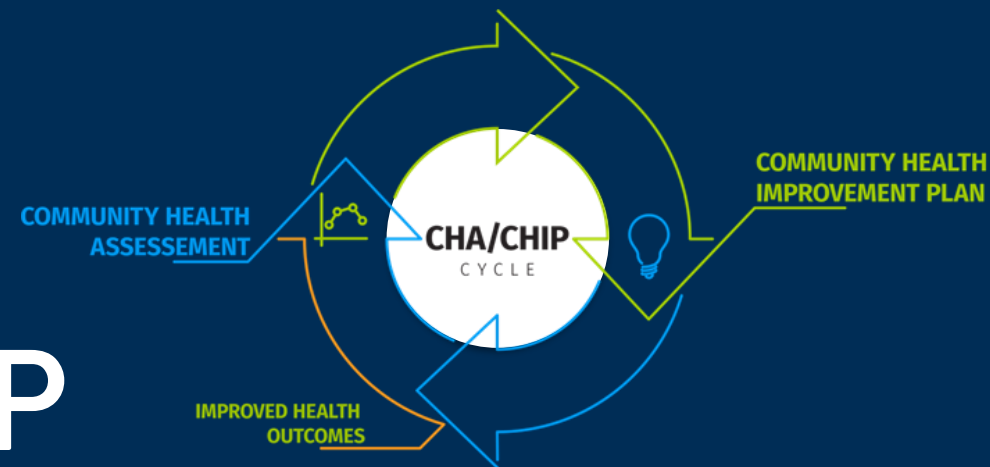


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Safety, Housing, Education & Homelessness Committee

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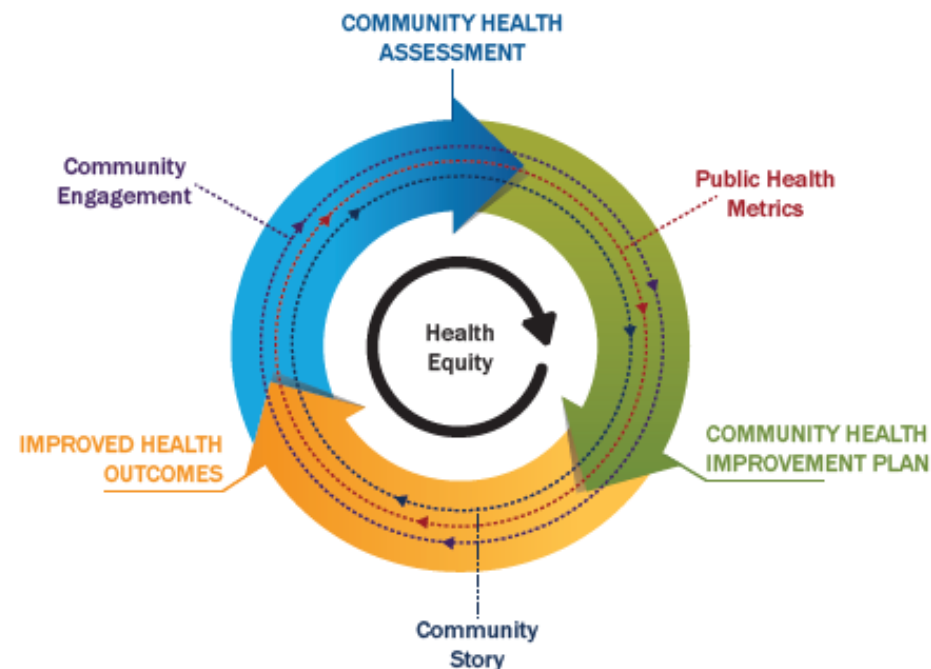
Empowering Denver's communities to live better, longer

Image: Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Dept., 2024.

CHA Foundations

- 33 community partners
- 12 focus groups with 100 residents
- 3 town halls*
- 2,083 survey responses
- 3 advisory boards
- 16 planning meetings
- 100 health indicators from 15 datasets
- 30 public health assessments

Community Health Improvement Cycle



Source: DDPHE Community Health Assessment, 2025.

Community Health Assessment Findings



Source: DDPHE Community Health Assessment, 2025.



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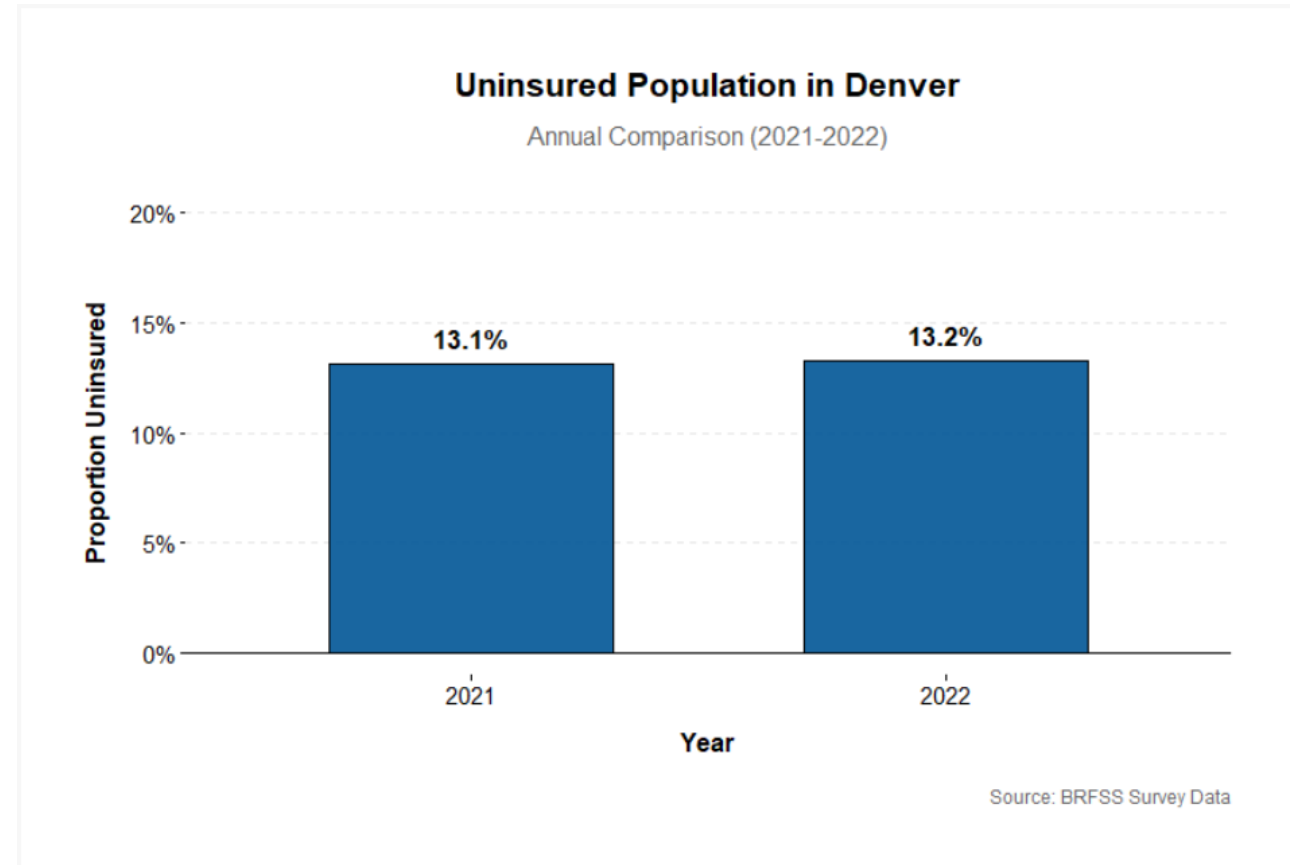
Access to Health Care



Source: DDPHE Community Health Assessment, 2025.

Who is affected?

- More than **90,000** Denverites are uninsured
- **11 of 12** focus groups reported difficulties accessing health care
- Access to care was the **#1** individual and community need identified by survey respondents



Source: DDPHE Community Health Assessment, 2025.

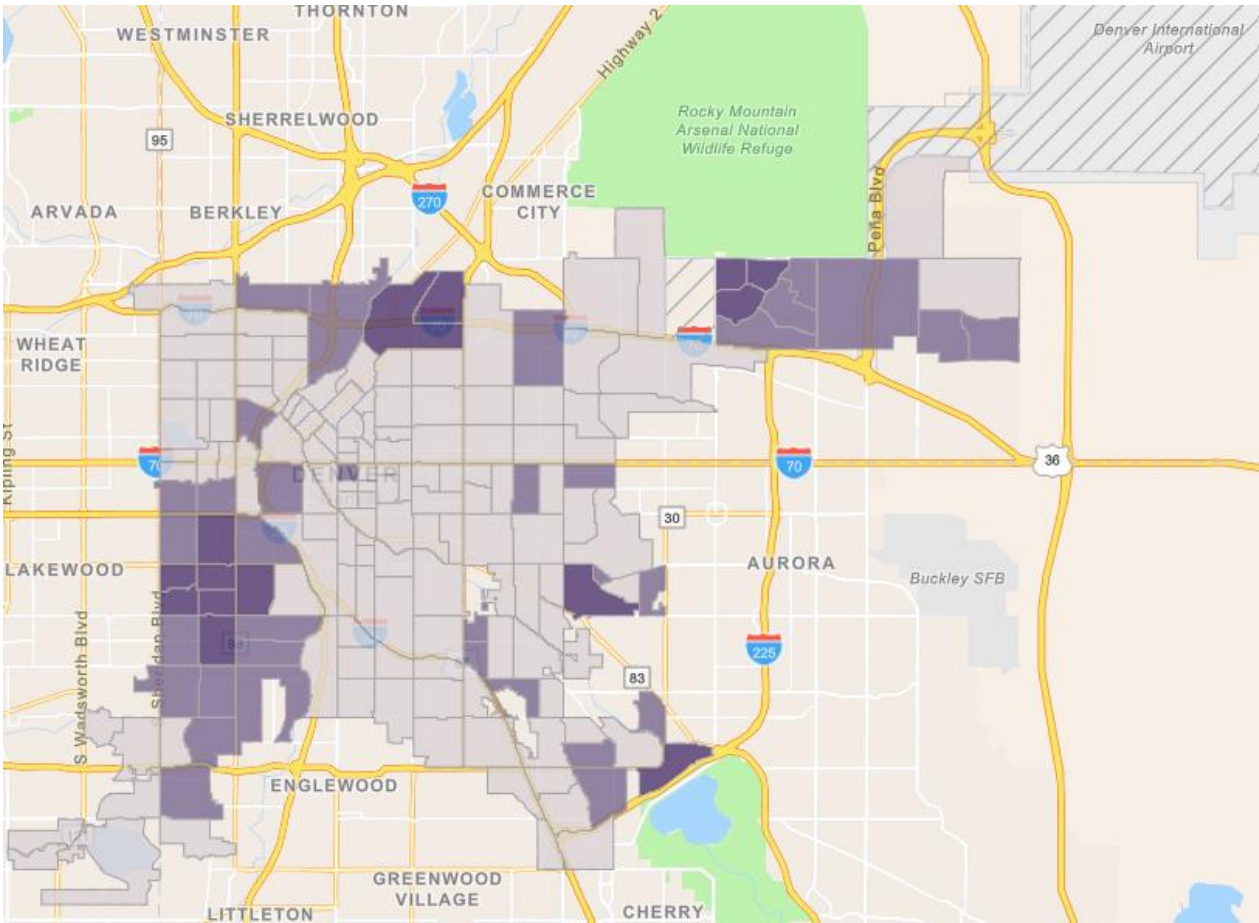
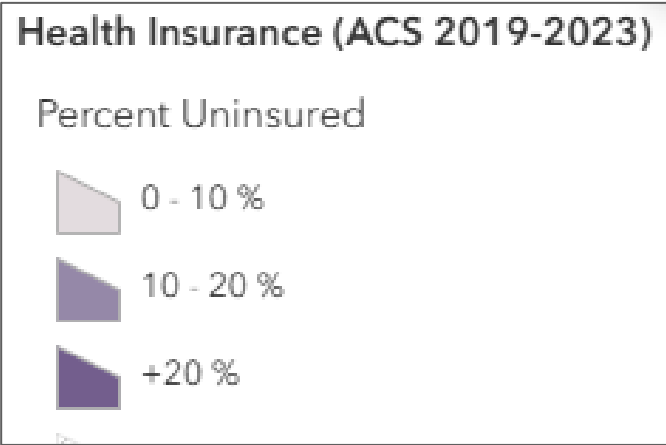


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Where in Denver?



Source: DDPHE Community Health Assessment, 2025; American Community Survey, 2019-2023.

Safe and Affordable Housing



From the youth that I know, it's a place to live.
That's something that's very challenging for people to really find, for the young people.

BIPOC Men in East Colfax Focus Group Participant

Source: DDPHE Community Health Assessment, 2025.



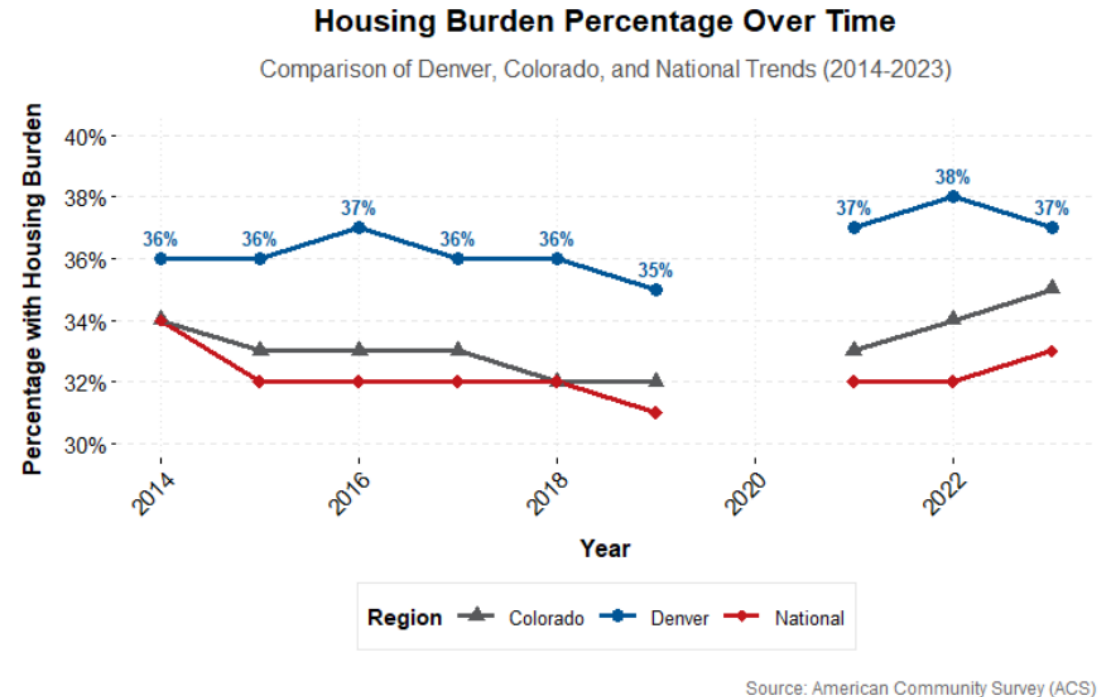
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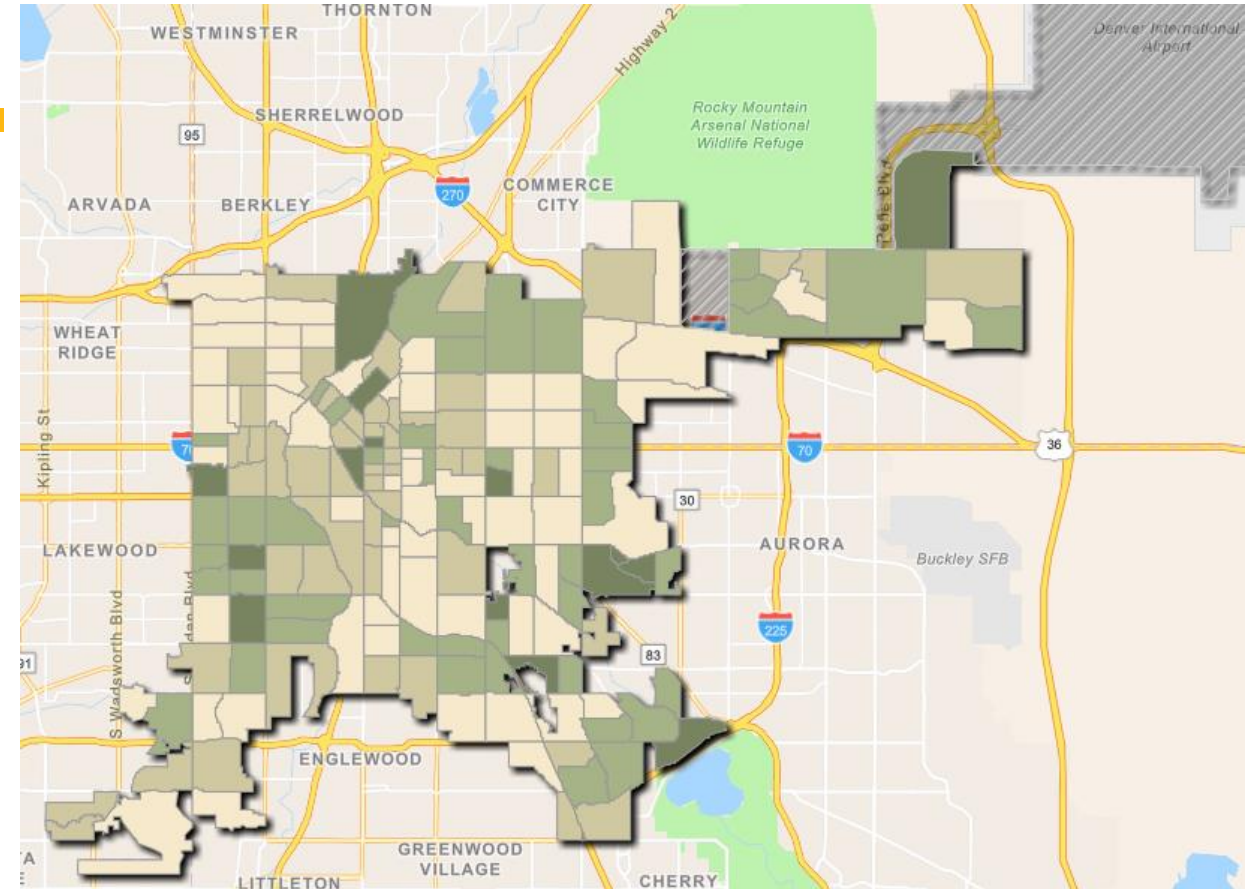
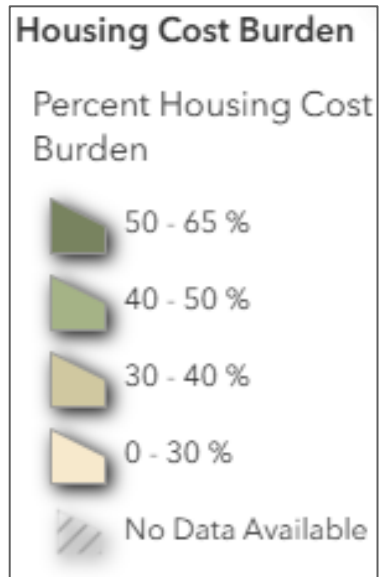
Who is affected?

- **37% of Denver residents** are housing-cost burdened, spending more than 30% of income
- **7 of 12 focus groups** identified concerns with housing cost, unsafe conditions, or instability
- Affordable housing ranked among **Top 5** individual and community needs in survey responses



Source: DDPHE Community Health Assessment, 2025; American Community Survey.

Where in Denver?



Source: DDPHE Community Health Assessment, 2025; American Community Survey.

Systemic Racism



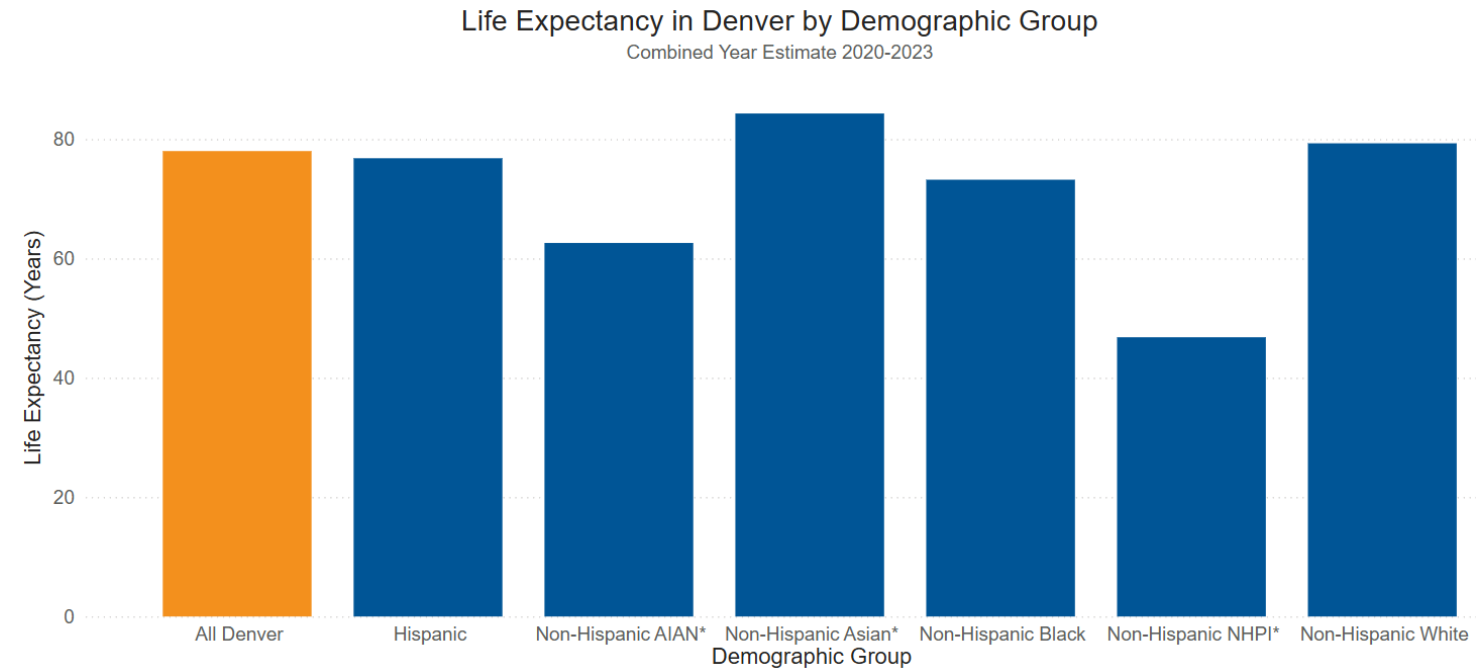
As a community, being healthy means that your zip code shouldn't determine your health outcomes, life trajectory, and access to clean air, water, food, and green cover...
Communities that have historically been redlined are still experiencing outsized environmental injustice today.

Thrive in the Mile High Survey Respondent

Source: DDPHE Community Health Assessment, 2025.

Who is affected?

- Approximately **45%** of Denver residents identify as part of a racial or ethnic group other than White, non-Hispanic
- **9 of 12** focus groups raised concerns about discrimination, health disparities, and systematic barriers
- Survey results underscored ongoing challenges with **equity, discrimination, and the impacts of gentrification**



Source: Computed life tables from the Vital Statistics Death Certificate datafiles, CDPHE and Colorado Department of Local Affairs State Demography Office
AIAN = American Indian and Alaska Native, NHPI = Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander

*Race/ethnicity groups marked with an asterisk should be interpreted with caution due to smaller sample sizes.

Source: DDPHE Community Health Assessment, 2025.

Where in Denver?

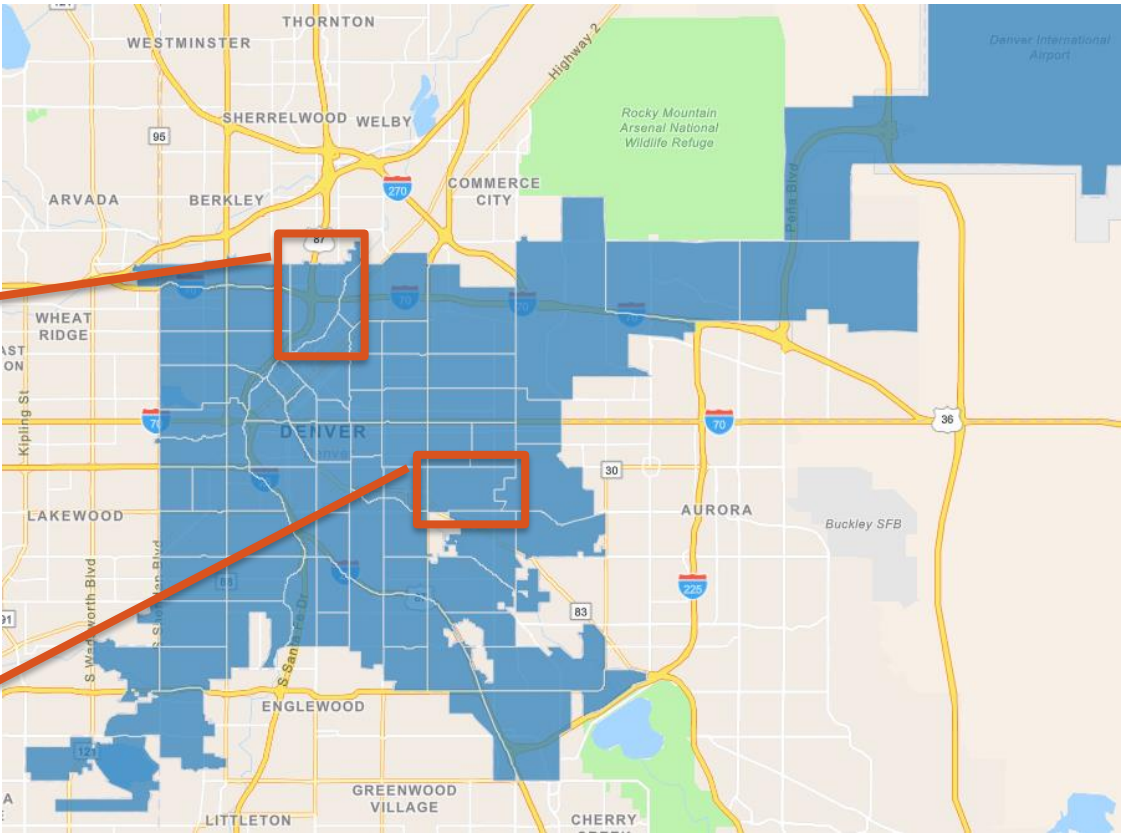


Globeville

Life Expectancy: 72.8 years
95% CI: 68.9 – 76.7 years

Hilltop

Life Expectancy: 85.9 years
95% CI: 82.1 – 89.7 years



Source: USALEEP, 2010-2015 Averages; Denver Open Data Catalog, 2024.

Community Health Assessment Overview



Source: DDPHE Community Health Assessment, 2025.

CHA Overview

What We Heard from Denverites

- Community insight & analysis

Health Priorities































- Three health priorities for the CHIP

Denver's Social Determinants of Health

- Deeper exploration of community health

Top Themes by Focus Group and Number of Mentions

Focus groups were asked to discuss what each participant—and their communities—need to live a healthy life; shading indicates social determinants of health parent category

Focus Group	Most Discussed Theme	Second-Most Discussed Theme	Third-Most Discussed Theme
Transgender Adults and Parents of Transgender Youth	 Access to Care/Quality of Care	 Mental Health	 Discrimination and Inclusion
Latine Community in North Denver	 Insurance and Affordability	 Access to Care/Quality of Care	 Employment
Women in Community Corrections	 Access to Care/Quality of Care	 Social Connectedness	 Housing Stability
Men in Community Corrections	 Education Resources	 Housing Stability	 Mental Health
Lower-Income Households	 Access to Care/Quality of Care	 Physical Health	 Housing Stability
People Experiencing Homelessness	 Education Resources	 Housing Quality	 Mental Health
BIPOC Men in East Colfax	 Social Connectedness	 Mental Health	 Civic Engagement
People With Substance Use Disorders Focus Group Themes	 Social Connectedness	 Housing Stability	 Civic Engagement
Older Adults	 Access to Care/Quality of Care	 Social Connectedness	 Senior Programs
American Indian and Alaska Natives	 Access to Care/Quality of Care	 Social Connectedness	 Education Resources

Future CHA Content

Summer 2025

Population health dashboard

Seven additional health profiles

Additional analyses

CHA-CHIP planning process



Additional Health Profiles

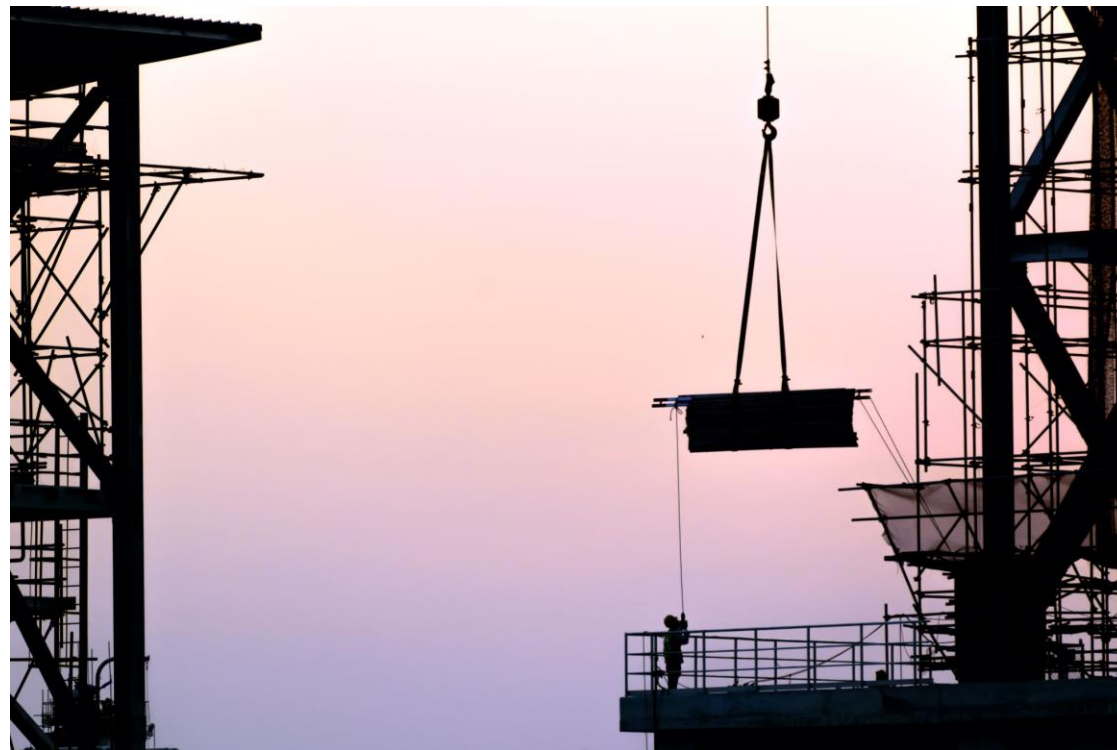
- Belonging among transgender - identifying high school students
- Firearm-related homicides among men of color
- Food insecurity
- Income
- Overdoses among people experiencing homelessness
- School drop-out rates among select vulnerable populations
- Transportation access

Next Steps



Next Steps

- Recruit for CHIP working groups
- Co-develop goals & performance measures; select strategies
- Alignment with other initiatives
- Publish CHIP
- Implement the plan, monitor, evaluate, and revise as needed



Example CHIP Goals

Baltimore (2020): Close the Black-White gap in infant mortality by 10 percent by scaling and sustaining B'More for Health Babies, and measuring the number of mothers and children served.

Austin (2024): Increase access to wealth- and asset-building opportunities for historically marginalized communities by 10% by 2026 and continue to promote financial literacy programs.

San Francisco (2021): By 2025, San Francisco adults will self-report a decrease in consumption of Sugary-Sweetened Beverages by 5%, from 32.5% to 27.5%.



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Call to action

Share the CHA widely

Champion and support community-driven change

Integrate CHA & CHIP findings into budgetary and planning decisions



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