



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

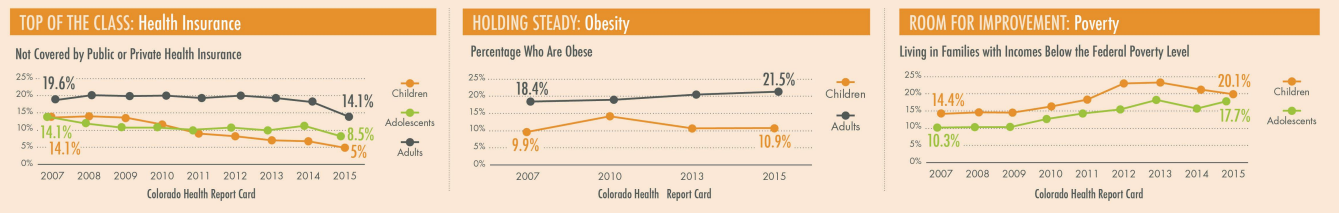
The first decade of the Colorado Health Report Card spans a time of sweeping change in health policy. In many areas, Colorado has been a leader in creating policies that make it easier for all Coloradans to be as healthy as possible. Still, 10 years of measuring Colorado's progress shows that becoming a "straight A" state is challenging. Much progress has been made, but much work remains.

2006 Blue Ribbon Commission for Health Care Reform begins work, placing Colorado in the lead on many reforms.	2007 Lawmakers vote to make school breakfasts free for low-income children.	2008 The Colorado Public Health Reauthorization Act aims to renovate the state's public health system.	2009 Legislators pass the Colorado Health Care Affordability Act to expand Medicaid and CHP+, financing it with a provider fee on hospitals.	2010 The Colorado Health Service Corps Act wins legislative approval, aiming to recruit providers to vulnerable communities.	2011 Lawmakers require elementary students to have 150 minutes of physical activity at school each week.	2012 Trans fats are banned from public schools.	2013 Open enrollment through Connect for Health Colorado begins October 1.	2014 Colorado wins \$65 million federal award to fund the State Innovation Model (SIM) .	2015 The bipartisan Health Care Cost Containment Commission releases its first report.
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2006 Colorado ranks #1 with nation's lowest adult obesity rate.	2007 14.4% of children live in families below the poverty level, ranking 16th.	2008 The rate for adults without health insurance reaches 20.1%, highest across the decade.	2009 Childhood obesity rate climbs to 14.2% from 9.9%. Rank hits a low of 23rd for the decade.	2010 The uninsured rate for children drops to 11.8%.	2011 Adult obesity tops out at 22%, but Colorado is still No. 1.	2012 The uninsured rate for teens hits 11.3%.	2013 18.3% of teens are in families below poverty line, highest rate over the 10 years.	2014 Only 7.1% of children don't have health insurance.	2015 20.1% of children now live in families below the poverty level, higher than when the Health Report Card started.
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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.



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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