

CHI strengthens communities and systems with trusted analysis and collaborative solutions to improve health.



We
answer
critical
questions.



We make
sense of
complex
issues.



We support
others to reach
actionable
solutions.

Interested in partnering with CHI?

Contact **Karam Ahmad** to learn how CHI can elevate your work to advance health and well-being. ahmadk@coloradohealthinstitute.org • 720.382.7089

As a nonprofit, mission-driven public health institute, CHI works to improve the systems that influence people's health and well-being. These recent projects showcase our research, sensemaking, and community engagement work.

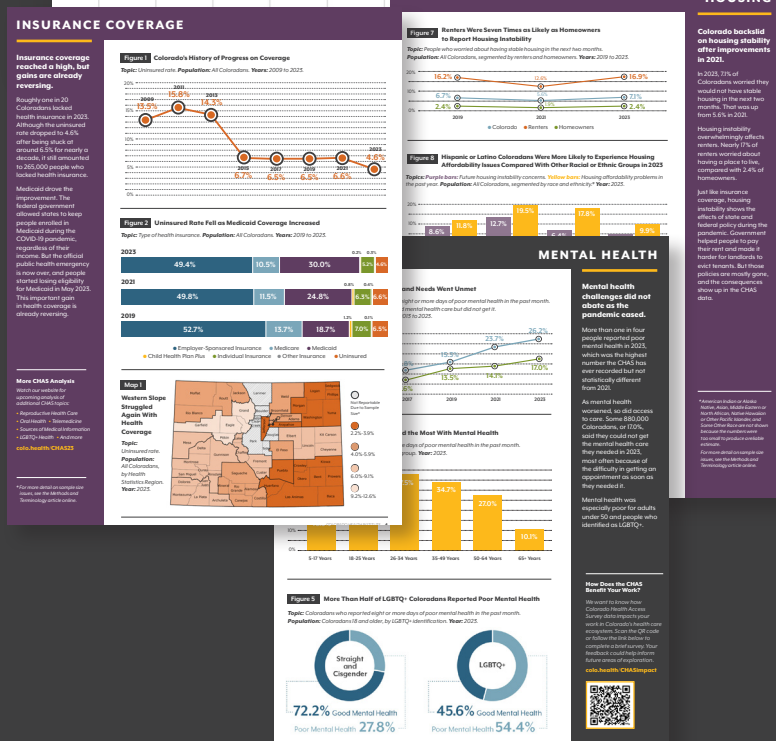
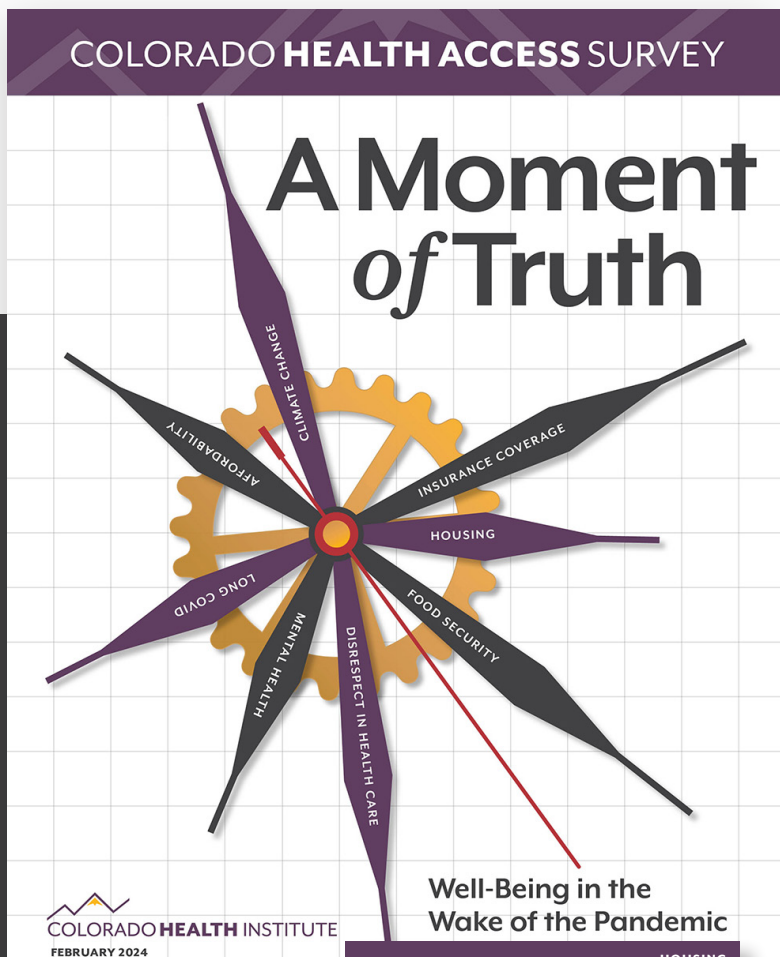
Colorado Health Access Survey

In February, CHI published the full results of the 2023 Colorado Health Access Survey (CHAS). The eighth edition of the biennial CHAS revealed substantial changes in health, health access, and economic issues stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic and the government's response to it.

CHI analysts spent the year exploring CHAS data in depth. We published briefs with interactive graphics on topics including housing stability, LGBTQ+ health, and a detailed look at Hispanic and Latino identities.

In addition to the main report, CHI produced:

- ▶ **22 topical briefs** — the most CHI has ever published from a single CHAS
- ▶ **8 data workbooks** to make the numbers accessible to anyone
- ▶ **A public use file** to allow anyone to explore CHAS data at no cost
- ▶ **Fact sheets** for all 100 legislative districts and 21 Health Statistics Regions
- ▶ **8 Behind the Numbers stories** that explore the data through real-life experiences
- ▶ **An interactive dashboard** that lets users build their own graphics using 14 years of CHAS data
- ▶ **30 responses** to information requests from community organizations, government agencies, and researchers

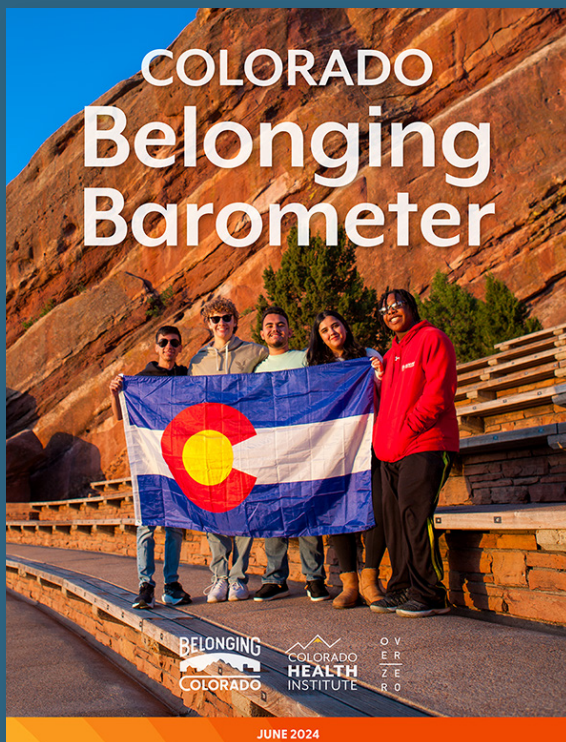


Colorado Lotus Project

The Colorado Lotus Project is a groundbreaking effort to uplift the unique voices and experiences of Asian American and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander (AANHPI) people living in Colorado. This project was created by the Colorado AAPI Circle and the Colorado Health Institute. In partnership with the community, including an advisory group of 10 AANHPI community members and leaders, the Colorado Lotus Project highlights the diverse experiences of Colorado's AANHPI communities, refuting the idea that they are one monolithic group.

In addition to the main report, CHI produced:

- ▶ **Seven fact sheets** on topics such as health, housing, and education
- ▶ **An overview flyer translated** into Burmese, Marshallese, Nepali, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Urdu, and Vietnamese
- ▶ **A data metric inventory** to help community leaders understand data about AANHPI people in Colorado
- ▶ **The Colorado Lotus Project Thought Exchange**, a survey of community members about their greatest strengths and challenges
- ▶ **An interactive state map** for Lotus Project partners to explore data by AANHPI identities



Colorado Belonging Barometer

A lack of belonging can fray the fabric of society through increased loneliness, political polarization, and discrimination. A strong sense of belonging can improve people's well-being by increasing trust in one's neighbors and community members, as well as local institutions. But the concept of belonging — and how to foster it — is not widely understood.

That's why CHI, in partnership with Belonging Colorado and Over Zero, adapted the national Belonging Barometer to Colorado. The Barometer is a survey that measures the multifaceted nature of belonging, such as whether people feel they have a voice, are socially connected, and are welcomed and included.

Belonging Colorado, housed at The Denver Foundation, is using the Barometer to inform a major philanthropic campaign that aims to make Colorado a place where everyone belongs.

Making a Difference for Coloradans

Most of CHI's work happens behind the scenes, in partnership with others who share our vision of a world where all people have what they need to be healthy. We use our skills in facilitation, strategic planning, evaluation, analysis, and communication to make our partners' work better.

Here are some of the many organizations that partnered with us in 2024.

▶ Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing: Cover All Coloradans.

CHI set up and managed a community ambassador program to promote Cover All Coloradans, the no-cost health coverage program for children and pregnant/postpartum people whose immigration status keeps them from receiving Medicaid.



▶ Colorado Division of Insurance: Wildfire Risk, Our Homes, and Our Health.

With support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, CHI conducted a multiyear research project to help policymakers, local and state agencies, and residents to better prepare for and respond to climate-change driven disasters.



▶ Colorado Gives Foundation: Strategic Planning.

CHI helped this Jefferson County-focused foundation develop a theory of change to guide its work. We also gathered and analyzed data to help the foundation measure its impact.

- ▶ Change Matrix
- ▶ Colorado Association of Local Public Health Officials
- ▶ Colorado Department of Human Services
- ▶ Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
- ▶ CommonSpirit Health
- ▶ Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation
- ▶ Denver Department of Public Health and Environment
- ▶ Intermountain Health
- ▶ John Snow Inc./Environmental Protection Agency
- ▶ Kaiser Permanente Colorado
- ▶ Milbank Memorial Fund
- ▶ Speak Our Minds
- ▶ The Colorado Health Foundation
- ▶ The Denver Foundation
- ▶ Youth Healthcare Alliance