



# Adams County Violence Prevention Factsheet

## Violence Prevention Action Team

Adams County Health Department | December 2024

### Introduction

The Adams County Youth and Community Violence Prevention Action Team was formed in January 2024 to address upstream factors in Adams County that can help prevent violence. The multisector team aims to support and offer programming and services that promote health, well-being, and safety within our communities.

The team has identified four strategic priorities to focus their efforts: (1) Build a path for ongoing, comprehensive, and holistic care for individuals and communities, (2) Strengthen family and community engagement to empower them to take action in their communities and with their government leaders, (3) Develop a multisector ecosystem focused on a sustained investment in violence prevention over the next 5 years, and (4) Strengthen supports to help youth and adults thrive through leadership, educational attainment, and employment.



Adams County

### Population & Demographics, 2022 Adams County

#### Youth (under 18)

Population Count	<b>133,106</b>
Population Percentage	<b>25.6%</b>

#### Income/Employment

Below Poverty Level	<b>13.9%</b>
Per Capita Income*	<b>N/A</b>
Unemployment Rate	<b>N/A</b>

#### Education

Percentage of Youth, Age 5–17, Enrolled in School	<b>96.7%</b>
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#### Race/Ethnicity<sup>‡</sup>

White Alone	<b>32.1%</b>
Black or African American Alone	<b>3.8%</b>
American Indian/Alaskan Native Alone	<b>0.4%</b>
Asian Alone	<b>4.1%</b>
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander Alone	<b>0.2%</b>
Two or More Races Alone	<b>4.0%</b>
Hispanic/Latino	<b>55.4%</b>

\*Per capita income is a measure of the average income per person in an area over a given period of time.

Source: American Community Survey, 5-year estimates, 2022 (Dec 2023 release); ‡ Colorado Department of Local Affairs, 2023;

#### Adult (18 and Over)

Population Count	<b>387,043</b>
Population Percentage	<b>74.4%</b>

#### Income/Employment

Below Poverty Level	<b>8.2%</b>
Per Capita Income*	<b>\$37,550</b>
Unemployment Rate	<b>4.6%</b>

#### Education

High School Graduate or Higher (25+)	<b>84.8%</b>
Bachelor's Degree or Higher (25+)	<b>27.2%</b>

#### Race/Ethnicity<sup>‡</sup>

White Alone 18+	<b>50.3%</b>
Black or African American Alone, 18+	<b>3.6%</b>
American Indian/Alaskan Native Alone, 18+	<b>0.6%</b>
Asian Alone, 18+	<b>4.5%</b>
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander Alone 18+	<b>0.2%</b>
Two or More Races Alone, 18+	<b>1.7%</b>
Hispanic/Latino, 18+	<b>39.1%</b>

### Youth and Adult Mortality Data, 2019-2023 Adams County

#### Youth (under 18)

Intentional Firearm Deaths*	<b>9</b>
Unintentional Firearm Deaths**	<b>16</b>
All Suicides	<b>32</b>
Physical Assault Deaths	<b>17</b>
Sexual Assault Deaths	<b>0</b>

#### Adult (18 and Over)

Intentional Firearm Deaths*	<b>245</b>
Unintentional Firearm Deaths**	<b>144</b>
All Suicides	<b>540</b>
Physical Assault Deaths	<b>174</b>
Sexual Assault Deaths	<b>0</b>

Data are based on resident address; \*Intentional firearm deaths includes suicides using a firearm; \*\*Unintentional firearm deaths include accidental discharge, homicides, legal intervention, and firearm death of undetermined intent; \*\*\*Assault deaths include physical assault of any kind and all sexual assault deaths.

Source: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Vital Records, 2019-2023

## Youth and Adult Crime Data, 2018-2022 Adams County

### Youth (under 18)

#### Sexual Assault Cases

Total Number of Sexual Assault Charges	<b>347</b>
Number of Unique Individual SA Cases	<b>194</b>

#### Firearm Cases

Total Number of Firearm Charges	<b>821</b>
Number of Unique Individual Firearm Cases	<b>539</b>

#### Top 5 Firearm Charges

1. Handgun - Possession By Juvenile	<b>214</b>
2. Felony Menacing - Real/Simulated Weapon	<b>141</b>
3. Assault 1 - SBI w/ Deadly Weapon	<b>25</b>
4. Assault 2 - Cause Injury w/ Deadly Weapon	<b>18</b>
5. Weapon - Possession On School Grounds	<b>18</b>
All Other Offenses	<b>123</b>

\*Youth Crime Data represents cases and charges filed in the 17th judicial district. Charges include all firearm-related or sexual-assault offenses and may contain duplicate cases.  
Source: 17th Judicial District Attorney Office, Firearm and Assault Case Records, 2018-2022

### Adult (18 and Over)

#### Sexual Assault Cases

Total Number of Sexual Assault Charges	<b>1,683</b>
Number of Unique Individual SA Cases	<b>805</b>

#### Firearm Cases

Total Number of Firearm Charges	<b>6,601</b>
Number of Unique Individual Firearm Cases	<b>4,448</b>

#### Top 5 Firearm Charges

1. Felony Menacing-Real/Simulated Weapon	<b>1,503</b>
2. Weapon - Poss/Previous Offend - Any Prior Felony	<b>464</b>
3. Controlled Subs - Special Off - Firearm	<b>396</b>
4. Weapon - Prohibited Use - Drunk w/ Gun	<b>316</b>
5. Assault 2 - Cause Injury w/ Deadly Weapon	<b>304</b>
All Other Offenses	<b>1,465</b>

## Youth and Adult Hospitalizations, 2019-2023 Adams County

### Youth (under 18)

#### Assault Injuries

Assault Injuries – Hospitalizations	<b>69</b>
Assault Injuries – Emergency Department	<b>985</b>
Sexual Assault Injuries – Hospitalizations	<b>4</b>
Sexual Assault Injuries – Emergency Department	<b>243</b>

#### Firearm Injuries

All Firearm Injuries – Hospitalizations	<b>48</b>
All Firearm Injuries – Emergency Department	<b>95</b>
Intentional Firearm Injuries** – Hospitalizations	<b>3</b>
Intentional Firearm Injuries** – Emergency Department	<b>*</b>
Unintentional Firearm Injuries*** – Hospitalizations	<b>45</b>
Unintentional Firearm Injuries*** – Emergency Department	<b>94</b>

#### Suicide Injuries

Suicide Injuries – Hospitalizations	<b>105</b>
Suicide Injuries – Emergency Department	<b>581</b>

Data are based on resident address; \*Suppressed due to insufficient data; \*\*Intentional firearm injuries includes attempted suicides using a firearm; \*\*\*Unintentional firearm injuries include accidental discharge injuries, injuries from attempted homicides, injuries from legal intervention, and firearm injuries of undetermined intent  
Source: Colorado Hospital Association, 2019-2023

### Adult (18 and Over)

#### Assault Injuries

Assault Injuries – Hospitalizations	<b>435</b>
Assault Injuries – Emergency Department	<b>6,761</b>
Sexual Assault Injuries – Hospitalizations	<b>*</b>
Sexual Assault Injuries – Emergency Department	<b>332</b>

#### Firearm Injuries

All Firearm Injuries – Hospitalizations	<b>326</b>
All Firearm Injuries – Emergency Department	<b>498</b>
Intentional Firearm Injuries** – Hospitalizations	<b>34</b>
Intentional Firearm Injuries** – Emergency Department	<b>21</b>
Unintentional Firearm Injuries*** – Hospitalizations	<b>292</b>
Unintentional Firearm Injuries*** – Emergency Department	<b>477</b>

#### Suicide Injuries

Suicide Injuries – Hospitalizations	<b>218</b>
Suicide Injuries – Emergency Department	<b>868</b>