



Commerce City Factsheet

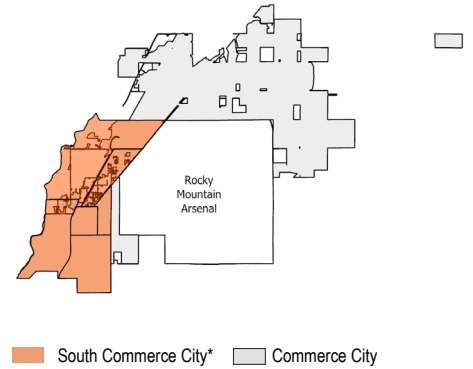
Violence Prevention Action Team

Adams County Health Department | December 2024

Geography

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.

An area of focus for the Violence Prevention Action Team is South Commerce City*, highlighted in orange on the map to the right. This area differs significantly from the rest of Commerce City, with lower per capita income, higher poverty rates, variations in educational attainment, and a unique racial and ethnic composition. Notably, South Commerce City experiences disproportionately high rates of violence and related challenges, as reflected in data on mental health indicators, firearm-related incidents, and other violent crimes involving youth. This underscores the critical need for targeted prevention efforts in this community.



*South Commerce City comprises census tracts 87.05, 87.06, 87.09, 88.01, 88.02, and 89.01.

Population & Demographics, 2022

South Commerce City

Total Population	32,095
0-24 Years Old	13,009

Income/Employment

Per Capita Income**	\$24,855
Unemployment Rate	5.0%
Below Poverty Level: Overall	21.5%
Below Poverty Level: Under 18	35.3%

Education

High School Graduate or Higher	65.7%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	9.7%

Race/Ethnicity

White Alone	61.4%
Black or African American Alone	2.8%
American Indian/Alaskan Native Alone	4.7%
Asian Alone	0.6%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone	0.0%
Other Race	12.7%
Hispanic/Latino	71.4%

Language

Speak Only English	51.3%
Speak Spanish	47.0%

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Total Population†	67,463
0-24 Years Old	23,763

Income/Employment

Per Capita Income**	\$41,261
Unemployment Rate	4.6%
Below Poverty Level: Overall	11.6%
Below Poverty Level: Under 18	18.8%

Education

High School Graduate or Higher	84.2%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	24.5%

Race/Ethnicity

White Alone	67.6%
Black or African American Alone	3.9%
American Indian/Alaskan Native Alone	2.5%
Asian Alone	2.3%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Alone	0.2%
Other Race	8.8%
Hispanic/Latino	48.4%

Language

Speak Only English	68.2%
Speak Spanish	26.3%

**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; ‡

Youth Mortality Data, Ages 0-24, 2019-2023

South Commerce City

Suicides	6
Intentional Firearm Deaths**	*
Unintentional Firearm Deaths***	0
Assault Deaths†	7

Data are based on resident address; *Suppressed due to insufficient data; **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

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Suicides	10
Intentional Firearm Deaths**	6
Unintentional Firearm Deaths***	9
Assault Deaths†	10

Youth Crime Data, Ages 0-24, 2018-2022

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Sexual Assault Cases

Total Number of Sexual Assault Charges	94
Number of Unique Individual Cases	47

Firearm Cases

Total Number of Firearm Charges	284
Number of Unique Individual Cases	195

*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

Top 5 Firearm Charges

1. Felony Menacing Real/Simulated Weapon	68
2. Handgun Possession by Juvenile	44
3. Weapon Prohibited Use - Drunk with Gun	26
4. Carrying a Concealed Weapon - Knife/Gun	17
5. Weapon Poss/Prev Juv Offend Any Prior Felony	17
All Other Offenses	112

Youth Hospitalizations, Ages 0-24, 2019-2023

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Assault Injuries

Assault Injuries -- Hospitalizations	20
Assault Injuries -- Emergency Department	274
Sexual Assault Injuries -- Hospitalizations	0
Sexual Assault Injuries -- Emergency Department	39

Firearm Injuries

All Firearm Injuries -- Hospitalizations	28
All Firearm Injuries -- Emergency Department	44
Intentional Firearm Injuries** -- Hospitalizations	*
Intentional Firearm Injuries** -- Emergency Department	0
Unintentional Firearm Injuries*** -- Hospitalizations	27
Unintentional Firearm Injuries*** -- Emergency Department	44

Suicide Injuries

Suicide Injuries -- Hospitalizations	3
Suicide Injuries -- Emergency Department	58

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

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Assault Injuries

Assault Injuries -- Hospitalizations	26
Assault Injuries -- Emergency Department	368
Sexual Assault Injuries -- Hospitalizations	0
Sexual Assault Injuries -- Emergency Department	43

Firearm Injuries

All Firearm Injuries -- Hospitalizations	31
All Firearm Injuries -- Emergency Department	52
Intentional Firearm Injuries** -- Hospitalizations	*
Intentional Firearm Injuries** -- Emergency Department	0
Unintentional Firearm Injuries*** -- Hospitalizations	30
Unintentional Firearm Injuries*** -- Emergency Department	52

Suicide Injuries

Suicide Injuries -- Hospitalizations	11
Suicide Injuries -- Emergency Department	84