

# COLORADO SENATOR

- Cory Gardner -

## RURAL HEALTH CLINICS

- Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) are federally certified clinics located in non-urban healthcare professional shortage areas.
- RHCs must be staffed by at least one nurse practitioner, physician assistant or certified nurse midwife, who must be on-site to see patients at least 50% of the time.
- Often the only medical facility in rural communities, RHCs depend on sound business practices, Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, and minimal grant funding to keep their doors open.
- The 51 RHCs across Colorado provide primary care services to an estimated 175,000 adults and children annually.

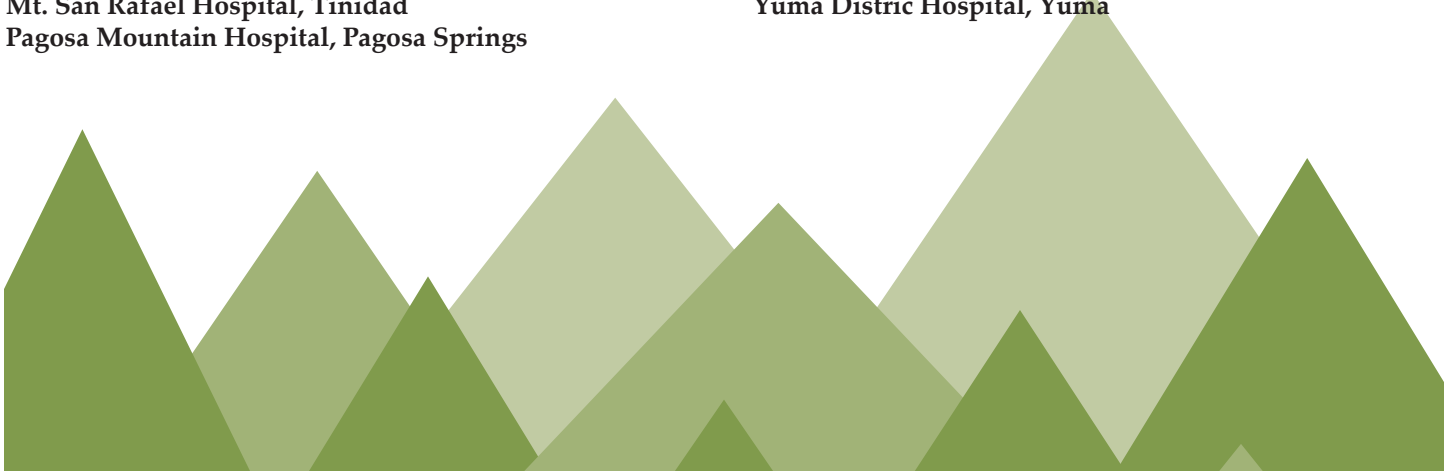
## CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS

- Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) are small, rural hospitals that have a maximum of 25 beds.
- The CAH Program was created by Congress in 1997 to support the fragile rural healthcare system.
- The 29 CAHs across Colorado provide local integrated health delivery systems including acute, primary, emergency and long-term care.

## CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS IN YOUR DISTRICT

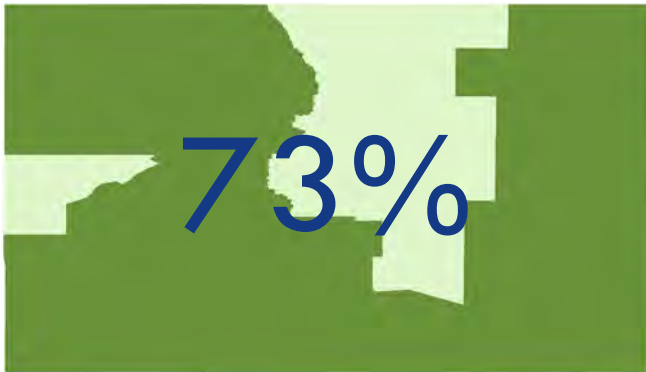
Aspen Valley Hospital, Aspen  
Conejos County Hospital, La Jara  
East Morgan County Hospital, Brush  
Estes Park Medical Center, Estes Park  
Family Health West, Fruita,  
Grand River Hospital District, Rifle  
Gunnison Valley Hospital, Gunnison  
Haxtun Hospital, Haxtun  
Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center, Salida  
Kit Carson County Memorial Hospital, Burlington  
Lincoln Community Hospital, Hugo  
Melissa Memorial Hospital, Holyoke  
Middle Park Medical Center, Kremmling  
Mt. San Rafael Hospital, Tinidad  
Pagosa Mountain Hospital, Pagosa Springs

Pikes Peak Regional Hospital , Woodland Park  
Pioneers Hospital of Rio Blanco County, Meeker  
Prowers Medical Center, Lamar  
Rangely District Hospital, Rangely  
Rio Grande Hospital, Del Norte  
Sedgwick County Health Center, Julesburg  
Southeast Colorado Hospital, Springfield  
Southwest Memorial Hospital, Cortez  
Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center, Walsenburg  
St. Vincent General Hospital District, Leadville  
The Memorial Hospital, Craig  
Weisbrod Memorial Hospital, Eads  
Wray Community District Hospital, Wray  
Yuma District Hospital, Yuma

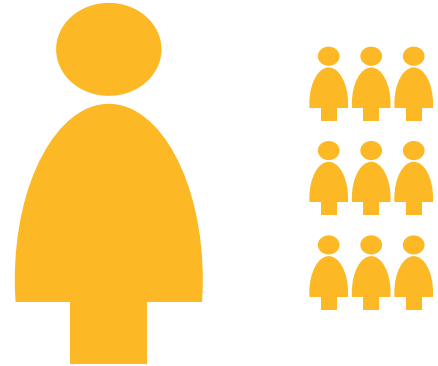


# KNOW THE NUMBERS

## Colorado



73% of Colorado is **rural**



**1 out of 10** Coloradans live in rural

## Rural Challenges

42%

Adults with  
**tooth loss**

37%

adults over 65 receive  
**influenza vaccinations**

1.2%

**infant mortality**

-\$10,000

average median **income** is less than state

9.7% of families live in **poverty**

13.7% face a **lack of transportation**

21% are **uninsured**

13.4%

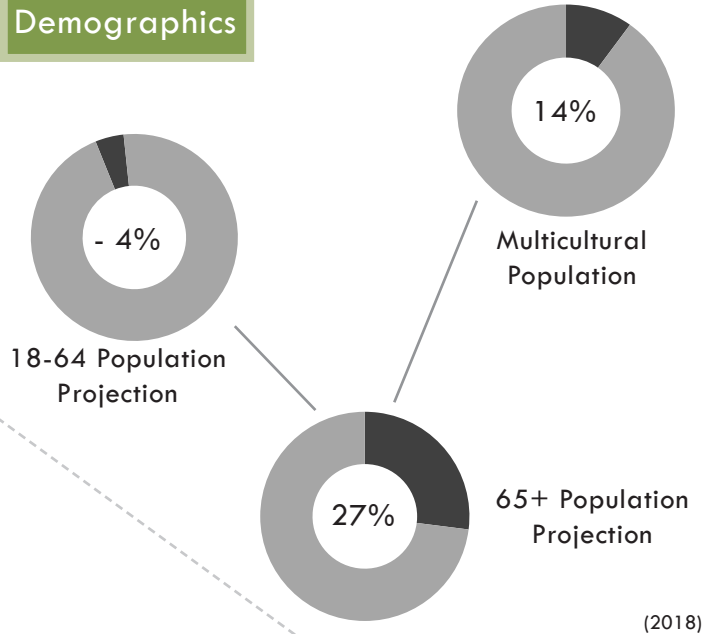
adults do not have a  
**high school diploma**

**COLORADO**  
**RURAL HEALTH**  
**CENTER**

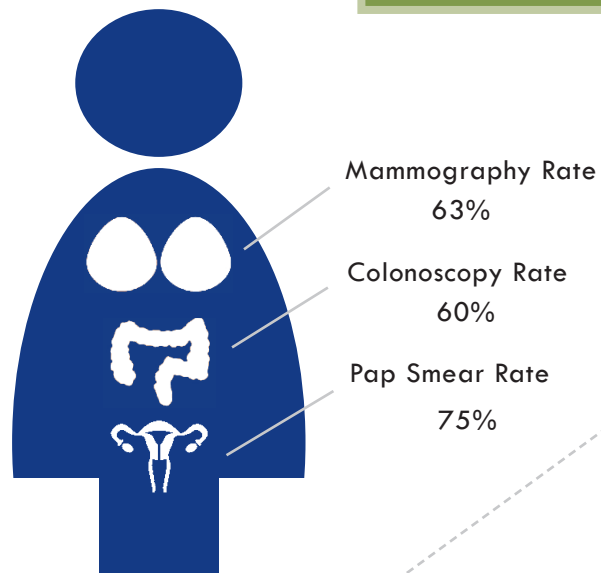
The State Office of Rural Health

[www.coruralhealth.org](http://www.coruralhealth.org) | [info@coruralhealth.org](mailto:info@coruralhealth.org)

**Demographics**



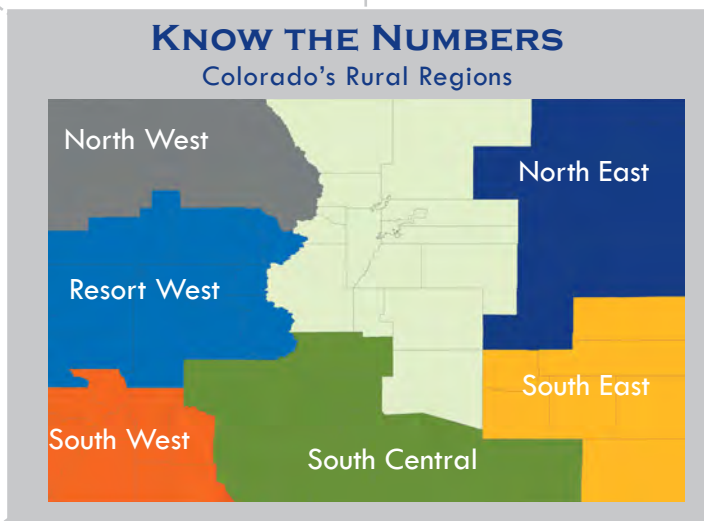
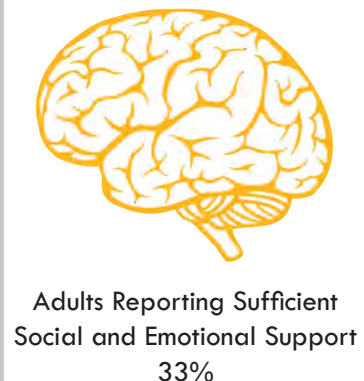
**Preventive Services**



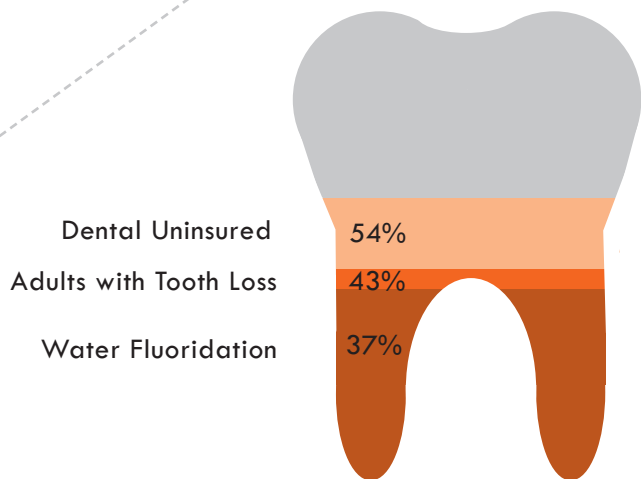
**Substance Abuse**



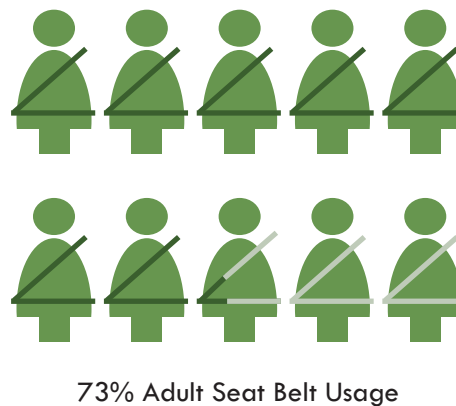
**Mental Health**



**Oral Health**

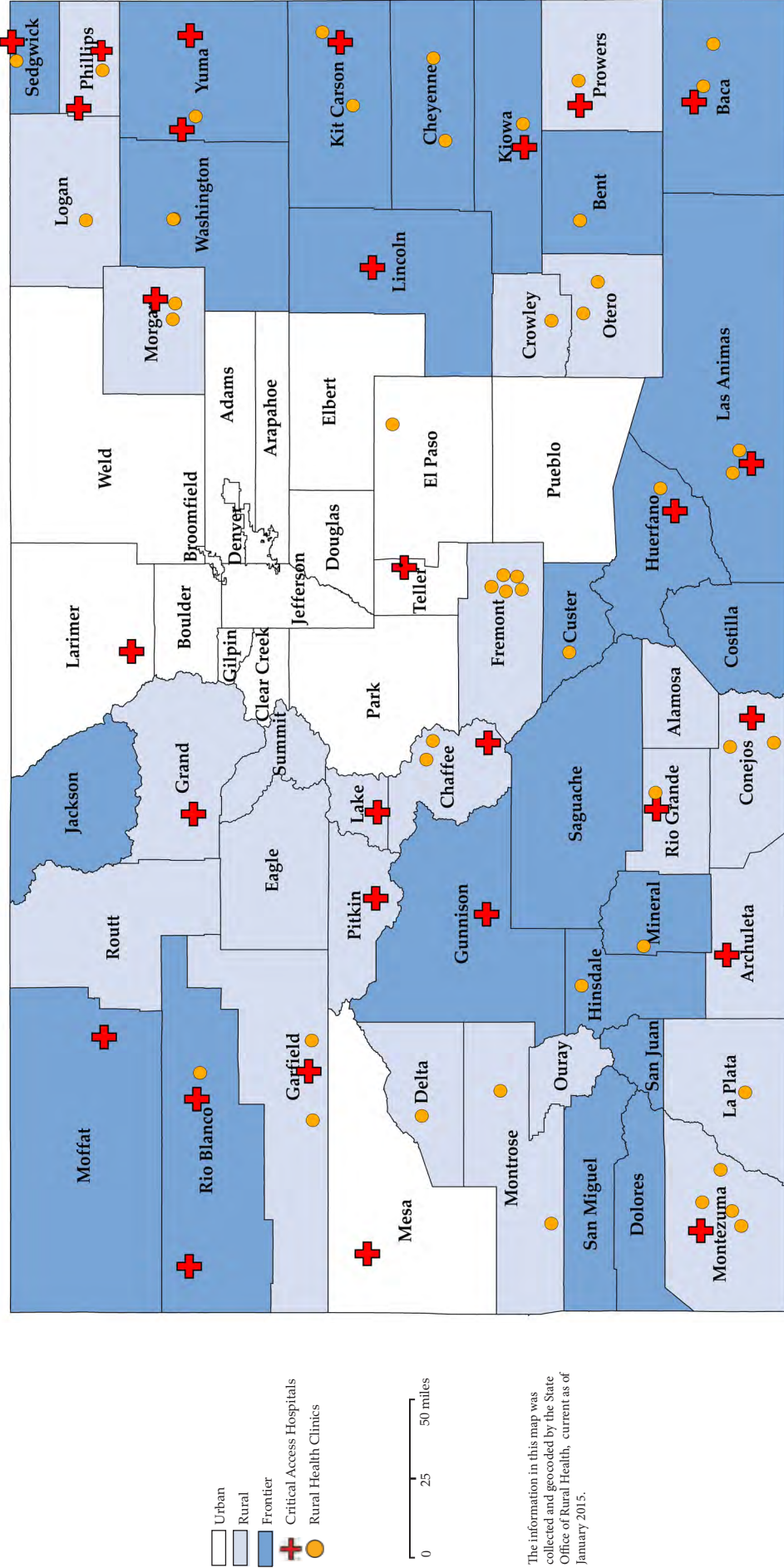


**Injury and Violence**





# Colorado: Rural Health Facilities within County Designations, 2015



The information in this map was collected and geocoded by the State Office of Rural Health, current as of January 2015.

The definition of rural and frontier varies depending on the purpose of the program or policy in which they are used. Therefore, these are referred to as programmatic designations, rather than definitions. One designation commonly used to determine geographic eligibility for federal grant programs is based on information obtained through the Office of Management and Budget: *All counties that are not designated as parts of Metropolitan Areas (MAs) are considered rural.* The Colorado Rural Health Center frequently assumes this designation, as well as further classifies frontier counties as those counties with a population density of six or fewer persons per square mile. You may visit the Rural Health Grants Eligibility Advisor to determine if a county or address is designated rural, or contact the Office of Rural Health Policy at (301) 443-0835.