| Primary care spending as share of total, age 65 and older (%)                                | 38            | 4     | —                   | —     | 19            | 76    | —             | —     | —             | —     |