

This infographic is part of a series that explores health from the perspectives of different populations. Developed using health survey data, they collectively demonstrate Coloradans' varying experiences of health and health care.

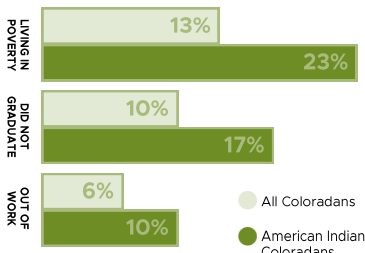
Colorado has over **110,000** American Indian residents

\*Includes individuals who identify as American Indian or Alaska Native alone or in combination with one or more other races

Nearly **50%** of Colorado's American Indians live in the Denver Metro area

American Indians are at an increased risk of **poor health** due to a variety of social factors

American Indian Coloradans are more likely to have **low incomes, low educational attainment, and be unemployed**



**24% of American Indians**

in Colorado are in fair or poor health compared to **13% of Coloradans**

The Indian Health Service **provides health care and public health services** to American Indians

The Indian Health Service has **hospitals and clinics** but also contracts with **tribal facilities**

**Per Capita Health Care Expenditures:**

US: \$7,239

IHS: \$2,741

**48%** of American Indians' health care needs are unmet due to a lack of IHS funds



Most American Indians in Colorado **have coverage**, but may **struggle to access care**



Nearly **1 in 3 American Indians** in Colorado had problems paying medical bills last year



of Colorado's American Indians did not get care last year because they **lacked transportation or were too far away**

As Colorado strives to be the healthiest state in the nation, we must ensure that the unique experiences of Colorado's American Indians are accounted for and that the health care needs of all Coloradans are met.

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