Disparities and the Older Adult Population—Additional Considerations

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Expected Population Growth

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Coloradans Over 65 Expected to Increase Dramatically

Source: Colorado Demography Office, population by single year of age & region
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Colorado's Hispanic Population is Expected to Increase

![Graph showing the expected increase in Hispanic population as a percent of total population from 2015 to 2050.]

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Front Range Population Growing, Rural Shrinking

Percent Population Change in Colorado Counties with Largest Population Losses and Gains

Income Inequality
COLORADO UNEMPLOYMENT BY RACE OVER TIME

Source: Bell Analysis of American Community Survey Data 1960-2017

Income Inequality
Wealth Gap

COLORADO POVERTY BY RACE OVER TIME

Source: Bell Analysis of American Community Survey Data 1960-2017
Income Inequality: Rural Snapshot

Ratio of top 1 percent income to bottom 99 percent income for all Colorado counties, 2015. For counties with a null value (Kiowa, Cheyenne, Hinsdale, San Juan, Dolores, Mineral, Jackson), no data was collected or available.

Source: Economic Policy Institute
Credit: Hayley Sanchez, Jim Hill / CPR News
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• Black and Hispanic workers are the least likely to participate in (37 percent and 29 percent participate, respectively) or have access to a workplace retirement plan (46 percent and 59 percent lack access, respectively)

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Homeownership
Whites in Colorado are roughly twice as likely as blacks to own a home, according to Corporation for Enterprise Development data. Homeownership is a major contributor to white Americans having more than ten times the average net worth of black or Latino Americans.
The Digital Divide
Digital Divide: Tech Adoption

Millennials lead on some technology adoption measures, but Boomers and Gen Xers are also heavy adopters

% of U.S. adults in each generation who say they ...

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Digital Divide: Colorado Broadband Map
Rural Americans have consistently lower levels of broadband adoption

% of U.S. adults who say they have...

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Digital Divide:
Rural Impact
The Lack of Broadband is a Growing Problem for Seniors in the Information Age
Digital Divide with mixed results--Transportation

Credit: DRMAC
Covid Vaccine Distribution as an Example of a Digital Divide Challenge