Health Insurance Status of Colorado Adults

How Many Uninsured Adults are Eligible For But Not Enrolled in Medicaid?

The number of Colorado adults who are eligible but not enrolled (EBNE) in Medicaid has soared, reflecting sweeping changes in state and federal health policy.

Colorado and 26 other states opted in 2013 to expand Medicaid eligibility for adults as part of the Affordable Care Act. Many adults without dependent children (AwDCs) became eligible for Medicaid for the first time. And thousands of low-income parents gained eligibility when the income limit was raised from 100 percent to 138 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL).

The changes went into effect January 1, 2014. The result: Nearly 210,000 uninsured Colorado adults became newly eligible for Medicaid.

The Colorado Health Institute monitors the impact of health policies on the number of Coloradans who are uninsured – particularly those who are

> In 2014,
> **138 percent**
> of poverty meant a family income at or below $32,913 for a family of four.

EBNE in public insurance programs. So we set out to estimate the number of adults who were EBNE in Medicaid at the start of the expansion.

This data supplement is a detailed companion piece to the EBNE brief, *Health Insurance Status of Colorado Adults*. The data supplement contains all county-level EBNE estimates.

CHI estimates that approximately 258,000 adults were EBNE in public insurance on "day one" of the Medicaid expansion, based on 2012 American Community Survey (ACS) data. These included the newly eligible as well as people who were already eligible but hadn't enrolled.

The number of EBNE adults shot up from 47,000 to 258,000 when comparing against CHI's EBNE anaysis from last year. Of the 258,000 EBNE adults as of January 1, 2014, approximately 187,000 were AwDCs and the other 71,000 were parents.

DATA SOURCES

The U.S. Census Bureau's 2012 American Community Survey (ACS). The ACS is an annual stratified random sample survey of approximately 51,000 Coloradans. These estimates include only uninsured adults who were either U.S. citizens or were legal residents who had lived in the country for at least five years and met the income eligibility guidelines. An adult was counted as uninsured if he or she reported that they did not have any form of

health insurance at the time the ACS questionnaire was administered.

CHI analyzed the 2012 American Community Survey and enrollment data from the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing to develop these estimates. For more information about the characteristics of Colorado's EBNE adults or for how we derived these estimates, please visit *coloradohealthinstitute.org.*

Table 1. EBNE Parents, Ages 19-64, By County, 2012

County	A. Medicaid Enrolled	B. Medicaid EBNE	C. Total Eligible (A+B)	D. Percentage EBNE (B/C)	E. Percentage Enrolled (A/C)
Adams	14,768	9,581	24,349	39.3%	60.7%
Alamosa	960	240	1,200	20.0%	80.0%
Arapahoe	14,330	10,051	24,381	41.2%	58.8%
Archuleta	292	164	455	35.9%	64.1%
Baca	131	59	190	31.1%	68.9%
Bent	217	59	276	21.4%	78.6%
Boulder	4,618	1,992	6,611	30.1%	69.9%
Broomfield	669	868	1,537	56.4%	43.6%
Chaffee	408	224	632	35.5%	64.5%
Cheyenne	39	17	56	30.0%	70.0%
Clear Creek	160	8	167	4.5%	95.5%
Conejos	519	128	648	19.8%	80.2%
Costilla	217	55	272	20.2%	79.8%
Crowley	192	53	245	21.7%	78.3%
Custer	85	54	139	38.6%	61.4%
Delta	998	376	1,373	27.4%	72.6%
Denver	20,635	11,244	31,880	35.3%	64.7%
Dolores	48	28	76	36.6%	63.4%
Douglas	2,304	1,312	3,616	36.3%	63.7%
Eagle	439	330	769	43.0%	57.0%
El Paso	18,270	11,375	29,645	38.4%	61.6%
Elbert	327	216	543	39.8%	60.2%
Fremont	1,598	589	2,187	26.9%	73.1%
Garfield	1,203	889	2,092	42.5%	57.5%
Gilpin	116	5	121	3.7%	96.3%
Grand	195	94	289	32.6%	67.4%
Gunnison	258	207	466	44.5%	55.5%
Hinsdale	NR	11	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Huerfano	345	84	429	19.7%	80.3%
Jackson	NR	9	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Jefferson	10,111	5,313	15,424	34.4%	65.6%
Kiowa	NR	13	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available

County	A. Medicaid Enrolled	B. Medicaid EBNE	C. Total Eligible (A+B)	D. Percentage EBNE (B/C)	E. Percentage Enrolled (A/C)
Kit Carson	184	75	259	29.1%	70.9%
La Plata	1,198	695	1,892	36.7%	63.3%
Lake	184	92	276	33.3%	66.7%
Larimer	7,112	3,235	10,347	31.3%	68.7%
Las Animas	615	241	856	28.2%	71.8%
Lincoln	146	50	196	25.5%	74.5%
Logan	603	207	810	25.5%	74.5%
Mesa	4,958	948	5,907	16.1%	83.9%
Mineral	NR	11	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Moffat	457	217	674	32.3%	67.7%
Montezuma	1,040	346	1,386	24.9%	75.1%
Montrose	1,507	501	2,008	24.9%	75.1%
Morgan	901	257	1,158	22.2%	77.8%
Otero	984	293	1,277	22.9%	77.1%
Ouray	67	54	121	44.4%	55.6%
Park	332	204	536	38.0%	62.0%
Phillips	77	40	118	34.3%	65.7%
Pitkin	43	109	151	71.9%	28.1%
Prowers	625	195	820	23.8%	76.2%
Pueblo	8,141	1,764	9,905	17.8%	82.2%
Rio Blanco	181	105	286	36.7%	63.3%
Rio Grande	689	186	875	21.3%	78.7%
Routt	360	371	730	50.7%	49.3%
Saguache	336	95	431	22.0%	78.0%
San Juan	NR	9	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
San Miguel	150	89	239	37.3%	62.7%
Sedgwick	58	22	80	27.2%	72.8%
Summit	247	177	424	41.8%	58.2%
Teller	595	239	834	28.7%	71.3%
Washington	99	44	143	30.6%	69.4%
Weld	7,682	4,402	12,084	36.4%	63.6%
Yuma	255	92	346	26.4%	73.6%
COLORADO	**134,275**	**71,013**	**205,288**	**34.6%**	**65.4%**

Note: Not Available means that the data were not reported by HCPF due to fewer than 30 cases. Because enrollment data were not available for a few small counties, the sum of the counties does not equal the state enrollment total. This table includes parents in families with incomes between zero and 138 percent FPL and is not directly comparable to previous Colorado Health Institute estimates of adults EBNE in Medicaid.

Table 2. EBNE Adults Without Dependent Children, Ages 19-64, By County, 2012

County	EBNE Adults Without Dependent Children	County	EBNE Adults Without Dependent Children
Adams	17,289	Kit Carson	409
Alamosa	899	La Plata	2,450
Arapahoe	23,139	Lake	334
Archuleta	577	Larimer	12,285
Baca	220	Las Animas	902
Bent	321	Lincoln	270
Boulder	5,690	Logan	1,122
Broomfield	1,056	Mesa	6,817
Chaffee	814	Mineral	41
Cheyenne	91	Moffat	743
Clear Creek	246	Montezuma	1,219
Conejos	480	Montrose	1,692
Costilla	205	Morgan	1,392
Crowley	288	Otero	1,096
Custer	194	Ouray	182
Delta	1,269	Park	741
Denver	28,392	Phillips	220
Dolores	99	Pitkin	657
Douglas	5,815	Prowers	730
Eagle	1,999	Pueblo	6,986
El Paso	20,086	Rio Blanco	359
Elbert	418	Rio Grande	697
Fremont	2,140	Routt	1,267
Garfield	3,039	Saguache	355
Gilpin	147	San Juan	33
Grand	568	San Miguel	302
Gunnison	731	Sedgwick	118
Hinsdale	40	Summit	1,072
Huerfano	307	Teller	619
Jackson	53	Washington	238
Jefferson	17,676	Weld	6,753
Kiowa	69	Yuma	496
		Colorado	**186,959**