

COLORADO HEALTH ACCESS SURVEY

The CHAS at a Glance

The Colorado Health Access Survey (CHAS) is a critical source of independent, nonpartisan data about health coverage, access to care, and factors that influence health in every region of our state. The large-sample survey has been fielded every other year since 2009. It is a reliable, free source of information on health trends and issues for state, local, and community decision-makers.

Uses of CHAS Data



Understand the successes and challenges in Colorado's health system.



Identify needs, gaps, and access issues.



Inform planning.



Pinpoint communities who could benefit from additional information, training, or other support.



Monitor regional statistics or trends.



Evaluate organizational or policy impacts.



Support applications for funding or inform funding decisions.

Types of Data Collected

- ▶ Access to behavioral health care
- ▶ Barriers to care
- ▶ Broadband access
- ▶ Climate and health
- ▶ Demographics
 - Age
 - Gender
 - Military/veteran status
 - Race
 - Region
 - Sexual orientation
- ▶ Dismissive treatment
- ▶ Disrespect in health care
- ▶ Food security
- ▶ General health
- ▶ Housing stability
- ▶ Income
- ▶ Insurance type
- ▶ Long COVID
- ▶ Mental health
- ▶ Oral health
- ▶ Reproductive health
- ▶ Sources of health information
- ▶ Transportation issues
- ▶ Use of care
- ▶ And more

Review the questionnaire to get a sense of all the data available.


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Learn more about the CHAS and access the available resources. Come back often for new data and analyses. Scan the QR code or visit colo.health/CHAS

CHAS Tools Quick Reference Guide

Survey report and CHAS briefs

Ready-to-use data and analyses from CHI, covering essential and surprising results from the data. A report covering key data points is released immediately after each survey is analyzed; additional topic-specific briefs follow over the next 18 months.

Interactive data dashboard

Quick access to the most popular topics and maps, sortable by demographic and regional variables to compare groups or see trends.



Data workbooks

Downloadable Excel spreadsheets that condense critical findings by Health Statistics Region or by topic, like health insurance.



Fact sheets

PDF files showing key statistics and trends by region or legislative district.



Questionnaire

A searchable Excel file containing every question asked on the CHAS. Useful for finding demographics and topic areas for analysis or as a source of validated survey questions in both English and Spanish.



Public use file and data dictionary

A resource document with information about what's included in the data file — like variable names, frequencies, weights, descriptions of the variable levels, etc. This is paired with an Excel file of data that can be analyzed for independent research.



Research file data dictionary and application

The research file has individual-level data with more specific geographic and race/ethnicity categories and must be requested from CHI. Interested researchers may apply for access using the online application. The research file data dictionary provides information about what is included in the data file — like variable names, frequencies, weights, descriptions of the variable levels, etc.



Sampling Methodology

A technical document from our survey partner, NORC, that includes the statistical approach for how the CHAS is fielded, data are gathered, weights are assigned, etc. This level of detail is helpful for statisticians and research analysts interested in fielding their own survey or to better understand response rates in different regions across Colorado.



Methods and Terminology

A basic overview of CHAS methods and key terms on the survey and key definitions and decisions CHI made about the data.