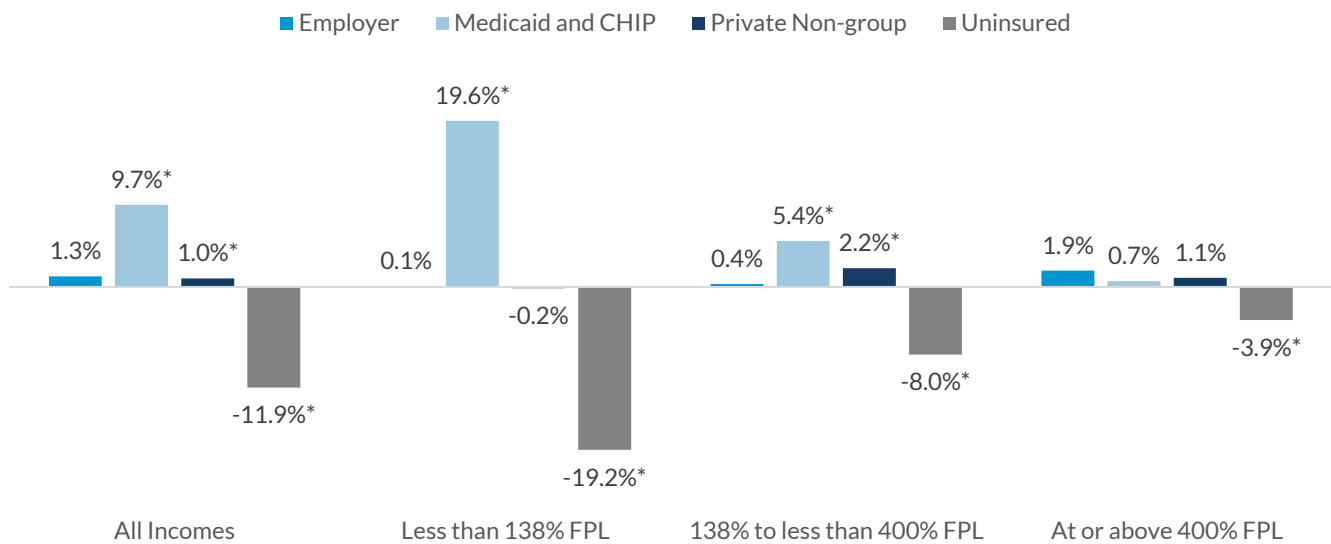


Changes in Health Insurance Coverage in New Mexico, 2013-2016

Between 2013 and 2016, as the Affordable Care Act was implemented, the uninsured rate for the nonelderly (ages 0 to 64) in New Mexico fell from 22.4 percent to 10.6 percent, meaning 210,000 more people with health insurance coverage (Table 1). Increases in health insurance coverage were driven by increases in Medicaid coverage (9.7 percentage points) due to New Mexico’s Medicaid expansion (Figure 1).

FIGURE 1
Percentage-Point Changes in Insurance Coverage by Income in New Mexico, 2013 to 2016



Source: Urban Institute analysis of American Community Survey data from 2013 and 2016 using the Integrated Public Use Microdata Series

Notes: CHIP = Children’s Health Insurance Program. FPL = federal poverty level. Estimates reflect income for the health insurance unit developed by the State Health Access Data Assistance Center and include adjustments for misreporting of health insurance coverage on the American Community Survey developed by Victoria Lynch et al. Coverage through the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services and Medicare is not shown because such coverage changes little year to year among the civilian, non-institutionalized nonelderly.

* Change is statistically significant at the 5 percent level.

Among nonelderly with incomes below 138 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), who were targeted by the Medicaid expansion, the uninsured rate fell from 32.7 percent to 13.5 percent, meaning 150,000 fewer low-income New Mexico residents uninsured. This coverage increase was driven by increases in Medicaid coverage (19.6 percentage points).

In 2016, the West region had an uninsured rate for the nonelderly of 8.9 percent, compared to 10.6 percent in New Mexico. Nationally, the 2016 uninsured rate was 10.0 percent. Among the nonelderly with incomes below 138 percent of the FPL in 2016, the uninsured rate in West region was 13.7 and the national uninsured rate was 16.5 percent, compared to 13.5 percent in New Mexico.

TABLE 1

Percentage-Point Changes in Insurance Coverage by Income in New Mexico, 2013 to 2016

	2013		2016		Difference	
	(people)	(percent)	(people)	(percent)	(people)	(percent)
All Incomes						
Employer	741,000	42.7%	743,000	43.9%	2,000	1.3%
Medicaid and State	473,000	27.3%	625,000	36.9%	152,000 *	9.7% *
CHAMPUS/Medicare	75,000	4.3%	72,000	4.2%	-3,000	-0.1%
Private Nongroup	57,000	3.3%	73,000	4.3%	16,000 *	1.0% *
Uninsured	389,000	22.4%	179,000	10.6%	-210,000 *	-11.9% *
HIU less than 138% FPL						
Employer	114,000	15.4%	107,000	15.4%	-8,000	0.1%
Medicaid and State	337,000	45.3%	449,000	64.9%	112,000 *	19.6% *
CHAMPUS/Medicare	36,000	4.8%	31,000	4.5%	-4,000	-0.3%
Private Nongroup	14,000	1.8%	12,000	1.7%	-2,000	-0.2%
Uninsured	244,000	32.7%	94,000	13.5%	-150,000 *	-19.2% *
HIU 138 to less than 400% FPL						
Employer	306,000	51.9%	319,000	52.3%	13,000	0.4%
Medicaid and State	120,000	20.4%	158,000	25.8%	37,000 *	5.4% *
CHAMPUS/Medicare	24,000	4.1%	25,000	4.1%	1,000	0.0%
Private Nongroup	21,000	3.6%	36,000	5.8%	14,000 *	2.2% *
Uninsured	117,000	19.9%	73,000	11.9%	-44,000 *	-8.0% *
HIU at or above 400% FPL						
Employer	320,000	79.8%	317,000	81.7%	-3,000	1.9%
Medicaid and State	15,000	3.8%	18,000	4.5%	2,000	0.7%
CHAMPUS/Medicare	15,000	3.7%	15,000	4.0%	0	0.2%
Private Nongroup	22,000	5.5%	26,000	6.6%	3,000	1.1%
Uninsured	28,000	7.1%	12,000	3.2%	-16,000 *	-3.9% *

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ADDITIONAL READING

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