

The 2013 Colorado Health Access Survey

Opportunities for Tracking Health Reform

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Three Takeaways

- Colorado Health Access Survey (CHAS) – More than a health insurance survey.
- 2013 CHAS contains rich baseline data for tracking the impact of health reform.
- CHAS data readily available for a variety of audiences.

About the CHAS

- Funded by The Colorado Trust.
- Random digit dial – landline and cell.
- 10,000+ households.
- Conducted in 2009, 2011 and 2013.
- 2013 data coming soon!



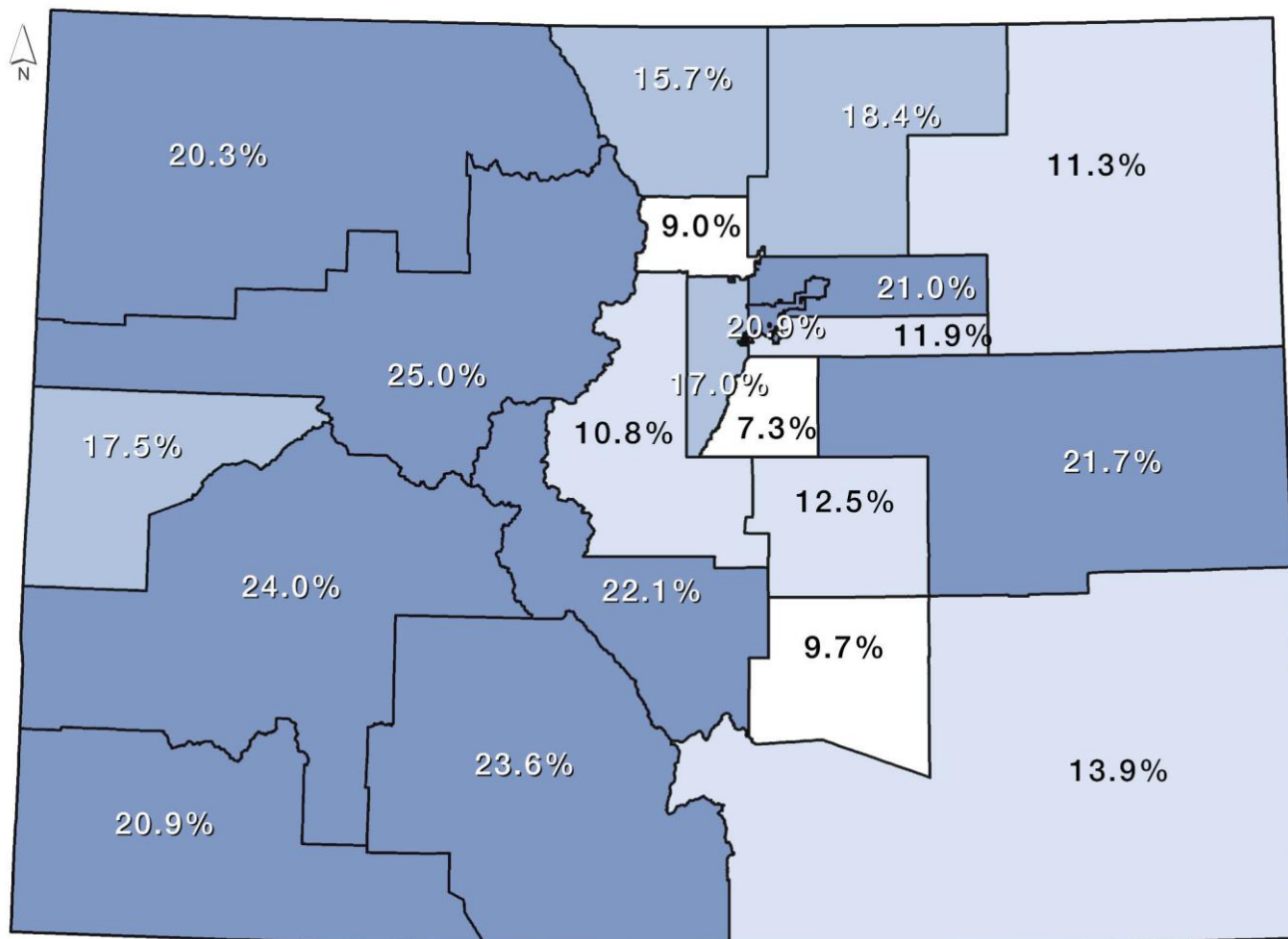
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What the CHAS Measures

- Health insurance coverage
- Use of health services
- Barriers to access
- Underinsurance
- Affordability of health insurance
- Self-reported health status and mental health status
- Income and demographics



Uninsured Coloradans



Rates of Uninsurance, Health Statistics Regions, Colorado, 2011

- 829,000 Coloradans**
16% of population (2011).
- Up from 678,000 Coloradans**
14% of population (2008-2009).

Percent uninsured
 0.0% - 10.0% 10.1% - 15.0% 15.1% - 20.0% 20.1% - 25.0%

0 25 50 100 Miles
 Source: The 2011 Colorado Health Access Survey
 Map created September 20, 2011



A Question of *Ability* to Pay

Would you
be ABLE
TO AFFORD
health
coverage?

YES
79.6%

NO
20.4%

Nearly 80 percent of the uninsured said they can afford to pay something for health coverage

A Question of *Willingness* to Pay



20% of those “able” to pay are not “willing” to pay anything

10% are “able” and “willing” to pay only \$1 to \$25 a month

Of those who didn’t know how much they’d be willing to pay, 12% then said they couldn’t afford \$50 a month



Baseline CHAS Data for Tracking Reform

- Churn
- Affordability of coverage
- ER use
- Inability to schedule an appointment
- Foregone care due to cost
- Reason for being uninsured
- **BONUS:** Behavioral and oral health



Colorado Health Access Survey (CHAS)

www.COHealthAccessSurvey.org

- Data available in several ways
 - Research file
 - Public Use file
 - Custom reports
 - Briefings
 - Colorado Health Institute

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Colorado Health Access Survey (CHAS). At the top, the logo for 'COLORADO HEALTH ACCESS SURVEY' is displayed with the tagline 'Informing a Healthy Colorado' and 'THE COLORADO TRUST' logo. A navigation menu includes links for HOME, ABOUT, RESULTS/REQUEST DATA, AUDIENCES, REPORTS, RESOURCES, and CONTACT US. A search bar with a 'GO' button is located on the right. The main banner features a photograph of a young boy in a wheelchair and the text: 'MORE THAN 1.5 MILLION PEOPLE IN COLORADO ARE UNINSURED OR UNDERINSURED'. Below the banner, the 'About the Colorado Health Access Survey' section provides a detailed description of the survey's scope and methodology. To the right, a 'QUICKACCESS' section offers direct links for RESEARCHERS, MEDIA, COMMUNITY, and POLICYMAKERS. At the bottom, there are two featured articles: '2011 INITIAL ANALYSIS NOW AVAILABLE' and 'WHAT INFORMATION IS IN THE SURVEY?'. A 'Stay Connected' section at the bottom right encourages users to sign up for RSS feeds or email alerts, with 'Sign up' and 'Print' buttons.



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Kids Clinic at Crawford Elementary School in Aurora, May 2012.



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