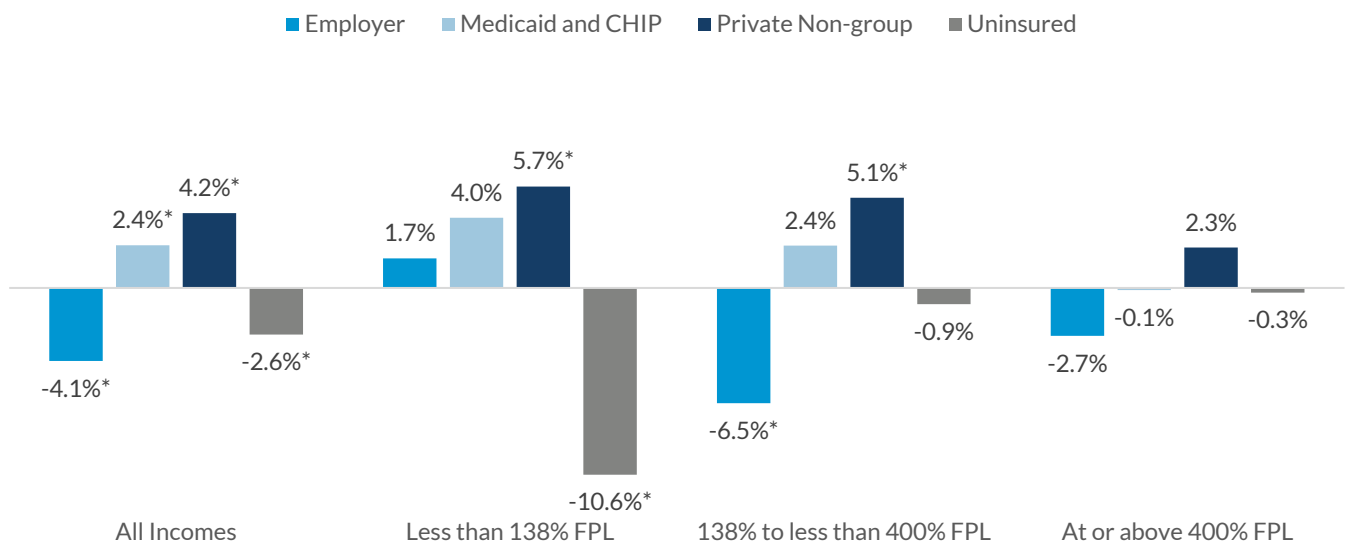


Changes in Health Insurance Coverage in Wyoming, 2013-2016

Between 2013 and 2016, as the Affordable Care Act was implemented, the uninsured rate for the nonelderly (ages 0 to 64) in Wyoming fell from 15.2 percent to 12.6 percent, meaning 14,000 more people with health insurance coverage (Table 1). Increases in health insurance coverage were driven by increases in private non-group coverage (4.2 percentage points) and Medicaid coverage (2.4 percentage points) (Figure 1), reflecting Wyoming’s lack of Medicaid expansion.

FIGURE 1
Percentage-Point Changes in Insurance Coverage by Income in Wyoming, 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 Medicaid expansion in other states, the uninsured rate fell from 31.9 percent to 21.3 percent, meaning 12,000 fewer low-income Wyoming residents uninsured. This coverage increase was driven by increases in private non-group coverage (5.7 percentage points).

In 2016, the West region had an uninsured rate for the nonelderly of 8.9 percent, compared to 12.6 percent in Wyoming. 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 21.3 percent in Wyoming.

TABLE 1

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

	2013		2016		Difference			
	(people)	(percent)	(people)	(percent)	(people)	(percent)		
All Incomes								
Employer	317,000	64.6%	292,000	60.4%	-25,000	*	-4.1%	*
Medicaid and State	57,000	11.7%	68,000	14.1%	11,000	*	2.4%	*
CHAMPUS/Medicare	19,000	3.9%	19,000	4.0%	0		0.1%	
Private Nongroup	23,000	4.7%	43,000	8.9%	20,000	*	4.2%	*
Uninsured	75,000	15.2%	61,000	12.6%	-14,000	*	-2.6%	*
HIU less than 138% FPL								
Employer	35,000	30.1%	38,000	31.8%	3,000		1.7%	
Medicaid and State	35,000	30.6%	41,000	34.6%	6,000		4.0%	
CHAMPUS/Medicare	6,000	5.2%	5,000	4.4%	-1,000		-0.8%	
Private Nongroup	3,000	2.2%	9,000	7.9%	7,000	*	5.7%	*
Uninsured	37,000	31.9%	25,000	21.3%	-12,000	*	-10.6%	*
HIU 138 to less than 400% FPL								
Employer	135,000	68.1%	127,000	61.6%	-8,000		-6.5%	*
Medicaid and State	18,000	9.2%	24,000	11.6%	6,000	*	2.4%	
CHAMPUS/Medicare	9,000	4.5%	9,000	4.4%	0		-0.1%	
Private Nongroup	9,000	4.4%	20,000	9.5%	11,000	*	5.1%	*
Uninsured	28,000	13.9%	27,000	12.9%	-1,000		-0.9%	
HIU at or above 400% FPL								
Employer	147,000	83.1%	128,000	80.4%	-19,000	*	-2.7%	
Medicaid and State	3,000	2.0%	3,000	1.8%	-1,000		-0.1%	
CHAMPUS/Medicare	4,000	2.3%	5,000	3.1%	1,000		0.8%	
Private Nongroup	12,000	6.7%	14,000	9.0%	2,000		2.3%	
Uninsured	10,000	5.9%	9,000	5.6%	-1,000		-0.3%	

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ADDITIONAL READING

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