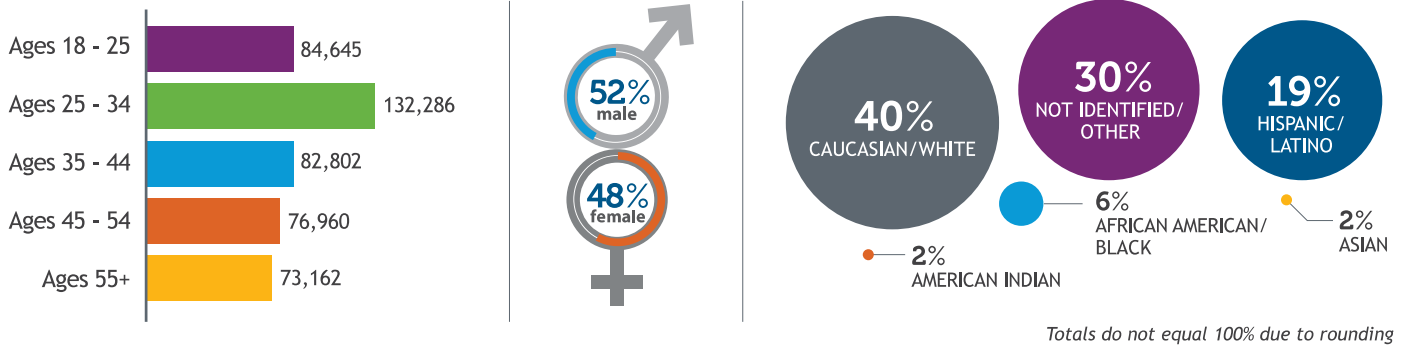




# COLORADO MEDICAID EXPANSION

**+** In January 2014, Colorado expanded Medicaid coverage through the Affordable Care Act to include more adults and former foster kids up to age 26. Prior to Medicaid expansion, approximately 740,000 Coloradans were uninsured.<sup>1</sup>

## Expansion Demographics Source: Colorado Medicaid Management Information System



**75%**  
of Health First Colorado adult members work.<sup>2</sup>

**48%**  
of newly eligible are under the age of 35.

MORE THAN  
**400,000**  
COLORADANS  
are covered through  
Medicaid expansion

### 2016 Federal Poverty Levels<sup>3</sup>

<b>FAMILY OF 1</b> UP TO <b>\$15,804</b>	<b>FAMILY OF 4</b> UP TO <b>\$32,328</b>
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Adults covered through Medicaid expansion cannot earn income over 133 percent of the Federal Poverty Level.

## Expansion Economic Impact

### Medicaid Expansion: Economic Activity<sup>6</sup>



Expanding Colorado Medicaid will increase the state's gross domestic product by **\$3.8 billion** – or 1.14% – through fiscal year 2015-16.

### Medicaid Expansion: Household Earnings<sup>6</sup>



Expanding Colorado Medicaid means average annual household earnings will be **\$643 higher** in Fiscal Year 2015-16.

### Medicaid Expansion: Job Creation<sup>6</sup>



Expanding Colorado Medicaid will create more than **31,000 new jobs** in the state through Fiscal Year 2015-16.

**UNINSURED RATE**  
**DOWN 58%**

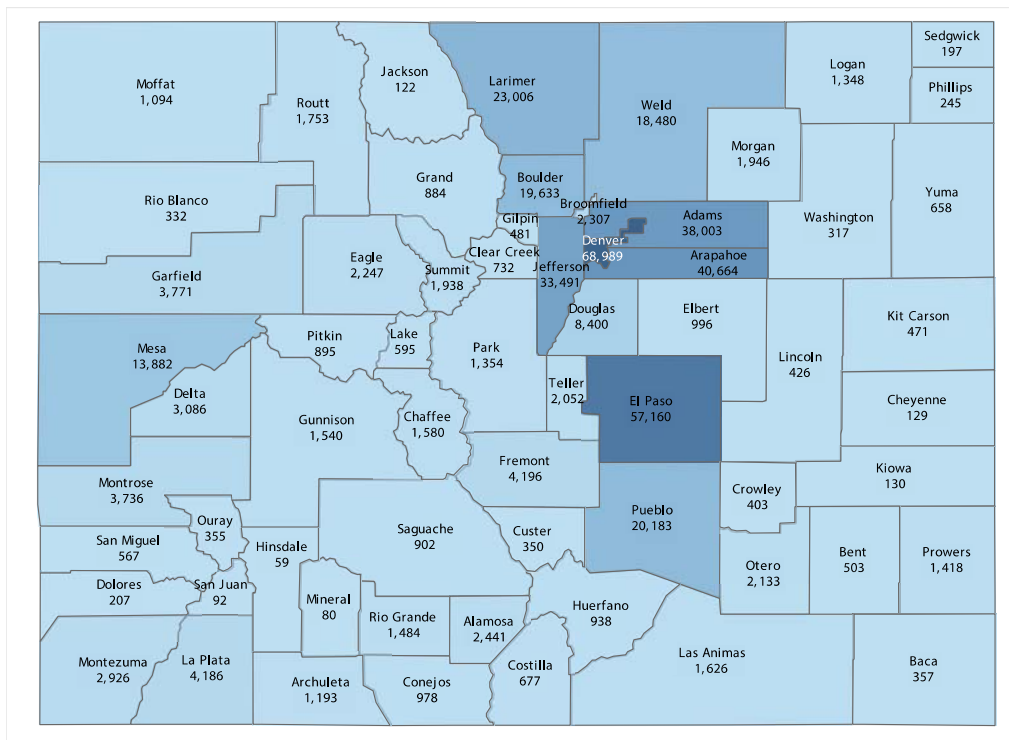
The uninsured rate in CO went from a high of nearly **15.8 percent** in 2011, to **6.7 percent** in 2015 because of Affordable Care Act Medicaid expansion and premium subsidies for private insurance for Coloradans who qualify.<sup>4</sup>

Data from the Colorado Hospital Association shows that the average uncompensated care costs decreased by **36 percent** in the first quarter of 2014 when compared to the same period a year earlier.<sup>5</sup>

**UNCOMPENSATED CARE COSTS**  
**DOWN 36%**

# Expansion Individuals Receiving Critical Services and Care

Medicaid Expansion Population by County in Colorado



\*Source: Fiscal Year 2015-2016

59 68,989



## Anna's Story

Anna, 25, is pursuing a career in health care. She is a professional research assistant in medical oncology on the Anschutz campus, and she has applied to physician assistant graduate programs. Anna's 3-lb. Chihuahua, Nala, mostly nestles in Anna's arms and watches the world go by.

Anna became a Health First Colorado client while studying biology and public health as an undergraduate at the University of Colorado Denver.

"The insurance was really helpful for me as a student," she says. "I worked two jobs as a full-time student, but wasn't able to afford health insurance. Health First Colorado enabled me to maintain my health, which allowed me to focus on my studies."

She graduated in 2015 and later enrolled in health insurance through her employer.

**6,038**  
members with seizures treated<sup>7</sup>

**12,423**  
members with cancer treated<sup>7</sup>

**20,559**  
mammograms performed<sup>7</sup>

**103,734**  
behavioral health management medications received<sup>7</sup>

**134,217**  
members received dental services<sup>7</sup>

**30,218**  
members with diabetes treated<sup>7</sup>

This population data includes all members with active Medicaid eligibility as of Feb 1, 2017.

<sup>1</sup>2015 Colorado Health Access Survey.

<sup>2</sup>Colorado Benefits Management System monthly snapshot of employment data for June 2016. Includes only Health First Colorado members ages 16 through 64 with identified employment or earned

<sup>3</sup>Some earning more may still qualify.

<sup>4</sup>Colorado Health Institute's 2015 Colorado Health Access Survey, Infographic by Colorado Health Institute.

<sup>5</sup>Colorado Hospital Association, "Impact of Medicaid Expansion On Hospital Volumes" (Greenwood Village: Colorado Hospital Association, 2014), accessed April 26, 2015, <http://www.cha.com/Documents/Press-Releases/CHA-Medicaid-Expansion-Study-June-2014.aspx>.

<sup>6</sup>Colorado Health Foundation March 2016 Report: "Assessing the Economic and Budgetary Impact of Medicaid Expansion in Colorado: FY 2015-16 through FY 2034-35".

<sup>7</sup>Data from MMS October 30, 2015-September 30, 2016.