

To compute the flag calculations for the population index, census tracts were assigned a flag when they fell within the 90th percentile of percent single parent households, percent population under age 18, percent population over age 64, percent minority (non-white) population, percent population who speaks english less than well, and percent population with a disability. Census tracts obtained a value between 0 and 4 where 0 represents areas that do not fall within the 90th percentile of any indicators and 4 represents areas that fall within the 90th percentile for 4 of 6 indicators. No tracts obtained all 6 flags.

805 census tracts received 0 flags, 276 received 1 flag, 93 received 2 flags, 45 tracts were assigned 3 flags, and 23 received

4 flags. All tracts were located in counties in the Denver Metropolitan Region. The counties with 4-flagged tracts include Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, and Weld County.

Among these 4 counties, 23 census tracts were assigned 4 flags. In Weld County, 4-flagged tracts were located in the city of Greeley. Both Aurora and Thornton had 4-flagged tracts in Adams County. Arapahoe County had 4-flagged tracts in Commerce City and Federal Heights. Denver also had 4-flagged tracts located throughout the county. Other areas that displayed higher flag counts include Costilla, El Paso, Larimer, Morgan, and Pueblo County.

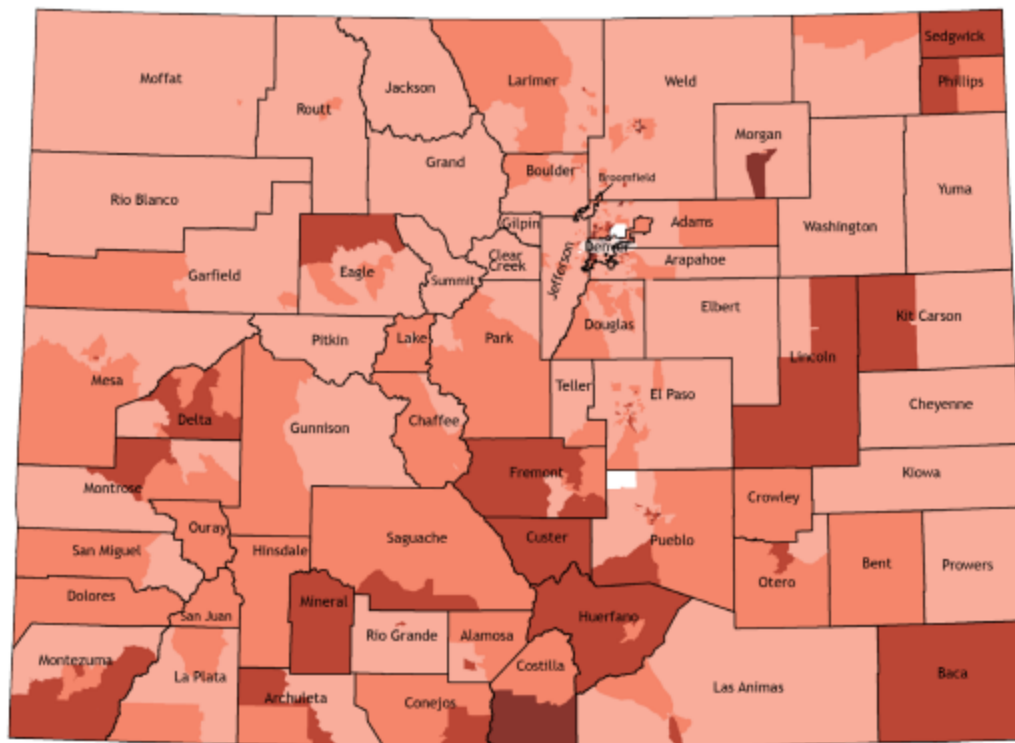


Figure 18. Map of Population Index ²⁸

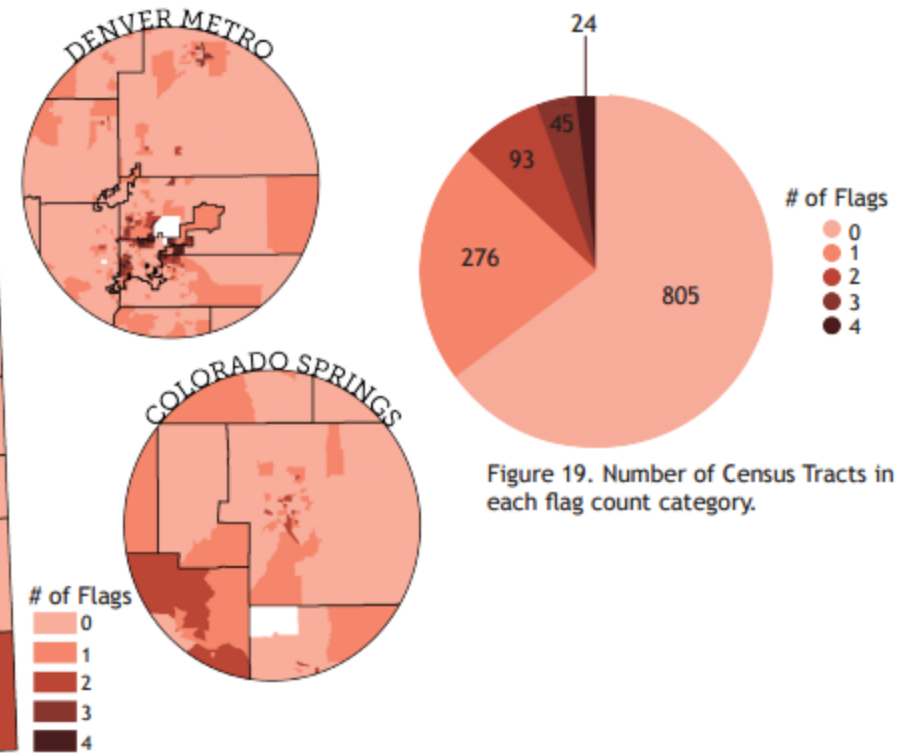


Figure 19. Number of Census Tracts in each flag count category.

²⁸U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates