



Denver Health

As the region's safety net hospital, Denver Health provides high-quality, equitable health care for all people. We are committed to addressing health-related social needs of our patients and our community.

In 2024, Denver Health cared for approximately...

16,000

patients experiencing homelessness who had

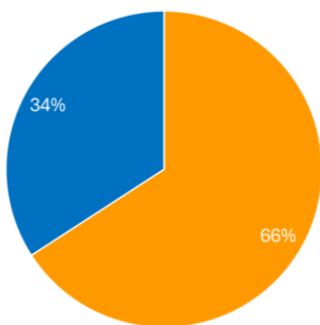
78,000 visits

- "We see a group of people who never darken the doors of a homeless service organization, but they come to the hospital... and then they'll tell you, 'I'm living in someone's garage that has no heat or bathroom' or that sort of thing".
- -Denver Health Social Worker

Only 50% of patients we identify as homeless are utilizing services in the region's Homeless Management Information System.

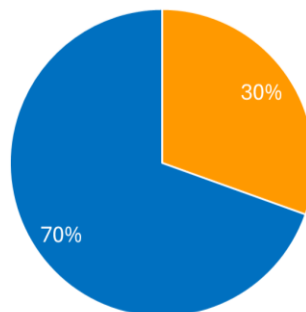
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Top Highest Emergency Department Utilizers (Discharged from ED) 6/1/24 - 5/31/25



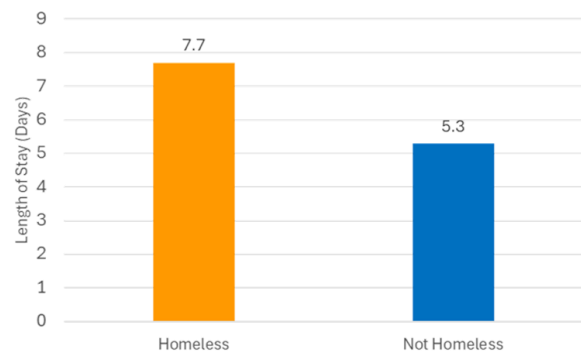
■ Homeless ■ Not homeless

Top Highest Inpatient Hospital Utilizers (Adult Acute, Critical Care and Psych) 6/1/24 - 5/31/25



■ Homeless ■ Not homeless

Average Inpatient Length of Stay (Days) for Homeless vs. Not Homeless Encounters (Adult Acute, Critical Care, Psych)



20%

Hospitalized patients surveyed in conjunction with the point-in-time count were homeless

45%

Hospital length of stay is 45% longer than housed patients*

58%

30-day readmission rate percentage difference*

We invest in life-saving recuperative care and transitional housing for our most vulnerable patients



- **20 leased beds at Colorado Coalition for the Homeless Stout Street Recuperative Care Center**
- Since 2023, over 600 patients have been discharged to the Recuperative Care Center



- **14 units at 655 Broadway Transitional Housing Program.**
- Since December 2023, 37 patients have entered the program with the majority exiting into permanent housing.

"When I saw the apartment for the first time, I was ecstatic I wouldn't have to go to the shelter anymore. I worked for a long time as a plumber until my heart and knees gave out. I was getting social security checks but living on the streets. I figured I deserved some kind of housing after working for so many years."

-655 Broadway resident

Denver Health is an implementation partner in the City of Denver's Housing to Health Program

Learn how Denver Health harnesses its health care system to enhance supportive housing outcomes:

[Harnessing Health Care Systems to Enhance Supportive Housing | Urban Institute](#)

To date, 84 patients have been directly connected or re-connected to Housing to Health housing service providers via a warm handoff.

Most connections are made through the Emergency Department, Inpatient Care and CARES.

Denver Health also provided **outreach to an additional 37 patients**, who were then located by community partners. We are **collaborating with to evaluate participant experiences** and health-related quality of life in supportive housing.

Denver Health's Housing Outreach, Partnership and Engagement (HOPE) Team is building on our partnerships and lessons learned to address identified systems gaps to put patients on the most appropriate and effective pathway toward housing and health.

