

Denver Opportunity Index

A component of Mayor Michael B. Hancock's Equity Platform

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In Partnership With:



Denver's Unprecedented Prosperity

2018 State of the City Address:

- 90,000 new jobs
- 6,600 new businesses
- Housed more than 6,300 families and individuals
- 41 new U.S. and International Flights translating to \$1 billion annual economic benefit

Other Notable Achievements:

- 2.7% Unemployment (2017)
(Bureau of Labor Statistics)
- Top five city for livability in the United States *(US News Rankings, 2018)*
- 2nd best to live *(Denver Post, 2017)*
- Top 10 best cities for Millennials *(Niche Rankings)*
- \$5 billion in new business investment in past five years
(Downtown Denver Partnership)



“We cannot forget those left behind by Denver’s recent prosperity.”

Michael B. Hancock

Denver Opportunity Index Vision

In the midst of Denver's unprecedented prosperity, we will never realize our full potential until all of our residents have an opportunity to succeed.

What is the Denver Opportunity Index?

The *Denver Opportunity Index* is a data-driven initiative focused on identifying opportunities for strategic collaboration that will help improve residents' quality of life, thereby enhancing the safety of all citizens and guests of Denver.

Pillars of Focus

Financial Security

- *“Can I afford my mortgage/rent?”*
- *“Can I put food on the table?”*
- *“Can I save for the future?”*

Behavioral Health

- *“Do I have health insurance?”*
- *“Do I have access to mental health services?”*
- *“Do I or a member of my family suffer from an addiction.”*
- *“Does violent crime impact my life?”*

People Left Behind

- *“Am I employable?”*
- *“Can I get the education I need?”*
- *“Do I have a support system?”*

Pillars of Focus

Financial Security

- 17% below federal poverty line (5 year avg)
- Property crimes 24/1,000 residents
- 36.5% can't afford housing

Behavioral Health

- Violent crimes 7/1,000 residents
- 201 Drug Related Deaths (2017)
- 135 Suicide Deaths (2017)
- 64,591 did not receive needed mental health care
- 9.0% don't have health insurance

People Left Behind

- ~50% of the average daily jail population have a mental health consideration
- 13.6% without H.S. diploma
- 48.9% without college degree

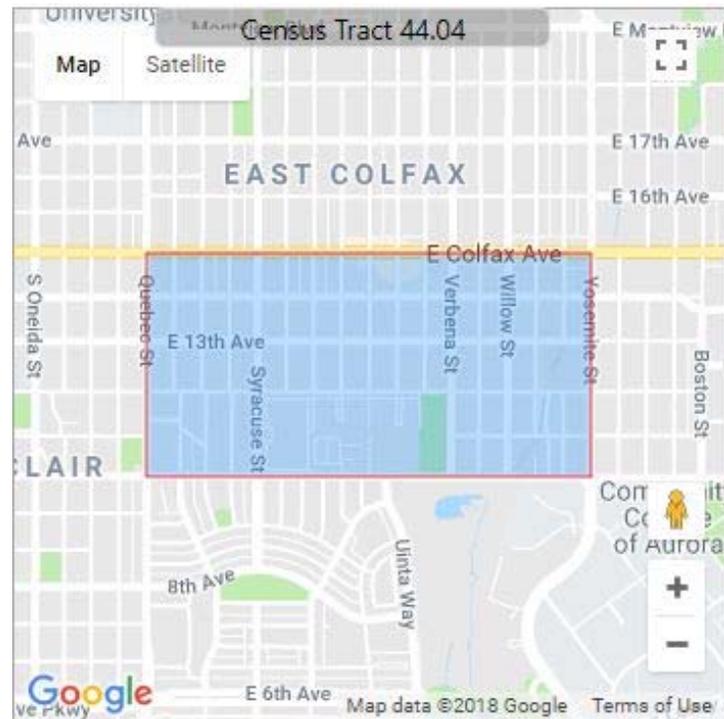
Approach

- Evaluated 142 census tracts in Denver
- Analyzed variables to rank the tracts within each pillar

Example of how we broke down 142 Census Tracts

Each census tract was evaluated on several criteria that culminated in a ranking (# of 142) for each of the criteria with #1 representing an area with the most opportunity and #142 representing the least opportunity.

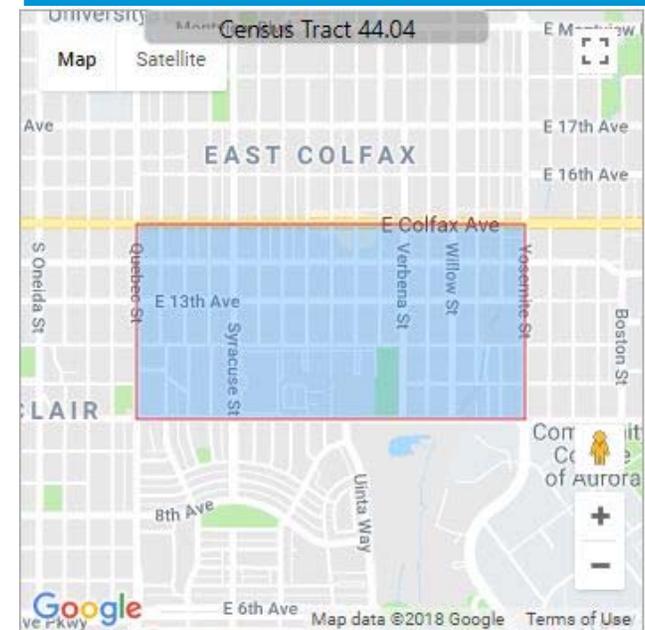
Census Tract 44.04



- 6,418 residents
- Median age – 31
- Borders: E. Colfax/11th Ave and Quebec/Yosemite

Census Tract 44.04

Financial Security



Measure	Tract	City Average	Rank (of 142)
% in Poverty	39%	17%	136
Median Household Income	\$35,555	\$61,541	123
Property Crime (per 1,000 residents)	37	24	119

1=Most Opportunity

RANK INDICATOR

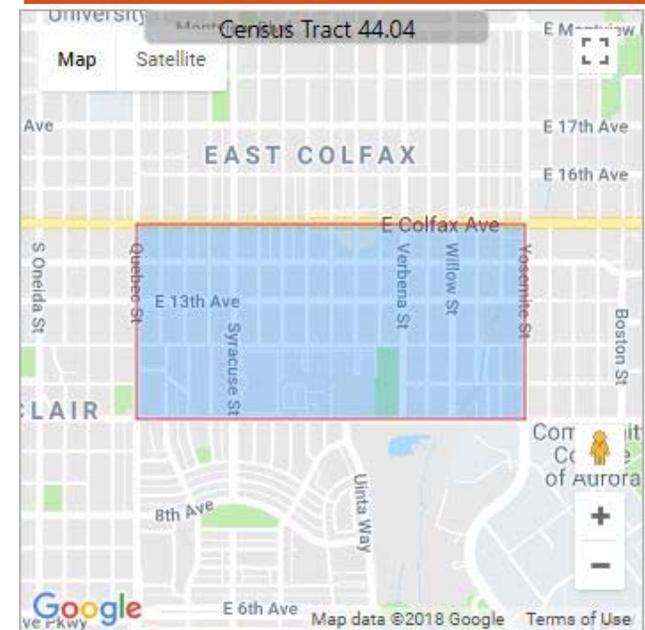
142=Least Opportunity



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Census Tract 44.04

Behavioral Health



Measure	Tract	City Average	Rank (of 142)
% with Mental Distress	11%	10%	133
Violent Crime (per 1,000 residents)	15	7	130
% No Physical Activity	16%	16%	87

1=Most Opportunity

RANK INDICATOR

142=Least Opportunity

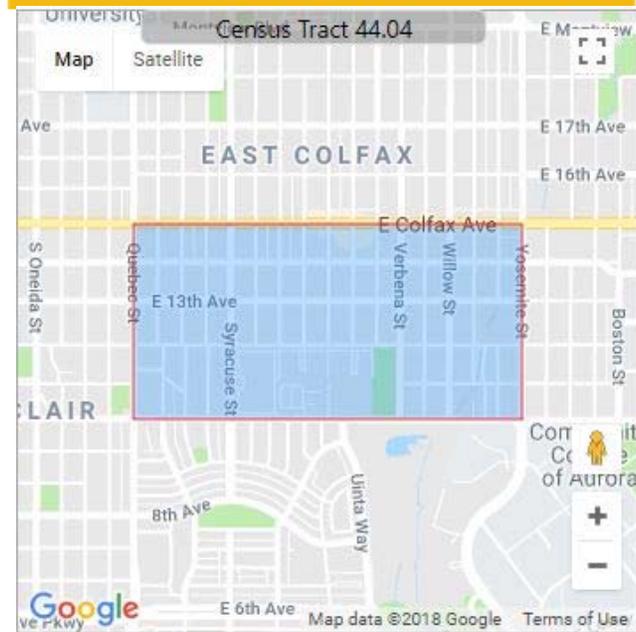


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Census Tract 44.04

Measure	Tract	City Average	Rank (of 142)
% No High School Diploma	15.4%	13.6%	97
% No College Degree	64.1%	48.9%	98
Number of community facilities (ex: libraries, recreation centers, child care facilities)	6	9	95

People Left Behind



1=Most Opportunity RANK INDICATOR 142=Least Opportunity



Phases

Phase 1 - Fall 2018

- Host "Listen and Learn" community meetings on the Three Pillars
- Meet with community organizations to share data on specific census tracts
- Complete action items by the end of the year

Phase 2 - 2019

- Use input from Phase 1 community meetings to bolster the pillar data sets and make the data available to government, non-profit and faith based organizations
- Implement Precision Policing Model

Phase 3 - 2020

- Begin the process of establishing goals, objectives and budget priorities, following a mid-year review in 2019
- Prepare for the new data sets from the 2020 census

DOS Action Items – Phase 1

Financial Security

- Develop a volunteer model for Department of Public Safety staff
- Improve ID/intake process at jails
- Review cite and release protocols
- Provide first responders with a resource guide for citizens who need support services

Behavioral Health

- Expand behavioral health training for DOS staff
- Expand alternative respond models (DFD Med Unit and DPD Co-Responder Program)
- Train first responders to offer community resources to high utilizers

People Left Behind

- Expand cultural sensitivity training for DOS staff
- Host behind the scenes tours of safety agencies
- Evaluate impact of inmate programming at jails

City of Denver Response

Financial Security

- Denver Human Services
- Public Health & Environment
- Office of Financial Empowerment
- Office of Children's Affairs
- Office of Economic Development

Behavioral Health

- Denver Health
- Office of Behavioral Strategies
- Office of Strategic Partnerships
- Denver's Road Home

People Left Behind

- Denver Human Services
- Crime Prevention & Control Commission
- Office of Economic Development
- Denver Housing Authority

DOS Listen & Learn Tour

Financial Security

WHEN:

October 30, 2018

6:00PM-7:30PM

WHERE:

St. Francis Apartments
at Cathedral Square

1450 N. Washington St.

Behavioral Health

WHEN:

November 7, 2018

6:00PM-7:30PM

WHERE:

Swansea Recreation
Center

2650 E. 49th Ave

People Left Behind

WHEN:

November 15, 2018

6:00PM-7:30PM

WHERE:

Decatur Place
Apartments

1155 Decatur St.

**Community Data Presentations for interested groups available upon request*



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