A CHAS Primer
CHAS: The Basics

**Insurance:** How many people are uninsured and why do they lack coverage?

**Access:** Who has trouble getting an appointment, even with insurance?

**Use of Care:** Where do Coloradans get their health care? How often do they use that care?

**Affordability:** Do people go without care due to cost? What are people willing to pay for insurance?

**Health Status:** How do Coloradans rate their physical, mental and oral health?
How It’s Fielded

**Who:** 10,224 randomly selected households

**What:** Twenty-minute telephone survey

**When:** Between April 15 and July 27, 2013

**Where:** Statewide, divided among 21 Health Statistics Regions

**Why:** To gather information that can inform policy-making and help measure health reform efforts
What’s New

• **Sets** a baseline for health reform

• **Trends** three years of data

• **Adds** questions

• **Makes** data more accessible
Denver Children: Coverage and the Uninsured
Children’s Uninsured Rate, Denver

7.6%
Children’s Uninsured Rate in Denver, 2013
Children’s Health Insurance Coverage

Denver

2009
- Private Insurance: 59.6%
- Public Insurance: 25.6%
- Uninsured: 14.8%

2011
- Private Insurance: 49.0%
- Public Insurance: 42.4%
- Uninsured: 8.5%

2013
- Private Insurance: 45.5%
- Public Insurance: 46.9%
- Uninsured: 7.6%
Children’s Health Insurance Coverage

Denver and Colorado

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Denver Children: Access to Care
Usual Source of Care for Children, Denver

89.0% Report having a usual source of care

But 1 in 4 did not visit a general doctor in the last year 24.8%
## Barriers to Care for Children

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## Barriers to Care for Adults

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Barriers to Care for Children, Denver

15.8% couldn’t get an appointment when they needed one

Because...

- The doctor’s office wasn’t accepting patients with their type of health insurance
- The doctor’s office wasn’t accepting new patients
- They couldn’t find transportation to the doctor’s office; it was too far away
- Their parent couldn’t take time off from work (asked of employed)

5.2%
7.3%
7.8%
13.4%
Children’s Health Status, Denver

- General Health: 95.7%
- Mental Health: 96.1%
- Oral Health: 93.5%

Good Health
Reasons for Being Uninsured
Reason for Being Uninsured: Cost Is Too High (Denver, Ages 0-64)

- **2009**: 91.6%
- **2011**: 80.6%
- **2013**: 68.0%
Reason for Being Uninsured: Pre-Existing Condition (Denver, Ages 0-64)

- 2009: 19.6%
- 2011: 8.4%
- 2013: 4.4%
I Want More Data!

Contact Us

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