# Who in Colorado is Eligible for Financial Assistance But Not Enrolled?

Results of the 2019 Eligible But Not Enrolled (EBNE) Analysis



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## **Eligible But Not Enrolled (EBNE)**

# **Key Takeaways**

- In 2019, 68.7% of Coloradans under the age of 65 who were eligible for advance premium tax credits (APTCs) were not enrolled to receive financial assistance benefits.
- Coloradans who were EBNE for APTCs were disproportionately under age 35 and identified as Hispanic/Latinx.
- Counties in southern Colorado showed higher rates of EBNE.
- The 2020 EBNE report will quantify the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on APTC enrollment and uninsurance across the state.

# Methodology

These estimates:

- Reflect the number of uninsured Coloradans who met eligibility criteria for APTCs but were not enrolled or accessing these benefits.
- Were developed using:
  - 2019 Connect for Health Colorado enrollment data for APTCs
  - 2019 American Community Survey
- Account for those offered affordable insurance through employers using:
  - Medical Expenditure Panel Survey
  - Colorado Health Access Survey

# How Many Coloradans Were EBNE for APTCs?

- In 2019, an estimated **144,274** Coloradans under 65 were eligible but not enrolled in APTCs.
- This total represents 8,598 children ages 0 to 18.
- Because of changes in APTC data reporting, data cannot be trended to previous EBNE
   reports.



# Who Are the EBNE Coloradans?

Eligible But Not Enrolled in APTCs by Race/Ethnicity, Under Age 65



Source: Connect for Health Colorado 2019 Enrollment Data; 2019 American Community Survey



# Who Are the EBNE Coloradans?

Adults Eligible But Not Enrolled in APTCs, Ages 19 to 64



Source: Connect for Health Colorado 2019 Enrollment Data; 2019 American Community Survey



# Why Are Coloradans Uninsured?

| Reason for Being<br>Uninsured  | <b>Ages 19 to 44</b> | Ages 45 to 64 |
|--|----------------------|---------------|
| Cost is too high   | 95.7%                | 86.2%         |
| Family member's employer<br>does not offer coverage or not<br>eligible for employer's coverage | 52.6%                | 29.4%         |
| Lost eligibility for CHP+/Medicaid   | 30.4%                | 23.0%         |
| Don't know how to get insurance  | 20.9%                | 13.2%         |
| Don't need insurance   | 19.2%                | 8.4%          |

Source: 2019 Colorado Health Access Survey

## **APTC EBNE Rates Across the State**

APTC EBNE Rates by County, Ages 19 to 64



Colorado EBNE Rate: 68.7%



Source: Connect for Health Colorado 2019 Enrollment Data; 2019 American Community Survey

# Who Are the Uninsured Coloradans?

| 100.0% |                    |                            |  |
|--------|--------------------|----------------------------|--|
|        |                    | 7.0% (~32,000)             |  |
| 90.0%  |                    |                            |  |
|        |                    | 15.0% (~67,000)            |  |
| 80.0%  |                    |                            |  |
| 70.00/ |                    |                            |  |
| 70.0%  |                    | 18.9% (~84,000             |  |
| 60.0%  |                    |                            |  |
| 00.070 |                    |                            |  |
| 50.0%  |                    |                            |  |
|        |                    | 26.9% (~120,000)           |  |
| 40.0%  |                    |                            |  |
| 22.224 |                    |                            |  |
| 30.0%  |                    |                            |  |
| 20.0%  |                    |                            |  |
| 20:070 |                    | 32.2% (~144,000)           |  |
| 10.0%  |                    | -                          |  |
|        |                    |                            |  |
| 0.0%   |                    |                            |  |
|        | Eligible for APTCs | Eligible for Medicaid/CHP+ |  |
|        | -                  | _                          |  |
|        | Above 400% FPL     | Without documentation      |  |

Offered affordable employer insurance

Source: 2019 American Community Survey

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# **2020 EBNE Analyses**

- 2020 EBNE at the ZIP code level
  - Analysis of key demographics
- Legislative mapping analysis
  - Link: <u>https://arcg.is/0b1rOH</u>
- Next year's ENBE analysis will help assess the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on enrollment and uninsurance in Colorado.





# **Read the 2019 EBNE Report**

The full report, including EBNE rates for Medicaid and CHP+, can be found here:

<u>coloradohealthinstitute.org/research/</u> <u>eligible-not-enrolled-2019</u>







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#### Number of People Enrolled in C4HC by Congressional District, 2021

Source: Connect for Health Colorado, 2021

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**Denver Metro Area** 



#### **Colorado Springs Metro Area**





Source: Connect for Health Colorado, 2021



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