

# Archuleta County Births and Deaths 2009

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## Selected birth characteristics: Archuleta County residents, 2009

Characteristic	Number	Percent
Total Live Births	109	100.0
Age of Mother		
10-17	3	2.8
18-19	12	11.0
20-29	57	52.3
30+	37	33.9
Low Weight Births (<2,500 Grams)	8	7.3
Very Low Weight Births (<1,500 Grams)	*	*
Prenatal Care Later than 1st Trimester/No Care	52	48.6
No Prenatal Care	*	*
Preterm Births (<37 Weeks)	11	10.1
Education of Mother <High School Diploma/GED	21	19.3
Live Births to Unmarried Women	39	35.8
Smoking During Pregnancy	13	11.9

*"Education of Mother," "Births to Unmarried Women," and "Smoking During Pregnancy" are among items collected in 2007, using the revised birth certificate, that are not directly comparable to data collected before 2007. See notes page at end of report for details of these revised data items.*

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*Sums may not add to total due to cases with age of mother unknown.*

*Percentages are of total births, excluding cases with specific characteristics unknown.*

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*Source: Health Statistics Section, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.*

## Selected birth characteristics by age group of mother: Archuleta County residents, 2009

Characteristic	All Ages		10-17		18-19		20-29		30+	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Total Live Births</b>	109	100.0	3	100.0	12	100.0	57	100.0	37	100.0
<b>Race/Ethnicity of Mother</b>										
White, Non-Hispanic	71	65.1	*	*	9	75.0	36	63.2	25	67.6
White, Hispanic	16	14.7	0	0.0	*	*	9	15.8	6	16.2
Black	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0
Asian American/Pacific Islander	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
American Indian/Native Alaskan	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
Other	19	17.4	*	*	*	*	11	19.3	5	13.5
Unknown	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Low Weight Births (&lt;2,500 Grams)</b>	8	7.3	0	0.0	*	*	3	5.3	3	8.1
Very Low Weight Births (<1,500 Grams)	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
<b>Prenatal Care Later than 1st Trimester/No Care</b>	52	48.6	*	*	8	66.7	28	50.9	15	40.5
No Prenatal Care	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0
<b>Preterm Births (&lt;37 Weeks)</b>	11	10.1	0	0.0	*	*	3	5.3	6	16.2
<b>Education of Mother &lt;High School Diploma/GED</b>	21	19.3	3	100.0	4	33.3	9	15.8	5	13.5
<b>Live Births to Unmarried Women</b>	39	35.8	*	*	6	50.0	27	47.4	4	10.8
<b>Smoking During Pregnancy</b>	13	11.9	*	*	3	25.0	5	8.8	4	10.8

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*Percentage not computed for cells shaded in light gray.*

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## Selected birth characteristics by race/ethnicity of mother: Archuleta County residents, 2009

Characteristic	White Non-Hispanic		White Hispanic		Black		Asian American/Pacific Islander		American Indian/Native Alaskan	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Total Live Births</b>	71	100.0	16	100.0	*	*	0	0.0	*	*
<b>Age of Mother</b>										
<b>10-17</b>	*	*	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>18-19</b>	9	12.7	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>20-29</b>	36	50.7	9	56.3	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>30+</b>	25	35.2	6	37.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
<b>Low Weight Births (&lt;2,500 Grams)</b>	5	7.0	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Very Low Weight Births (&lt;1,500 Grams)</b>	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Prenatal Care Later than 1st Trimester/No Care</b>	31	44.9	8	50.0	*	*	0	0.0	*	*
<b>No Prenatal Care</b>	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Preterm Births (&lt;37 Weeks)</b>	7	9.9	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Education of Mother &lt;High School Diploma/GED</b>	6	8.5	5	31.3	*	*	0	0.0	*	*
<b>Live Births to Unmarried Women</b>	20	28.2	8	50.0	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Smoking During Pregnancy</b>	11	15.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*

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**Live births and fertility rates with 95% confidence limits by age group of mother: Archuleta County residents, 2009**

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Births</b>	<b>Population</b>	<b>Fertility Rate</b>	<b>Lower Limit</b>	<b>Upper Limit</b>
<b>All Ages</b>	109	2,283	47.7	38.8	56.7
<b>Teen Age Groups</b>					
<b>13-14</b>	0	141	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>15-17</b>	3	248	12.1	2.3	29.4
<b>18-19</b>	12	162	74.1	30.7	117.5
<b>10-17</b>	3	581	5.2	1.0	12.6
<b>10-19</b>	15	743	20.2	9.4	31.0
<b>All Age Groups</b>					
<b>10-14</b>	0	333	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>15-19</b>	15	410	36.6	17.2	56.0
<b>20-24</b>	27	400	67.5	41.7	93.3
<b>25-29</b>	30	339	88.5	56.8	120.2
<b>30-34</b>	20	356	56.2	30.9	81.5
<b>35-39</b>	14	388	36.1	16.2	55.9
<b>40-49</b>	3	867	3.5	0.7	8.5

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*Rates are live births per 1,000 female population in each age group.*

*Population data for 'all ages' are females ages 15-44.*

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*Source: Health Statistics Section, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.*

## Vital statistics summary: Archuleta County residents, 1999, 2005-2009

	1999	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005-2009 Annual Average
<b>Total Population</b>	9,570	11,680	12,148	12,529	12,551	12,428	12,267
<b>Total Births</b>							
Number	110	116	127	136	121	109	122
Birth Rate	11.5	9.9	10.5	10.9	9.6	8.8	9.9
General Fertility Rate	61.0	53.2	55.3	57.4	52.2	47.7	53.2
<b>Age of Mother 10-17</b>							
Number	7	6	5	5	6	3	5
Percent of Total Births	6.4	5.2	3.9	3.7	5.0	2.8	4.1
Fertility Rate	11.8	9.3	7.8	7.9	9.8	5.2	8.0
<b>Low Weight Births (&lt;2,500 Grams)</b>							
Number	14	14	11	13	10	8	11
Percent	12.7	12.1	8.7	9.6	8.3	7.3	9.2
<b>Prenatal Care Later Than 1st Trimester/No Care</b>							
Number	56	57	59	61	61	52	58
Percent	50.9	49.1	46.8	45.2	51.7	48.6	48.2
<b>Births to Unmarried Women</b>							
Number	36	39	29	47	35	39	
Percent	32.7	33.6	22.8	34.6	28.9	35.8	
<b>Mother's Education &lt;12 Years</b>							
Number	18	19	14	31	18	21	
Percent	16.4	16.4	11.0	23.1	14.9	19.3	
<b>Infant Deaths</b>							
Number	*	0	*	*	*	*	*
Rate	*	0.0	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Neonatal Deaths</b>							
Number	*	0	0	*	*	*	*
Rate	*	0.0	0.0	*	*	*	*
<b>Total Deaths</b>							
Number	58	67	69	83	74	89	76
Crude Rate	606.1	573.6	568.0	662.5	589.6	716.1	622.8
Age-Adjusted Rate	755.5	701.7	739.8	762.4	664.8	730.5	717.3
<b>Cardiovascular Disease</b>							
Number	11	22	20	20	16	30	22
Age-Adjusted Rate	133.5	283.4	254.3	141.7	138.1	258.0	212.2
<b>Heart Disease</b>							
Number	6	17	12	16	9	22	15
Age-Adjusted Rate	78.2	205.1	148.3	111.1	84.3	179.4	143.6

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Source: Health Statistics Section, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

## Vital statistics summary: Archuleta County residents, 1999, 2005-2009

	1999	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2005-2009 Annual Average
<b>Cerebrovascular Disease</b>							
Number	3	3	4	*	4	*	*
Age-Adjusted Rate	24.5	45.0	43.4	*	33.9	*	*
<b>Malignant Neoplasms</b>							
Number	14	19	13	17	17	20	17
Age-Adjusted Rate	172.2	156.8	132.6	162.8	148.9	150.8	150.0
<b>Lung Cancer</b>							
Number	0	3	3	3	*	8	4
Age-Adjusted Rate	0.0	33.7	32.7	29.8	*	53.1	33.8
<b>Breast Cancer</b>							
Number	*	*	*	*	*	0	*
Age-Adjusted Rate	*	*	*	*	*	0.0	*
<b>Total Unintentional Injuries</b>							
Number	8	7	3	6	9	4	6
Age-Adjusted Rate	84.8	57.0	23.9	47.1	72.3	25.3	44.9
<b>Motor Vehicle</b>							
Number	0	4	3	*	6	4	4
Age-Adjusted Rate	0.0	39.5	23.9	*	45.5	25.3	29.8
<b>Other Unintentional Injuries</b>							
Number	8	3	0	4	3	0	*
Age-Adjusted Rate	84.8	17.4	0.0	31.0	26.8	0.0	*
<b>Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases</b>							
Number	4	*	*	5	4	3	3
Age-Adjusted Rate	69.5	*	*	40.5	34.5	22.5	28.6
<b>Suicide</b>							
Number	5	*	*	6	*	7	4
Age-Adjusted Rate	54.7	*	*	40.8	*	47.0	24.9
<b>Homicide and Legal Intervention</b>							
Number	0	0	0	0	*	*	*
Age-Adjusted Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	*	*	*
<b>Work-Related Injury</b>							
Number	0	0	0	*	0	*	*
Age-Adjusted Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0	*	0.0	*	*

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Source: Health Statistics Section, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

## Deaths from selected causes by race/ethnicity: Archuleta County residents, 2009

Cause of Death	All Races		White Non-Hispanic		White Hispanic		Black		Asian American/Pacific Islander		American Indian/Native Alaskan	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
<b>Total</b>	89	100.0	69	100.0	16	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Cardiovascular Disease</b>	30	33.7	25	36.2	5	31.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Heart Disease	22	24.7	19	27.5	3	18.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Cerebrovascular Disease	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Atherosclerosis	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Malignant Neoplasms</b>	20	22.5	17	24.6	3	18.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Lung Cancer	8	9.0	5	7.2	3	18.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Breast Cancer	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease</b>	3	3.4	3	4.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Unintentional Injuries</b>	4	4.5	3	4.3	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Motor Vehicle	4	4.5	3	4.3	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Unintentional Injuries	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Pneumonia and Influenza</b>	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Suicide</b>	7	7.9	6	8.7	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Diabetes Mellitus</b>	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>HIV Infection</b>	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis</b>	*	*	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Alzheimer's Disease</b>	4	4.5	3	4.3	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Nephritis, Nephrosis, Nephrotic Syndrome</b>	3	3.4	*	*	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
<b>Homicide and Legal Intervention</b>	*	*	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Septicemia</b>	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Congenital Anomalies</b>	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Perinatal Period Conditions</b>	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>All Other</b>	15	16.9	11	15.9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Injury by Firearm</b>	9	10.1	7	10.1	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Drug-Induced Deaths</b>	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Alcohol-Induced Deaths</b>	*	*	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Work-Related Injury (Y/N Check Death Certificate)</b>	*	*	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

\* indicates one or two events in the category.

Percentages are of total deaths of each race/ethnicity category.

Source: Health Statistics Section, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

## Deaths and age-specific death rates: Archuleta County residents, 2009

Age Group	Deaths	Population	Age-Specific Death Rate
	Age Group	Age Group	Age Group
All Ages	89	12,428	7.2
Infant	*	109	*
Neonatal	*	109	*
1-4	0	524	0.0
5-9	0	751	0.0
10-14	0	719	0.0
15-19	0	835	0.0
20-24	*	844	*
25-29	*	708	*
30-34	*	729	*
35-39	*	778	*
40-44	*	753	*
45-49	4	940	4.3
50-54	7	1,021	6.9
55-59	9	1,012	8.9
60-64	8	860	9.3
65-69	9	671	13.4
70-74	9	533	16.9
75-79	6	334	18.0
80-84	9	169	53.3
85+	20	118	169.5
1-14	0	1,994	0.0
15-24	*	1,679	*
25-64	34	6,801	5.0
65+	53	1,825	29.0

\* indicates one or two events in the category.

Infant death is death in the first year of life. Neonatal death is death occurring prior to the 28th day of life.

Infant and neonatal mortality rates are per 1,000 live births. Other death rates are per 1,000 population of the age group. Population figures for infant and neonatal groups are live births.

Source: Health Statistics Section, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

## Deaths and age-specific death rates from selected causes: Archuleta County residents, 2009

Cause of Death	<1		1-14		15-24		25-44		45-64		65+	
	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate	N	Rate
All Causes	*	*	0	0.0	*	*	6	2.0	28	7.3	53	29.0
Cardiovascular Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	1.6	24	13.2
Heart Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	1.3	17	9.3
Cerebrovascular Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
Atherosclerosis	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*
Malignant Neoplasms	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	9	2.3	10	5.5
Lung Cancer	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	1.0	4	2.2
Breast Cancer	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	*	*
Unintentional Injuries	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	1.0	0	0.0
Motor Vehicle	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	1.0	0	0.0
Other Unintentional Injuries	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Pneumonia and Influenza	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Suicide	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	*	*	4	1.0	0	0.0
Diabetes Mellitus	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
HIV Infection	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	*	*	0	0.0
Alzheimer's Disease	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	2.2
Nephritis, Nephrosis, Nephrotic Syndrome	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	1.6
Homicide and Legal Intervention	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0
Septicemia	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Congenital Anomalies	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Perinatal Period Conditions	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
All Other	*	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	3	0.8	10	5.5
Injury by Firearm	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	4	1.3	4	1.0	0	0.0
Drug-Induced Deaths	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Alcohol-Induced Deaths	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	*	*	0	0.0
Work-Related Injury (Y/N Check Death Certificate)	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	*	*	0	0.0

\* indicates one or two events in the category.

Infant (<1 year) mortality rates are per 1,000 live births.

Other rates are deaths per 1,000 population of the age group.

Source: Health Statistics Section, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

**Deaths, crude death rates and age-adjusted death rates with 95% confidence limits from selected causes:  
Archuleta County residents, 2009**

Cause of Death	N	Rate	Age-Adjusted Rate	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
All Causes	89	716.1	730.5	575.5	885.5
Cardiovascular Disease	30	241.4	258.0	161.8	354.1
Heart Disease	22	177.0	179.4	99.9	258.9
Cerebrovascular Disease	*	*	*	*	*
Atherosclerosis	*	*	*	*	*
Malignant Neoplasms	20	160.9	150.8	80.2	221.3
Lung Cancer	8	64.4	53.1	20.3	101.3
Breast Cancer	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	3	24.1	22.5	3.9	56.6
Unintentional Injuries	4	32.2	25.3	5.1	61.0
Motor Vehicle	4	32.2	25.3	5.1	61.0
Other Unintentional Injuries	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pneumonia and Influenza	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Suicide	7	56.3	47.0	16.6	92.8
Diabetes Mellitus	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
HIV Infection	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis	*	*	*	*	*
Alzheimer's Disease	4	32.2	52.6	20.0	100.6
Nephritis, Nephrosis, Nephrotic Syndrome	3	24.1	24.1	4.5	59.1
Homicide and Legal Intervention	*	*	*	*	*
Septicemia	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Congenital Anomalies	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Perinatal Period Conditions	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
All Other	15	120.7	124.5	57.8	191.1
Injury by Firearm	9	72.4	67.0	29.1	120.5
Drug-Induced Deaths	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alcohol-Induced Deaths	*	*	*	*	*
Work-Related Injury (Y/N Check Death Certificate)	*	*	*	*	*

*\* indicates one or two events in the category.*

*Rates are deaths per 100,000 population.*

*Crude death rates are calculated without age-adjustment.*

*Age-adjusted rates are adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population using the direct method applied to 10-year age groups.*

*Age-adjusted rates provide a better basis for comparison among different geographical areas or time periods.*

*Source: Health Statistics Section, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.*

## Notes Regarding Colorado's Revised Certificate of Live Birth

These tables contain Colorado birth data that were collected using the 1989 Revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth (unrevised) and the 2003 Revision of the U.S. Standard Certificate of Live Birth (revised)<sup>1,2,3</sup>. Colorado's birth registration system used the unrevised certificate for births through calendar year 2006; while births in 2007 through the present were registered using the revised certificate. Among the differences in the revised birth certificate are changes to the following data items:

- Mother's and father's race, captures multiple race identification instead of single race identification
- Mother's and father's education, captures highest degree attained instead of total years of education
- Mother's marital status at time of birth, captures never married, married, widowed, separated, and divorced instead of just married or unmarried
- Cigarette smoking before and during pregnancy, captures levels of smoking in each trimester instead of just smoking any time during pregnancy

And the addition of the following data items:

- Method of delivery includes fetal presentation and trial of labor prior to cesarean delivery
- Pre-pregnancy weight, weight at delivery and height, used to calculate Body Mass Index
- Congenital anomalies, certain conditions have been added or removed
- Fertility therapy
- Did mother get WIC food for herself during this pregnancy
- Infections during pregnancy
- Maternal morbidity
- Breast feeding
- Principal source of payment for the delivery

Data items noted above that were collected using both the unrevised certificate and the revised certificate are not directly comparable. Analyses of birth data for time periods that include both revised and unrevised data should be performed with caution.

To facilitate analyses of births by race, the multiple race identification in revised certificates has been bridged back to a single race using a system developed by the National Center for Health Statistics at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention<sup>4</sup>. *Please note*, however, that there has been an increase in the number of births reported with "other" or "unknown" maternal and paternal race and/or Hispanic ethnicity beginning in 2007 compared to previous years. This is likely attributable to the change to the revised certificate.

The Health Statistics Section at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is available to assist with analyses of these data, as well as to answer questions one might have regarding the revised certificate and the affected data items. For further information or assistance, please contact the Health Statistics Section at **(303) 692-2160** or by e-mail at [health.statistics@state.co.us](mailto:health.statistics@state.co.us).

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