

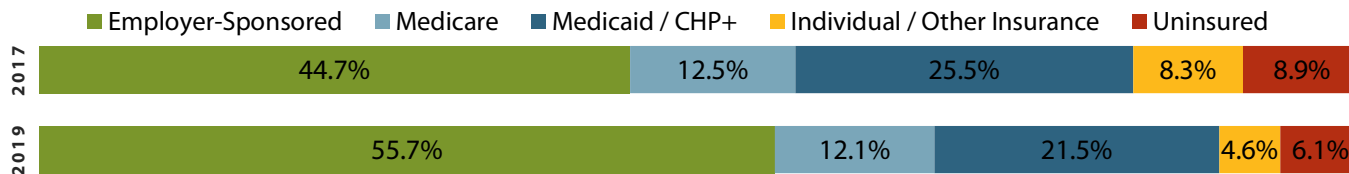
# COLORADO HEALTH ACCESS SURVEY 2019

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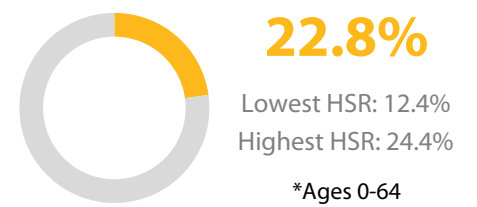
## HEALTH STATISTICS REGION (HSR) 20

### Denver County

#### INSURANCE COVERAGE



#### Lost, switched, or gained coverage in the past 12 months\*



#### SOCIAL FACTORS



**12.8%**

**Ate less than they should due to lack of food**

Lowest HSR: 2.4%  
Highest HSR: 19.1%



**7.9%**

**Were concerned about having stable housing within the next two months**

Lowest HSR: 3.5%  
Highest HSR: 14.5%



**17.4%**

**Were sometimes or often treated unfairly while getting medical care (lifetime)\*\*\***

Lowest HSR: 7.5%  
Highest HSR: 28.2%

**Of those who were sometimes or often treated unfairly...**

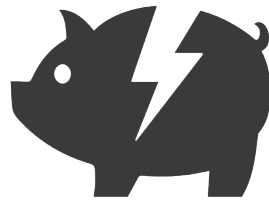
**86.0%**

**experienced stress as a result of unfair treatment in a clinical setting \*\*\***

Lowest HSR: 64.7%  
Highest HSR: 87.4%

\*\*\* Asked of those 18 years of age or older

#### AFFORDABILITY



**32.9%**

**Had a surprise medical bill in the past 12 months**

Lowest HSR: 23.5%  
Highest HSR: 34.8%



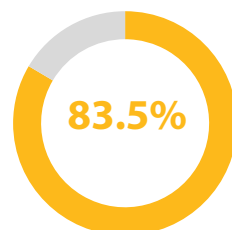
**20.0%**

**Had problems paying medical bills in the past 12 months**

Lowest HSR: 12.1%  
Highest HSR: 29.7%

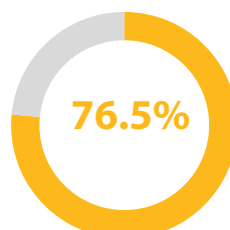
#### ACCESS TO CARE

Usual Source of Care and Health Care Utilization in the Past 12 Months



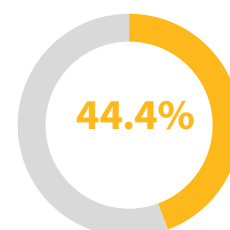
**Had a usual source of care**

Lowest HSR: 83.5%  
Highest HSR: 94.4%



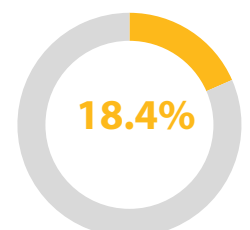
**Visited a general doctor**

Lowest HSR: 69.5%  
Highest HSR: 86.6%



**Visited a specialist**

Lowest HSR: 30.8%  
Highest HSR: 51.7%



**Visited the emergency room**

Lowest HSR: 13.4%  
Highest HSR: 28.5%

#### BARRIERS TO CARE

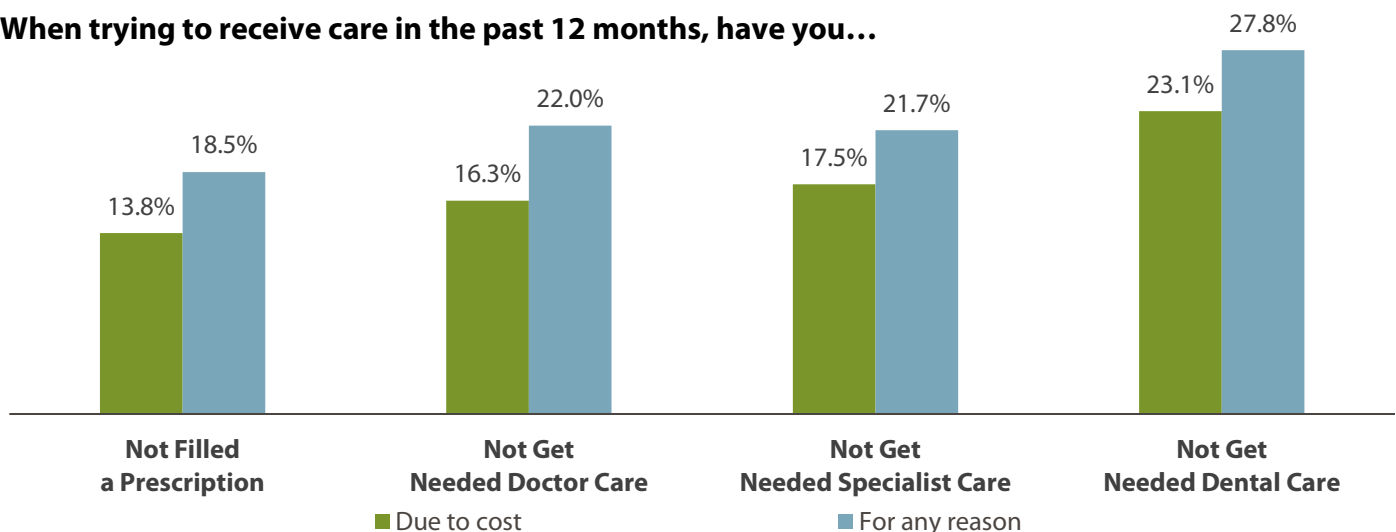
In the past 12 months...

	2013	2015	2017	2019
You couldn't get an appointment as soon as you needed one	16.0%	21.2%	21.7%	23.3%
The doctor's office wasn't accepting patients with your type of insurance**	6.4%	7.3%	12.2%	10.8%
The doctor's office wasn't accepting new patients	6.9%	9.8%	14.9%	10.9%

\*\* Asked of currently insured

#### FOREGONE CARE

When trying to receive care in the past 12 months, have you...



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#### HEALTH STATUS

**16.6%**

Of Coloradans report poor general health

Lowest HSR: 10.7%

Highest HSR: 28.4%



**21.0%**

Of Coloradans report poor oral health

Highest HSR: 31.1%

Lowest HSR: 9.8%



**17.0%**

Of Coloradans (ages 5+) report poor mental health

Highest HSR: 20.3%

Lowest HSR: 8.5%



#### MENTAL HEALTH

**16.5%**

Did not get needed mental health care in the past 12 months

Lowest HSR: 5.4%

Highest HSR: 17.7%



**21.3%**

Talked with a general doctor about their mental health

Lowest HSR: 11.6%

Highest HSR: 25.7%

**19.1%**

Talked with a mental health provider about their mental health

Lowest HSR: 9.5%

Highest HSR: 23.4%

#### ORAL HEALTH

**79.5%**

Has dental insurance

Lowest HSR: 59.1%

Highest HSR: 85.6%

**68.9%**

Visited a dentist in the past 12 months

Lowest HSR: 58.6%

Highest HSR: 87%



#### SUBSTANCE USE

Have you, a loved one, or a close friend ever...

Taken a prescription painkiller without a prescription\*

**21.8%**

Lowest HSR: 11.7%

Highest HSR: 35%

Been addicted to prescription painkillers or heroin\*

**10.8%**

Lowest HSR: 5%

Highest HSR: 20.4%

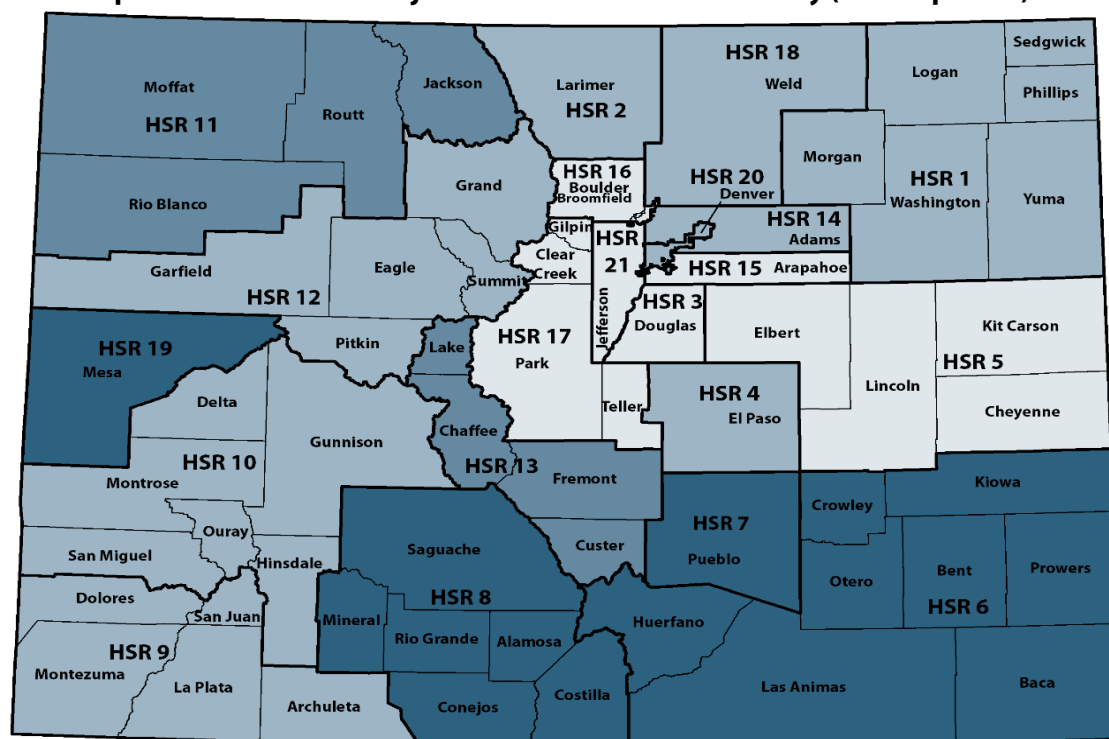
Been addicted to alcohol or drugs other than prescription painkillers or heroin\*

**24.9%**

Lowest HSR: 15.6%

Highest HSR: 34.1%

#### Opioid Addiction Is a Major Problem in Your Community (Self-Reported)



11.2% - 16.4%

16.5% - 23.8%

23.9% - 32.5%

32.6% - 53.6%



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