



Counting Colorado's Uninsured: The Latest Estimates

American Community Survey (ACS)

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Introduction

The U.S. Census Bureau on September 20, 2012, released the annual estimates from the American Community Survey (ACS) of the number and percentage of Americans who lacked health insurance coverage in calendar year 2011.^a

Uninsured: The Overall Numbers

United States

- Nationally, an estimated 46.4 million Americans, or 15.1 percent of the population, were uninsured in 2011. That's down significantly from 47.2 million, or 15.5 percent, in 2010.

Colorado

- According to the ACS, an estimated 760,000 Coloradans, or 15.1 percent, were uninsured in 2011. That compares with 789,000, or 15.9 percent, in 2010. Colorado was one of twenty states that recorded a statistically significant decline in the uninsured rate between 2010 and 2011.^b

Table 1. Uninsured Rates in Colorado by Age, Gender, Race/Ethnicity and Annual Household Income, 2009-2011

| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
|--------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Age | | | |
| Under 18 | 10.2 | 10.1 | 9.4 |
| 18-64 | 20.3 | 20.7 | 19.8 |
| 65 and older | 1.0 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Gender | | | |
| Male | 17.8 | 17.7 | 16.9 |
| Female | 13.7 | 14.2 | 13.3 |
| Race/Ethnicity | | | |
| Non-Hispanic White | 11.1 | 11.7 | 11.3 |
| Hispanic or Latino | 32.1 | 29.7 | 27.3 |
| Annual Household Income | | | |
| Under \$25,000 | 29.8 | 28.9 | 26.2 |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 23.5 | 23.0 | 23.9 |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999 | 15.2 | 16.6 | 16.0 |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999 | 9.4 | 9.2 | 8.7 |
| \$100,000 and over | 5.4 | 5.2 | 4.7 |

^a Data available from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Factfinder at <http://factfinder2.census.gov>.

^b Statistically different at the 90 percent confidence level.

Methodology and Limitations

The American Community Survey (ACS) is a nationwide survey with an annual sample size of about 3 million addresses across the United States and Puerto Rico. Health insurance estimates are extrapolated from the survey results based on the number and percentage of individuals who reported being uninsured at the time of the 2011 survey. These single year estimates are only calculated for counties and cities that have a sufficiently large population for analysis.

Table 2. Uninsured Rates in Colorado by County, 2010-2011

| County | Uninsured Population | | | | | |
|------------------|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| | 2010 | | 2011 | | Change 2010-11 | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Colorado | 789,109 | 15.9 | 759,619 | 15.1 | -29,490 | -0.8 |
| Adams County | 98,880 | 22.5 | 93,108 | 20.8 | -5,772 | -1.7 |
| Arapahoe County | 94,509 | 16.6 | 95,536 | 16.5 | 1,027 | -0.1 |
| Boulder County | 33,770 | 11.5 | 34,697 | 11.7 | 927 | 0.2 |
| Denver County | 109,965 | 18.4 | 105,443 | 17.2 | -4,522 | -1.2 |
| Douglas County | 15,019 | 5.2 | 22,482 | 7.7 | 7,463 | 2.5 |
| El Paso County | 89,267 | 14.9 | 83,472 | 13.7 | -5,795 | -1.2 |
| Jefferson County | 70,686 | 13.3 | 64,835 | 12.1 | -5,851 | -1.2 |
| Larimer County | 37,116 | 12.4 | 37,246 | 12.3 | 130 | -0.1 |
| Mesa County | 31,287 | 21.8 | 23,063 | 15.8 | -8,224 | -6.0 |
| Pueblo County | 26,628 | 16.9 | 18,413 | 11.8 | -8,215 | -5.1 |
| Weld County | 40,401 | 16.1 | 36,605 | 14.3 | -3,796 | -1.8 |

Table 3. Uninsured Rates in Colorado by City, 2010-2011

| City | Uninsured Population | | | | | |
|------------------|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| | 2010 | | 2011 | | Change 2010-11 | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Colorado | 789,109 | 15.9 | 759,619 | 15.1 | -29,490 | -0.8 |
| Arvada | 16,379 | 15.2 | 11,146 | 10.4 | -5,233 | -4.8 |
| Aurora | 73,987 | 22.9 | 77,726 | 23.6 | 3,739 | 0.7 |
| Boulder | 10,402 | 10.8 | 8,547 | 8.8 | -1,855 | -2.0 |
| Centennial | 8,030 | 8.0 | 7,878 | 7.7 | -152 | -0.3 |
| Colorado Springs | 68,554 | 16.8 | 64,076 | 15.5 | -4,478 | -1.3 |
| Denver | 109,965 | 18.4 | 105,443 | 17.2 | -4,522 | -1.2 |
| Fort Collins | 18,530 | 13.0 | 14,062 | 9.7 | -4,468 | -3.3 |
| Greeley | 15,122 | 16.6 | 16,298 | 17.5 | 1,176 | 0.9 |
| Highlands Ranch | 3,943 | 4.1 | 7,444 | 6.8 | 3,501 | 2.7 |
| Lakewood | 25,922 | 18.5 | 23,268 | 16.5 | -2,654 | -2.0 |
| Longmont | 15,354 | 18.0 | 16,875 | 19.4 | 1,521 | 1.4 |
| Loveland | 10,372 | 15.5 | 12,896 | 19.0 | 2,524 | 3.5 |
| Pueblo | 20,931 | 20.0 | 13,401 | 13.0 | -7,530 | -7.0 |
| Thornton | 22,918 | 19.3 | 16,818 | 13.9 | -6,100 | -5.4 |
| Westminster | 17,375 | 16.4 | 14,591 | 13.6 | -2,784 | -2.8 |



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