

To compute the flag calculations for the socioeconomic index, census tracts were assigned a flag when they fell within the 90th percentile of percent population below poverty, percent population above age 25 with an education level below 9th grade, and percent population without health insurance. For the socioeconomic index, census tracts obtained a value between 0 and 3 where 0 represents areas that do not fall within the 90th percentile of any indicators and 3 represents areas that fall within the 90th percentile for all 3 indicators.

942 census tracts received 0 flags, 243 received 1 flag, 52 received 2 flags and five census tracts were assigned 3 flags. These tracts include census tract 2, 6 72.02, 79, and 9777. Three of

the five census tracts are located in the Denver Metropolitan Region encompassing Adams, Arapahoe, and Weld County.

In Adams County, the 3-flagged tract is located in Thornton. Weld County has a 3-flagged tract located in Greeley. Additionally, there is a 3-flagged tract in the city of Colorado Springs, located in El Paso County. In Pueblo County, a 3-flagged census tract is in Pueblo West. In a more rural location, a 3-flagged tract is found in Saguache County in the town of Center. Other areas that display higher tract flag counts include the Alamosa County, Otero County, and other small tracts located in the Denver Metropolitan Region.

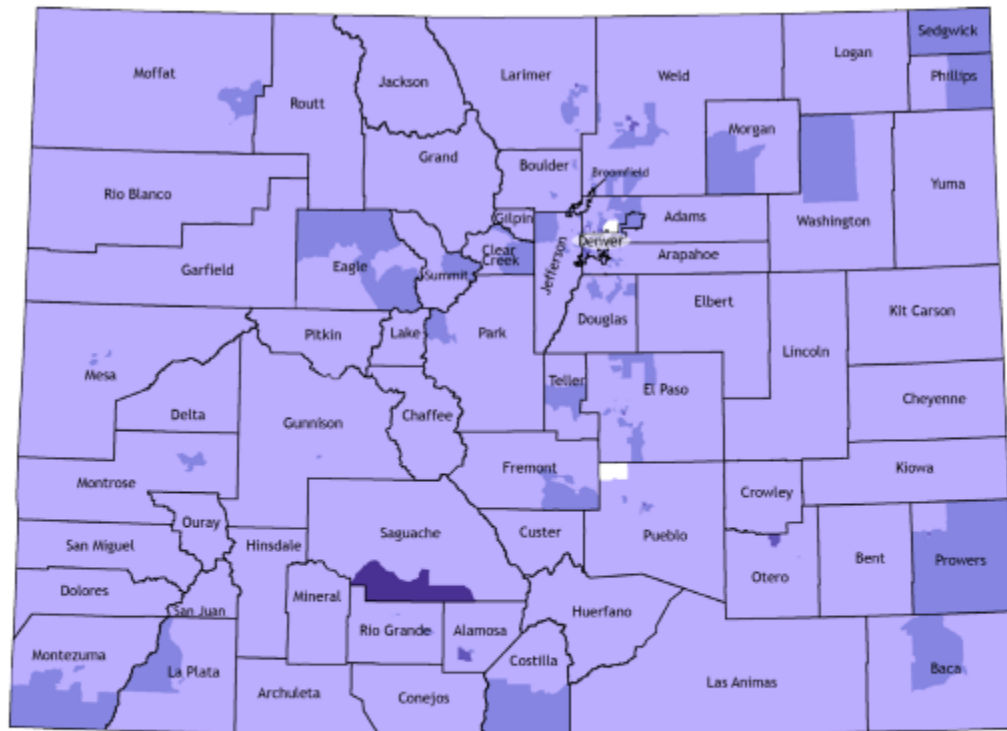


Figure 16. Map of Socioeconomic Index ²⁷

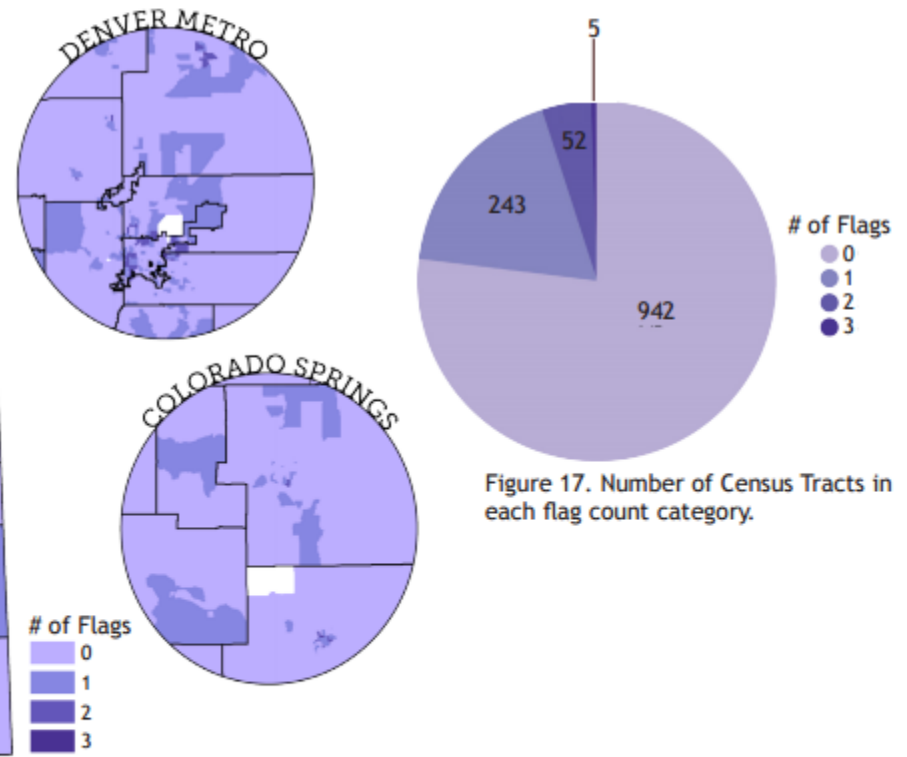


Figure 17. Number of Census Tracts in each flag count category.