

Noteworthy #s

CHI Research Analyst
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a few interesting figures for
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IN COLORADO



25%

The percentage of adults who smoke in Delta County. That's nine percentage points higher than the statewide average of 16 percent. A new public health program in the county, Baby and Me Tobacco Free, helps expectant moms to quit smoking through incentives, such as a year's worth of free diapers

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163 per 10,000 ER visits

The rate of out-of-state residents in 2014 who ended up in the emergency room for marijuana-related reasons. In 2012, the rate was 78 per 10,000 visits. Some observers attributed the phenomenon to pot tourism. The rate for Colorado residents went from 70 per 10,000 visits to 101 during the same period.

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The number of broadcast media centers, including one at the Colorado Children's Hospital, that the Ryan Seacrest Foundation has built in pediatric hospitals across the nation. Patients can visit the studio in person or watch a performance on an in-room TV screen. Seacrest's star power has already brought in big-name performers like singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran, above.



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Hispanic parents are 3X more likely

than white parents to give their children only bottled water, often because tap water in their native countries is contaminated. Dr. Patty Braun, a pediatrician at Denver Health, notes that when kids don't drink tap water, they don't get the necessary fluoride to protect their teeth. Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation has partnered with neighborhood group Westwood Unidos to educate Hispanic communities that tap water is safe.

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2,000

The number of people around the world who are participating in a clinical trial for a drug aimed at improving the mood and memory of people with Alzheimer's disease. Janet McIlwaine of Conifer, one of the participants, and her husband are optimistic that the experimental pill is working. They recently bought two kayaks and have no plans to slow down.

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Don't frgt ur meds.

LOL thx doc

The jump in the percentage points of patients who took their medication after receiving text messages from their doctor. Researchers reviewed 16 studies that explored text message reminders to patients. Keep in mind, though, that some of the studies used self-report data, which are not always as reliable as administrative data.

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The extra health care costs for a healthy 65-year-old man compared with a 65-year-old man with Type 2 diabetes over the course of their retirement years. That may seem backward, but there's a good reason for the difference: The healthy man will most likely live longer.

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