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Household Income Continuum

PL
Federal Poverty Level:
Income threshold to
determine eligibility for
public assistance,
varies by family size
and composition, but
not geographically.

Self Sufficiency Standard: Income required to meet basic needs without public or private assistance, varies by family type and county.²

Gap

The number of families that earn above the FPL, but below the SSS.

AMI

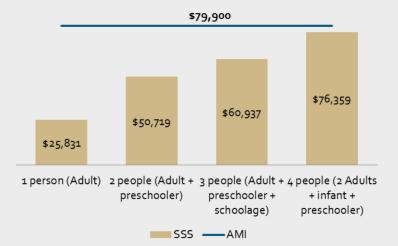
Area Median Income: The income level where half of all households earn more and half earn less. ³

What challenges exist in understanding the true economic health of the region's families? How does each income metric contribute to the picture of true economic health in the region?

Federal Poverty Levels 2015

Self Sufficiency Standard (Adams County*)



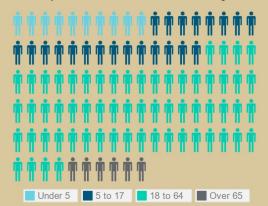


The SSS for a family of two adults, an infant, and a preschooler in Adams County is 314% of the FPL.

Metro Denver's AMI is over THREE times the FPL for a family of four.

*Adams County has the third highest share of poverty in the region.⁴ See the SSS to see what it takes to meet basic needs in other counties.

354,000 People Live in Poverty The equivalent of Arvada, Thornton & Westminster together.



Over 30% of people living in poverty are children under the age of 18.

Poverty Support Programs



SNAP: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ⁵ WIC: Women, Infants and Children



CCCAP: Colorado Child Care Assistance Program 7



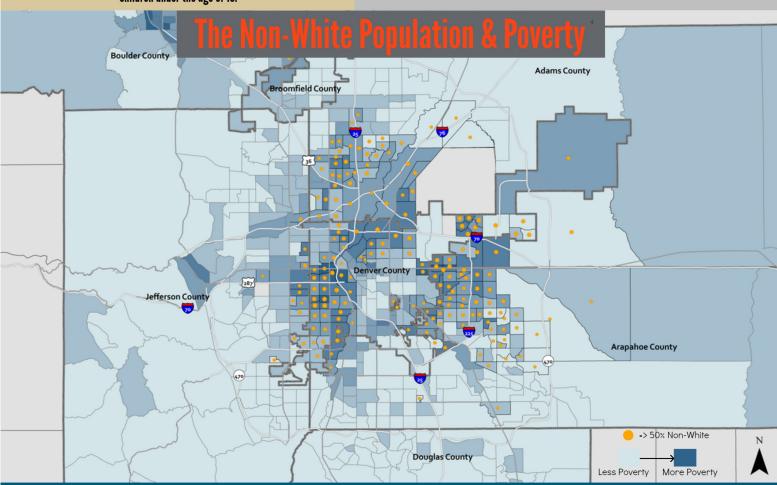
Medicaid ⁸ CHP+: Child Health Plan Plus



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