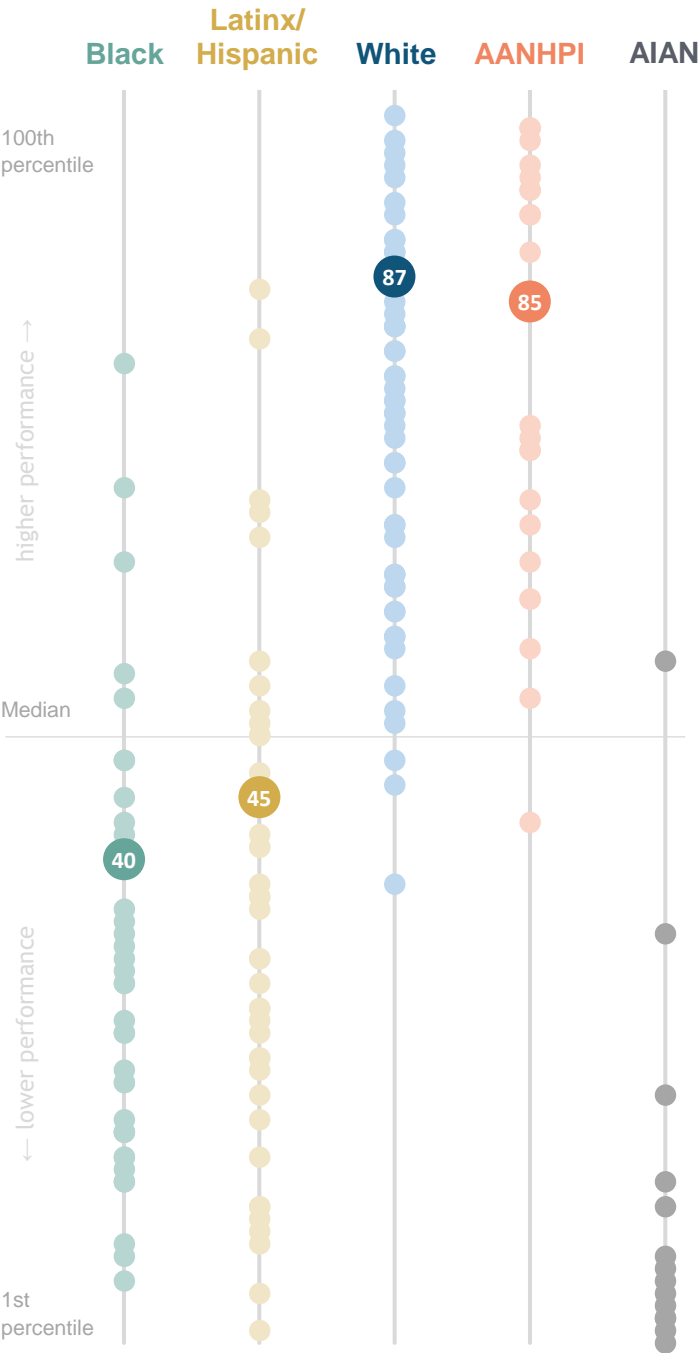


Health Equity in Colorado

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/ 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/ Hispanic		White		AANHPI		AIAN	
	Group rank	Score	Group rank	Score	Group rank	Score	Group rank	Score	Group rank	Score
Health Outcomes	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	—	—	—	—
Health Care Access	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	—	—
Health Care Quality	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	—	—	—	—