



Colorado Children's Health Insurance Status

FACT SHEET
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How many children are eligible but not enrolled in Medicaid or CHP+?

There has been much debate about expanding eligibility for publicly-financed health insurance coverage. However, many children are already eligible for existing programs. In Colorado, the Colorado Health Institute estimates that 82,000 low-income

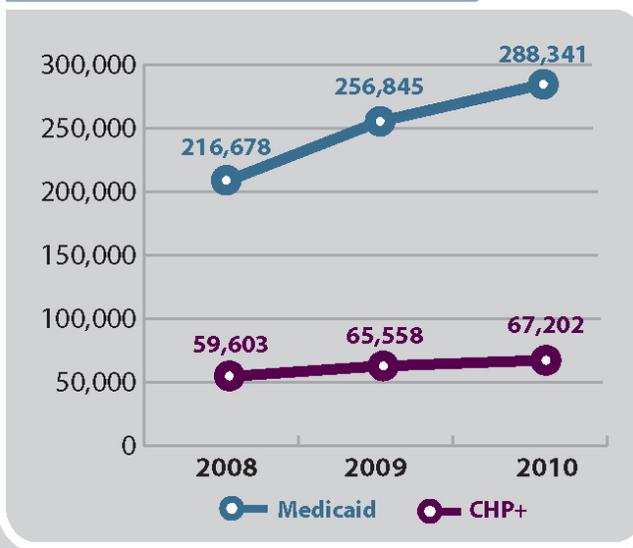
children were eligible for public health insurance programs but not enrolled in them (EBNE) in 2010. This represents a small increase over the estimate for 2009 (78,000) but is substantially lower than 2008 (104,000).

Number and percent of low income children in Colorado (ages 0-18) eligible but not enrolled in Medicaid or CHP+, 2010

| Program | A. Number enrolled | B. Number EBNE | C. Total eligible (A+B) | D. Percent EBNE (B/C) | E. Percent enrolled (A/C) |
|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Medicaid | 288,341 | 42,288 | 330,629 | 12.8% | 87.2% |
| CHP+ | 67,202 | 39,748 | 106,950 | 37.2% | 62.8% |
| Medicaid or CHP+ | 355,543 | 82,036 | 437,579 | 18.7% | 81.3% |

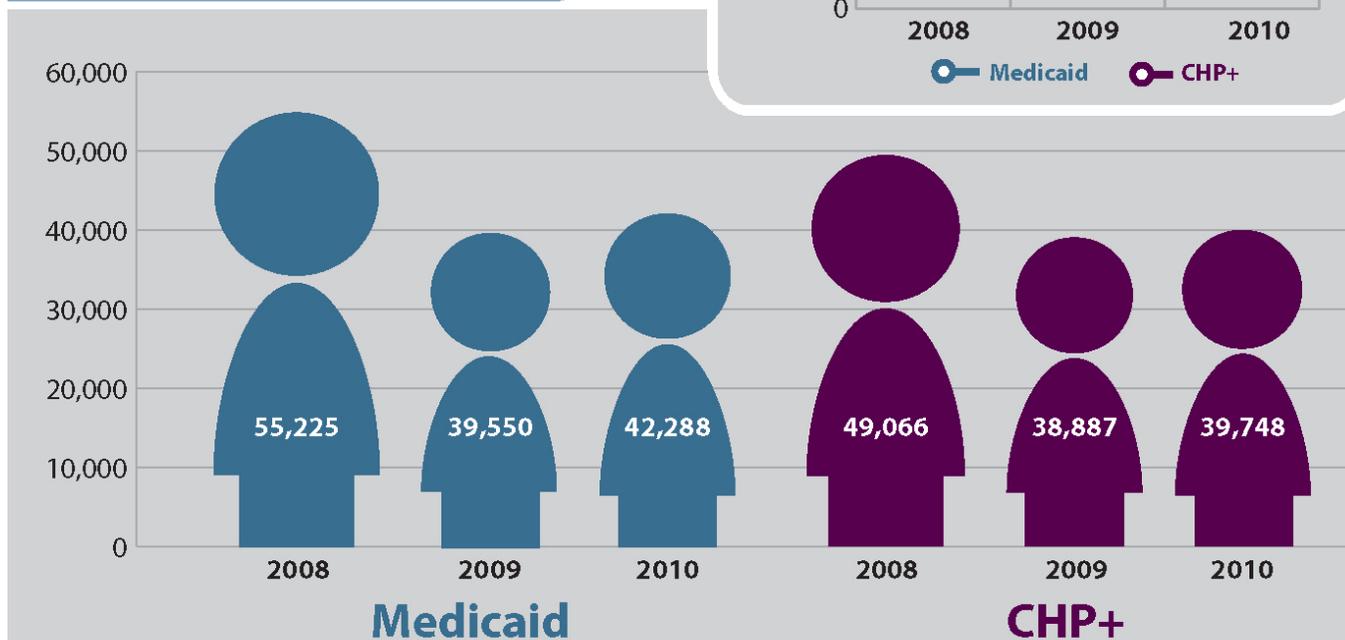
Even though the number of EBNE children increased, the overall estimated number of uninsured children appears to have leveled off between 2009 (132,325, or 10.4%) and 2010 (132,055, or 10.3%). While a struggling economy contributed to an increase in uninsured adults, CHI didn't observe that same trend with children. Although some children lost private health insurance coverage when their parents became unemployed, higher numbers of children enrolled in Medicaid and the Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) due to lower family incomes. Figure 1 displays the increasing enrollment seen over this three-year period.

Figure 1: Number of children in Colorado enrolled in Medicaid and CHP+, 2008-10

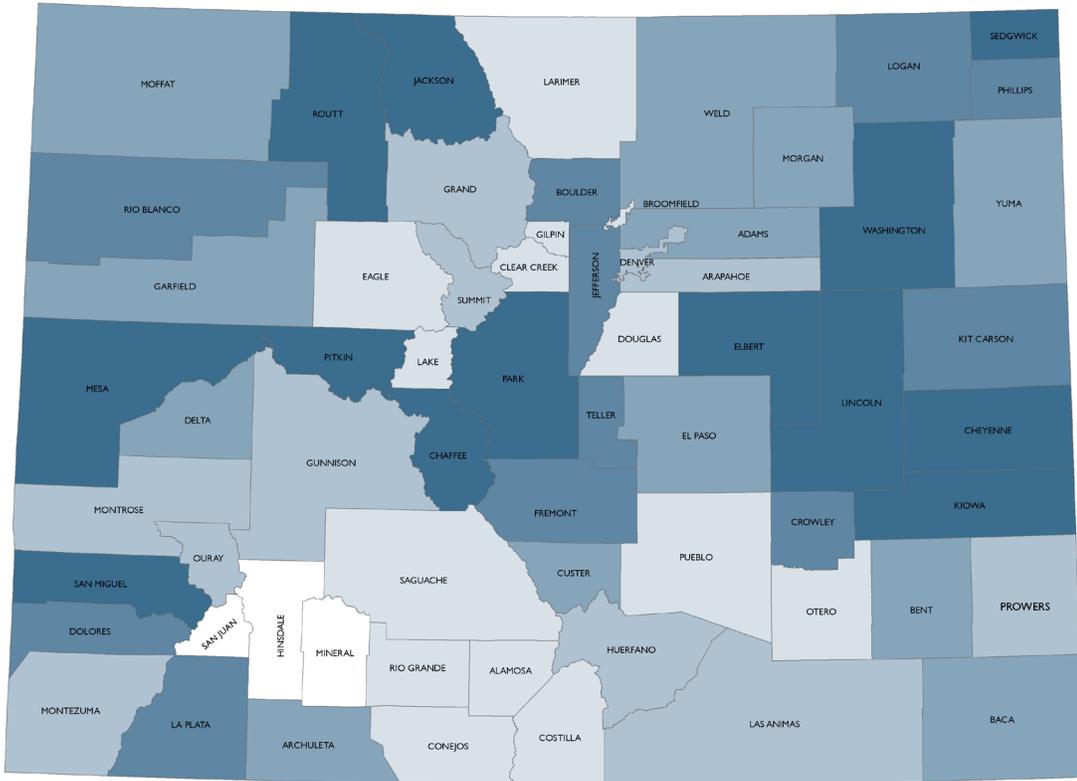


Source for Figure 1: Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing

Figure 2: Number of children in Colorado eligible but not enrolled in Medicaid and CHP+, 2008-10



Percent of children who are eligible but not enrolled in Medicaid by county, Colorado, 2010



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 Less than 8.1%
 8.1% - 12.0%
 12.1% - 16.0%
 16.1% - 20.0%
 20.1% - 31.5%

Would you like the numbers behind these maps?

CHI analyzed the 2008-10 American Community Survey and enrollment data from the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to develop these estimates. For more information on how the estimates were derived or to view the more detailed companion piece, *Colorado Children's Health Insurance Status: County-Level Estimates of Children Eligible But Not Enrolled in Medicaid or CHP+*, please visit coloradohealthinstitute.org.

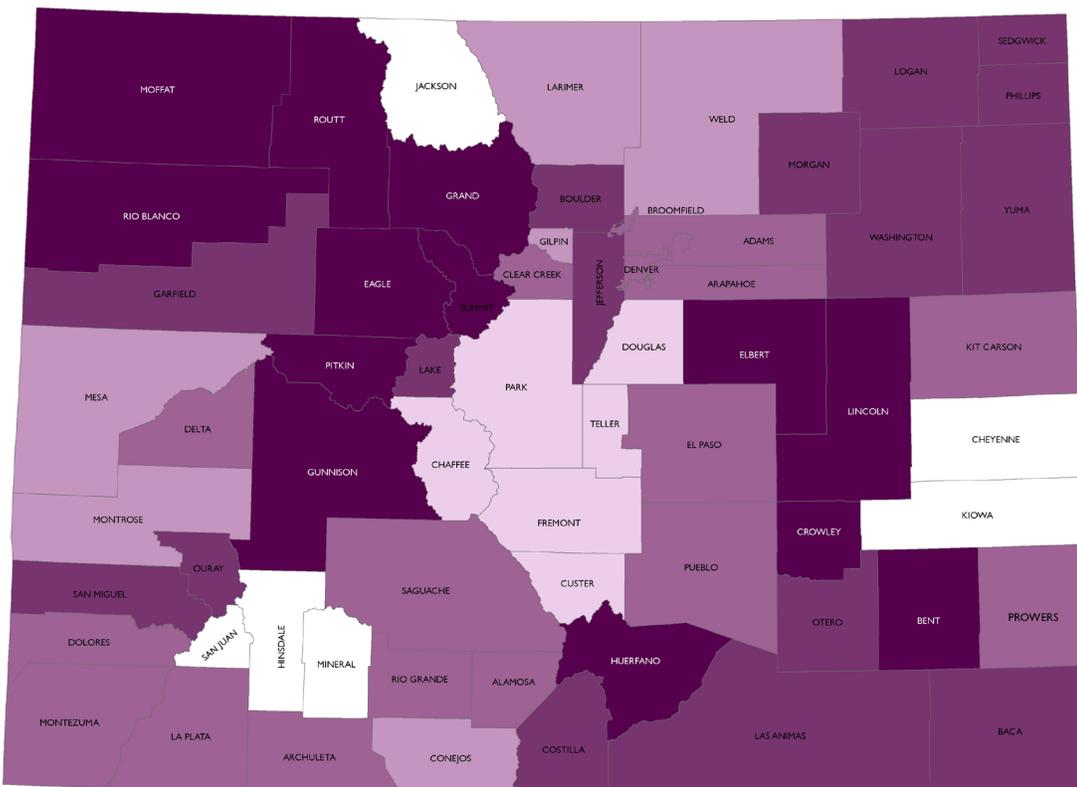


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Percent of children who are eligible but not enrolled in CHP+ by county, Colorado, 2010



No data available
 Less than 20.1%
 20.1% - 30.0%
 30.1% - 40.0%
 40.1% - 50.0%
 Greater than 50.0%