

Methods | County Health Insurance Coverage Profiles

The Arizona Center for Rural Health (AzCRH) created and posted Arizona County Health Insurance Coverage Profiles to provide timely public health data to inform policymakers, stakeholders, health providers, and the public. Profiles include data about current health insurance coverage and other public health data including national, state and county level data. In addition, AzCRH posted an [overview](#) of the U.S. health system, and implications of health reform deliberations at the state and federal levels relating to legislation, regulation, program implementation and evaluation. The overview will be updated as new information becomes available.

When possible, the most current year's data is used. ACA Marketplace data is from the 2016-2017 Open Enrollment Period. The most recent enrollment data from the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System is from December 2017. Data sources listed below.

- Rosenbaum, S. (2011). The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act: implications for public health policy and practice. *Public health reports*, 126(1), 130-135 (citation 1)
- National health insurance data from the [Centers for Disease Control](#) (citation 2)
- [The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services](#), [The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services](#), and the [Arizona Center for Rural Health](#) (citations 3, 4, 5)
- State level health insurance data from the [United States Census Bureau – American Community Survey 2010](#) (citation 6) [United States Census Bureau - Current Population Reports 2017](#) (citation 7)
- County population data and uninsured rate estimates from the [United States Census Bureau – American Community Survey 2012](#) and [2016](#) (citation 8)
- AHCCCS population statistics from [AHCCCS](#) (citation 9)
- Marketplace plan selections from the [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services](#) (citation 10)

Some (but not all) of the improvement in the health insurance coverage rate can be attributed to components of the Affordable Care act including Medicaid expansion in 31 states and financial assistance (cost-sharing and tax credits) to purchase insurance on the marketplace in all states.

It is important to note that there were also changes at the state level that contributed to these improvements in addition to Medicaid Expansion via the ACA. These state level changes included Medicaid Restoration (proposition 204, restoring state Medicaid coverage to single childless adults up to 100% of the Federal Poverty Level) and the reauthorization of the Children's Health Insurance Program (KidsCare). Economic improvements may have also contributed to improved coverage rates. Further research will assess the complete size and scope of the effects of the ACA on health insurance coverage.

