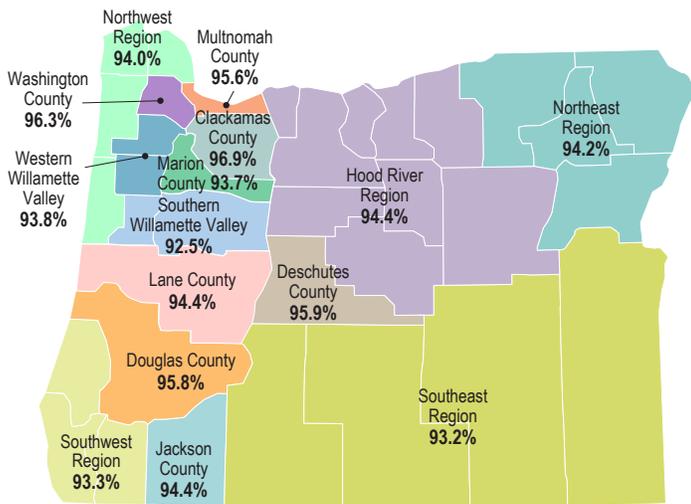


Affordable Care Act: Impact on Oregon

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 The Economic Policy Institute estimates Oregon would lose approximately 42,000 jobs if the ACA is repealed.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

Percent of Oregonians with health coverage



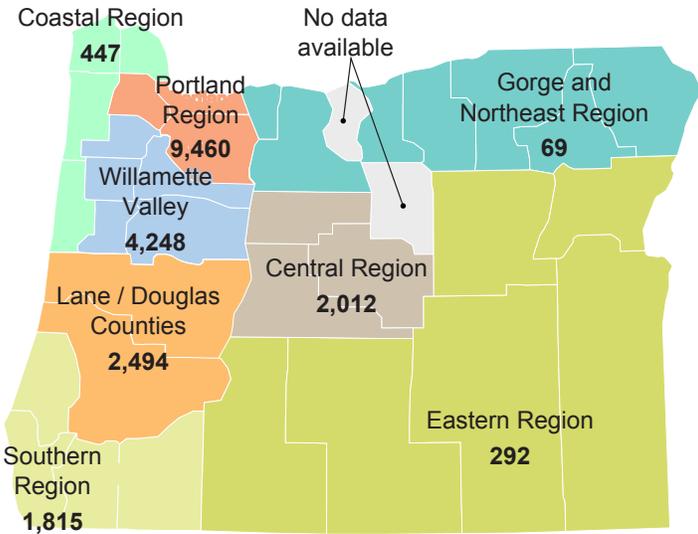
Medicaid expansion and subsidies available through the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace have made health coverage more accessible for Oregonians across the state.

- The Medicaid expansion provided coverage to more than 375,000 children and low-income working adults who lacked health insurance.
- Today, the Oregon Health Plan covers more than 1 in 4 Oregonians, including nearly as many as 4 in 10 residents in some rural parts of the state.
- More than 155,000 Oregonians have signed up for health insurance through the Marketplace, as of Jan. 31, 2017. On average, those Oregonians had their premiums reduced by \$349 per month.
- The number of Oregonians with coverage in the individual market grew from 160,758 in 2013 to 217,196 in 2016.

Reduced cost, improved quality

 <p>Hospital reductions in uncompensated care, 2013-2015</p>	 <p>Drop in avoidable emergency visits, 2011-2015 (Oregon Health Plan)</p>	 <p>Federal dollars from Medicaid expansion</p>	 <p>Patients receiving cancer and chronic disease help with ACA public health funds</p>
\$500 million	50%	\$2.75 billion	1,477

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.



Increase in health care jobs

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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.

Oregonians with ACA coverage

OHP member from Spray

"My son didn't have insurance [but] after he signed up for the Oregon Health Plan, he was bitten by a rattlesnake. He was airlifted from the remote area where we live. ... Thanks to the ACA and OHP, he was able to avoid life-changing massive debt. I attribute his full recovery to the anti-venom shots and care he received."

Jason, Marketplace member from Portland

Jason is an artist and a single father. He struggled to find health insurance for himself and his 8-year-old son after his plan ended. A broker helped him purchase affordable insurance on the Marketplace. "I no longer have to make the decision: Do I take care of my son or do I take care of me? I no longer have to pick."