



Regional Demographics

Residents from Aspen to Parachute cross municipal, county, and school district boundaries each day for work, school and play establishing an interdependent economic and region. Understanding the diversity and disparities across the region is critical for addressing persistent issues facing youth and families.

POPULATION	Regional	Pitkin	Garfield	RFV Eagle
Total Population	85,463	17,358	61,685	6,420
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	28%	1,892	19,564	2,352
Total Households	33,756	8,114	23,390	2,252
Foreign Born	11-15%	10.7%	14.3%	15.1%
Not a U.S. Citizen	36-62%	36%	62.7%	ND
Adults with a HS Diploma or Less	14-24%	14%	24.2%	ND
Median Household Income		\$96,123	\$82,772	\$117,791
Self-sufficiency Standard (2 adults, 1 preschooler, 1 school age)		\$116,064	\$96,234	\$118,088
Families Living Below the Self-sufficiency Standard	ND	17.7%	31.2%	ND
People Who Speak a Language Other Than English at Home	15-26%	14.9%	26%	ND
Without Health Care Coverage	4-18%	4.4%	17.5%	ND
People in Poverty	7-8%	6.7%	8.1%	8%

CHILDREN AND YOUTH	Region	Pitkin	Garfield	RFV Eagle
Child Population (19 & Under)	21,197	3,060	16,799	1,338
Young Child Population (Under 5)	5,135	807	3,975	353
Elementary School Population (Ages 5-9)	5,152	459	4,247	446
Middle School Population (Ages 10-14)	5,635	879	4,438	318
High School Population (Ages 15-19)	5,275	915	4,139	221
Children Under 18 Percent of Population	25%	15.8%	24.6%	21.4%
Population of Latino Children (Ages 5-18)	40%			
Population of White Children (Ages 5-18)	57%			
School Enrolled Population	ND	69.3%	73.3%	72.7%
Children Under 6 with All Parents in the Workforce	76%			

VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES	Pitkin	Garfield	State	National
Births to Women without a HS Diploma or GED	12.3%	16.5%	10.4%	
Teen Birth Rate (per 1,000 Female Teens 15-19)	7.6	18.5	11.9	
Three Risk Factor Births (Unmarried, Under 25, No Diploma)	3.8%	3.4%	2.8%	
Children Living in Poverty (Under 18)	5.2%	9.4%	10.6%	

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EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION[≈]	Pitkin	Garfield	RFV Eagle	Region
Number of Licensed Providers	13	53	6	72
Licensed Early Childhood Care and Education Capacity	541	1609	309	2,459
Children Served in Licensed Care	67%	40%	92%	47%
Average Cost of Care per Month for Preschool-Aged Child	\$1,800	\$1,200	\$1,500	\$1,450

VULNERABLE YOUTH (AGES 15-18)	REGION
Students who felt so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row during the past 12 months that they stopped doing some usual activities	40.1%
Students who seriously considered attempting suicide during the past 12 months	16.6%
Students who spent 3+ hours in front of a TV, computer, smart phone, or other electronic device for something other than schoolwork	70.8%
Students who agree or strongly agree that they belong at their school	62.9%
Students who participate in extracurricular activities at school	64%
students who think the things they are learning in school are going to be important or very important for later in life	55.5%
Students who think it is important or very important to go to college, technical or vocational school	87.8%
Students who skipped one or more whole days of school during the past four weeks	24.4%

SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMUNITIES

There are four school districts in the Aspen to Parachute region serving most of the preschool to 12th grade students.

Aspen School District: Snowmass, Woody Creek, Aspen

Roaring Fork School District: Basalt, El Jebel, Carbondale, Redstone, Glenwood Springs

Garfield School District No. RE-2: New Castle, Silt, Rifle

Garfield County School District 16: Parachute, Battlement Mesa

In addition, there are private and state charter schools serving approximately 1,000 pk-12th grade students. Data for students in private or state charter schools is not included in the table below.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS (2023-2024)	Aspen	Roaring Fork	Garfield RE2	Garfield 16	Colorado River BOCES (Yampah HS)	Region
Total District Enrollment	1,526	5,607	4,507	1,094	165	12,899
Students Qualifying for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch+	6.2%	50.8%	34.1%	67.7%	27.9%	40.8%
English Language Learners	6.2%	29.5%	25.3%	24.4%	10.3%	25.8%
Homeless Students (Number)+	7	83	11	10	11	122
Immigrant Children (Number)+	LNE	417	114	LNE	LNE	531
Migrant Children (Number)+	LNE	LNE	5	5	LNE	10
Mobility (Percent of students moving in or out of a district)	4.4%	7.4%	8.4%	12.6%	18.2%	
Chronic Absenteeism	42.2%	33.9%	29.8%	41.3%	11.8%	
Students Disciplined	85	643	371	300	6	1,405
High School Graduation Rate (4 years)	92.4%	82.5%	83.5%	84.9%	75%	

Data Notes

Region = Garfield, Pitkin, and Western Eagle counties

LNE = Low Number of Events

ND = No Data

+These programs have stringent criteria, stigmas or are impacted by the political climate which can cause an undercount of students.

≈These numbers include childcare and preschool licensed capacity at all center, district, mobile and home providers within the Aspen to Parachute region

Sources: CECE Coalition, Colorado Center on Law and Policy, Colorado Department of Education, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Healthy Kids Colorado Survey (Region 12: Pitkin, Garfield, Eagle, Summit & Grand counties), Kids Count in Colorado 2022, U.S. Census