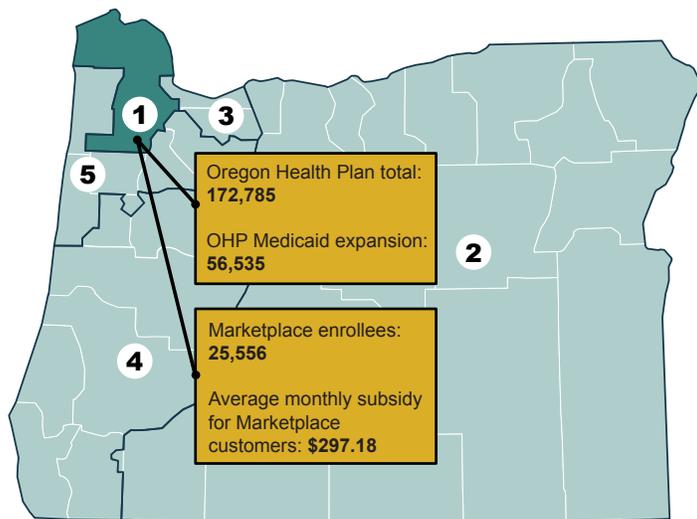


# Affordable Care Act: Impact on 1st District

In 2010, nearly 1 in 5 Oregonians lacked health coverage. Today, 95 percent of Oregonians – and 98 percent of children – have health coverage. Although there is more work to do to improve the Affordable Care Act, the federal law combined with Oregon’s state Medicaid reforms have produced important benefits for Oregon, including:

- **Reduced health care costs for state and federal taxpayers:** By enrolling members in Oregon’s new coordinated care system, state and federal taxpayers have avoided \$1.3 billion in Medicaid costs since 2012.
- **Improved quality of care:** Avoidable emergency room visits have dropped 50 percent since 2011, after Oregon launched innovative Medicaid reforms and expanded Medicaid.
- **Job creation:** Oregon gained 23,300 health care jobs since the ACA was implemented. The Economic Policy Institute estimates Oregon would lose approximately 42,000 jobs if the ACA is repealed.
- **Public health:** Oregon received a total of \$10.4 million in federal funds in 2016 through the ACA for core public health services, such as teen suicide prevention and chronic disease management.

## 1st Congressional District coverage



Medicaid expansion and subsidies available through the Marketplace (HealthCare.gov) have made coverage more accessible.

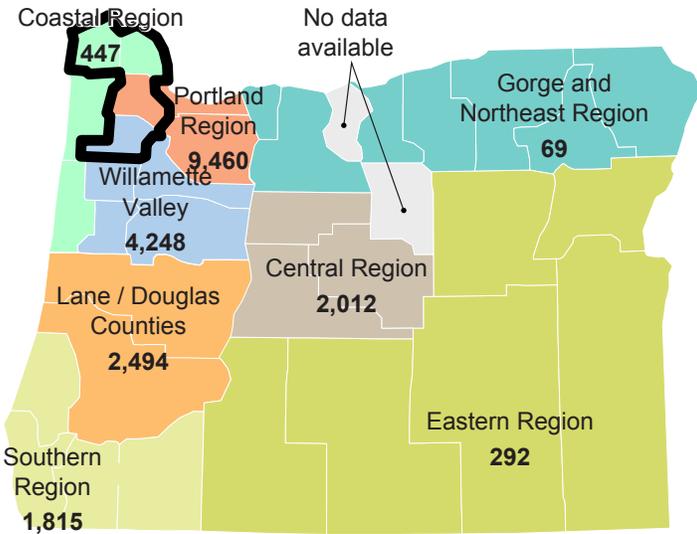
- In the 1st Congressional District, between 94 percent and 96 percent of residents have health coverage, depending on their region, as of 2015.
- The 1st Congressional District saw a 39 percent increase in the number of people insured through the individual market from 2013 to 2016.

Source: Oregon Health Authority, [Oregon Health Transformation Quarterly Legislative Report](#), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Oregon Health Insurance Survey, 2015

## Reduced cost, improved quality in 1st Congressional District

 <p>Hospital reductions in uncompensated care, 2013-2015</p>	 <p>Drop in avoidable emergency visits, 2012-2015 (Oregon Health Plan)</p>	 <p>Federal dollars sent to 1st District in 2016 from Medicaid expansion (approximate)</p>	 <p>Patients receiving cancer and chronic disease help with ACA public health funds</p>
<p><b>\$114 million</b></p>	<p><b>13%</b></p>	<p><b>\$367 million</b></p>	<p><b>160</b></p>

Sources: **Uncompensated care:** Oregon Health Authority, [Databank](#); **Federal dollars:** Oregon Health Authority; **ER visits:** Oregon Health Authority, [CCO Metrics 2016 Mid-Year Report](#); and **Public health:** Oregon Health Authority Public Health Division.



## Increased employment in the 1st Congressional District

- Oregon gained 23,300 health care jobs since the ACA was implemented.
- About 10,000 of those jobs were in the northern coast and Portland regions.

Source: Office of the State Economist; regional numbers are approximate due to data limitations

## Oregon's priorities for health reform:

1. Changes to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and Medicaid should maintain, not reverse, levels of health care coverage in Oregon and other states.
2. Oregon's coordinated care system is a model for federal Medicaid reform. Medicaid cost savings should be achieved by changing health care delivery, not rolling back eligibility, benefits, or funding levels. Oregon has shown that it's possible to improve quality for patients while also reducing costs.
3. Federal changes to the ACA should stabilize, not disrupt, Oregon's insurance market. Insurers need clarity about upcoming changes.
4. Changes to the ACA should preserve the state's ability to serve and protect health insurance policyholders.
5. Maintain funding to allow innovation and focus on prevention, including funding for core public health services funded in the ACA.

## People in 1st Congressional District with ACA coverage

### Ray

Life had many surprises in store for Ray, one of which was a back injury that has made his health coverage more important than ever. "The Marketplace has just done wonderful things for me. They've helped me a lot."

### Columbia County resident

"A woman recently came into my office in major distress. ... She had not had health insurance in a while, and had major pains in her lower stomach. When she did visit a doctor, even without insurance, she found out that she had ovarian cancer and would need a complete hysterectomy. ... She qualified for the Oregon Health Plan, and (I) signed her up immediately. She now has health insurance and will receive her surgery immediately."