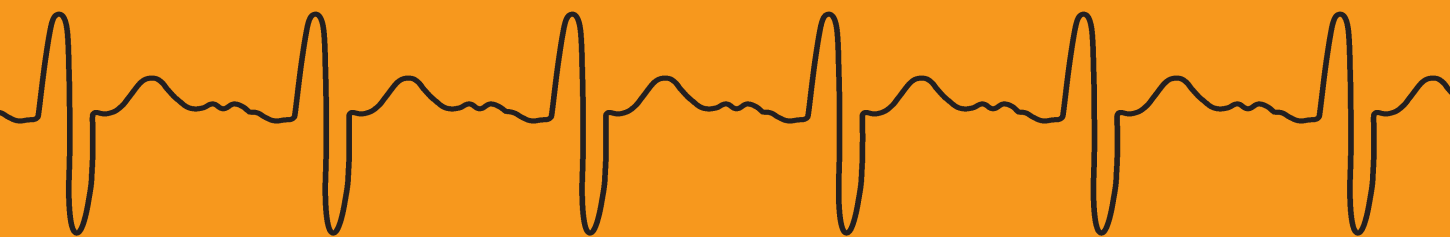
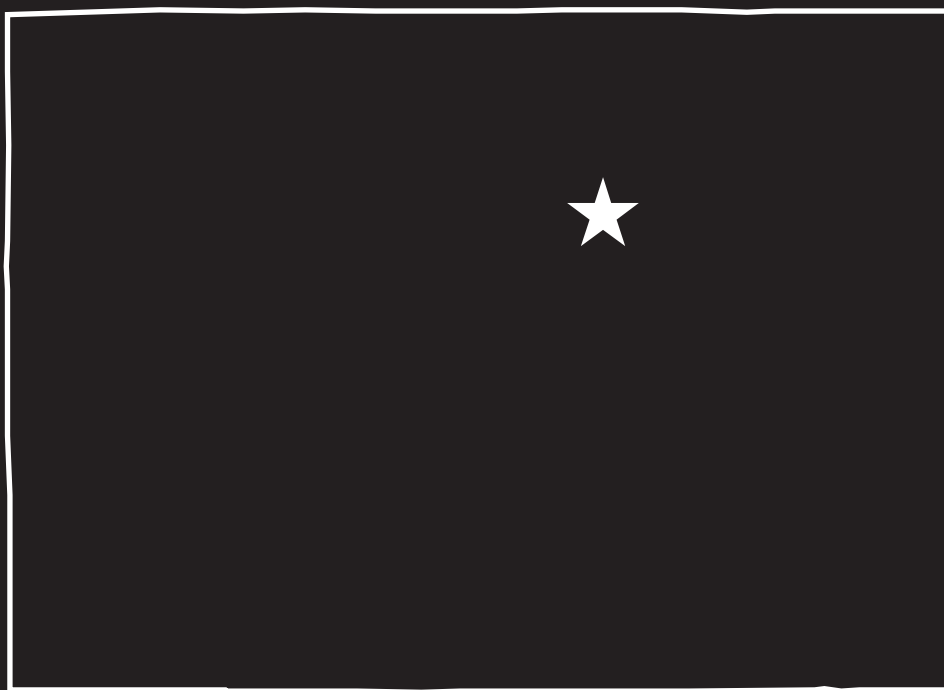


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Distribution of Population by Age (projected), 2003

Demographics

	0-18 yrs	19-49 yrs	50-64 yrs	65-84 yrs	85+	Total
State	26.0%	45.9%	16.9%	9.9%	1.4%	4,363,543
U.S.	26.8%	44.3%	16.3%	11.0%	1.6%	281,452,135

	State	U.S.
Rural population (% of total), 2002	18.6	19.7
Per capita personal income (average), 2002	\$33,170	\$30,832
Family income (median), 2001	\$50,000	\$45,740
Distribution of family income for persons under age 50 (%), 2001:		
Poverty or below.....	10.4	13.9
101%-200% of poverty	16.4	18.2
Distribution of family income for persons age 50-64 (%), 2001:		
Poverty or below.....	6.8	8.6
101%-200% of poverty	10.0	12.1
Distribution of family income for persons age 65+ (%), 2001:		
Poverty or below.....	7.8	10.2
101%-200% of poverty	28.2	28.3

Expenditures and Financing

	State	U.S.
Federal matching funds (%), FY2004:		
Temporary enhanced Medicaid	53.0	
Medicaid.....	50.0	
SCHIP.....	65.0	
Total Medicaid payments for all enrollees, FY1999.....	\$1.64b	\$153.48b
Medicaid payments (% of total), FY1999:		
Elderly	29.3	27.7
Disabled	42.3	42.9
Medicaid expenditures (% of state health spending), FY2001	64.2	69.2
Medicaid spending on long-term care (%), FY2002	36.4	33.7
Medicaid prescription drug expenditure per dually eligible beneficiary (projected), 2002	\$2,735	\$2,815
Medicare fee-for-service payment per beneficiary (average), 2001	\$5,300	\$5,388
Publicly funded state health care expenditures (% of total state budget), FY2001.....	26.4	29.9
Public health and community health services expenditures (% of state health spending), FY2001	16.5	8.4
Price of retail prescription drug (average), 2002	\$52.79	\$54.58
Average employee health insurance premium contribution (%), 2000	16.7	16.9

Health Status

	State	U.S.
Infant deaths (per 1,000 live births), 2001	5.8	6.8
Adults in poor or fair general health (%), 2002	12.5	14.3
High blood pressure prevalence among adults (%), 2001.....	21.6	25.6
Adults who currently smoke cigarettes (%), 2002	20.4	23.0
Adults having no physical activity in month (%), 2002	19.3	24.4
Adults whose mental health was not good for >1 week in month (%), 2001	14.0	12.6
Adults age 65+ with 6+ teeth lost to decay or gum disease (%), 2002	53.4	61.9
Adults age 65+ with self-care limitation (%), 2000	8.0	9.6
Deaths due to 5 major chronic diseases (%), 1999.....	61.4	68.4

Health Coverage and the Uninsured

Persons Under Age 65 With and Without Health Insurance, 2001

	Uninsured	Employer	Other Private	Medicaid	Other Public
State	17.2%	67.7%	7.5%	4.1%	3.5%
U.S.	16.5%	65.5%	6.6%	9.3%	2.1%

	State	U.S.
Uninsured persons (%), 2001: White.....	12.1	11.6
Minority/ethnic	31.2	26.5
Uninsured children below 200% of poverty (%), 2001	24.0	20.2
Uninsured nonelderly adults with family income <i>below</i> the national median (%), 2001	30.3	27.6
Uninsured adults age 50-64 (%), 2001	11.9	11.9
Uninsured full-time workers with dependents (%), 2001	14.8	14.3
High-risk insurance pool participation (#), as of June 2003.....	4,914	172,845
Health plan liability laws to protect consumers, as of December 2002.....	No	
External grievance review for health plan coverage decisions, as of December 2002	Yes	

Resources Available

	State	U.S.
Physician generalists (per 100,000 population), 2001	37	31
Physician specialists (per 100,000 population), 2001	199	216
Geriatricians (per 100,000 population age 65+), 2003	21	26
Community health centers (#), 2003	102	5,771
Hospital beds (per 100,000 population), 2001	205	273
Medicare-certified skilled nursing facilities (per 100,000 beneficiaries), 2003.....	40	37
Medicare-certified home health agencies (per 100,000 beneficiaries), 2003.....	27	18
Hospital-based registered nurses in nonmetropolitan areas (% of total), 2001	11.2	14.9

Medicare

	State	U.S.
Medicare beneficiaries (in 1,000s), 2002.....	484	40,156
Disabled Medicare beneficiaries under age 65 (%), 2002	13.8	14.2
Medicare beneficiaries with Medicaid (%), 2001	9.6	11.1
Private supplemental coverage among beneficiaries age 65+ (%), 2001:		
Employer sponsored	28.6	33.5
Individually purchased	31.7	27.6
Providers who accept Medicare fee as full payment (% of providers), 2003	90.0	91.5

Medicaid Enrollment by Category of Enrollee, 2000

Medicaid

	Child	Adult	Elderly	Disabled	Total
State	52.5%	18.1%	12.4%	17.1%	377,670
U.S.	49.3%	24.0%	11.2%	15.4%	44,279,115

	State	U.S.
Persons under age 65 in poverty with Medicaid (% of <65 in poverty), 2001	22.9	41.6
Maximum annual income for Medicaid eligibility (% of poverty level)		
Low income working adults with dependents, 2003.....	47	
Supplemental Security Income, 2003	78.7	
Medically needy for adults age 65+ and disabled, 2003	No program	
Section 1115 Prescription Drug Waiver, 2003	No Waiver	
Medicaid enrollment in managed care plans (%), 2002	93.3	57.4
State enrolls elderly and/or disabled in Medicaid managed care plans, 2000.....	Yes	

Utilization of Services

	State	U.S.
Women age 50+ receiving mammogram (%), 2002.....	68.6	70.8
Adults age 50+ receiving colonoscopy or sigmoidoscopy (%), 2002	30.8	36.6
Vaccination of adults age 65+ (%), 2002: Pneumococcal.....	68.1	62.9
Influenza.....	73.3	68.4
Number of retail prescriptions filled per person (average), 2002	8.3	10.6
Hospital admissions (per 1,000 population), 2001	97.2	120.8
Medicare home health users (% of beneficiaries), 2001	6.7	7.3
Medicare home health visits per person served (average), 2001	26	30
Medicare SNF users (% of beneficiaries), 2001.....	4.4	4.4
Nursing facility occupancy rate (%), 2001	83.8	82.5
Adults age 65+ using hospice in the last year of life (%), 2000	36.8	21.5

Key Trends*

		State	U.S.
Population age 50-64 (#)	2003	735,510	45,794,142
	1993	453,101	33,641,651
	% change	62.3	36.1
Population age 85+ (#)	2003	62,316	4,627,543
	1993	37,734	3,446,245
	% change	65.1	34.3
Minority/ethnic population (%)	2002	25.1	30.9
	1991-93	18.2	24.7
	% change	37.9	25.1
Persons under age 65 with family income at or below poverty (%)	2001	9.0	12.1
	1990-92	12.0	14.4
	% change	-25.0	-16.0
Diabetes prevalence among adults (%)	2002	4.4	6.7
	1997	3.9	4.8
	% change	12.8	39.6
Overweight adults (%)	2002	53.5	59.1
	1992	38.7	47.2
	% change	38.2	25.2
Low birth weight infants (%)	2001	8.5	7.7
	1991	8.2	7.1
	% change	3.7	8.5
Persons who didn't visit a doctor due to cost (%)	2000	10.0	9.9
	1995	9.6	11.1
	% change	4.2	-10.8
Population underserved by primary care physicians (%)	2003	9.8	11.8
	1993	4.8	8.8
	% change	103.4	33.3
Emergency unit visits (per 1,000 population)	2001	327	383
	1991	336	376
	% change	-2.9	2.0
Total Medicaid enrollment (in 1,000s)	2000	378	44,279
	1990	240	28,850
	% change	57.5	53.5
Medicaid spending on prescription drugs (%)	2002	8.2	12.1
	1997	6.3	8.1
	% change	29.7	49.7
Nursing home residents age 65+ (% of age 65+)	2001	3.7	4.5
	1996	5.9	4.7
	% change	-36.7	-4.7
Medicare beneficiary enrollment in M+C plans (%)	2003	26.7	12.6
	1998	32.8	16.4
	% change	-18.6	-23.2

*Percent change figures are cumulative for entire time period.

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