



KanCare Expansion: Just the Facts

ENROLLMENT GROWTH IN EXPANSION STATES IS STRONG, DRIVING DOWN THE UNINSURED RATE TO RECORD LOWS

- Overall, the nation's current uninsured rate is the lowest it's been in the last 60 years. In one year, Arkansas and Kentucky cut their uninsured rate in half. The uninsured rate in Kansas has declined, but not nearly that much because of the lack of KanCare expansion.ⁱ
- Nine of the 10 states with the largest drop in uninsured rates have expanded Medicaid.ⁱⁱ
- In 17 of the 29 states that expanded in 2014, enrollment grew faster than the state projected. At the same time, the costs per enrollee were as expected or lower. The accuracy of enrollment projections has improved over time and states project the rate of enrollment growth to level off over the next year.ⁱⁱⁱ
- Despite higher than expected expansion enrollment, Ohio's actual FY 2014 Medicaid spending was \$2 billion below estimates because of a number of program reforms.^{iv}
- The Kansas Division of the Budget projects enrollment in KanCare expansion to increase from 115,222 in the first year to 157,469 in year 10.^v These projections are at the high end of most independent estimates of enrollment growth and it is therefore unlikely that actual enrollment will exceed these projections.

ⁱ Witters, D. (10 August 2015). *In U.S., Uninsured Rates Continue to Drop in Most States*. Retrieved from <http://www.gallup.com/poll/184514/uninsured-rates-continue-drop-states.aspx>

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ⁱⁱⁱ Rudowitz, R., Snyder, L., and Smith, V.K. (15 October 2015). *Medicaid Enrollment & Spending Growth: FY 2015 & 2016*. Retrieved from <http://kff.org/medicaid/issue-brief/medicaid-enrollment-spending-growth-fy-2015-2016/>.

^{iv} The Ohio Department of Medicaid (1 August 2015). *SFY 2015 Annual Report: Health Care for Ohioans*. Retrieved from <http://medicaid.ohio.gov/Portals/0/Resources/Reports/Annual/ODM-Annual-Report-SFY15.pdf>.

^v Kansas Division of the Budget (18 March 2015) *Fiscal Note for HB 2319 by House Committee on Appropriations*. Retrieved from http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2015_16/measures/documents/fisc_note_hb2319_00_0000.pdf.