

Colorado Hospitals Make Progress Saving People Money on Health Care

Recent reports from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) [National Healthcare Expenditure Data](#) show that Colorado hospital costs are better than national averages:

- In 2020, Coloradans spent \$4 billion less than the national average on hospital care.
- Colorado households spend the second lowest amount on hospital costs in the country.
- Hospital costs in Colorado are now 18% lower than the U.S. average and are rising at a slower pace than national trends.
- In the last 10 years, Coloradans have saved \$22.5 billion dollars through lower hospital costs, compared to the U.S. average.

Coloradans Spend Less on Hospital Care

In 2020, Coloradans spent **\$692 less per person (18%)** on hospital costs compared to the U.S. average. For an average Colorado household size of 2.4, that is more than \$1,600 saved to spend on other items. For 5.8 million Coloradans, that is **\$4 billion less** in hospital costs compared to the average of U.S. states.

Expenditure per Capita (2020)	Colorado	U.S.	\$ Diff	% Diff
Hospital Expenditures	\$3,163	\$3,855	\$(692)	-18%

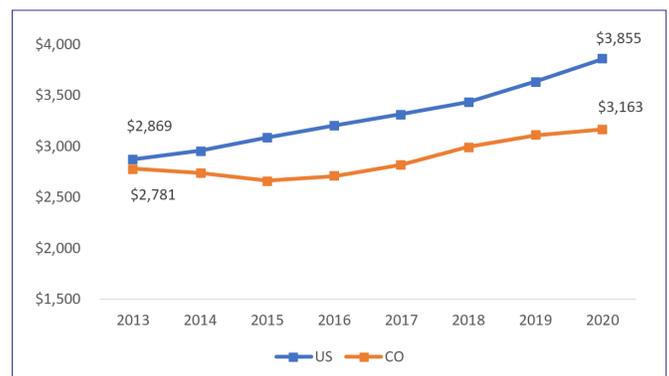
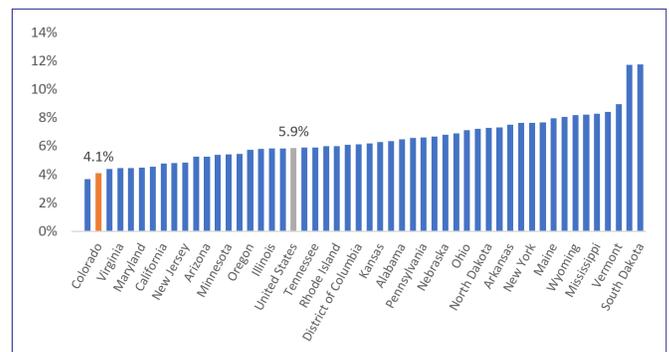
Colorado Hospitals Rank Second in the Nation

In 2020, as a share of household income, Coloradans spent the **second lowest amount in the U.S.** on hospital care, just behind Utah.

Colorado Hospitals Significantly Outpace the Nation in Controlling Costs

Colorado hospitals are controlling the growth of health care costs. In 2013, Colorado was near the rest of the country with hospital costs per capita just 3% lower than the U.S. average. Just seven years later in 2020, **Colorado hospital costs are 18% lower than the U.S. average.** Looking back over 10 years, CHA estimates Colorado hospitals have saved Coloradans \$22.5 billion dollars on hospital care by controlling the growth of health care costs.

The trend of hospital costs over the last five years is lower in Colorado compared to U.S. average and continues to improve. Over the last five years, Colorado's hospital cost trend was a 3.5% increase per year, compared to the U.S. average of 4.6% per year.



Hospital Expenditures per Capita	Colorado	U.S.
5-Year Trend	3.5%	4.6%