

COLORADO SAMPLE REPORT

2020-2025 Statewide & County Death and Disposition Trends

2025 COLORADO AT A GLANCE

TOTAL DEATHS

45,866

BURIALS

6,294

CREMATIONS

35,554

CREMATION RATE

77.5%

Source: CDPHE Vital Statistics Program | Final 2025 county-of-occurrence data

STATEWIDE SIX-YEAR DIRECTION

Year	Deaths	Burial	Cremation	Burial Rate	Cremation Rate
2020	47,597	8,198	35,740	17.2%	75.1%
2021	49,143	8,192	36,979	16.7%	75.2%
2022	47,653	7,619	35,888	16.0%	75.3%
2023	45,746	6,917	34,798	15.1%	76.1%
2024	45,294	6,319	34,945	14.0%	77.2%
2025	45,866	6,294	35,554	13.7%	77.5%

WHAT THIS REPORT HELPS YOU SEE

- How cremation and burial preferences are changing statewide
- Which counties have the highest death volume and cremation rates
- How certifier type and autopsy activity vary across Colorado
- Where alkaline hydrolysis and natural reduction were separately reported
- How county-of-occurrence patterns changed from 2020 through 2025

IMPORTANT PRODUCT LIMITATION

Colorado does not permit public release of funeral-home or institution identifiers. This report analyzes state and county-of-occurrence trends and does not calculate individual funeral-establishment market share.

2025 COUNTY SNAPSHOT

Actual Colorado county-of-occurrence statistics

SELECTED HIGH-VOLUME COUNTIES

County	Deaths	Burial	Cremation	Cremation Rate	Coroner Rate
El Paso	6,160	709	4,954	80.4%	17.4%
Denver	5,185	844	3,829	73.8%	24.7%
Jefferson	5,098	678	3,973	77.9%	26.5%
Arapahoe	4,860	717	3,736	76.9%	19.2%
Adams	4,254	726	3,146	74.0%	21.6%

DENVER COUNTY - SIX-YEAR TREND

Year	Deaths	Burial	Cremation	Cremation Rate
2020	5,894	1,155	4,250	72.1%
2021	5,511	1,048	4,008	72.7%
2022	5,617	1,052	4,027	71.7%
2023	5,432	921	3,959	72.9%
2024	5,221	846	3,862	74.0%
2025	5,185	844	3,829	73.8%

HOW TO INTERPRET COUNTY RESULTS

County means county of occurrence. It does not mean county of residence, the location of the funeral establishment handling the case, or a funeral home service area. Small category counts may be suppressed by CDPHE when fewer than three events occurred; suppressed values are blank, not zero.



REPORT CONTENT & METHODOLOGY

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STANDARD REPORT CONTENTS

- **Statewide Executive Summary**

Annual deaths, burials, cremations, rates, donation, removal, other dispositions, certifier type and autopsy status.

- **County Annual Detail**

One row for every Colorado county and year, with reported disposition categories and suppression indicators.

- **County Rankings**

Annual ranking by death volume, cremation volume, cremation rate, burial activity, coroner certification and autopsy rate.

- **Emerging Dispositions**

Alkaline hydrolysis, natural reduction, entombment and private-land burial where CDPHE reported them separately.

- **Source & Quality Notes**

Final-source tracking, partial-file reconciliation, county definitions, category consistency and suppression treatment.

METHODOLOGY

Funeral Convergence standardized the final CDPHE annual tables for 2020 through 2025. The final detailed 2024 table containing 45,294 deaths replaced an earlier partial attachment containing 22,198 deaths. Asterisks indicating fewer than three events were converted to blank values and tagged as suppressed. No suppressed value was treated as zero.

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