

A Decade of Data

10 Years of Colorado Health Report Cards

The first decade of the Colorado Health Report Card spans a time of sweeping change in health policy. In many areas, Colorado has been a leader in creating policies that make it easier for all Coloradans to be as healthy as possible. Still, 10 years of measuring Colorado's progress shows that becoming a "straight A" state is challenging. Much progress has been made, but much work remains.

2006
Blue Ribbon Commission for Health Care Reform begins work, placing Colorado in the lead on many reforms.

2007
Lawmakers vote to make school breakfasts free for low-income children.

2008
The Colorado Public Health Reauthorization Act aims to renovate the state's public health system.

2009
Legislators pass the Colorado Health Care Affordability Act to expand Medicaid and CHP+, financing it with a provider fee on hospitals.

2010
The Colorado Health Service Corps Act wins legislative approval, aiming to recruit providers to vulnerable communities.

2011
Lawmakers require elementary students to have 150 minutes of physical activity at school each week. Colorado votes to create a state-based insurance market under the ACA, one of 13 states to do so.

2012
Trans fats are banned from public schools.

2013
Open enrollment through Connect for Health Colorado begins October 1. The General Assembly votes to expand Medicaid eligibility.

2014
Colorado wins \$65 million federal award to fund the State Innovation Model (SIM).

2015
The bipartisan Health Care Cost Containment Commission releases its first report.



Colorado Milestones

Health Report Card Milestones

2006

Colorado ranks #1 with nation's lowest adult obesity rate.

2007

14.4% of children live in families below the poverty level, ranking 16th.

2008

The rate for adults without health insurance reaches 20.1%, highest across the decade.

2009

Childhood obesity rate climbs to 14.2% from 9.9%. Rank hits a low of 23rd for the decade.

2010

The uninsured rate for children drops to 11.8%.

2011

Adult obesity tops out at 22%, but Colorado is still No. 1.

2012

The uninsured rate for teens hits 11.3%.

2013

18.3% of teens are in families below poverty line, highest rate over the 10 years.

2014

Only 7.1% of children don't have health insurance.

2015

20.1% of children now live in families below the poverty level, higher than when the Health Report Card started.

Three indicators from the Health Report Card help to tell the story of Colorado's progress – or lack of progress – in becoming the healthiest state.

