

**Between 2013 and 2014, gains in health insurance coverage varied based on age, education, and employment status.**

**Key Findings**

- ◆ Previously uninsured young adults (age 19-25) were more likely to gain health insurance than children and older adults.
- ◆ 2014 insurance status was similar for people living in rural and urban areas.
- ◆ Significantly more employed Oregonians gained insurance in 2014, compared to self employed and unemployed Oregonians.
- ◆ Previously uninsured Oregonians with associate or bachelor’s degrees were more likely to remain uninsured in 2014, compared with individuals at other education levels.

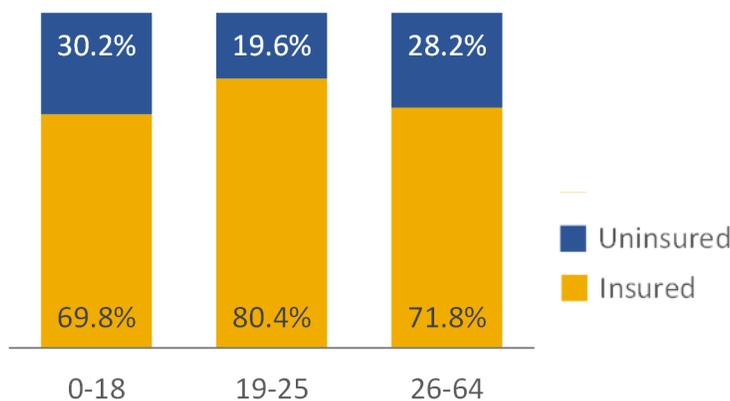
**Background**

The Oregon Health Insurance Survey (OHIS) Recontact study describes changes in health insurance coverage for uninsured individuals between 2013 and 2014. The Oregon Health Authority recontacted 964 households where an individual self-identified as uninsured in the 2013 OHIS; approximately 47% responded in 2014. Approximately 550,000 Oregonians lacked health insurance in 2013.

This fact sheet presents data from the OHIS Recontact study. The data only provides information about individuals who were uninsured in 2013, and we cannot make assumptions about Oregonians who were uninsured in 2014. . Individuals who were insured in 2013 and have since changed or lost coverage are not included in this analysis.

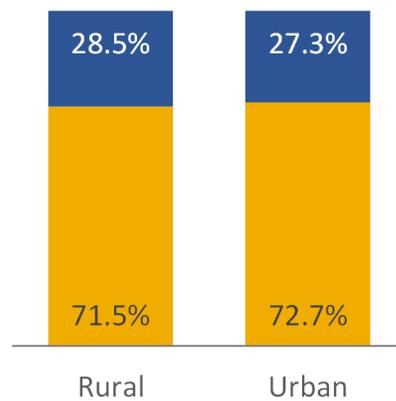
**Age Group**

**Among young adults, 80% gained health insurance between 2013 and 2014.**



**Urban or Rural**

**Living in a rural or urban setting did not impact whether a respondent gained health insurance in 2014.**

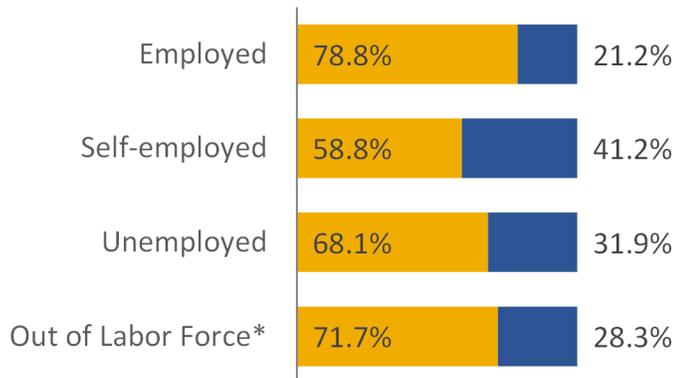


Note: sample sizes for 0-18 and 19-25 year olds are very small. Nineteen and twenty respondents, respectively.



## Employment Status

Of previously uninsured Oregonians, nearly 60% of self-employed individuals were uninsured in 2014.

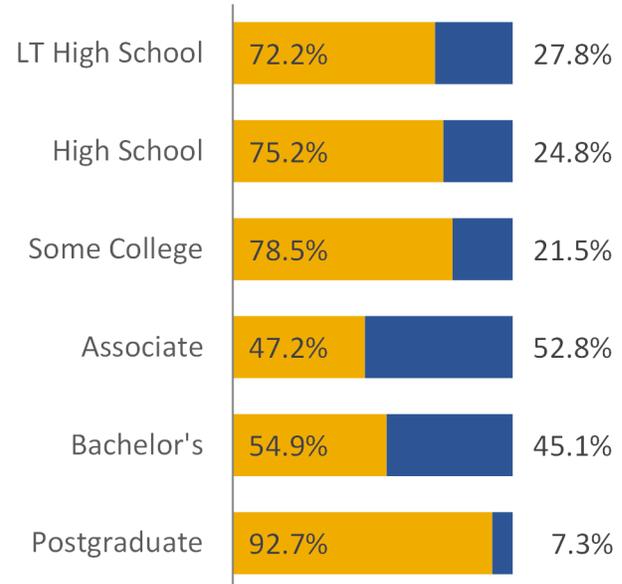


\*Out of labor force includes Oregonians that are: unemployed and not looking for work, retired, or unable to work because of a disability.

■ Insured ■ Uninsured

## Education Level

About half of respondents with an Associate or Bachelor's degree remained uninsured in 2014.



### Discussion

About 80% of young adults ages 18-25 gained health insurance in 2014, compared with 69.8% for ages 0-18 and 71.8% for ages 26-64. Respondents ages 25 and younger made up only 4% of the study population.

Living in a rural or urban setting had very little impact on whether or not a person gained health insurance in 2014. About 70% of both the insured and uninsured lived in urban areas.

Employed Oregonians had the largest gains in health insurance coverage in 2014, with 78.8% becoming insured. Nearly 40% of self-employed

Oregonians remained uninsured.

About half of Oregonians with an associate or bachelor's degree remained uninsured in 2014, compared with about a quarter of those who had not completed a college degree. Ninety-three percent of previously uninsured Oregonians with a postgraduate degree gained health insurance in 2014, likely due to finding employment that offers health insurance.

Comparisons of insurance status by race and ethnicity are not available, due to the small number of respondents in many racial and ethnic groups.

**About the OHIS Recontact Study:** This fact sheet is part of a series exploring health insurance coverage in Oregon using information gathered through the 2014 OHIS Recontact Study. The study was fielded in September and October 2014 and re-contacted 964 individuals that self-identified as uninsured in the 2013 OHIS. Nearly 450 people completed the survey, for a response rate of 47%. For more information on OHIS, visit the Health Insurance Coverage webpage at: [www.oregon.gov/oha/OHPR/RSCH/Pages/Insurance\\_Data.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/oha/OHPR/RSCH/Pages/Insurance_Data.aspx)

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