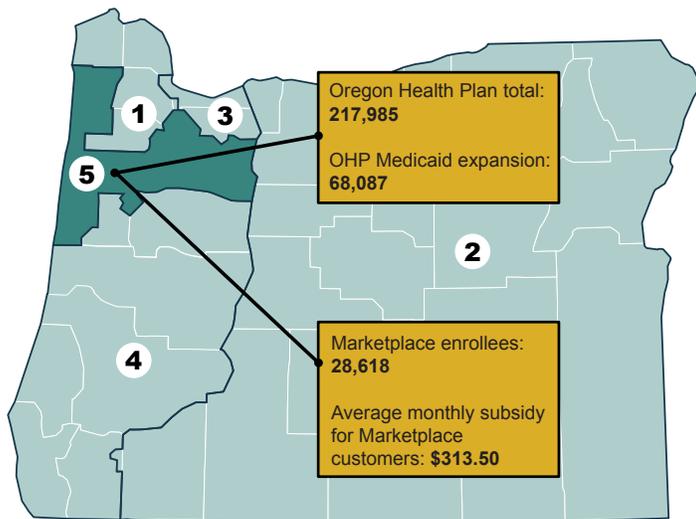


Affordable Care Act: Impact on 5th District

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 The Economic Policy Institute estimates Oregon would lose approximately 42,000 jobs if the ACA is repealed.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.

5th Congressional District coverage



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

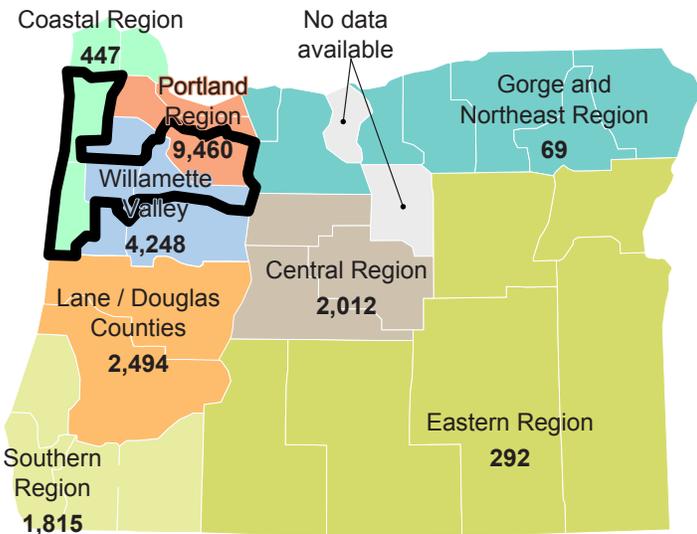
- In the 5th Congressional District, between 94 percent and 96 percent of residents have health coverage, depending on their region, as of 2015.
- The 5th Congressional District saw a 43 percent increase in the number of people insured through the individual market from 2013 to 2016.

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 5th Congressional District

			
Hospital reductions in uncompensated care, 2013-2015	Drop in avoidable emergency visits, 2012-2015 (Oregon Health Plan)	Federal dollars sent to 5th District in 2016 from Medicaid expansion (approximate)	Patients receiving cancer and chronic disease help with ACA public health funds
\$106 million	19%	\$514 million	151

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 5th Congressional District

- Oregon gained 23,300 health care jobs since the ACA was implemented.
- More than 4,200 of those jobs were created in the Willamette Valley.

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 5th Congressional District with ACA coverage

Mel and Kayla, OHP members

Mel is a 90-year-old military veteran who is mostly blind and requires recurring eye surgeries. He recently lost his home to a fire and has severe foot pain. Kayla is Mel's home visiting provider and checks in on him regularly to ensure that he has what he needs. Kayla is a single mother of four who struggles with severe bipolar disorder. "The Oregon Health Plan is lifesaving for many of us in rural Oregon."

Brandy, OHP member

Brandy is the mother of three young children. Her youngest daughter has cystic fibrosis and her oldest son has been diagnosed with ADHD and likely suffers from undiagnosed bipolar disorder. Without the Oregon Health Plan, medication would cost her family more than \$4,000 per month — and her children would not be able to receive the critical therapy and treatment needed to grow and develop.