



20,340 EMS Clinicians

- 7,784 (28%) are advanced life support clinicians (paramedics and EMT- Intermediates)
- 14,556 (78%) are basic life support clinicians (EMTs & Advanced EMTs)
- It's estimated that only 50% of certified/licensed EMS clinicians are active in EMS.
- It's estimated that 58% of EMS clinicians work in urban and resort areas and only 32% in rural areas.

General

- Ambulance services are currently licensed by counties. In 2024, they will be licensed by the state.
- **In 2021, there were 916,172 calls for an ambulance, 578,179 patients were transported to hospitals and other facilities.**
- SB22-225, Ambulance Service Sustainability and State Licensing, by Sens. Zenzinger and Liston and by Reps. Roberts and Baisley, established both the Ground Ambulance Licensing Taskforce and the EMS Sustainability Taskforce. Nearly half of Colorado ambulance services respond to less than 500 calls a year!





There are 215 licensed ambulance services in Colorado. Ambulance services are operated by:

- 101 (47%) fire-based entities, either municipal, county, or special districts
- 114 (53%) non-fire-based entities, either private, hospital-based, special district, or tribal:
 - 101 (47%) local government, fire department
 - 41 (19%) local government, non-fire department
 - 22 (10%) hospital-based
 - 50 (23%) private, non-hospital
 - 1 Tribal
- 48% responded to 0 to 499 calls.
- 29% responded to 500 to 2,499 calls.
- 15% responded to 2,500 to 9,999 calls.
- 8% responded to 10,000 or more calls.

Ambulance Service Funding

- Primarily fee for service - billing payers (Medicare, Medicaid, commercial insurance) and patients.
- Many government agencies receive local tax support primarily through property taxes.
- Many hospital-based agencies require hospital supplemental.
- Grant funding - state, federal, and foundation.

