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What is the CHAS?

- Colorado Health Access Survey
- 10,000 Households
- Fielded February – June 2019

Topics include:
- Access
- Insurance
- Use of Care
- Affordability
- Health Status
- Behavioral Health
- Social Factors
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Coverage
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And Colorado’s New Uninsured Rate Is . . .

Source: 2019 Colorado Health Access Survey
A Changing Health Coverage Landscape

Health Insurance Coverage, All Ages, 2009-2019

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Insurance: A Familiar Pattern

Percent Uninsured, 2019

6.5%
Colorado Uninsured Rate

Source: 2019 Colorado Health Access Survey
Uninsured Rate by Federal Poverty Level

Source: 2019 Colorado Health Access Survey
Churn
Coloradans Ages 0-64

2017
17.9%

2015
15.5%

2013
12.3%

2019*
19.1%

* Churn definition expanded to include people who gained coverage in the past 12 months

Source: 2019 Colorado Health Access Survey
Use of Care
An Upswing,
With Notable Exceptions
Use of Health Care Services

Source: 2019 Colorado Health Access Survey
Behavioral Health
More Awareness, Increasing Needs
Behavioral Health Access is Down

Percentage of Coloradans Reporting Not Getting ...

- **Needed Mental Health Services**
  - 2013: 7.8%
  - 2015: 9.0%
  - 2017: 7.6%
  - 2019: 13.5%

- **Needed Substance Use Disorder Services**
  - 2017: 1.6%
  - 2019: 2.3%

Source: 2019 Colorado Health Access Survey
Opioid Addiction is a Major Problem in Your Community, Self-Reported, 2019
Ages 18+

21.3%
Statewide

Source: 2019 Colorado Health Access Survey
Affordability
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## Reported Problems Paying Medical Bills

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89.6% of the uninsured report cost as the reason for not being covered.

Source: 2019 Colorado Health Access Survey
30.6% of Coloradans report having a surprise medical bill in the past 12 months.

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