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Landscape and Legislation in Behavioral Health



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making children's mental health strategy

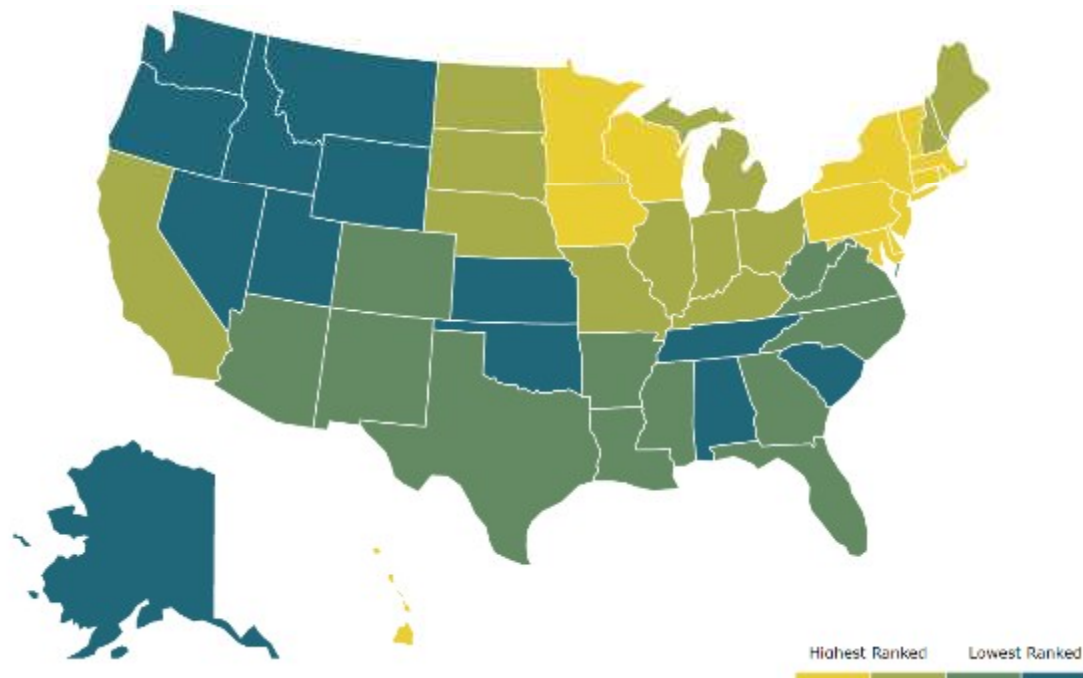


Objectives

- Colorado data and rankings for behavioral health
- Policies in place
- Legislative and budget forecast

Data and Rankings

Colorado ranks 29th in the nation overall



Mental Health America, 2020

Data and Rankings

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Data and Rankings

Colorado has **838,000** adults with mental illness

Which is **19.9%** of the adult population

Ranking **36th** in the nation

Data and Rankings*

During “ordinary” times...

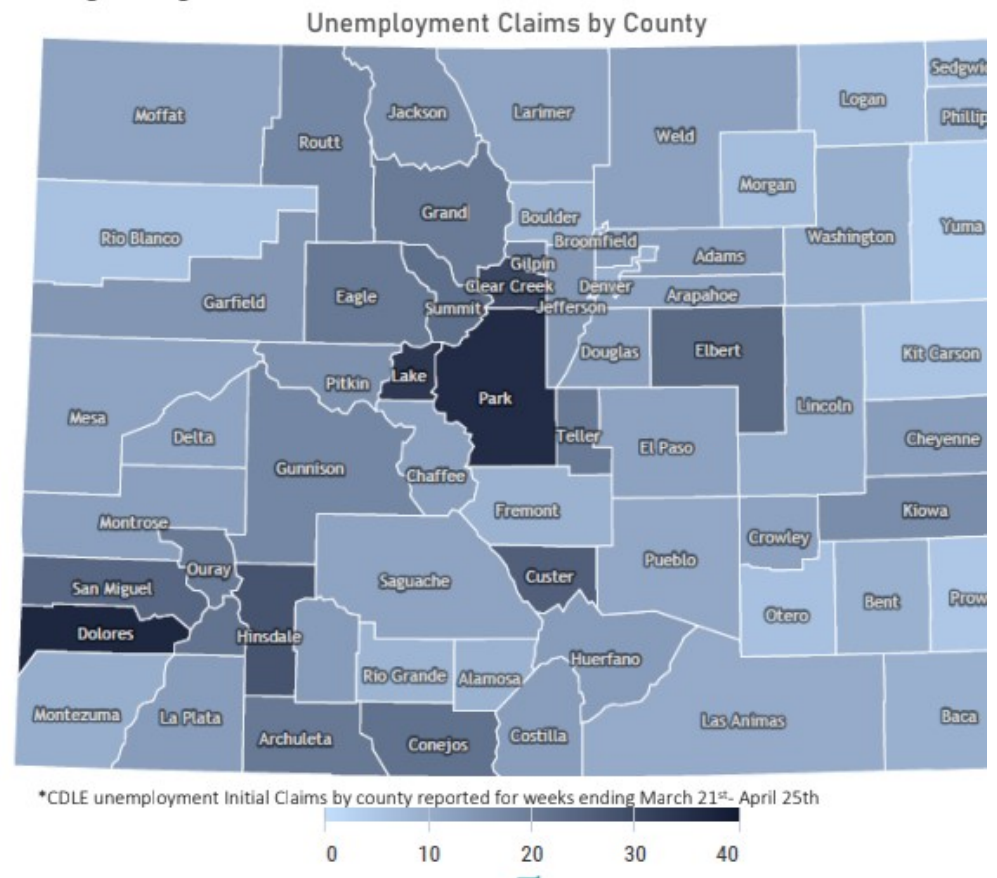
More than **15%** of Coloradans report poor mental health

Over **13%** of Coloradans don’t get mental health care when they need it

More than **1,000,000** Colorado adults say that they, a loved one, or a close friend has been addicted to drugs or alcohol

Yet **95,000** said they went without needed treatment

The intersection of
current circumstances
and mental health



Colorado Economic and Fiscal Outlook, Office of the Governor. May 2020



What's ahead...

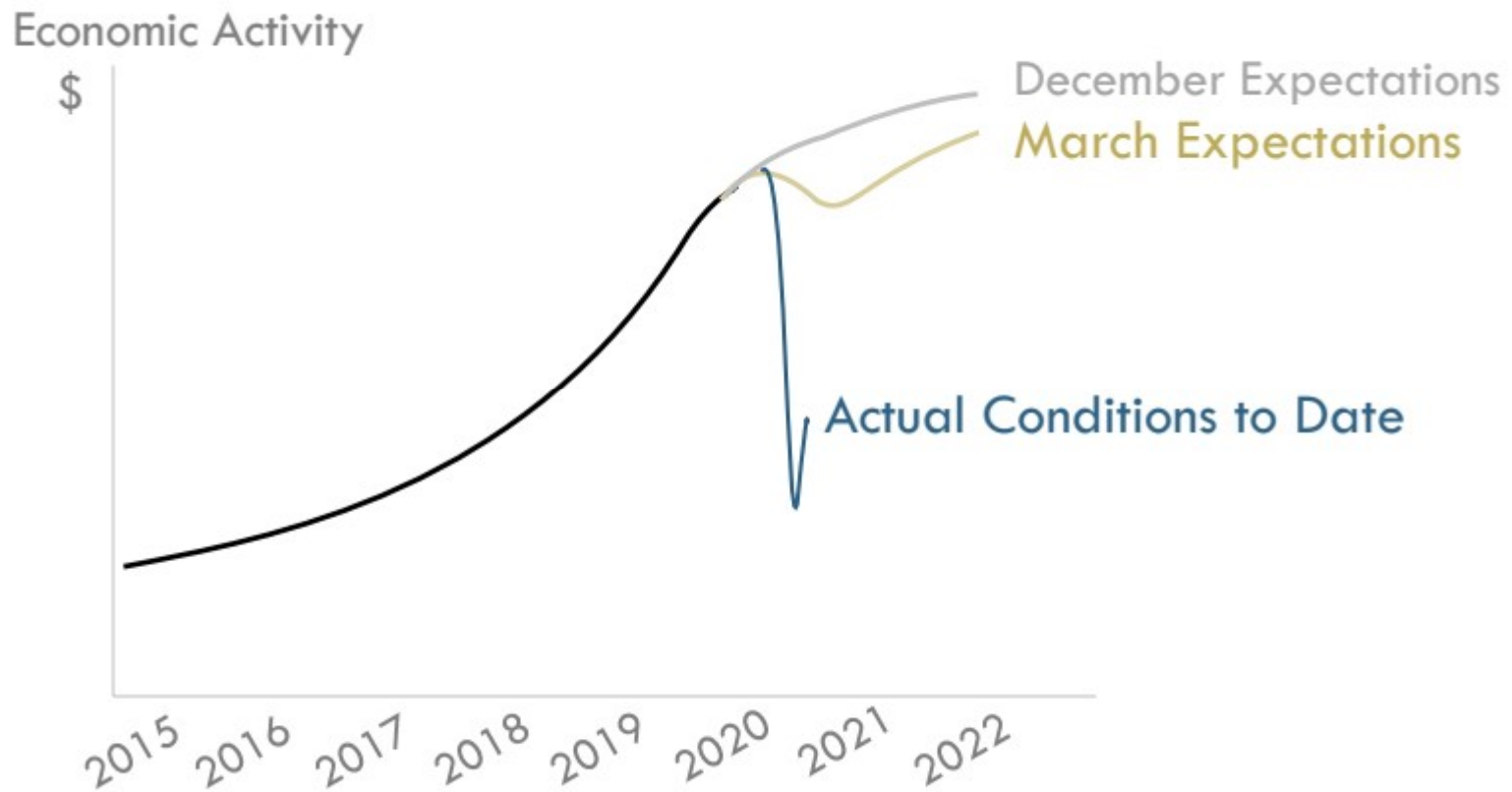


Illustration only (Colorado Legislative Council Staff, Economic & Revenue Forecast Update, May 2020)




The Budget...

Possible areas of funds reduction related to behavioral health

- Medicaid assisted treatment in jails
- Special Connections high risk pregnant and postpartum women program
- Substance use in rural areas
- Behavioral health professionals in schools (SB19-010)
- K-5 Social and Emotional Health Pilot Program (HB19-1017)
- Early childhood mental health specialist program enhancement (HB20-1006)
- Home Visiting for School Readiness

What's still in place?

- HB19-1287 Treatment for Opioids and Substance Use Disorders
- Ombudsman office (HB 18-1357)
- Mental health parity (HB 19-1269)
- Safe-2-Tell bill (HB 20-1005)
- Teacher recertification containing behavioral health content (HB20-1312)



What's
next?

- Legislature returns May 26
- Behavioral Health Task Force
- Analyze lessons learned

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