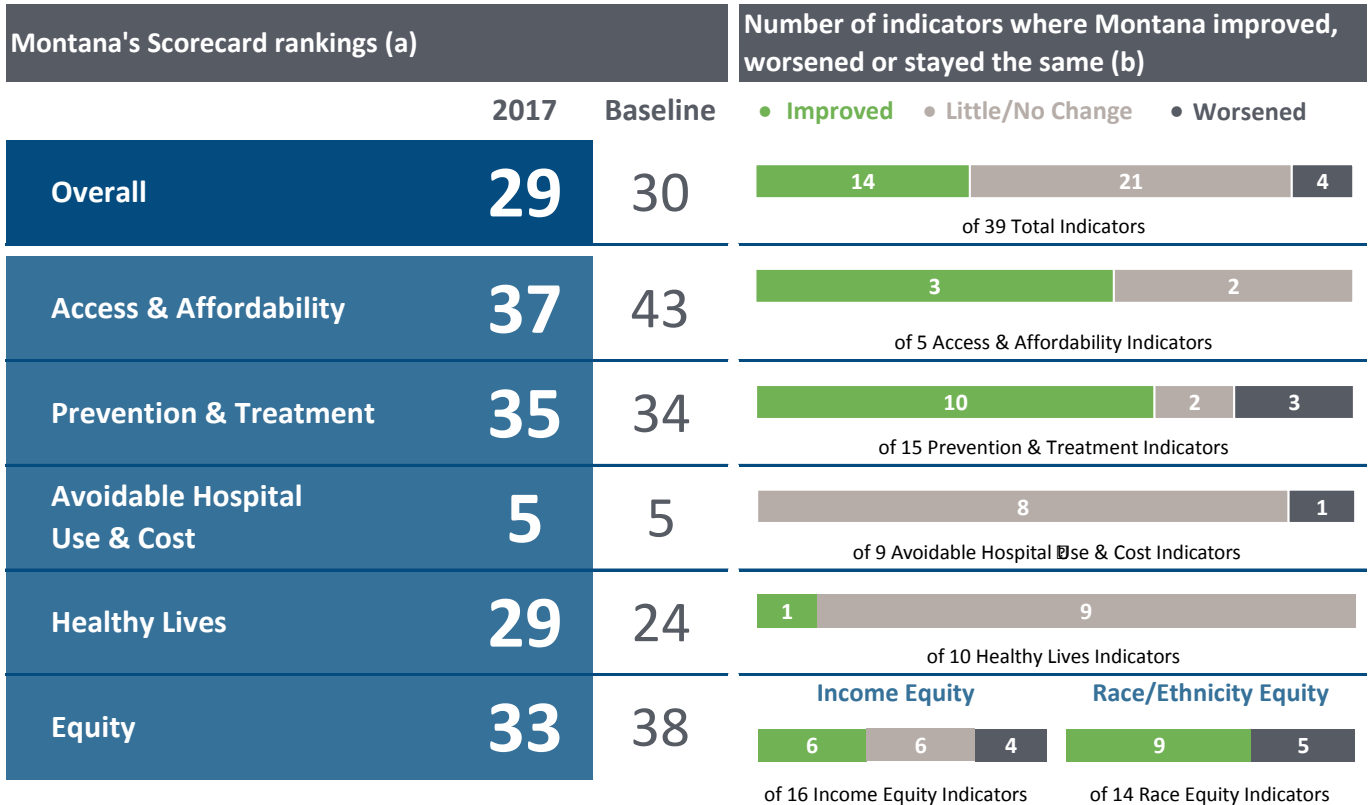
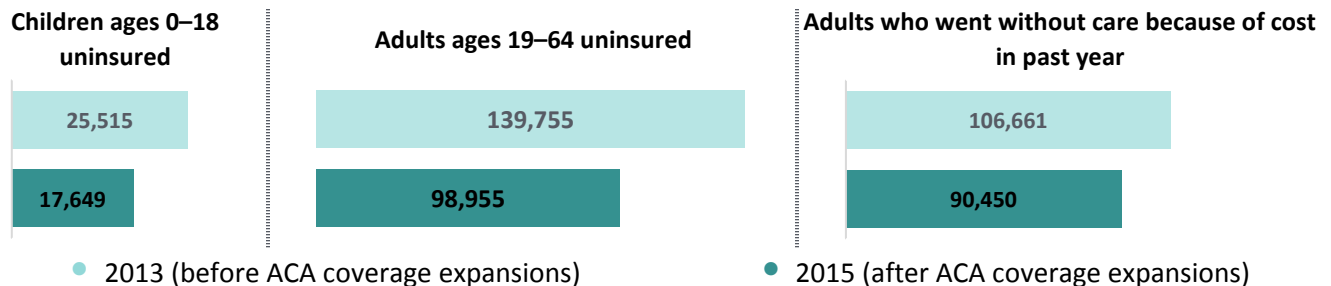


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Montana



Before and after implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) coverage expansions



Estimated impact of state improvement (c)

If Montana improved to the level of the best-performing state for this indicator, then:

118,744	more adults (age 18 and older) would have a usual source of care to help ensure that care is coordinated and accessible when needed
64,376	more adults would receive age- and gender-appropriate recommended cancer screenings
2,223	more children (ages 19-35 months) would receive all recommended vaccines
2,060	fewer Medicare beneficiaries would receive an unsafe medication
165	fewer premature deaths (before age 75) would occur from causes that are potentially treatable or preventable with timely and appropriate care
4,126	fewer emergency department visits for nonemergent or primary-care-treatable conditions would occur among Medicare beneficiaries

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Table 1. State Health System Performance Indicator Data by Dimension

Dimension and indicator	Data year	State rate	U.S. average	Best state rate	State ranking	Data year	State rate	U.S. average	Substantial change over time (a)
ACCESS & AFFORDABILITY					2017 Scorecard		Baseline		
Adults ages 19–64 uninsured	2015	16	13	4	37	2013	23	20	Improved
Children ages 0–18 uninsured	2015	7	5	1	36	2013	11	8	Improved
Adults who went without care because of cost in past year	2015	11	13	7	13	2013	14	16	Improved
Individuals under age 65 with high out-of-pocket medical costs relative to their annual household income	2014-15	18	14	10	45	--	--	--	--
At-risk adults without a routine doctor visit in past two years	2015	18	13	6	45	2013	19	14	No Change
Adults without a dental visit in past year	2014	16	16	11	27	2012	17	15	No Change
PREVENTION & TREATMENT					2017 Scorecard		Baseline		
Adults with a usual source of care	2015	74	78	89	41	2013	70	76	Improved
Adults with age- and gender-appropriate cancer screenings	2014	63	68	77	43	2012	60	69	Improved
Adults with age-appropriate vaccines	2015	39	38	51	28	2013	37	36	No Change
Children with a medical home	2011/12	58	54	69	21	--	--	--	--
Children with a medical and dental preventive care visit in the past year	2011/12	61	68	81	42	--	--	--	--
Children with emotional, behavioral, or developmental problems who received needed mental health care in the past year	2011/12	60	61	86	29	--	--	--	--
Children ages 19–35 months who received all recommended doses of seven key vaccines	2015	68	72	81	41	2013	65	70	Improved
Medicare beneficiaries who received at least one drug that should be avoided in the elderly	2014	10	13	7	11	2012	13	17	Improved
Medicare beneficiaries with dementia, hip/pelvic fracture, or chronic renal failure who received a prescription drug that is contraindicated for that condition	2014	13	18	10	6	2012	17	21	Improved
Medicare fee-for-service patients whose health provider always listens, explains, shows respect, and spends enough time with them	2014	74	76	80	38	2013	77	76	Worsened
Risk-adjusted 30-day mortality among Medicare beneficiaries hospitalized for heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, or stroke	07/2012 - 06/2015	15.2	14.5	13.1	43	07/2010 - 06/2013	13.2	13.2	Worsened
Central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSI), Standardized Infection Ratio	2014	0.56	0.50	0.23	37	2013	0.63	0.54	Improved
Hospitalized patients given information about what to do during their recovery at home	2015	87	87	90	23	2013	85	86	Improved
Patients who reported hospital staff always managed pain well, responded when needed help to get to bathroom or pressed call button, and explained medicines and side effects	2015	70	68	74	10	2013	67	68	Improved
Home health patients who get better at walking or moving around	2015	63	66	72	42	2013	56	61	Improved
Home health patients whose wounds improved or healed after an operation	2015	92	90	95	5	2013	92	89	No Change
High-risk nursing home residents with pressure sores	2015 (Q2-Q4)	6	6	3	26	2013 (Q2-Q4)	5	6	Worsened
Long-stay nursing home residents with an antipsychotic medication	2015 (Q2-Q4)	15	17	8	13	2013 (Q2-Q4)	18	21	Improved

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Table 1. State Health System Performance Indicator Data by Dimension (continued)

	Data year	State rate	U.S. average	Best state rate	State ranking	Data year	State rate	U.S. average	Substantial change over time (a)
Dimension and Indicator									
2017 Scorecard					Baseline				
Hospital admissions for pediatric asthma, per 100,000 children	2013	53	107	27	6	2011	65	107	No Change
Hospital admissions among Medicare beneficiaries for ambulatory care–sensitive conditions, ages 65–74, per 1,000 beneficiaries (b)	2014	18	27	12	9	2012	21	29	No Change
Hospital admissions among Medicare beneficiaries for ambulatory care–sensitive conditions, age 75 and older, per 1,000 beneficiaries (b)	2014	51	66	35	10	2012	*	70	*
Medicare 30-day hospital readmissions, rate per 1,000 beneficiaries	2014	21	27	10	11	2012	25	34	No Change
Short-stay nursing home residents readmitted within 30 days of hospital discharge to nursing home	2014	13	19	11	3	2012	13	20	No Change
Long-stay nursing home residents hospitalized within a six-month period	2014	12	16	5	10	2012	12	17	No Change
Home health patients also enrolled in Medicare with a hospital admission	2015	15.5	16.2	13.9	12	2013	15.0	16.0	Worsened
Potentially avoidable emergency department visits among Medicare beneficiaries, per 1,000 beneficiaries	2014	162	185	129	7	2012	158	188	No Change
Total reimbursements per enrollee (ages 18–64) with employer-sponsored insurance	2014	\$4,333	\$4,569	\$3,217	23	2013	\$4,291	\$4,489	No Change
Total Medicare (Parts A & B) reimbursements per beneficiary	2014	\$6,672	\$8,819	\$5,592	4	2012	\$6,585	\$8,854	No Change
2017 Scorecard					Baseline				
HEALTHY LIVES									
Mortality amenable to health care, deaths per 100,000 population	2013-14	71.8	84.2	54.3	18	2011-12	67.9	84.0	No Change
Years of potential life lost before age 75	2014	6,640	6,447	4,892	29	2012	6,963	6,412	No Change
Breast cancer deaths per 100,000 female population	2014	19.3	20.6	14.2	16	2012	20.7	21.4	Improved
Colorectal cancer deaths per 100,000 population	2014	14.6	14.3	10.9	26	2012	14.3	14.9	No Change
Suicide deaths per 100,000 population	2014	23.9	13.0	7.8	51	2012	22.6	12.6	No Change
Infant mortality, deaths per 1,000 live births	2013	5.6	6.0	4.2	18	2012	5.9	6.0	No Change
Adults ages 18–64 who report fair/poor health or activity limitations because of physical, mental, or emotional problems	2015	26	26	20	27	2013	25	26	No Change
Adults who smoke	2015	19	17	9	32	2013	19	18	No Change
Adults ages 18–64 who are obese (BMI >= 30)	2015	24	29	20	3	2013	25	29	No Change
Children ages 10–17 who are overweight or obese (BMI >= 85th percentile)	2011/12	29	31	22	18	--	--	--	--
Adults ages 18–64 who have lost six or more teeth because of tooth decay, infection, or gum disease	2014	11	10	6	34	2012	11	10	No Change

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Table 2. State Equity Indicator Data

The Equity profile displays gaps in performance for vulnerable populations for selected indicators. An equity gap is defined as the difference between the U.S. national average for a particular indicator and the rate for the state's most vulnerable group by income and race/ethnicity. For all equity indicators, lower rates are better; therefore, a positive or negative gap value indicates that the state's most vulnerable group is better or worse than the U.S. average for a particular indicator.

Equity Type and Indicator	Data year	Vulnerable		U.S. average	Gap (a)	State ranking	Data year	Vulnerable		U.S. average	Gap (a)	Change in vulnerable group rate (b)
		group rate						group rate				
LOW-INCOME	2017 Scorecard					Baseline						
Uninsured ages 19–64	2015	29	13	-16	37	2013	40	20	-20	Improved		
Adults who went without care because of cost in past year	2015	24	13	-11	28	2013	24	16	-8	No Change		
At risk adults without a doctor visit	2015	26	13	-13	48	2013	22	14	-8	Worsened		
Adults without a dental visit in past year	2014	26	16	-10	33	2012	24	15	-9	Worsened		
Adults without a usual source of care	2015	29	22	-7	36	2013	29	24	-5	No Change		
Adults without age- and gender-appropriate cancer screenings	2014	42	32	-10	45	2012	45	31	-14	Improved		
Adults without age-appropriate vaccines	2015	62	62	0	19	2013	64	64	0	No Change		
Children without a medical home	2011/12	50	46	-4	11	--	--	--	--	--		
Children without a medical and dental preventive care visit in the past year	2011/12	42	32	-10	36	--	--	--	--	--		
Children ages 19–35 months without all recommended vaccines (c)	2014	32	28	-4	23	2012	34	32	-2	No Change		
Elderly patients who received a high-risk prescription drug	2014	14	13	-1	20	2012	18	17	-1	No Change		
Hospital admissions for pediatric asthma, per 100,000 children	2013	*	107	*	*	2012	*	143	*	*		
Medicare admissions for ambulatory care–sensitive conditions (d)	2014	71	44	-27	10	2012	77	48	-29	Improved		
Medicare 30-day hospital readmissions, per 1,000 beneficiaries (d)	2014	27	35	8	1	2012	35	43	8	Improved		
Potentially avoidable ED visits among Medicare beneficiaries, per 1,000 beneficiaries (d)	2014	331	185	-146	20	2012	304	188	-116	Worsened		
Adults with poor health-related quality of life	2015	39	26	-13	17	2013	40	26	-14	Improved		
Adults who smoke	2015	31	17	-14	38	2013	30	18	-12	Worsened		
Adults who are obese	2015	32	29	-3	7	2013	32	29	-3	No Change		
Adults who have lost six or more teeth	2014	20	10	-10	32	2012	21	10	-11	Improved		
RACE/ETHNICITY (e)	2017 Scorecard					Baseline						
Uninsured ages 19–64 (other race)	2015	39	13	-26	38	2013	51	20	-31	Improved		
Adults who went without care because of cost in past year (Hispanic ethnicity)	2015	17	13	-4	5	2013	22	16	-6	Improved		
At risk adults without a doctor visit (Hispanic ethnicity)	2015	24	13	-11	36	2013	29	14	-15	Improved		
Adults without a dental visit in past year (Hispanic ethnicity)	2014	29	16	-13	45	2012	22	15	-7	Worsened		
Adults without a usual source of care (Hispanic ethnicity)	2015	39	22	-17	27	2013	45	24	-21	Improved		
Adults without age- and gender-appropriate cancer screenings (other race)	2014	42	32	-10	40	2012	47	31	-16	Improved		
Adults without age-appropriate vaccines (Hispanic ethnicity)	2015	79	62	-17	49	2013	75	64	-11	Worsened		
Children without a medical home (Hispanic ethnicity)	2011/12	60	46	-14	23	--	--	--	--	--		

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Table 2. State Equity Indicator Data (continued)

The Equity profile displays gaps in performance for vulnerable populations for selected indicators. An equity gap is defined as the difference between the U.S. national average for a particular indicator and the rate for the state's most vulnerable group by income and race/ethnicity. For all equity indicators, lower rates are better; therefore, a positive or negative gap value indicates that the state's most vulnerable group is better or worse than the U.S. average for a particular indicator.

Equity Type and Indicator	Vulnerable				State ranking	Vulnerable				Change in vulnerable group rate (b)
	Data year	group rate	U.S. average	Gap (a)		Data year	group rate	U.S. average	Gap (a)	
RACE/ETHNICITY (continued)	2017 Scorecard					Baseline				
Children without a medical and dental preventive care visit in the past year (Hispanic ethnicity)	2011/12	50	32	-18	48	--	--	--	--	--
Children ages 19–35 months without all recommended vaccines (other race) (c)	2014	21	28	7	2	2012	40	32	-8	Improved
Mortality amenable to health care (other race)	2013-14	147	84.2	-63	26	2011-12	145.6	84.0	-61.60	Worsened
Infant mortality, deaths per 1,000 live births (other race)	2012-13	10.4	6.0	-4.4	17	2010-11	9.7	6.5	-3.2	Worsened
Adults with poor health-related quality of life (other race)	2015	40	26	-14	48	2013	35	26	-9	Worsened
Adults who smoke (other race)	2015	32	17	-15	44	2013	34	18	-16	Improved
Adults who are obese (other race)	2015	35	29	-6	18	2013	38	29	-9	Improved
Adults who have lost six or more teeth (other race)	2014	15	10	-5	31	2012	19	10	-9	Improved

Table 3. Summary of Equity Indicator Change

CHANGE IN EQUITY GAP					
	2017 Scorecard rankings	Indicators with trends	No change in gap	Gap narrowed/ vulnerable group improved	Gap widened/ vulnerable group worsened
Equity Dimension	33	30	6	15	9
Low Income	27	16	6	6	4
Race/Ethnicity	41	14	0	9	5

Notes:

Cover Page. (a) The 2017 Scorecard rankings generally reflect 2014 or 2015 data; Baseline rankings generally reflect 2012 or 2013 data. The Baseline rankings generally align with Baseline rankings reported in the December 2015 State Scorecard report. The 2017 State Scorecard added or revised several performance measures relative to what was reported in the December 2015 Scorecard report; overall and dimension rankings are not strictly comparable between these reports. **(b)** Improved or worsened denotes a change of at least one-half (0.5) of a standard deviation (a statistical measure of variation) larger than the indicator's distribution among all states over the two time points. No change denotes no change in rate or a change of less than one-half of a standard deviation. The Equity dimension is separated into two subdimensions, Income and Race/Ethnicity. For interpretation of changes in the Equity dimension, see Table 2, note (b) below. **(c)** The table shows the estimated impact if this state's performance improved to the rate of the best-performing state for selected Scorecard indicators. Benchmark states, those with the best rate, have an estimated impact of zero (0).

Table 1. (*) Data not available for this state. **(--)** Historical data not available or not comparable over time. **(a)** Substantial change (improvement or worsening) refers to a change between the baseline and current time periods of at least 0.5 standard deviations. **(b)** Hospital admissions among Medicare beneficiaries for ambulatory care-sensitive conditions are displayed here separately for two age ranges, but counted as a single indicator in tallies of improvement.

Table 2. (*) Data not available for this state. **(--)** Historic data not available or not comparable over time. **(a)** Gaps measure the difference between the most vulnerable group in this state, by income or race/ethnicity, and the U.S. national average for each indicator. **(b)** Improvement indicates that the gap between this state's vulnerable population and the U.S. average has narrowed AND that the vulnerable group rate in this state has improved. Worsening indicates that the gap between this state's vulnerable population and the U.S. average has widened AND that the vulnerable group rate in this state has worsened. No change indicates that either the gap narrowed but the vulnerable group rate worsened, or the vulnerable group rate improved but the gap widened. **(c)** Different data years were used in the equity analysis than were reported for the entire state population rate. **(d)** Measures constructed from 20% Medicare sample for the equity analysis. Data for equity analysis provided by A. Jha, Harvard School of Public health. Refer to the 2017 State Scorecard report appendix for source information for entire state population rate. **(e)** Gaps are based on the state's nonwhite population with the largest observed difference from the U.S. average. The racial/ethnic minority with the largest gap is noted for each indicator. Race/ethnicity is generally defined as white race (non-Hispanic), black race (non-Hispanic), Hispanic ethnicity (can include individuals of any race), and other race (non-Hispanic) which includes individuals who self-identify as being some race/ethnicity not otherwise categorized.