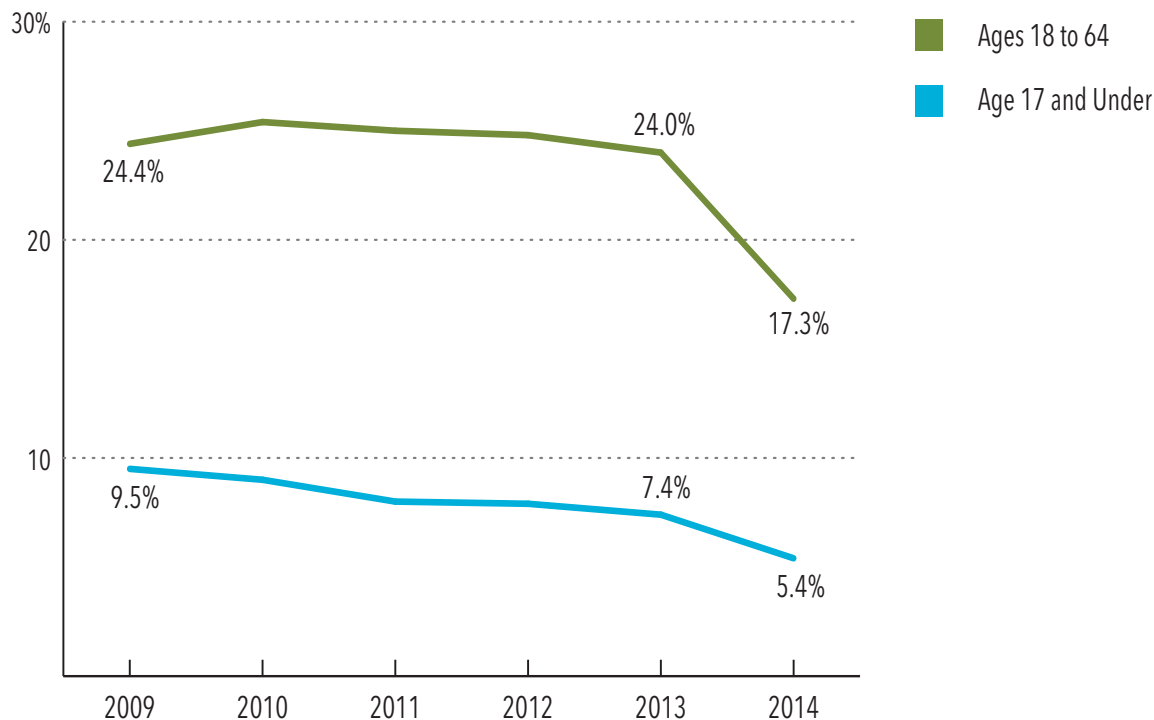




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Uninsured Rates Plunged in 2014 After California Fully Implemented Federal Health Care Reform

Percentage of Californians Without Health Care Coverage



Note: Estimates are based on survey respondents' health care coverage status at the time of the interview.

Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey

● **The number of Californians without health insurance plunged last year.** The number of adults ages 18 to 64 without coverage dropped from 5.7 million in 2013 to 4.2 million in 2014, a 27% reduction. The number of uninsured children fell by a similar share, from 673,000 in 2013 to 497,000 in 2014. Uninsured rates declined correspondingly.

● **These gains reflect California's comprehensive implementation of the federal Affordable Care Act.** California opted to expand eligibility for Medi-Cal to more low-income adults. The state also streamlined Medi-Cal's rules to make it easier for residents to sign up and launched subsidized private coverage through Covered California.

● **California can further reduce the number of uninsured residents.** This includes strengthening outreach efforts as well as boosting coverage options for undocumented immigrants, who are generally ineligible for Medi-Cal and cannot buy health insurance through Covered California.

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