Children are the future but some are facing barriers to becoming healthy productive adults. About 3 in 10 children are overweight or obese, 6 in 10 do not meet physical activity guidelines, and about 1 in 7 have had mental or behavioral problems, according to their parents.

- **27%** Overweight or Obese Children Aged 5 – 14 Years
- **62%** Children Aged 5 - 14 Years are Physically Active 60 Minutes or More Each Day
- **15%** Children Aged 1-14 Years with Mental/Behavioral Problems

**High school graduation** is an important indicator of how young people are thriving. Weld County’s youth high school graduation rate is increasing and better than the state rate of 79%.

- **74%** 2010
- **82%** 2013
- **81%** 2016

The county’s population is expected to continue to grow – a lot. By 2040, the population is expected to almost double. For residents aged 65 and older, the population is expected to increase 127%.

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**Many households are struggling to make ends meet.** In 2016, almost 40% of 4-person households with children made $65,000 or less, which is the minimum income needed to be self-sufficient (e.g., pay for housing, food, transportation, childcare, healthcare, taxes) in Weld County for a family of four.

**Annual Cost for Basic Necessities, Family of Four** $65,000

2015 Median Household Income $69,434

**Although Weld County’s economy is good, did you know….**

- Nearly 2 in 10 residents said they were usually or always worried or stressed about paying mortgage or rent in the past 12 months.
- In 2016, 15% of residents provided temporary housing to at least one another person due to a health problem, loss of housing, or other financial hardship.
- Among workers with children living at or below the federal poverty level, almost 1 in 4 workers had to quit, not take a job, or change their job due to problems with childcare.

To be healthy, children need access to healthcare when needed. Currently, about 4,000 Weld County children are uninsured and another 5,600 children may be at risk of becoming uninsured.