

# Children's Interaction with Colorado's Health System



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# What is the CHAS?

- Colorado Health Access Survey
- 10,000 Households
- Fielded February – June 2019
- Topics include:
  - Access
  - Insurance
  - Use of Care
  - Affordability
  - Health Status
  - Behavioral Health
  - Social Factors

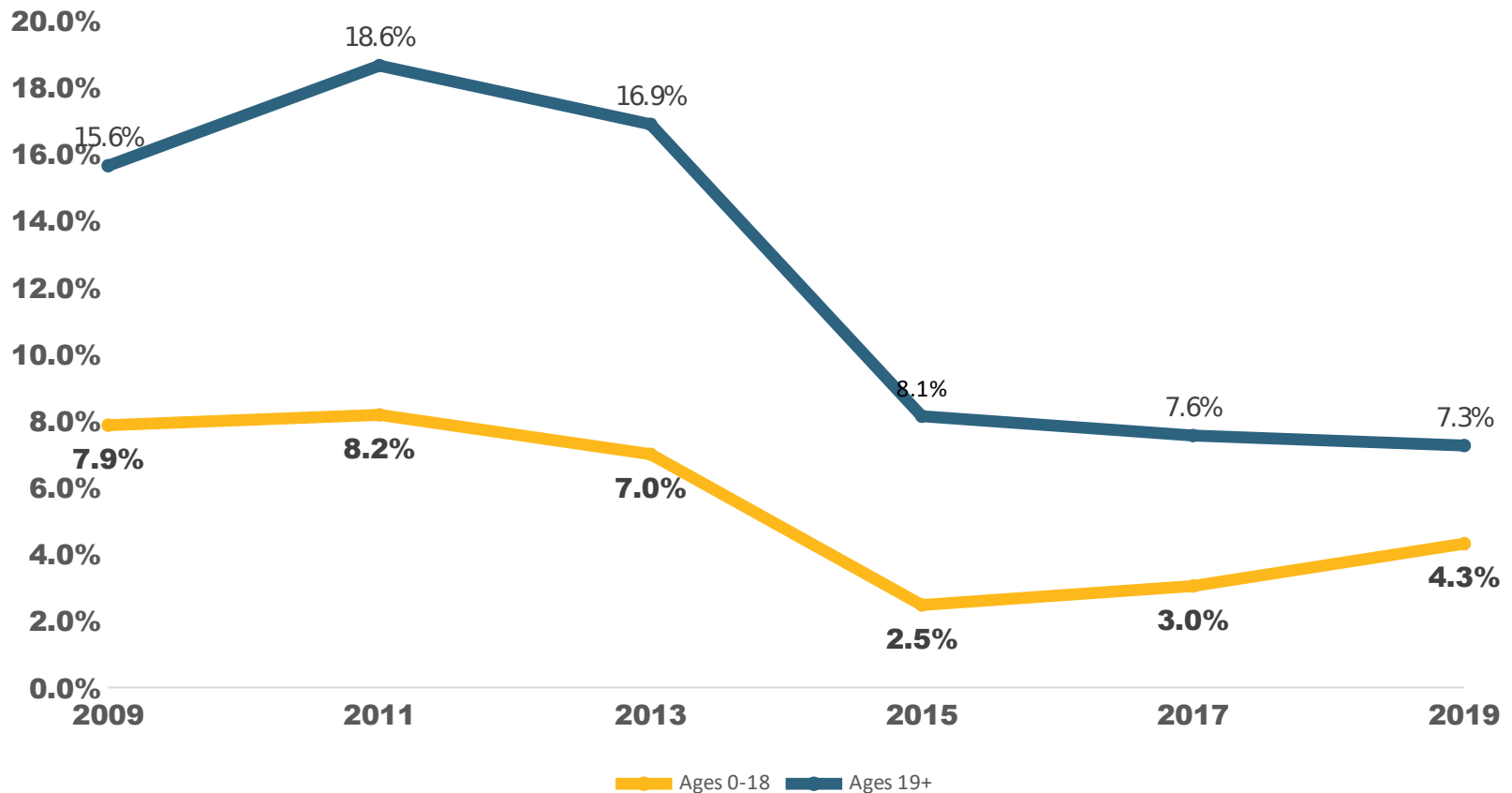




**Insurance Coverage**

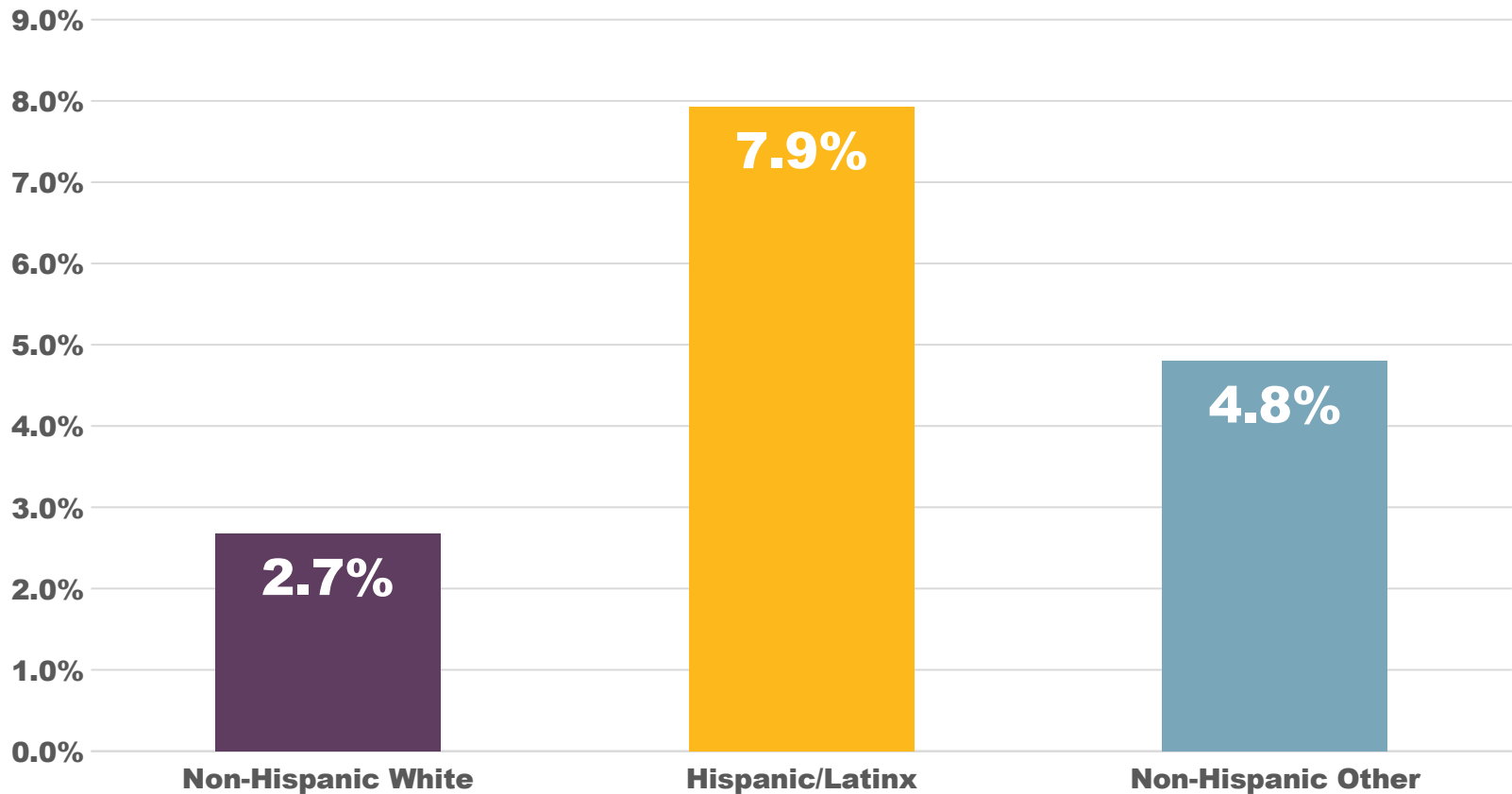
# Colorado's Uninsured Rate in Children Slowly Rising

## Uninsured Rate in Children



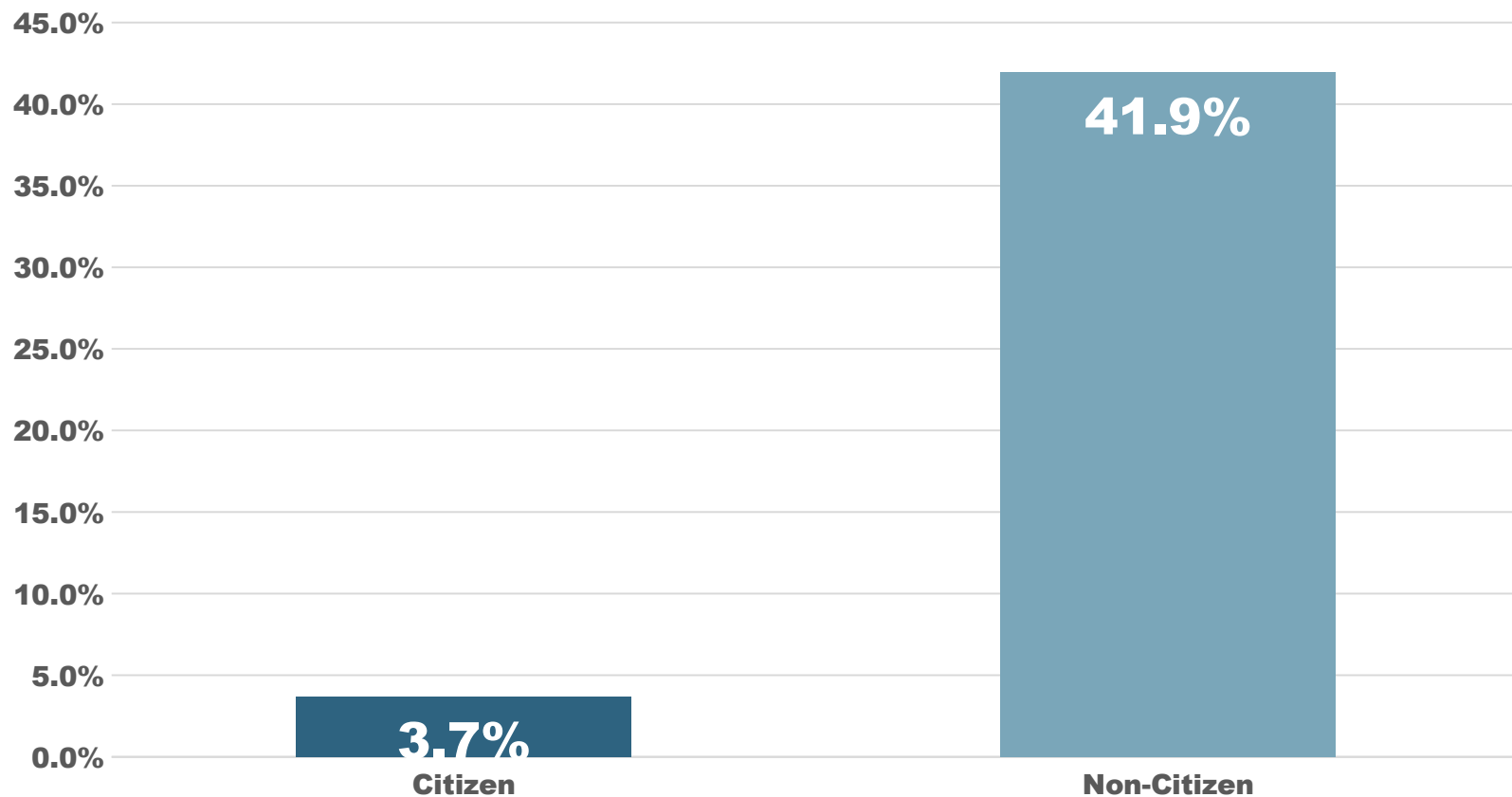
# Hispanic/Latinx Children Are More Likely to Be Uninsured

## Uninsured Rate (Ages 0-18)



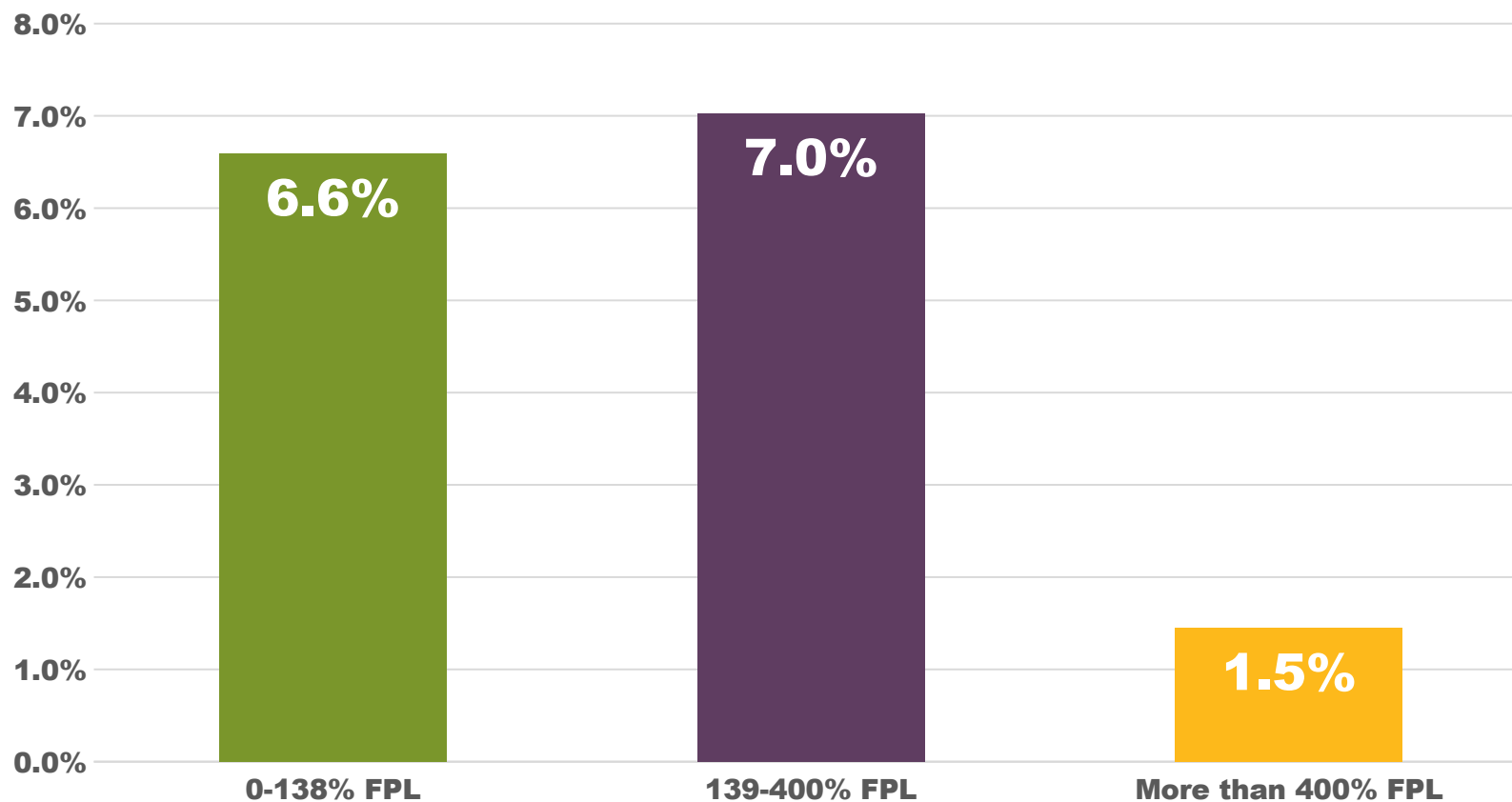
# Colorado Children Lacking Citizenship Are More Likely to be Uninsured

## Uninsured Rate (Ages 0-18)



# Colorado Children with Lower Incomes Are More Likely to be Uninsured

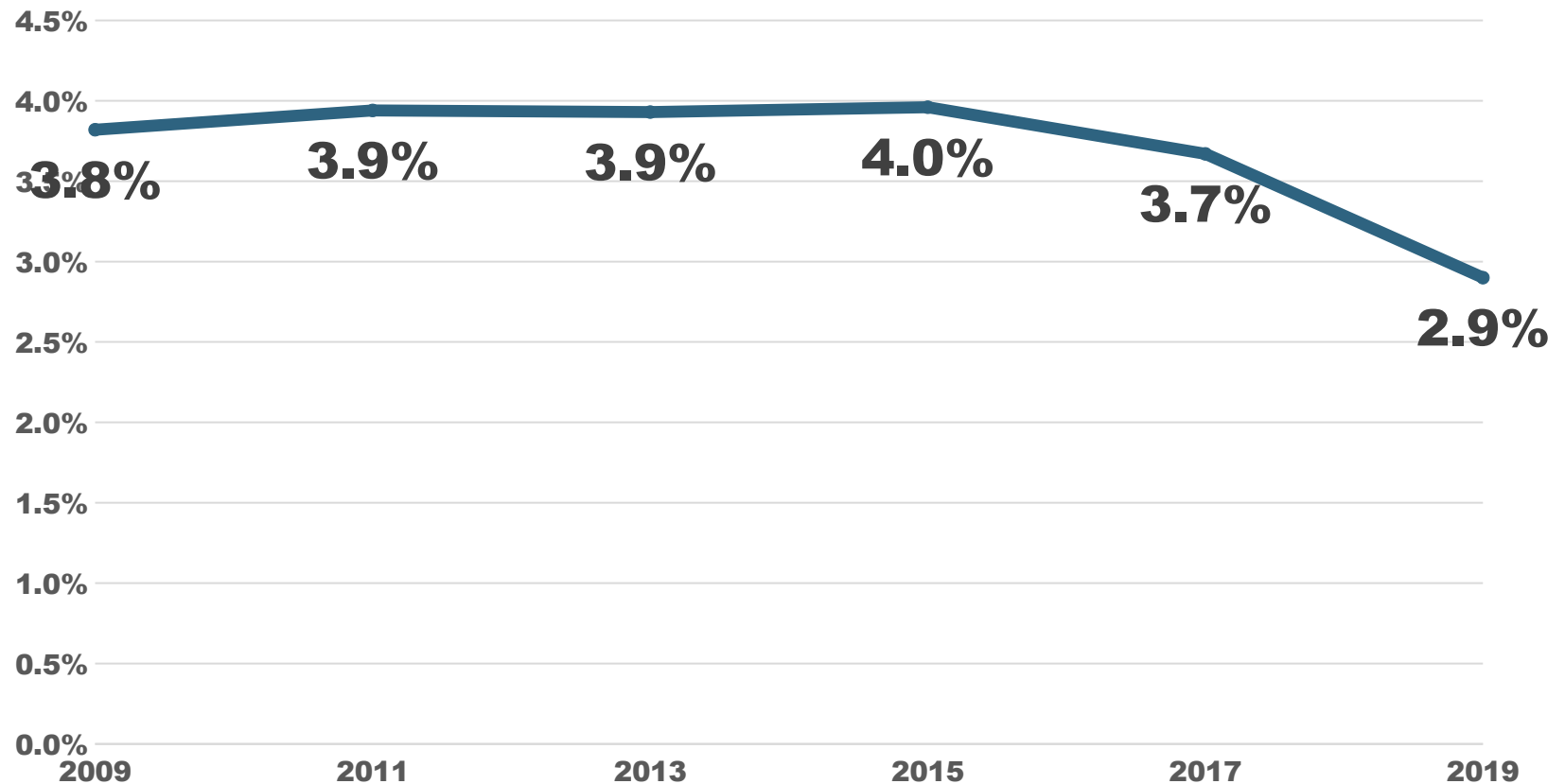
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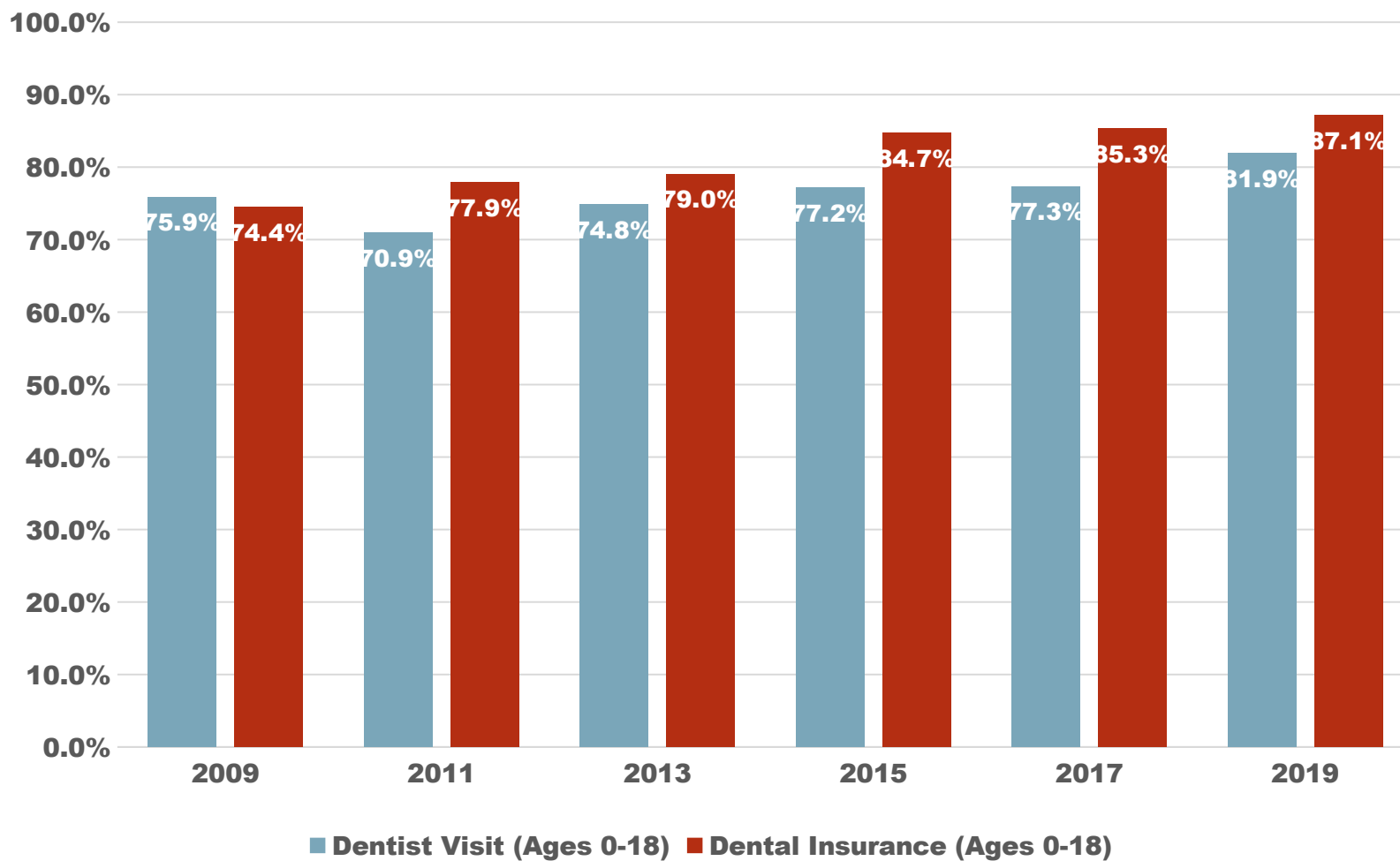


# Self-Reported Health Status in Children

## Fair or Poor General Health Status (Ages 0-18)



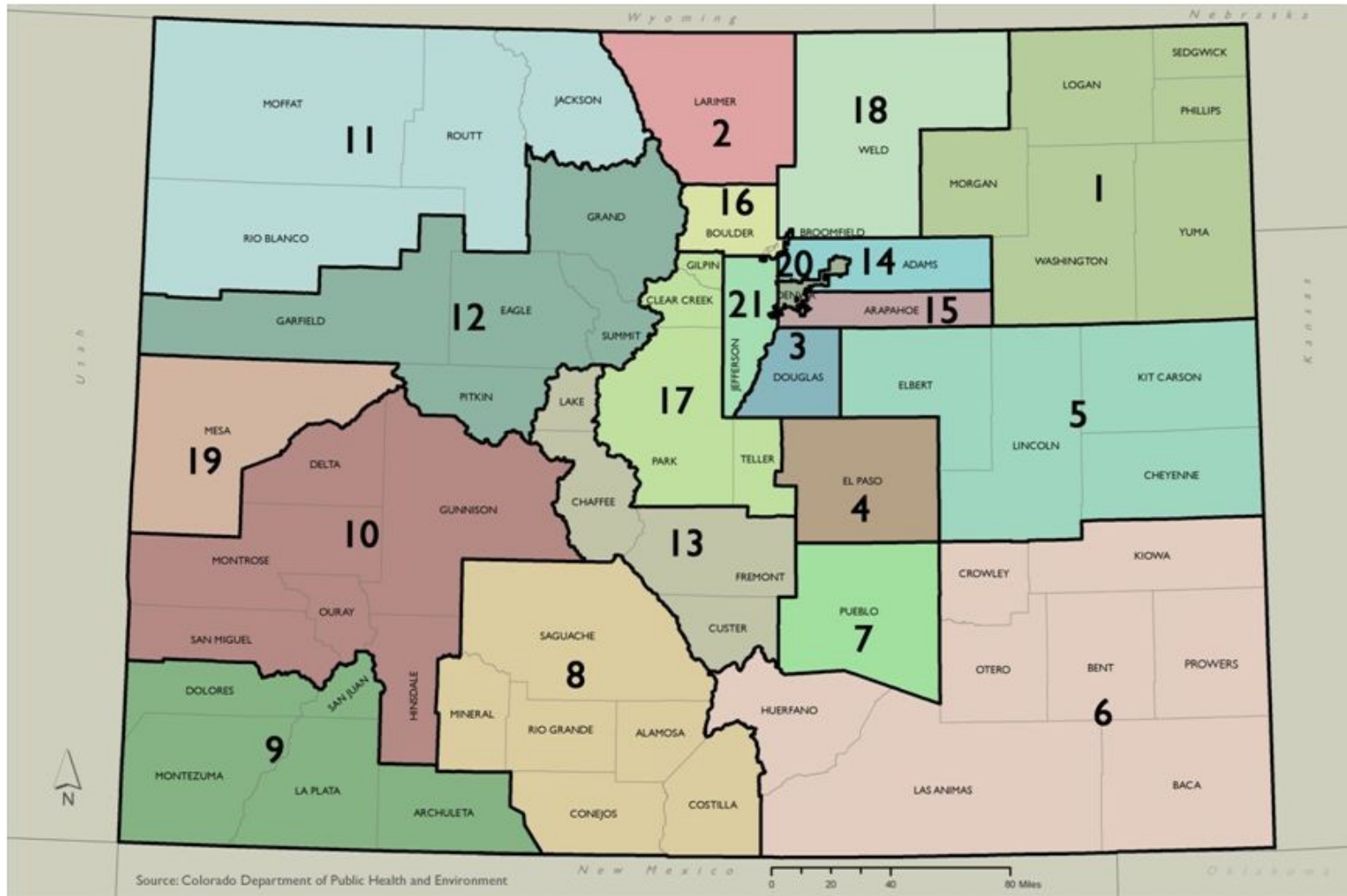
# More Children Have Dental Insurance and are Visiting the Dentist





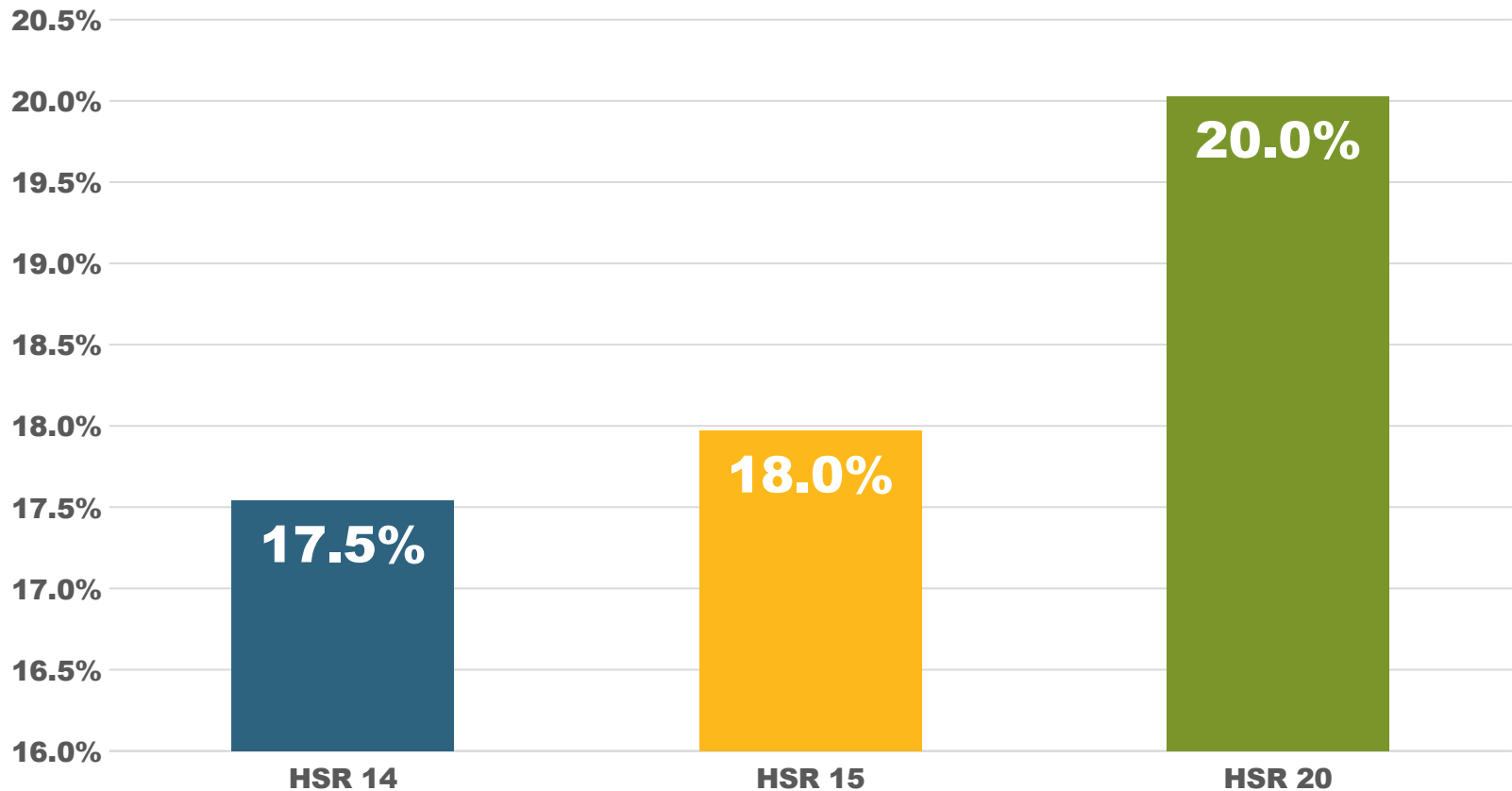
**Social Factors**

# Colorado Health Statistics Regions (HSR)



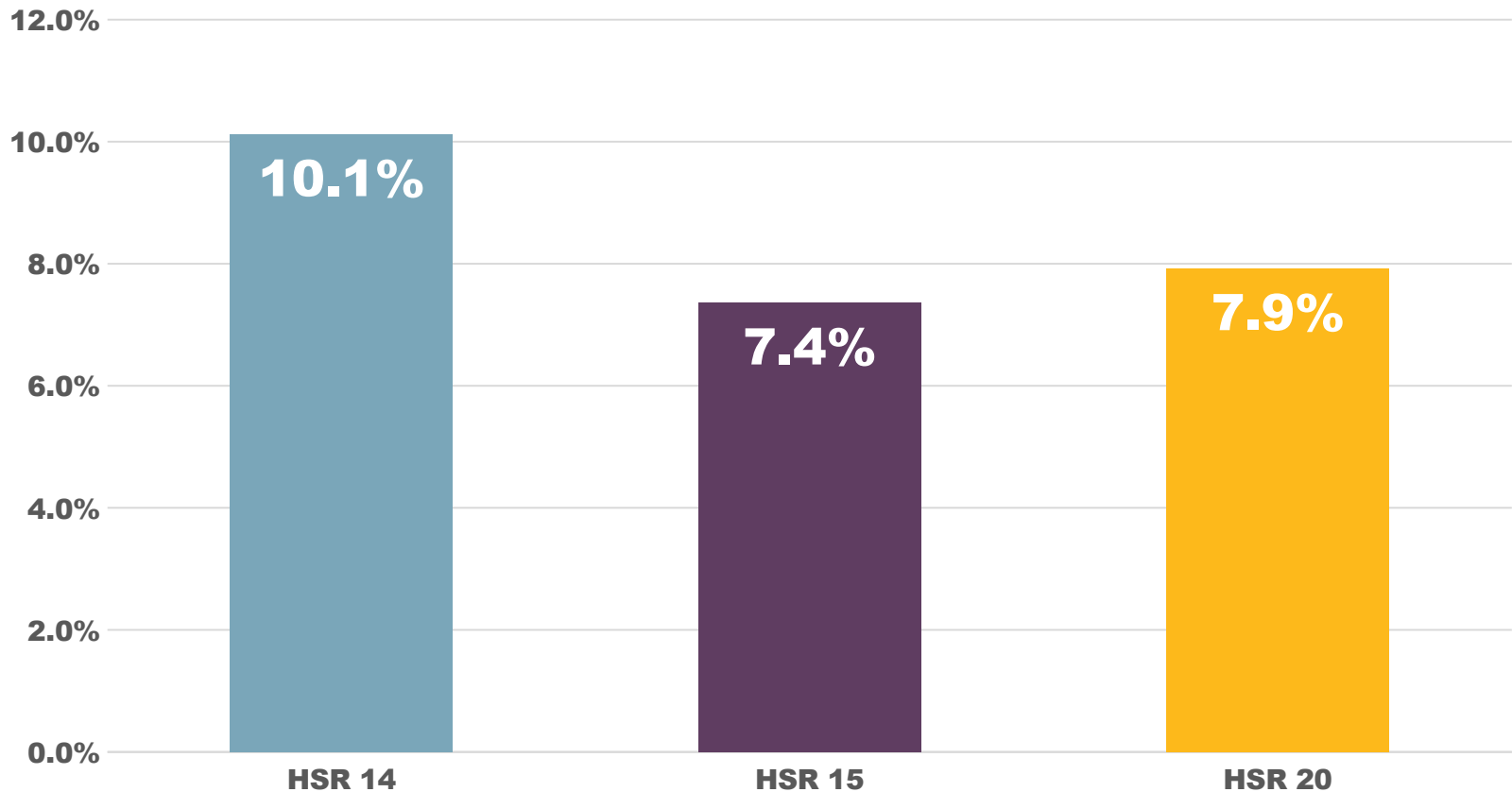
# Denver Residents Have Higher Rates of Barriers Related to Paying Medical Bills

## Problem Paying Medical Bills (All Ages)



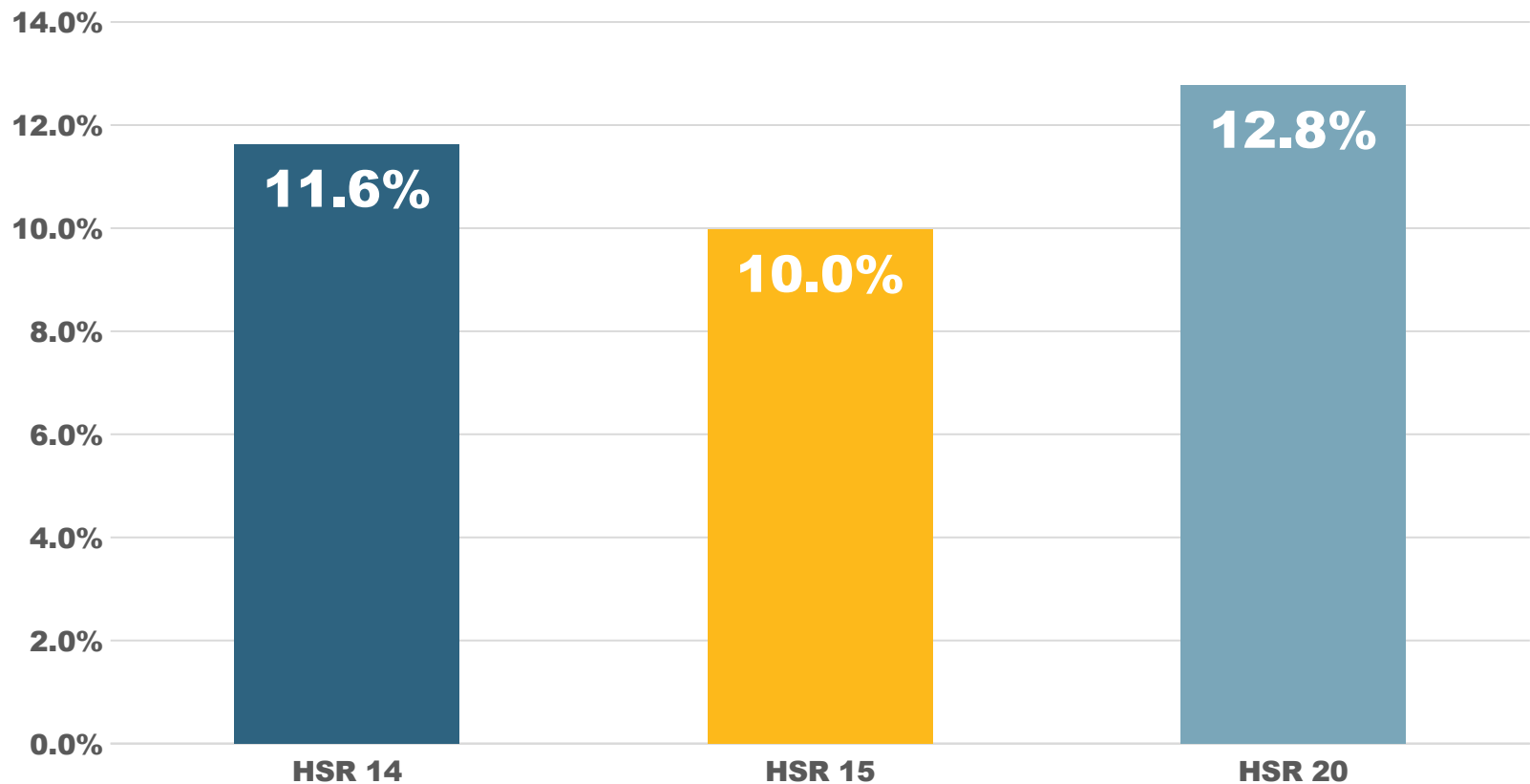
# More Unstable Housing in the Denver Metro Area

## Unstable Housing (All Ages)



# Higher Rates of Food Insecurity

## Food Insecurity (All Ages)





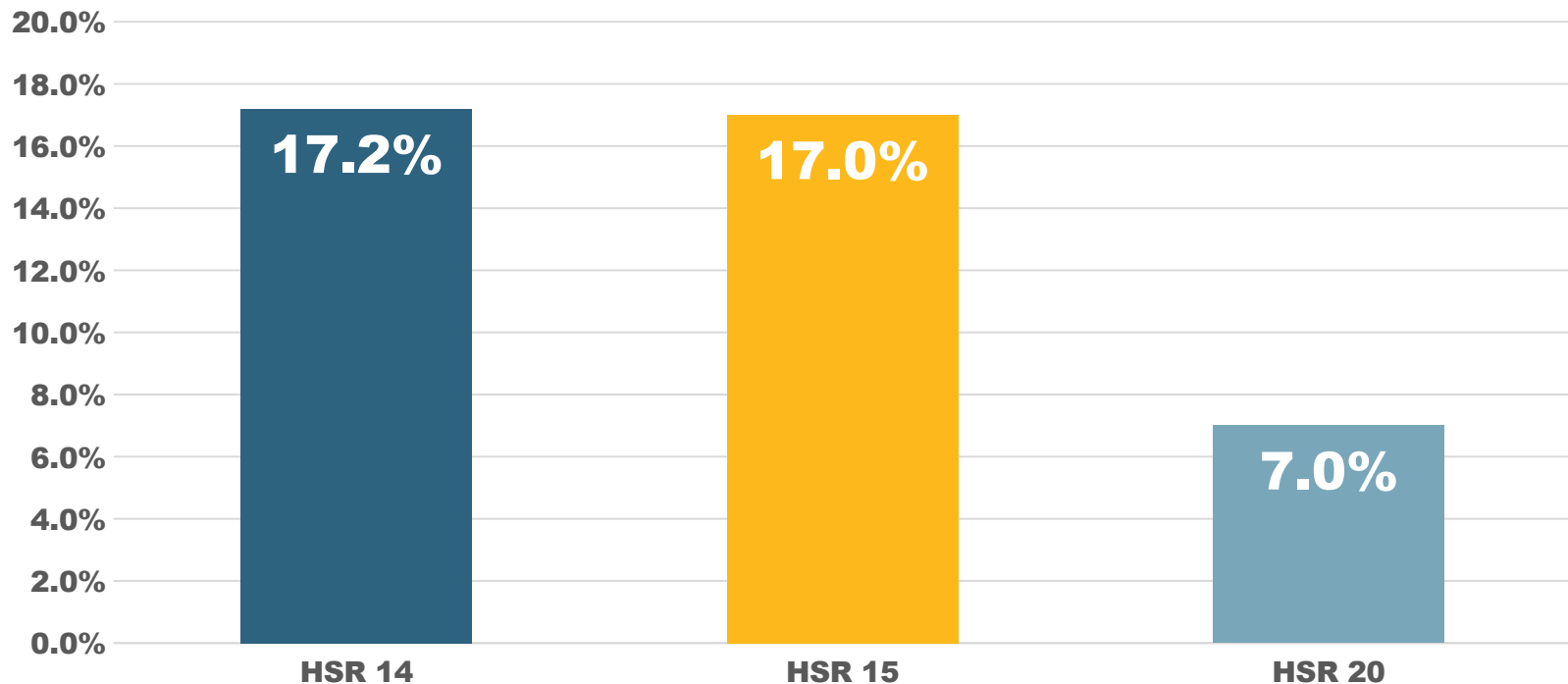
**Behavioral Health**



# Poor Mental Health Status

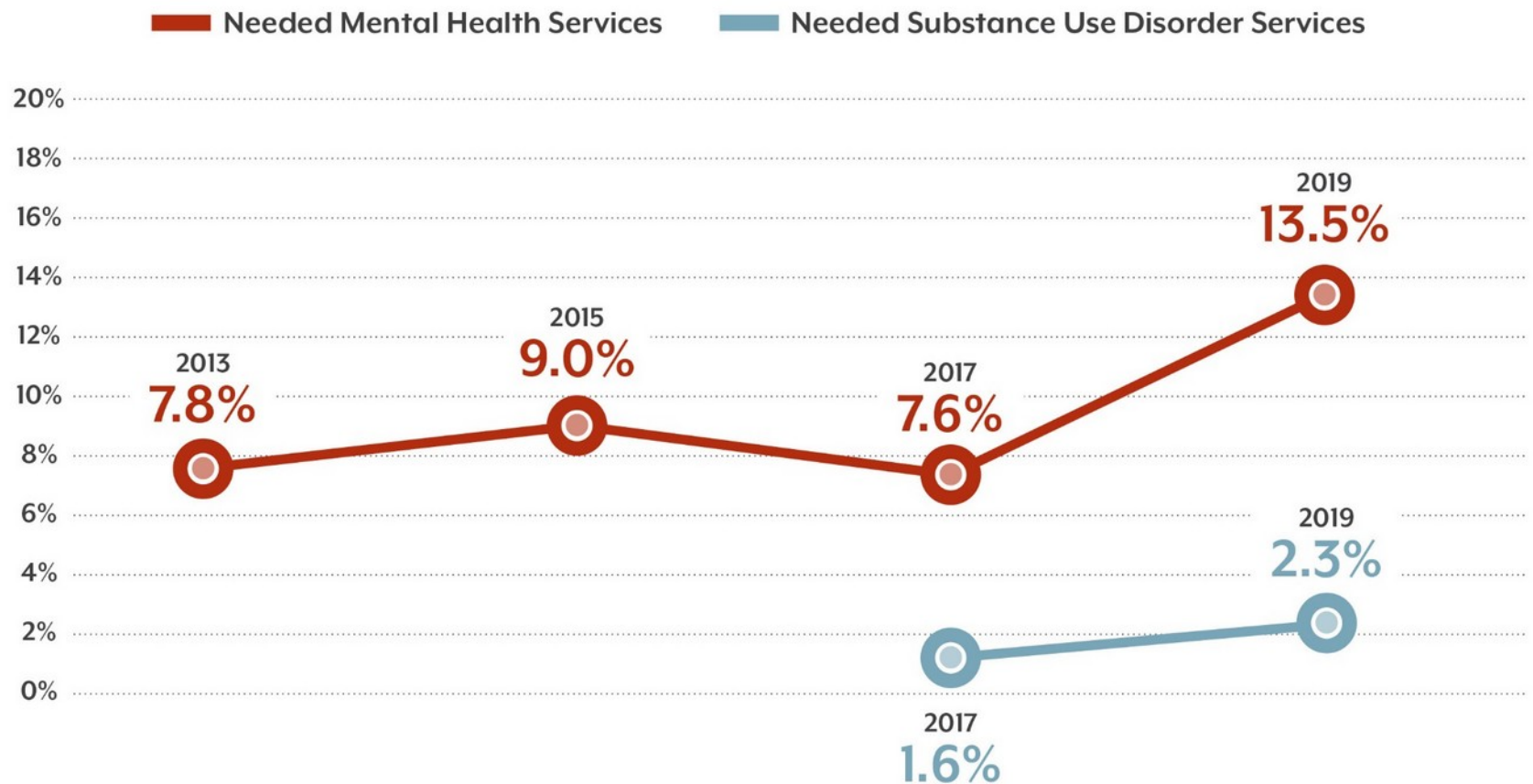
- 11.3 percent of Colorado Children (Ages 0-18) Report Poor Mental Health Status

## Poor Mental Health Among Children (Ages 0-18)



# Behavioral Health Access is Down

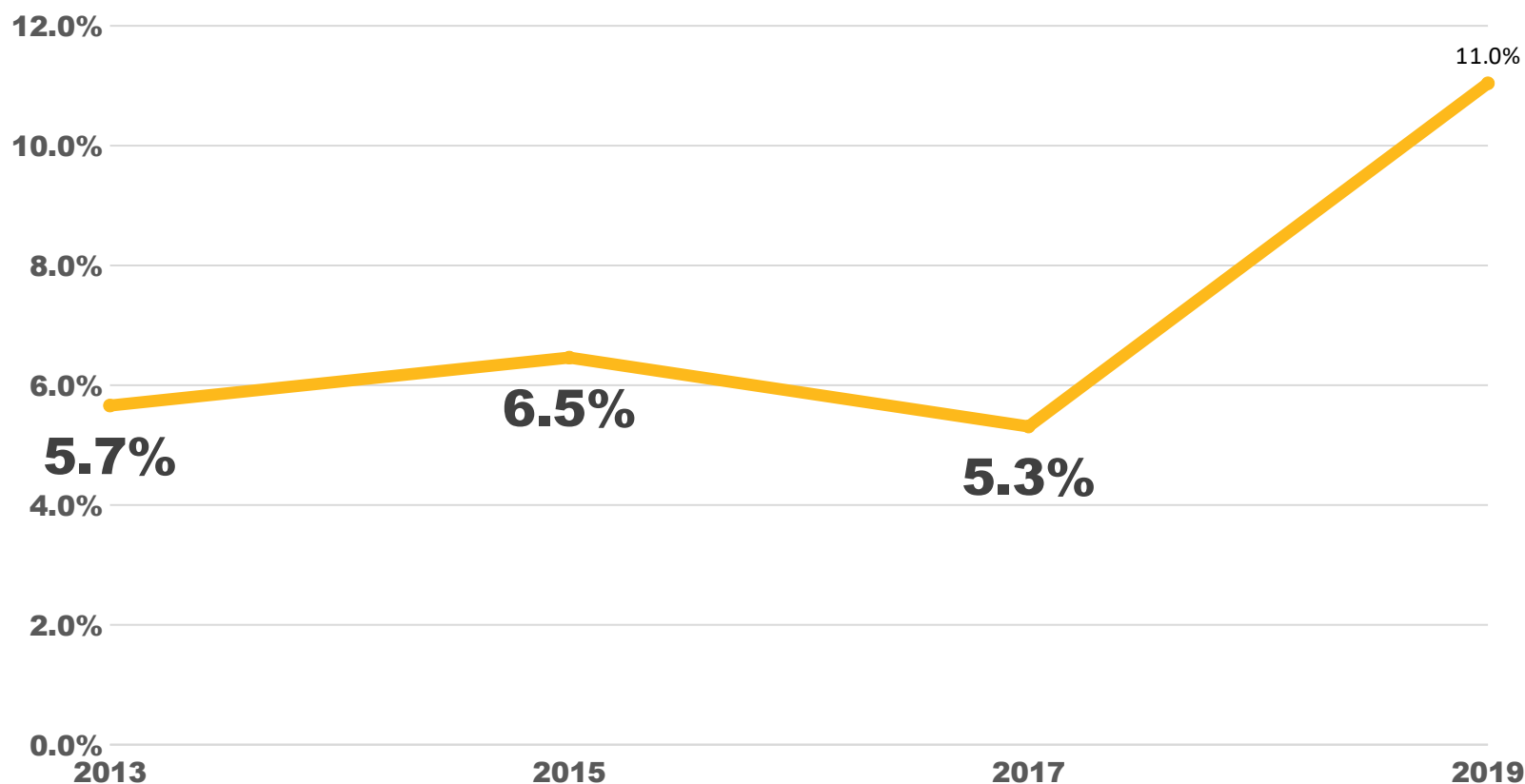
## Percentage of Coloradans Reporting Not Getting ...



Source: 2019 Colorado Health Access Survey

# An Increased Need for Mental Health Among Colorado Children

## Did Not Get Needed Mental Health Services (Ages 0-18)



## Reasons for Not Getting Needed Mental Health Services

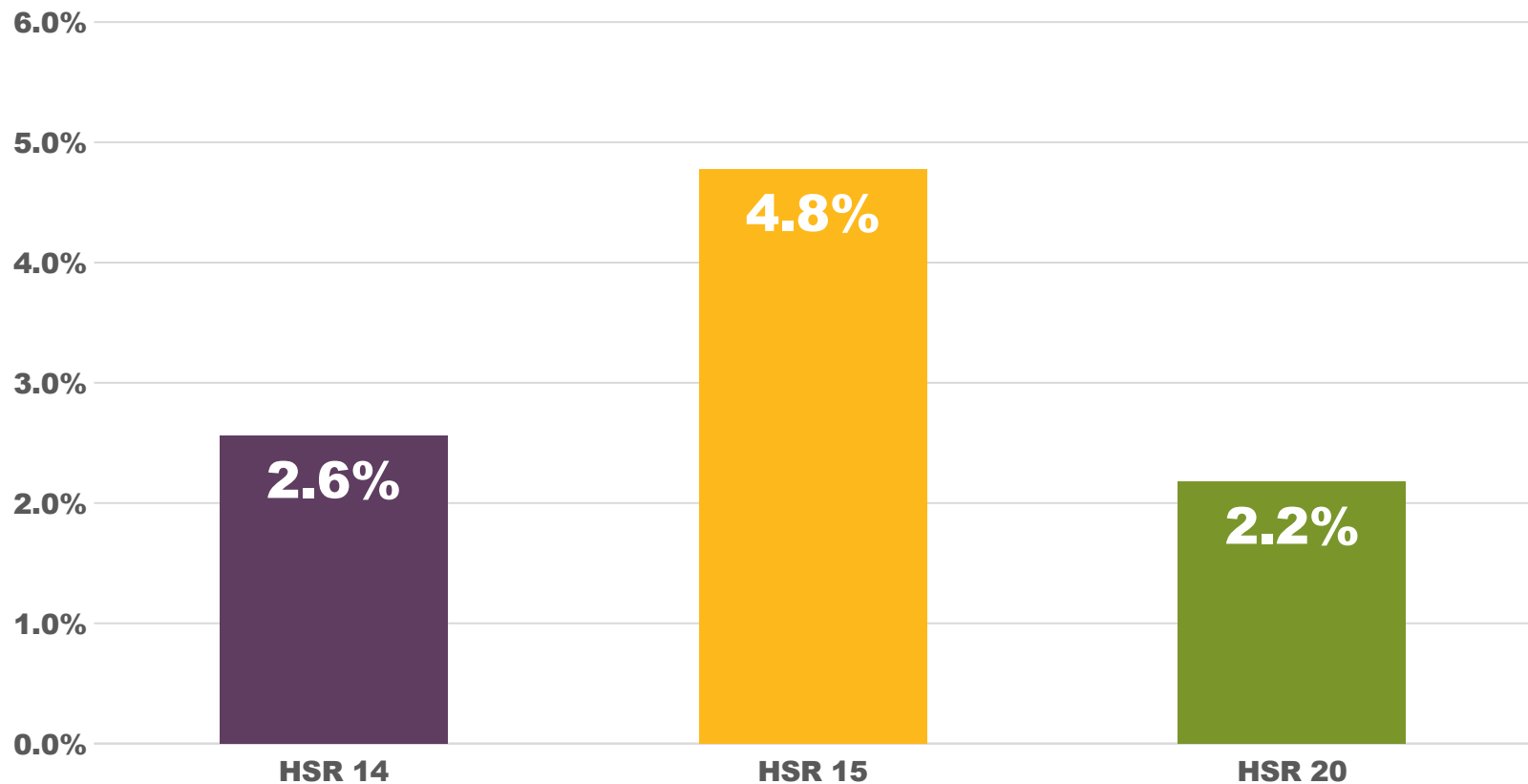
<b>Reasons for Not Getting Needed Mental Health Services</b>	<b>Ages 0-18</b>	<b>Ages 19+</b>
<b>Cost of Treatment</b>	<b>59.2%</b>	<b>61.5%</b>
<b>Did not Feel Comfortable Talking about Personal Problems</b>	<b>15.4%</b>	<b>42.8%</b>
<b>Concerned about Someone Finding Out You Had a Problem</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>34.9%</b>
<b>Hard Time Getting an Appointment</b>	<b>57.8%</b>	<b>40.8%</b>
<b>Did not Think Insurance Would Cover it*</b>	<b>62.7%</b>	<b>51.9%</b>

*\*Asked of Currently Insured*








# A Need for Substance Use Services

## Needed Substance Use Services (Asked of 18+)



# Have You, a Loved One, or a Close Friend Ever... (Ages 18+)

	<b>HSR 14</b>	<b>HSR 15</b>	<b>HSR 20</b>	<b>CO Avg.</b>
 Been Addicted to Prescription Painkillers or Heroin	<b>12.1%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>10.8%</b>	<b>11.7%</b>
 Been Addicted to Alcohol or Drugs Other than Prescription Painkillers or Heroin	<b>26.1%</b>	<b>20.3%</b>	<b>24.9%</b>	<b>25.2%</b>
 Even Once taken Any Drugs by Injection with a Needle like Heroin, Cocaine, Amphetamines, or Steroids	<b>13.4%</b>	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>7.3%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>
 Received Emergency Medical Treatment Due to Drug Use	<b>14.8%</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>7.8%</b>
 Died from a Prescription Painkiller or Heroin Overdose	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>





# Bills, Bills, Bills

- **SB 137** – FERPA Waiver for Behavioral Health
- **HB 1006** – E.C. Mental Health Consultants
- **HB 1011** – Helping Others Manage E.C.
- **HB 1016** – Increase Quality in E.C. Education
- **HB 1053** – Supports for E.C. Educator Workforce
- **HB 1112** – Expand Child Care Contribution Income Tax Credit
- **HB 1239** – Consumer Protections Concerning Vaccinations







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