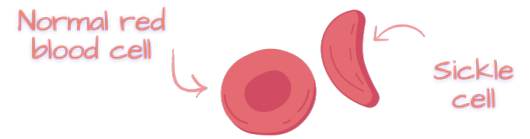


SICKLE CELL DISEASE IN COLORADO

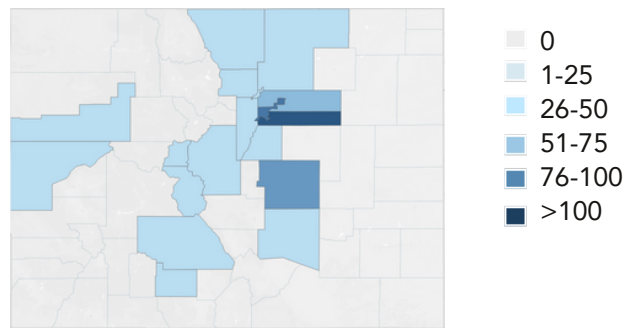
Sickle cell disease is a genetic condition that causes red blood cells to become misshapen. These cells can clog blood vessels, leading to severe pain, infections, growth issues, and other complications.



The Colorado Sickle Cell Data Collection (CO-SCDC) program works to better understand this disease in Colorado. Here is a snapshot of our most recent findings.

OVER 350

people are living with sickle cell disease in Colorado



More than 80% of people living with sickle cell disease in Colorado reside in four counties:

Arapahoe, Denver, El Paso, and Adams



An average of

12

BABIES BORN IN
COLORADO
EACH YEAR

are diagnosed with sickle cell disease

In 2020, individuals with sickle cell disease in Colorado had, on average:

1

**HOSPITAL
ADMISSION**
per person



&

4

**DAYS IN THE
HOSPITAL**
per admission



8 out of 10

hospital admissions for people with sickle cell disease start in the emergency department

In 2020, hospital admissions were highest for people 20-39 years old

