



FACT SHEET
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First complete snapshot of Great Recession underscores the importance of Medicaid

Data the U.S. Census Bureau released today examine health insurance, poverty and income. Because of small sample sizes, two-year averages must be used, diminishing the magnitude of changes. Still, numbers for 2008-09 — the first two-year window to cover the Great Recession entirely — are noteworthy. Here’s a snapshot of the figures for Colorado:

Key health insurance facts

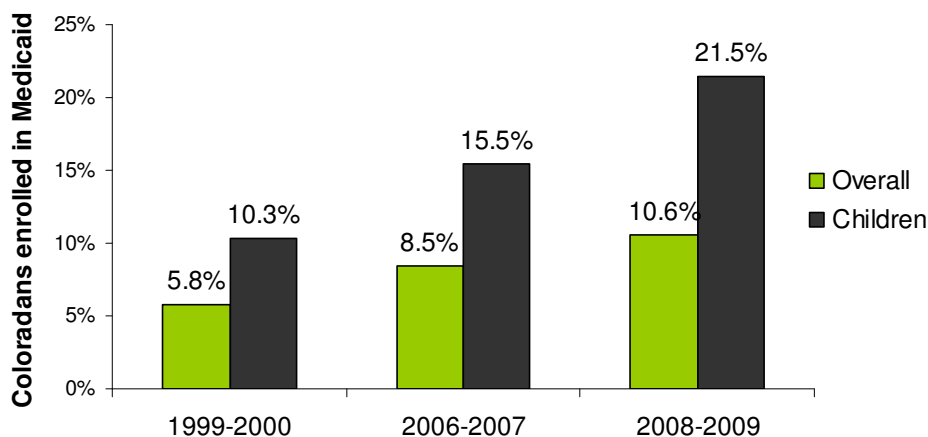
In Colorado in 2008-09:

- 17.3 percent of Coloradans younger than 65 — or roughly three-quarters of a million people — did not have health insurance. The number included 134,500 kids. (Coloradans older than 65 are eligible for Medicare.)
- More than one out of five children relied on Medicaid for health insurance. That represents 265,000 kids in Colorado, a number that has almost doubled since the beginning of the decade.
- The majority of children and adults (younger than 65) received health insurance from employers. However that number continues to decline.

COLORADO INSURANCE COVERAGE						
	MEDICAID ENROLLMENT		UNINSURANCE		EMPLOYER-SPONSORED INSURANCE	
	Overall	Children	Overall	Children	Overall	Children
2008-09 percentage	10.6%	21.5%	17.3%	11.0%	62.4%	60.7%
2008-09 level	467,500	265,000	764,500	134,500	2,752,000	746,000
Change since 2006-07	2.1%	6.0%	-	-	-	-
Change since 1999-2000	4.8%	11.2%	-	-3.7%	-7.2%	-5.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Current Population Survey 2010
Overall coverage is Coloradans younger than 65; those older than 65 are eligible for Medicare.
Children are individuals younger than 18. A “-” denotes no statistically significant change

Medicaid takes up the gap in Colorado



Source: U.S. Census Bureau Current Population Survey 2010

Key income and poverty facts

In Colorado in 2008-09:

- More than one in 10 individuals had incomes of less than the poverty level (\$10,830 in annual income for an individual and \$22,050 for a family of four). That represents 613,000 Coloradans.
- The median household income in Colorado was \$58,321. That is substantially higher than the national median income, \$49,945 in 2008-09.

COLORADO POVERTY AND INCOME (PRELIMINARY)				
	2008-09 level	2008-09 rate	Change since 1999-2000	Change since 2006-07
Poverty	613,000	11.7%	2.6%	-
Income	\$58,321	N/A	-	-

Source: U.S. Census Current Population Survey 2010
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