

Improving Child Well-Being in New Mexico



Health

INDICATOR: Children without Health Insurance*

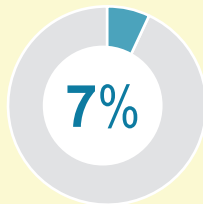
2016 indicator ranking



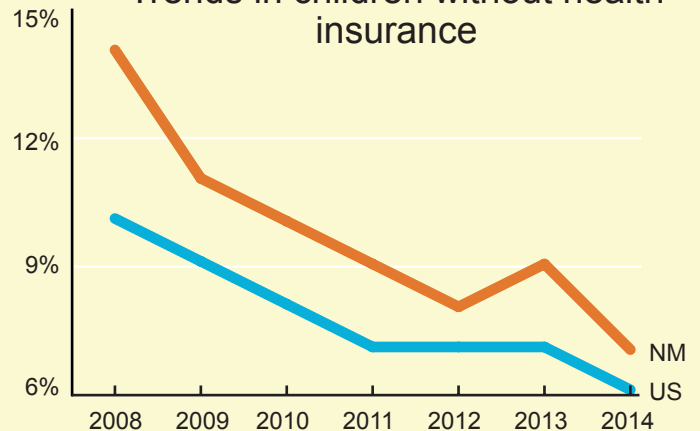
Number of children without health insurance

36,400

Percent of children without health insurance



Trends in children without health insurance



WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES**

To move up 1+ rankings to

30th

It would take a

12%
drop



in children without health insurance

Which means

4,500

fewer children without insurance

To move up 5+ rankings to

17th

It would take a

26%
drop



in children without health insurance

Which means

9,500

fewer children without insurance

To move up to the top ranking

1st

It would take a

67%
drop



in children without health insurance

Which means

24,400

fewer children without insurance

WHAT NEW MEXICO CAN DO

- Restore outreach and enrollment programs for Medicaid for children to help cover those children who are eligible for Medicaid but still not enrolled.
- Integrate the health insurance marketplace with Medicaid so there is “no wrong door” for enrollment to help low-income parents who are getting coverage for themselves to enroll their Medicaid-eligible children at the same time.
- Simplify the Medicaid enrollment and recertification process for children, and enact express-lane enrollment, which would help the state identify eligible children using information from other programs like Head Start and SNAP (food stamps).

*Percent of children (ages 0-17) without health insurance.

**Ranking improvement estimates are based on point-in-time data reported in 2016; changes in other states' outcomes can also influence New Mexico's future rankings.

Sources: Rankings from: *KIDS COUNT Data Book*, Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2016 (because states can tie in indicator rankings it may take more than 1 or 5 rankings in order to move up); Data from: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2008-2014

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