



TCHD realizes that we all travel different paths that take us where we are in life. These paths, whether through choices of our own or aspects we have no control over, play a role in shaping a picture of health for each one of us. To improve the health of all residents of the Tri-County jurisdiction, we need to understand these paths and how they can influence our health.

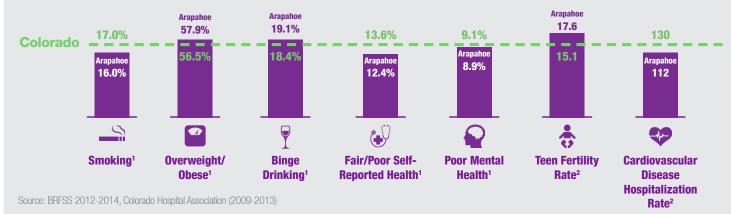
To tackle issues at this level, public health must look outside its traditional understanding of addressing health and begin to ask why disparities exist and what are the drivers of these disparities. How can we use data to target our efforts to address inequality? What do we need to do differently in our communities to address the root causes of poor health?

Opportunity Indicators represent some of the basic foundations for opportunity in all of our lives



Source: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate 2010-2014

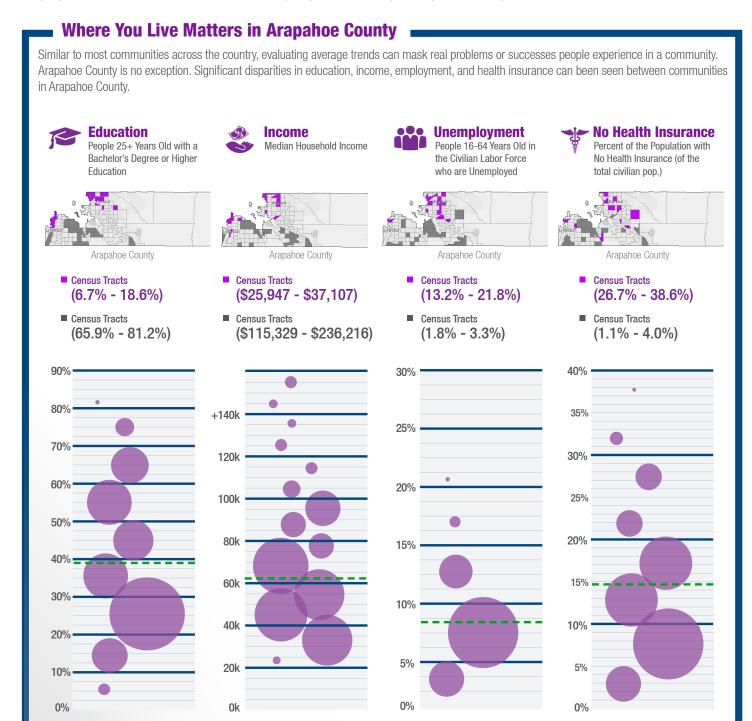
Health Indicators represent important health issues currently affecting our communities



Opportunity and Community

The ability to access opportunities that allow individuals to fulfill their life goals and passions are often tied to education, income, employment,

and healthcare. These form the foundation for opportunities in all our lives. However, adequate education, income, employment, and healthcare are often not equally available depending on where you live.



Visualizing the distribution of achievement across education, income, employment, and health insurance in Arapahoe County indicates a widening gap between those with the least opportunity and those with the most.

Arapahoe County Average

Source: Amercian Community Survey 2010-2014 5-Year Estimates

Number of Census Tracts

Opportunity and Race

Race is an important component looking at access to opportunites in Arapahoe County and Colorado as a whole. Racial divisions can be seen across economic

lines, neighborhoods, and opportunity indicators. People of color generally fare lower in educational achievement, income, employment, and insurance status than their white counterparts.

Race and Where you Live Matters in Arapahoe County

The ability to choose paths leading to opportunity and health can be influenced by our race and where we live. People of color generally do not experience the same opportunities in life as compared to white residents

Percent of the Population who are People of Color



- 10% 40% of Population are People of Color
- 40% 60% of Population are People of Color
- 60% 92% of Population are People of Color

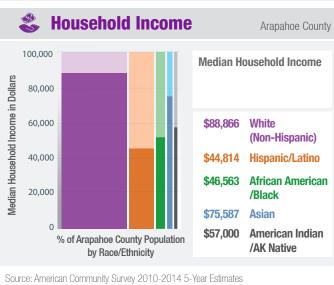
Opportunity of Life Indicators

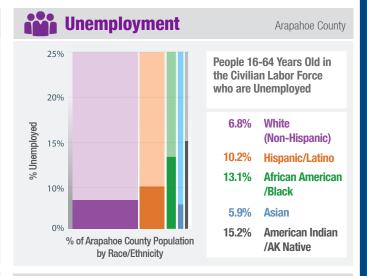


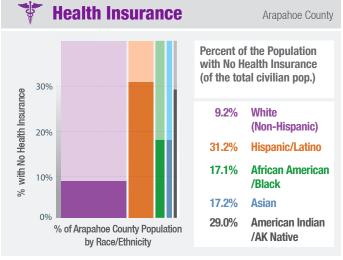
- Highest Scores Related to Education, Unemployment, Income, and Health Insurance (Opportunity of Life Indicators)
- Lowest Scores Related to Education, Unemployment, Income, and Health Insurance (Opportunity of Life Indicators)

Opportunity Indicators represent the accumulation of indicators related to education, employment, income, and health insurance. For those tracts below the county average, they receive a blue dot. Clustering of blue dots, indicate communities experiencing greater levels of opportunity while clustering of orange dots indicate communities with less opportunity.

Educational Attainment Arapahoe County 100% People 25+ Years Old with a Bachelor's Degree or **Higher Education** 75% % Bachelor's Deg or Higher White 45.8% (Non-Hispanic) 50% **15.7%** Hispanic/Latino **African American** 22.4% 25% /Black **Asian** 46.2% 0% **American Indian** 16.0% % of Arapahoe County Population /AK Native by Race/Ethnicity







Health and Race in Arapahoe County The ability to choose paths that lead to good health can be influenced by our race and where we live. Different race/

ethnicities in the same community can experience different health outcomes. These differences need to be acknowledged as we address health issues in a community.

