



A Decade of Colorado Health Data

Marking 10 Years of Progress and Challenges

The [Colorado Health Report Card](#), in its 10th year, now has a full decade of data to measure how Colorado's health stacks up against the rest of the nation.

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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.

<p>2006</p> <p>Blue Ribbon Commission for Health Care Reform begins work, placing Colorado in the lead on many reforms.</p>	<p>2007</p> <p>Lawmakers vote to make school breakfasts free for low-income children.</p>	<p>2008</p> <p>The Colorado Public Health Reauthorization Act aims to renovate the state's public health system.</p>	<p>2009</p> <p>Legislators pass the Colorado Health Care Affordability Act to expand Medicaid and CHP+, financing it with a provider fee on hospitals.</p>	<p>2010</p> <p>The Colorado Health Service Corps Act wins legislative approval, aiming to recruit providers to vulnerable communities.</p>	<p>2011</p> <p>Lawmakers require elementary students to have 150 minutes of physical activity at school each week.</p> <p>Colorado votes to create a state-based insurance market under the ACA, one of 13 states to do so.</p>	<p>2012</p> <p>Trans fats are banned from public schools.</p>	<p>2013</p> <p>Open enrollment through Connect for Health Colorado begins October 1.</p> <p>The General Assembly votes to expand Medicaid eligibility.</p>	<p>2014</p> <p>Colorado wins \$65 million federal award to fund the State Innovation Model (SIM).</p>	<p>2015</p> <p>The bipartisan Health Care Cost Containment Commission releases its first report.</p>
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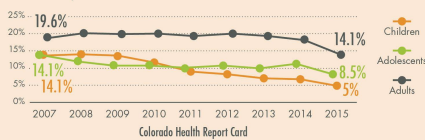
Colorado Milestones | **Health Report Card Milestones**

<p>2006</p> <p>Colorado ranks #1 with nation's lowest adult obesity rate.</p>	<p>2007</p> <p>14.4% of children live in families below the poverty level, ranking 16th.</p>	<p>2008</p> <p>The rate for adults without health insurance reaches 20.1%, highest across the decade.</p>	<p>2009</p> <p>Childhood obesity rate climbs to 14.2% from 9.9%. Rank hits a low of 23rd for the decade.</p>	<p>2010</p> <p>The uninsured rate for children drops to 11.8%.</p>	<p>2011</p> <p>Adult obesity tops out at 22%, but Colorado is still No. 1.</p>	<p>2012</p> <p>The uninsured rate for teens hits 11.3%.</p>	<p>2013</p> <p>18.3% of teens are in families below poverty line, highest rate over the 10 years.</p>	<p>2014</p> <p>Only 7.1% of children don't have health insurance.</p>	<p>2015</p> <p>20.1% of children now live in families below the poverty level, higher than when the Health Report Card started.</p>
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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.

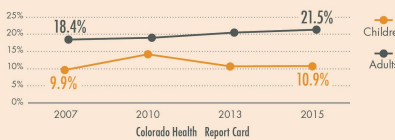
TOP OF THE CLASS: Health Insurance

Not Covered by Public or Private Health Insurance



HOLDING STEADY: Obesity

Percentage Who Are Obese



ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT: Poverty

Living in Families with Incomes Below the Federal Poverty Level



Read about the [Headway to Health](#) and the [Hurdles to Health](#) over the past decade. Access the [2016 Colorado Health Report Card](#) to learn more.

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