

Colorado 9to25 Data Indicators

Colorado 9to25 (CO9to25) is a collective, action-oriented group of Colorado youth and adults working in partnership to align efforts and achieve positive outcomes for all youth, ages 9-25, so they can reach their full potential. This youth system-building effort aims to ensure that:

1. All youth are safe.
2. All youth are physically and mentally healthy.
3. All youth receive a quality education.
4. All youth are connected to caring adults, school and their communities.
5. All youth are contributing to their community (e.g. volunteering, working).

Below are the final indicators chosen to measure the above goals. The stakeholders, who helped prioritize these, include adults representing both state and local agencies working in all CO9to25 goal areas; urban and rural community-based organizations; and parents and healthcare providers. In addition, at the CO9to25 Denver launch, over 61 youth and young adults voted on their top 3 indicators within each of the 5 goal areas. These young people represented a wide array of experiences, including but not limited to diversity in geographic location, race and ethnicity, socio-economic status, sexual orientation and involvement in numerous youth-serving systems. This final selection not only represents diverse stakeholder feedback, but it reflects what research says most directly impacts the lives of young people.

Goal 1: All youth are safe

1. **School Safety**: Percent of 9th-12th grade students who did not go to school because they felt unsafe at school or on their way to or from school on one or more of the past 30 days (YRBS)
2. **Relationship Violence**: Percent of 9th-12th grade students who report that their boyfriend or girlfriend ever hit, slapped or physically hurt them on purpose during the past 12 months (YRBS)
3. **Teen Driving Safety**: Motor vehicle crash fatalities per 100,000 teens ages 15-19 (DC)

Goal 2: All youth are mentally and physically healthy

1. **Mental Health**: Percent of 9th-12th grade students who report ever feeling so sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that they stopped doing some usual activities during the past 12 months (YRBS)
2. **Binge Drinking**: Percent of 9th-12th grade students who had five or more drinks of alcohol in a row, within a couple of hours, on one or more of the past 30 days (YRBS)
3. **Teen Births**: Births per 1,000 females ages 15-17 (BC)

Goal 3: All youth receive a quality education

1. **School Completion**: Graduation rate (CDE)
2. **School Achievement**: Percent of 9th-12th grade students who report that teachers help them be successful at school (potential youth survey question)

3. **School Quality**: Percent of 9th-12th grade students who feel that the school work they are assigned is meaningful and important (YRBS)

Goal 4: All youth are connected

1. **School Connectedness**: Percent of 9th-12th grade students who report participating in any extracurricular activities in school (YRBS)
2. **Youth and Adult Connectedness**: Percent of 9th-12th grade students who report that if they had a serious problem, they know someone in or out of school whom they could talk to or go to for help (potential youth survey question)
3. **Youth Homelessness**: Number of youth in grades 9-12 experiencing homelessness in Colorado communities (CDE)

Goal 5: All youth are contributing

1. **Community Engagement**: Percent of 9th-12th grade students who report that they try to help when they see people in need (potential youth survey question)
2. **Community Involvement**: Percent of 9th-12th grade students who report that being actively involved in community activities is their responsibility (potential youth survey question)
3. **Youth Employment**: Percent of youth and young adults ages 14-21 searching for jobs through workforce development centers who gained employment (CDLE)

BC: Birth Certificates

CDE: Colorado Department of Education

CDLE: Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

DC: Death Certificates

YRBS: Youth Risk Behavior Survey