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New census data released Thursday show the two-year average percentage of Utahns without health insurance has dropped 3.9 percentage points -- second only to Massachusetts, which had the largest dip in the country.

In 2005 and 2006, 16.9 percent of state residents lacked coverage; in 2007 and 2008, that number fell to 13 percent, the state-by-state Current Population Survey shows.

The census finding tracks with state surveys, which have also found a slight dip in the number of Utah's uninsured.
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