

Colorado Legal Services Pilot Program

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- To provide a legal resource opportunity to serve residents focused on landlord-tenant issues for households within 125% of the federal poverty line
- Based out of a satellite office at Adams County for 2-3 hours a week in addition to court dates



Addressing Housing Insecurity

- While federal and state governmental policies focus on eradicating homelessness, local governmental policy is most effective at addressing homelessness through prevention, including addressing housing insecurity
- This pilot program seeks to address housing insecurity with the goal of preventing homelessness by intervening at the most critical moments for those experiencing instability



“Eviction is a cause, not just a condition, of poverty.”
— Matthew Desmond,
Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City



ADAMS COUNTY COLORADO

7.44 EVICTIONS PER DAY	4.4% EVICTION RATE <small>+2.05 U.S. average</small>
Evictions	2,722
Eviction Filing Rate	9.3%
Eviction Filings	5,760
CENSUS DEMOGRAPHICS	
Poverty Rate	10.32%
Population	471,206
% Renter Homes	35.49%
Median Gross Rent	\$1,039
Median Property Value	\$198,800
Rent Burden	31%
Median Household Income	\$58,946



DENVER COUNTY COLORADO

9.75 EVICTIONS PER DAY	2.29% EVICTION RATE <small>-0.05 U.S. average</small>
Evictions	3,567
Eviction Filing Rate	4.88%
Eviction Filings	7,599
CENSUS DEMOGRAPHICS	
Poverty Rate	12.84%
Population	649,654
% Renter Homes	50.59%
Median Gross Rent	\$962
Median Property Value	\$271,300
Rent Burden	29.5%
Median Household Income	\$53,637

EVICTION LAB

2016



Colorado Legal Services Current Usage

	Population	Population Under the Poverty Line	CLS Closed Housing Cases by Zip Code
Adams County	503,000	12% (60,360)	80022 (16) 80102 (3) 80136 (1) 80137 (1) 80221 (16)
Brighton	38,000	11% (4,180)	80601 (9) 80602 (2)
Aurora	361,000	15% (54,150)	80019 (3) 80040 80042 80045
Commerce City	52,000	13%	80022 (16) 80037



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City / County	Proposed Amount
Adams County	\$50,000 committed
Aurora	\$25,000 committed
Thornton	\$20,000 committed
Northglenn	TBD
Federal Heights	\$15,000 committed
Brighton	\$12,000 proposed (pending Council confirmation)
Commerce City	\$15,000 committed
Westminster	\$35,000 committed
Broomfield City/County	\$15,000 committed



Questions

