



## HUMAN SERVICES

**Senior Services:** One notable senior service in Manitou Springs is the Golden Circle Nutrition Program, operated by Silver Key. Golden Circle provides lunches every Monday through Friday to residents 60 years old and older. The program is hosted at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

**Area Agency on Aging:** The regional Area Agency on Aging (AAA) operates under the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG), and serves El Paso, Teller, and Park Counties. AAA services include:

- Programs and support for caregivers
- Retirement planning
- Transportation services for seniors and persons with disabilities
- Insurance assistance

In addition, the AAA prepares and publishes a Directory of Services for Seniors and People with Disabilities, detailing the services provided to seniors in the region. The AAA also regularly prepares a 4-year plan to implement guidance it receives from the state Department of Human Services, in accordance with the federal Older Americans Act.

**Support for Disabled Adults:** Cheyenne Village, located in Manitou Springs, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that provides services to adults with disabilities. Services provided by this organization include support plans for adults living independently, as well as supported living services. The organization operates the McLoughlin Lodge Apartments and Joslyn & Marshall group homes in Manitou Springs, in addition to facilities located in Colorado Springs.

**Manitou Springs Restorative Justice Project:** Started in summer 2006, the Manitou Springs Restorative Justice Project facilitates the resolution of disputes following an offense. The program is sponsored by the City of Manitou Springs, the Manitou Springs School District 14, and the Manitou Springs Restorative Justice Council, and focuses on bringing together victims, offenders, and any other affected parties to discuss and devise a plan to make things right. The program has helped to resolve over 150 cases, and participants generally have had positive impressions of the process.

## HEALTH & WELL-BEING

**Food Access:** The Manitou Springs Community Pantry is a local food bank that provides services to residents of Manitou Springs. Like many human



## TRENDS & KEY ISSUES

### Local Service Provision

Most community services available to residents of Manitou Springs are provided by local churches, volunteers, and non-profit groups. These include the Manitou Springs School District 14, which has staff and programming that are dedicated to serving a range of student and family health needs. The Manitou Springs Public Library also provides programming and events to support education, health, and well-being, as well as healthy food access.

### Costs and Funding

As the population across the Pikes Peak region continues to age, the demand for senior services is likely to rise. However, decades of budget cuts at the federal- and state-level mean that funding for such programs are small.

**TRENDS & KEY ISSUES**

**Regional Services**

Many health and human service providers are not located within Manitou Springs, but in nearby Colorado Springs. The City’s proximity to such a large urban area means that there is a wide range of providers available. However, this does not mean that these services are easily accessible by residents, especially for those who lack the ability to drive an automobile and must rely on public transportation.

**School District Services**

In addition to education services, the Manitou Springs School District 14 provides a number of to students and their families. These include:

- School psychologist
- Food bank (distributed 4,651 lbs. of food during the school year)
- Clothing closet

**School Meals**

The district hosts a range of programs to address students’ needs for food access and to promote healthy eating. These include:

- Healthy Choices Menu: Menus for school lunches and choices for snacks are thoughtfully developed based on healthy eating principles.
- Local Food: District students participate in growing greens and other produce at school.

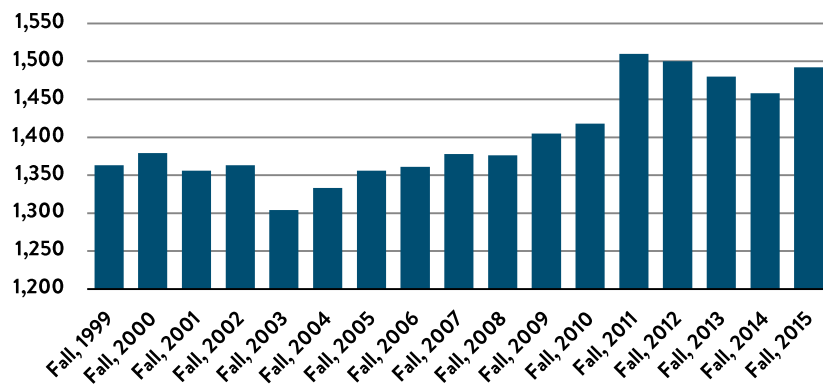
services in Manitou Springs, the Community Pantry operates out of a local church, St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church.

**Mental Health:** There are no mental healthcare providers in Manitou Springs. However, thanks to the City’s proximity to Colorado Springs, there are several providers located within 5-miles of the Manitou Springs.

**EDUCATION**

**MSSD 14:** The Manitou Springs School District 14 (MSSD14) runs three schools within the City limits, the Manitou Springs Elementary, Middle, and High Schools. The District also operates a fourth school, the Ute Pass Elementary School.

**MANITOU SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT 14  
ENROLLMENT, 1999-2015**



**Enrollment:** According to the State Department of Education, MSSD14 had a student enrollment of around 1,492 students in the fall of 2015. Although enrollment has grown overall since 2000, the district has seen declining enrollment from its peak of 1,510 students in 2011. However, 2015 enrollment marked an increase from the around 30 students from the previous year.

**Graduation Rates:** Recent years have seen a decline in the 4-year graduation rate for students in MSSD14. During the 2010/2011 school year, 93.9% of high school students graduated in 4-years, compared to 84.3% during the 2014/2015 school year. Despite this decrease, MSSD14’s graduation rate was still higher than the rate for school districts in El Paso County (75.7%) and Colorado (77.3%) in 2015.

**Free and Reduced-Cost Meals:** Approximately 26.8% of district students qualified for free or reduced-cost school meals during the 2014/2015 school year.

## LOCAL & REGIONAL PARTNERS

- Pikes Peak Area Agency on Aging
- Manitou Springs School District 14
- St. Andrew's Church
- Community Congregational Church
- LiveWell Colorado

## RELATED PLANS & STUDIES

- [Area Agency on Aging Region IV Area Plan \(2015-2019\) – Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments](#)