

A New Colorado

Coverage and Care Post-Affordable Care Act

The numbers are dramatic. Nearly five million Coloradans now have health insurance. And Colorado's uninsurance rate has plunged to 6.7 percent.

The policy changes in the Affordable Care Act are transforming the health care landscape in Colorado. This data visualization summarizes 2015 Colorado Health Access Survey (CHAS) findings.



The Big Stories

Health Care Use Heading Higher

More health insurance is starting to mean more care. The percentage of people who said they visited a health care provider in the past year increased.

Good to Know: But use of health care hasn't returned to the pre-recession peak in 2009.



Colorado is Meeting Access-to-Care Challenge

Difficulty getting an appointment when it is needed saw only a slight uptick.

Good to Know: Doctors said no to 15.4% of clients with public insurance compared with 6.4% with commercial insurance.



Affordability Remains a Barrier to Care

The percentage who said they didn't get needed doctor care because it cost too much declined only a bit.

Good to Know: 17.1% of Coloradans did not see a dentist because of cost.



The Marketplace: New Kid on the Block

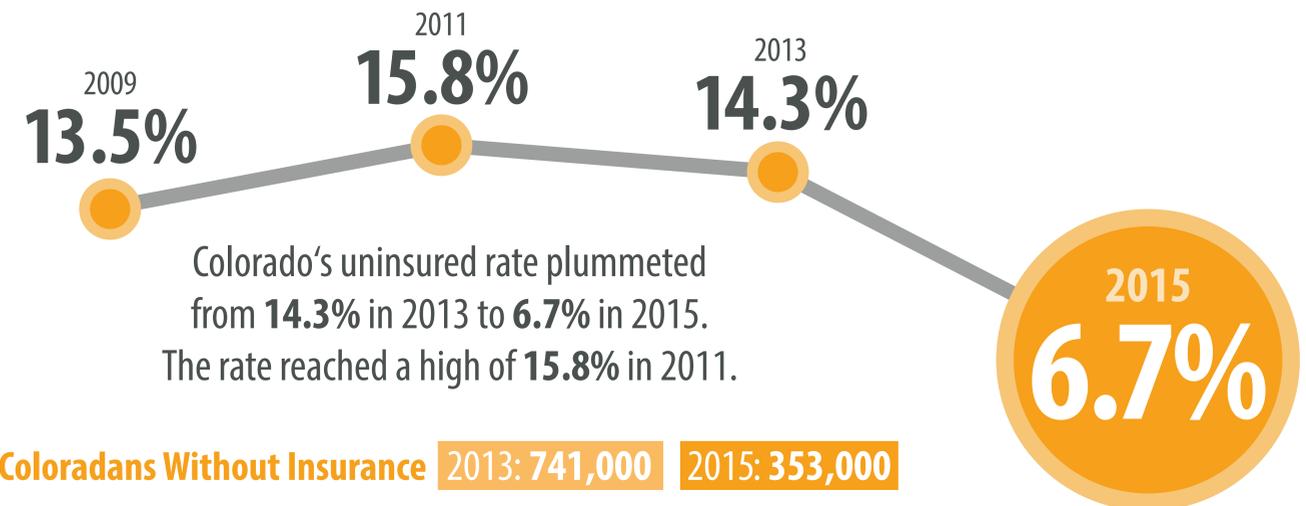
First CHAS findings for Connect for Health Colorado, the new online insurance marketplace.

A lower percentage of Connect for Health Colorado customers said they visited a provider in the last year than people with employer-sponsored insurance.



Good to Know: 87.6% of Connect for Health Colorado customers rate their health as good, very good or excellent compared with 93.9% of people with job-based coverage.

Colorado's Uninsured Rate: A New Low



The New Face of the Uninsured

AGE

Thirty-somethings have the highest uninsured rate at 13.4%. "Young invincibles" between 19 and 29 come in a close second. Colorado's kids are big winners, with only 2.5% uninsured.

INCOME

10.6% of Coloradans at or below the poverty line are uninsured, the highest rate among income groups. People above four times the poverty level now make up a higher percentage of the total uninsured pool, doubling from 2013.

EDUCATION

Coloradans without a high school diploma have the highest uninsured rate at 13.5%, followed by high school grads at 12.2%.

RACE/ETHNICITY

Hispanics are still the most likely to be uninsured at 11.8%. They make up 20.7% of the population, but account for 37.6% of all the uninsured. The uninsured rate for white Coloradans fell to 5.0%.



Happier With Health: System Gets High Marks

74.6% of Coloradans agree that the health care system works for their family, up from 69.1 percent in 2013.