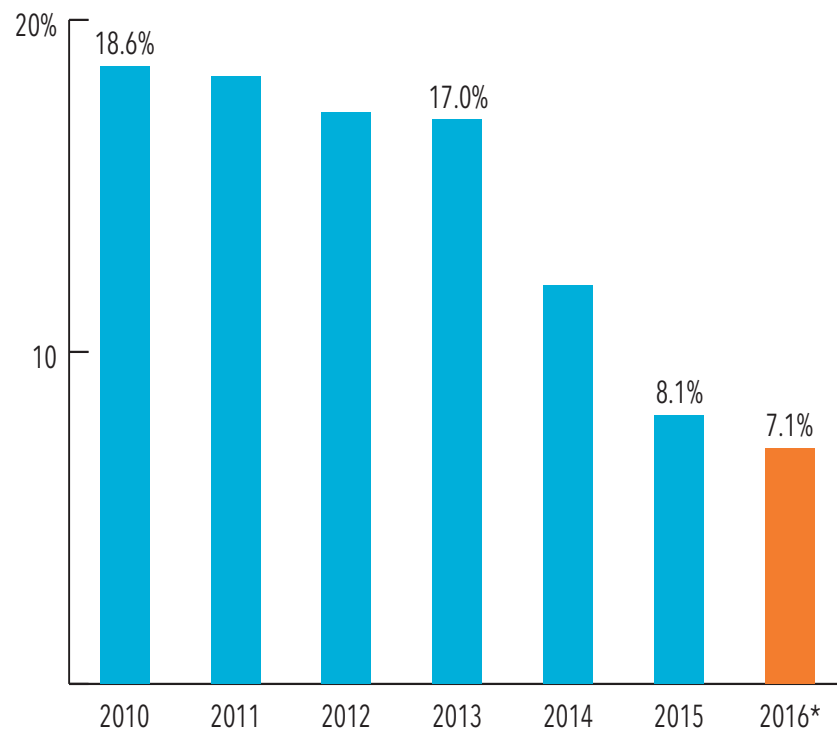




FEBRUARY 2017 | BY SCOTT GRAVES

## The Share of Californians Without Health Care Coverage Continued to Decline Into 2016

California Fully Implemented Federal Health Care Reform in January 2014



\* January to September.

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

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey

- The percentage of Californians who lack health care coverage has continued to decline. The share of uninsured residents dropped from nearly 19% in 2010 to about 7% in the first nine months of 2016.

- This substantial gain in coverage reflects California's full implementation of the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA). California opted to expand eligibility for Medi-Cal – our state's Medicaid program – to more adults with low incomes. State policymakers also streamlined Medi-Cal's enrollment rules to make it easier for eligible residents to sign up and launched subsidized coverage through Covered California, the state's health insurance marketplace.

- Republican proposals to repeal the ACA and substantially cut federal funding for Medicaid would jeopardize California's recent coverage gains. Millions of low- and middle-income Californians would be at risk of losing access to affordable coverage. Those who managed to retain coverage would face higher costs and fewer benefits.

CALIFORNIA BUDGET & POLICY CENTER

[calbudgetcenter.org](http://calbudgetcenter.org)