Highway to Health
Mesa County
About Us

The Colorado Health Institute

Our nonpartisan insight is used to:

- Inform policy
- Contribute to effective policy implementation
- Support state efforts to improve health
• Insurance
• Access
• Use of care
• Affordability
• Health Status
Colorado — and Mesa County — Accomplished Their Coverage Goals
Colorado’s Uninsured Rate: A New Low

2009: 13.5%
2011: 15.8%
2013: 14.3%
2015: 6.7%
Mesa County’s Uninsured Rate: A New Low

2009 14.7%
2011 17.5%
2013 18.5%
2015 8.0%
Numbers of Uninsured in Mesa County, 2009-2015

- 2009: 21,400
- 2011: 24,500
- 2013: 26,900
- 2015: 12,400
The Drop in Uninsured is a Story of Medicaid Expansion
Private Coverage Falls, Medicaid Surges
Changes in Health Insurance Coverage, All Ages, Mesa County, 2013-2015

2013

- Employer-Sponsored: 47.4%
- Medicare: 18.9%
- Medicaid/Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+): 10.5%
- Individual Market (Including Connect for Health Colorado): 4.6%
- Uninsured: 18.5%

2015

- Employer-Sponsored: 38.0%
- Medicare: 19.4%
- Medicaid/Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+): 29.6%
- Individual Market (Including Connect for Health Colorado): 5.0%
- Uninsured: 8.0%
Private Market Takes a Back Seat in Mesa County
Public Coverage Prominent in Mesa

Difference in Insurance Coverage Between Mesa County and Colorado, 2015

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Colorado

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- Uninsured: 6.7%
Coverage Shifts Mirror Existing Disparities
Regional Disparities in Uninsurance
Uninsured Rate by Health Statistics Region, 2015

Percentage Who Are Uninsured
At or Below Average:
- 2.4% - 3.0%
- 3.1% - 6.7%

Colorado Average: 6.7%

Above Average:
- 6.8% - 9.5%
- 9.6% - 13.0%

Source: 2015 Colorado Health Access Survey
got insurance?

Brosurance
Keg stands are crazy.
Not having health insurance is crazier.
Don’t tap into your beer money
to cover those medical bills.
We got it covered.
Now you can too.

#GotInsurance
doyougotinsurance.com

Rob, Zach, & Sam
Bros for Life
Kids are a Bright Spot
The Kids Are All Right
Uninsured Rates by Age, Mesa County, 2015

- 0-18 Years: 0.9%
- 19-39 Years: 11.1%
- 40-64 Years: 15.1%
Uninsurance is Down
But Underinsurance is Up
Underinsurance in Mesa County, 2013-2015

2013: 15.6%
2015: 21.9%
Cost: Still the Number One Reason for Lack of Insurance
Uneven Price Increases Across Colorado

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<td>Eastern Plains</td>
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<td>Western Slope</td>
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Source: Colorado Division of Insurance
### Why Mesa’s Uninsured Lack Coverage, 2015

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<td>Insured family member lost job or changed employers</td>
<td>25.5%</td>
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<td>Working family member is not offered or not eligible for insurance</td>
<td>23.4%</td>
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<td>Cost is too high</td>
<td>78.4%</td>
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<td>Do not need health insurance</td>
<td>12.2%</td>
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<td>Do not know how to get health insurance</td>
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Gains in Coverage Have Not Resulted in Better Access to Care
Skipping Care Because of Cost, 2013-2015
Percentage of Mesa County Residents in the Past Year Who Did Not ...

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<td>Fill a Prescription</td>
<td>6.9%</td>
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<td>See a Doctor</td>
<td>13.7%</td>
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<td>See a Specialist</td>
<td>11.3%</td>
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<td>See a Dentist</td>
<td>23.8%</td>
<td>18.0%</td>
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Increasing Barriers for Mesa Residents, 2013-2015

- You couldn’t get an appointment as soon as you thought one was needed: 10.3% (2013), 19.2% (2015)
- Doctor’s office not accepting patients with your type of health insurance: 8.0% (2013), 15.4% (2015)
- Doctor’s office not accepting new patients: 11.0% (2013), 15.2% (2015)
- Transportation: 2.9% (2013), 4.0% (2015)
- Time off work (asked of employed): 6.1% (2013), 7.9% (2015)
Consumer Engagement is a Mixed Bag.
Health Coverage Literacy

- Adults who feel confident in understanding each insurance term

- **88.1%** Premium

- **89.2%** Deductible

- **89.6%** Copayment

- **70.2%** Co-insurance
Mental and Dental are the Next Frontiers.
Mental Health in Mesa County

Did not get needed mental health or counseling service at the time it was needed

2015

6.7%
Slight Improvements in Coverage and Use
Dental Insurance and Dental Utilization in Mesa County, 2013-2015

- Dental Insurance coverage increased from 61.3% in 2013 to 63.9% in 2015.
- Visited a Dentist in the Past 12 Months increased from 58.3% in 2013 to 60.3% in 2015.
BONUS ROUND: Coloradans are Happier About the Health Care System.
“I’m happy to see you, too.”
CHAS Data Can Help You ...

- Adapt to the changing health care landscape
- Identify opportunities for improving health
- Measure effectiveness of reform in your community
Email data requests to CHAS@coloradohealthinstitute.org

Online Coloradohealth institute.org

#2015CHAS
CHAS: How It Was Fielded

**Who:** 10,136 randomly selected households

**What:** Twenty-minute telephone survey

**When:** Between March 2 and June 26, 2015

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

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