

# Utah's Uninsured Rate

*A review of recent data from the Gallup Healthways Survey,  
Utah Dept. of Health, and U.S. Census Data*

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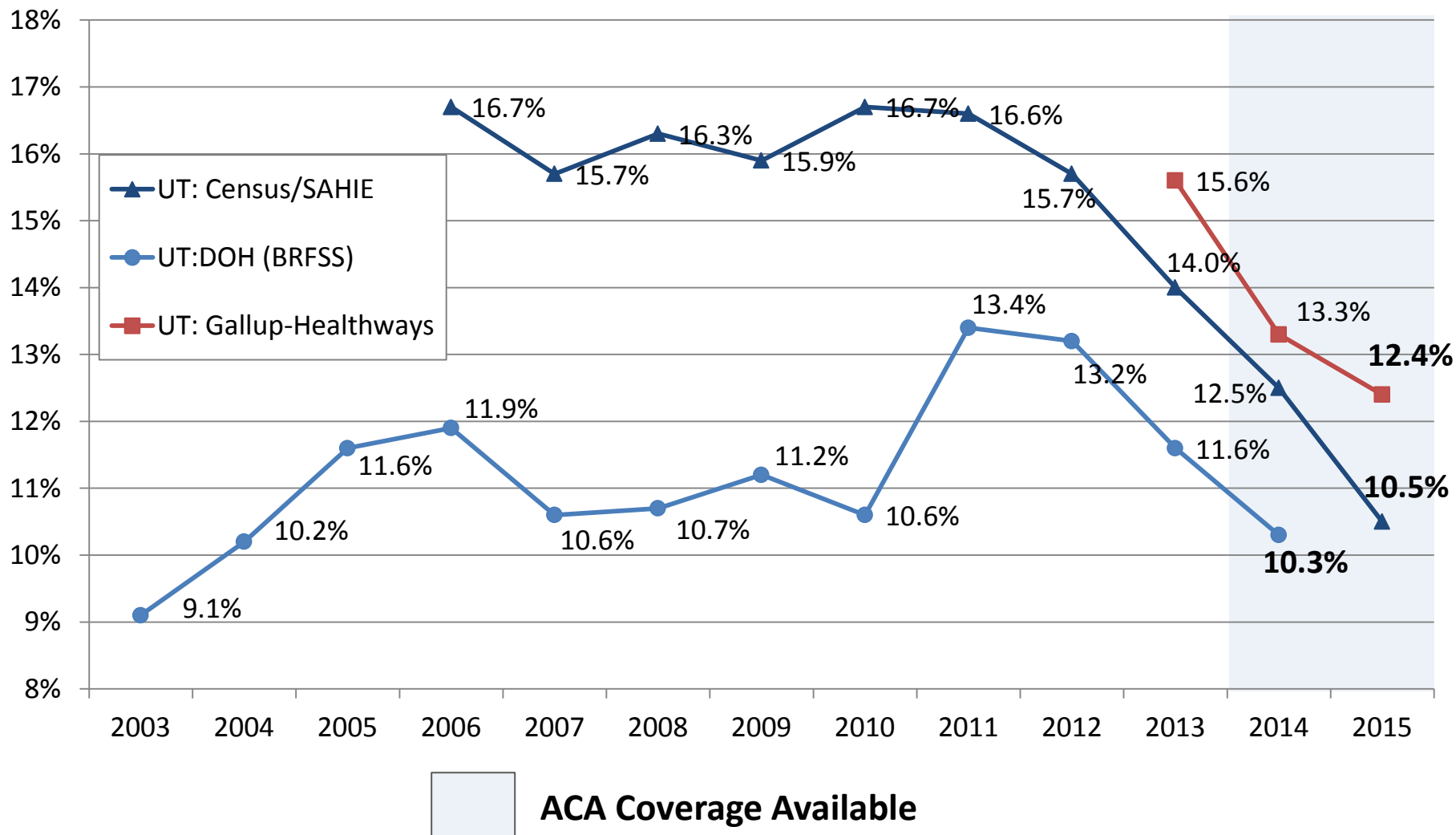
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## Summary of Findings

- Utah's uninsured rate has **dropped 25% since 2013**, the year before the ACA marketplace became operational.
- Uninsured rates **declined in 28 of 29 Utah counties** since 2013—ranging from 35% in Kane and Piute counties to 4% in San Juan county. The uninsured rate increased 4.3% in Duchesne county.
- **Counties with one marketplace insurer** (n-13) showed an average drop of 22% in uninsured rates
- Salt Lake (41,426), Utah, (13,887), and Weber (7,522) counties experienced the **largest gains of insured individuals**
- In 2015 Utah retained the distinction of having **nation's highest percentage of uninsured Hispanic children (16.8%)**
- Hispanic children (age 0-17) are **three times more likely** to be uninsured than non-Hispanic children

# Utah's uninsured rate is decreasing according to three state and national surveys

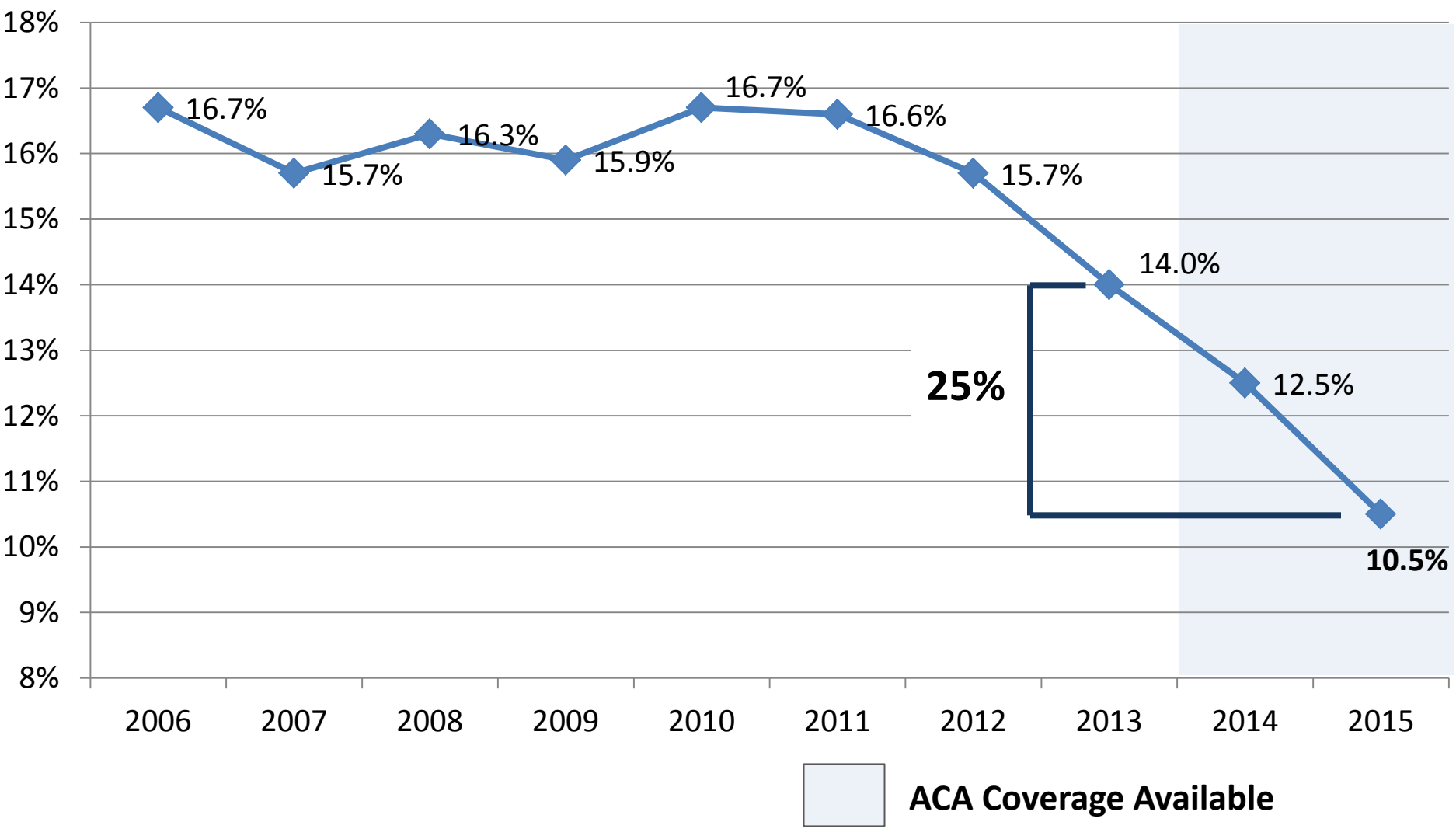


Sources: U.S. Census: 2006-2015 American Community Survey 1-year, 5-year estimates, S2701 (<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/>)

DOH (BRFSS): [http://ibis.health.utah.gov/pdf/opha/publication/ins/InsHighlights\\_2014.pdf](http://ibis.health.utah.gov/pdf/opha/publication/ins/InsHighlights_2014.pdf)

Gallup Healthways: "Arkansas, Kentucky Set Pace in Reducing Uninsured Rate;" 2/4/16; [2015] [http://www.well-beingindex.com/arkansas-kentucky-reduce-uninsured-rateBeing&utm\\_medium=newsfeed&utm\\_campaign=tiles](http://www.well-beingindex.com/arkansas-kentucky-reduce-uninsured-rateBeing&utm_medium=newsfeed&utm_campaign=tiles)

# The latest U.S. Census data shows a 25% drop in the Utah's uninsured rate between 2013-15



Source: [2015] U.S. Census: 2006-2015 American Community Survey 1-year estimates , S2701 (<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/>)  
[2014] [www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/tech\\_docs/accuracy/ACS\\_Accuracy\\_of\\_Data\\_2014.pdf](http://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/tech_docs/accuracy/ACS_Accuracy_of_Data_2014.pdf)  
[2006-2013] <http://www.census.gov/did/www/sahie/data/interactive/sahie.html>

# The number of uninsured Utahns has declined by 91,000 since 2013

Year	Uninsured Percent	Uninsured Number
2006	16.7%	400,573
2007	15.7%	388,199
2008	16.3%	399,117
2009	15.9%	397,784
2010	16.7%	414,476
2011	16.6%	417,274
2012	15.7%	398,299
2013	14.0%	402,000
2014	12.5%	366,000
<b>2015</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>311,000</b>

# Uninsured Rates Dropped in all Utah Regions between 2013-15

County	Uninsured Rate (2015)	Decrease in % Uninsured Rate (2013-15)	Decrease in # Uninsured (2013-15)
Beaver County, UT	14.6	22.8%	(261)
Box Elder County, UT	9.1	28.3%	(1,485)
Cache County, UT	9.5	34.5%	(4,934)
Carbon County, UT	10.9	13.5%	(377)
Daggett County, UT	11.2	34.1%	(49)
Davis County, UT	8.4	22.2%	(5,897)
Duchesne County, UT	17.1	-4.3%	191
Emery County, UT	10.9	24.3%	(375)
Garfield County, UT	15.2	25.9%	(237)
Grand County, UT	16.2	26.7%	(454)
Iron County, UT	16.2	18.2%	(1,289)
Juab County, UT	12.7	13.0%	(165)
Kane County, UT	10.1	35.3%	(315)
Millard County, UT	17.5	12.5%	(292)
Morgan County, UT	8.2	18.0%	(93)
Piute County, UT	16	36.5%	(99)
Rich County, UT	12.5	32.1%	(111)
Salt Lake County, UT	12.2	26.9%	(41,426)
San Juan County, UT	19.9	4.3%	(4)
Sanpete County, UT	13.6	31.3%	(1,349)
Sevier County, UT	13.4	13.5%	(358)
Summit County, UT	10.9	24.8%	(1,165)
Tooele County, UT	9.2	25.8%	(1,654)
Uintah County, UT	15.7	5.4%	47
Utah County, UT	10.5	23.4%	(13,887)
Wasatch County, UT	15.7	18.2%	(444)
Washington County, UT	16.9	12.9%	(2,245)
Wayne County, UT	16.2	21.7%	(117)
Weber County, UT	11.6	24.2%	(7,522)

**Change in Uninsured Rate (2013-15)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Quartile**  
36% to 28%

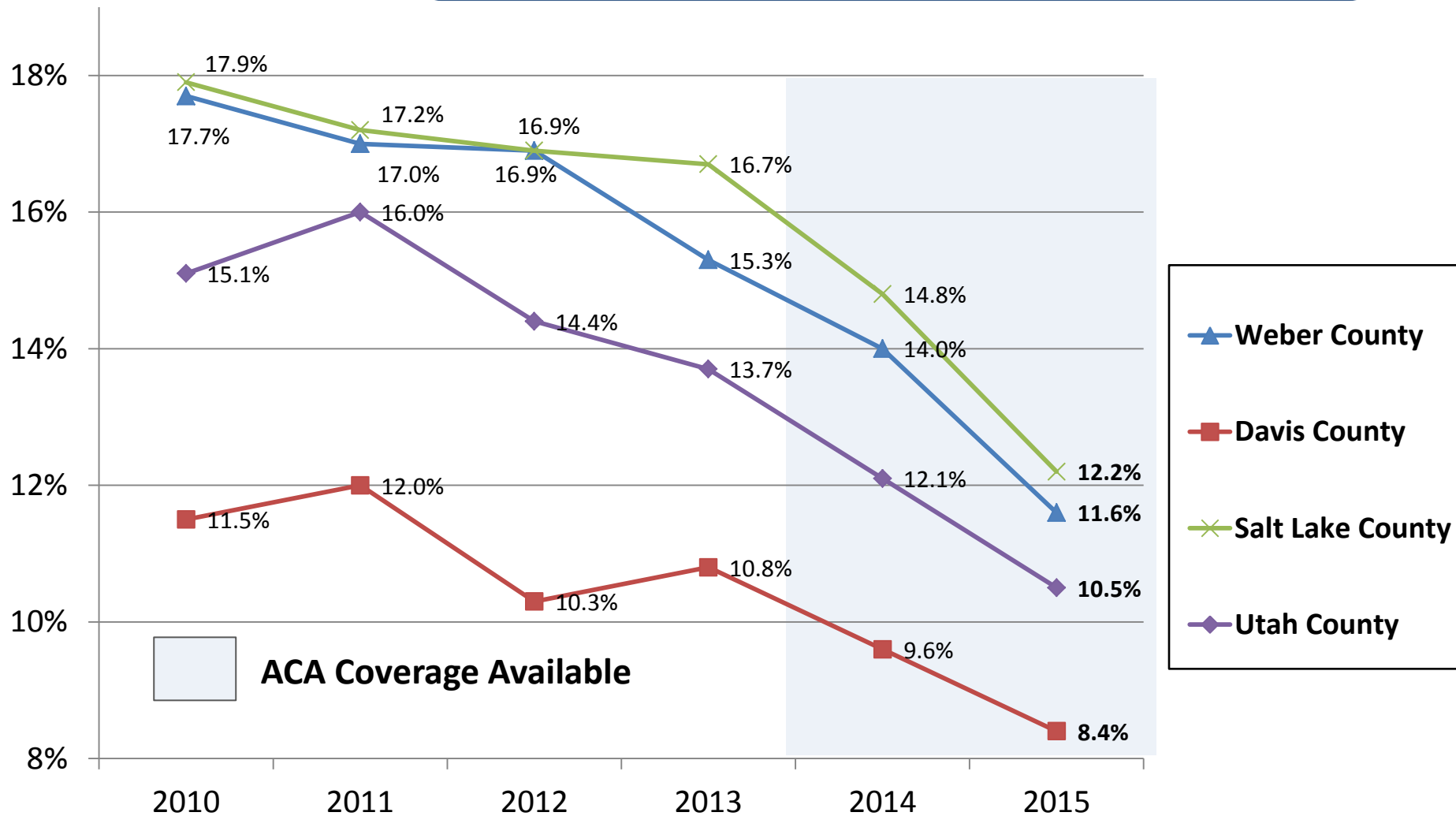
**2<sup>nd</sup> Quartile**  
27% to 24%

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quartile**  
23% to 18%

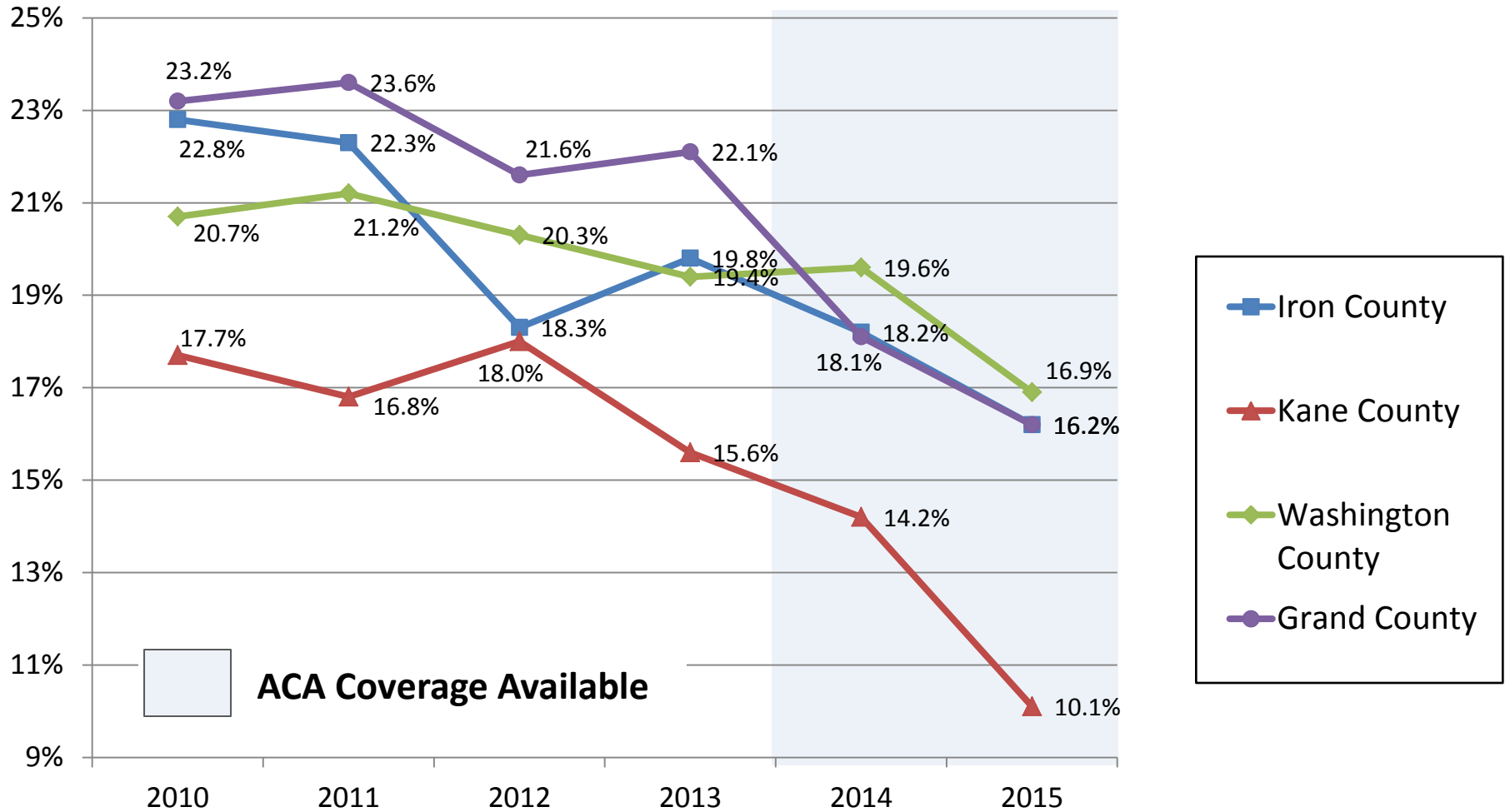
**4<sup>th</sup> Quartile**  
13% to -4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (2010-2015); <https://www.census.gov/did/www/sahie/>; Accessed 3/30/17

**Salt Lake County's uninsured rate has dropped 27% since 2013**

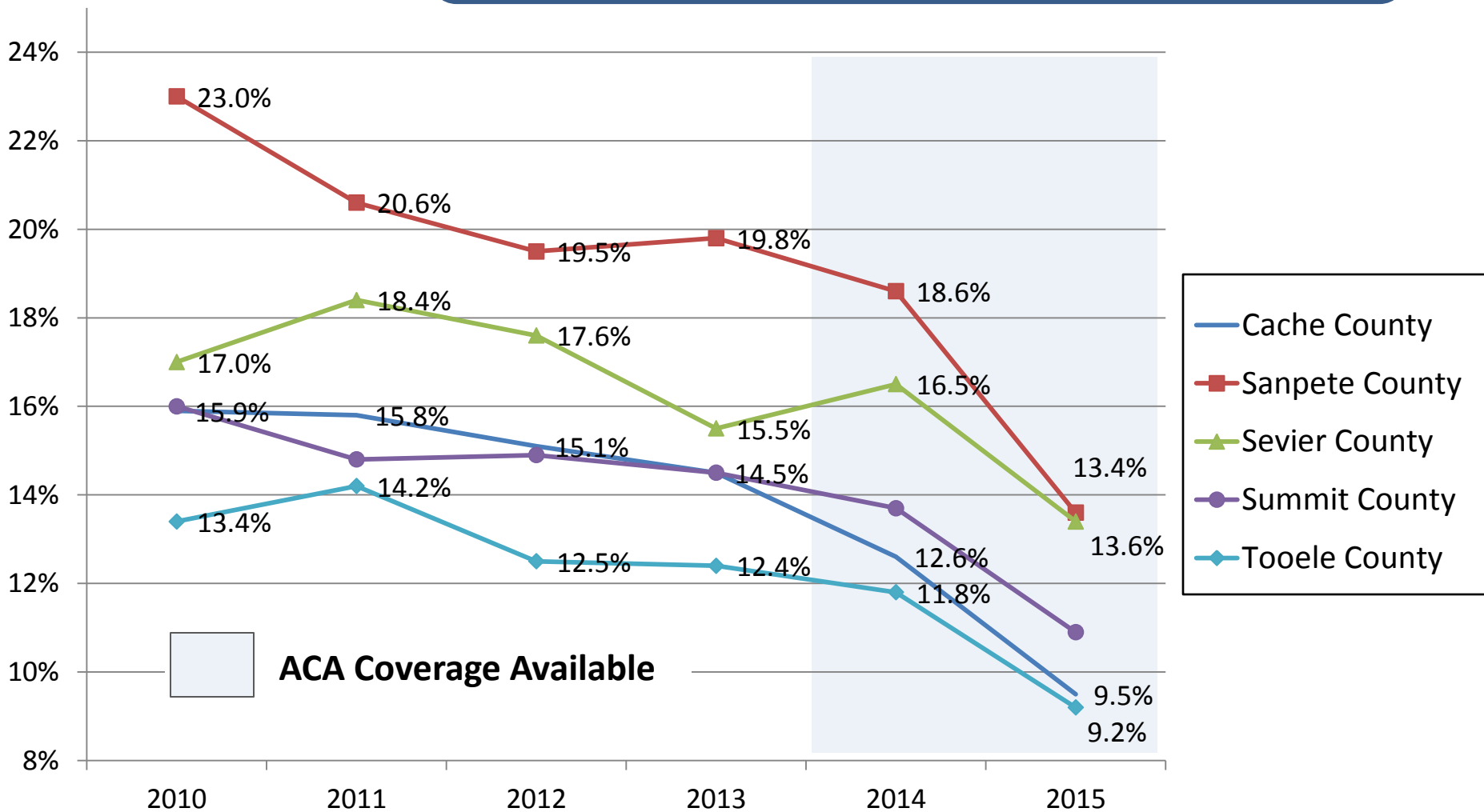


## Washington County's uninsured rate has dropped 13% since 2013

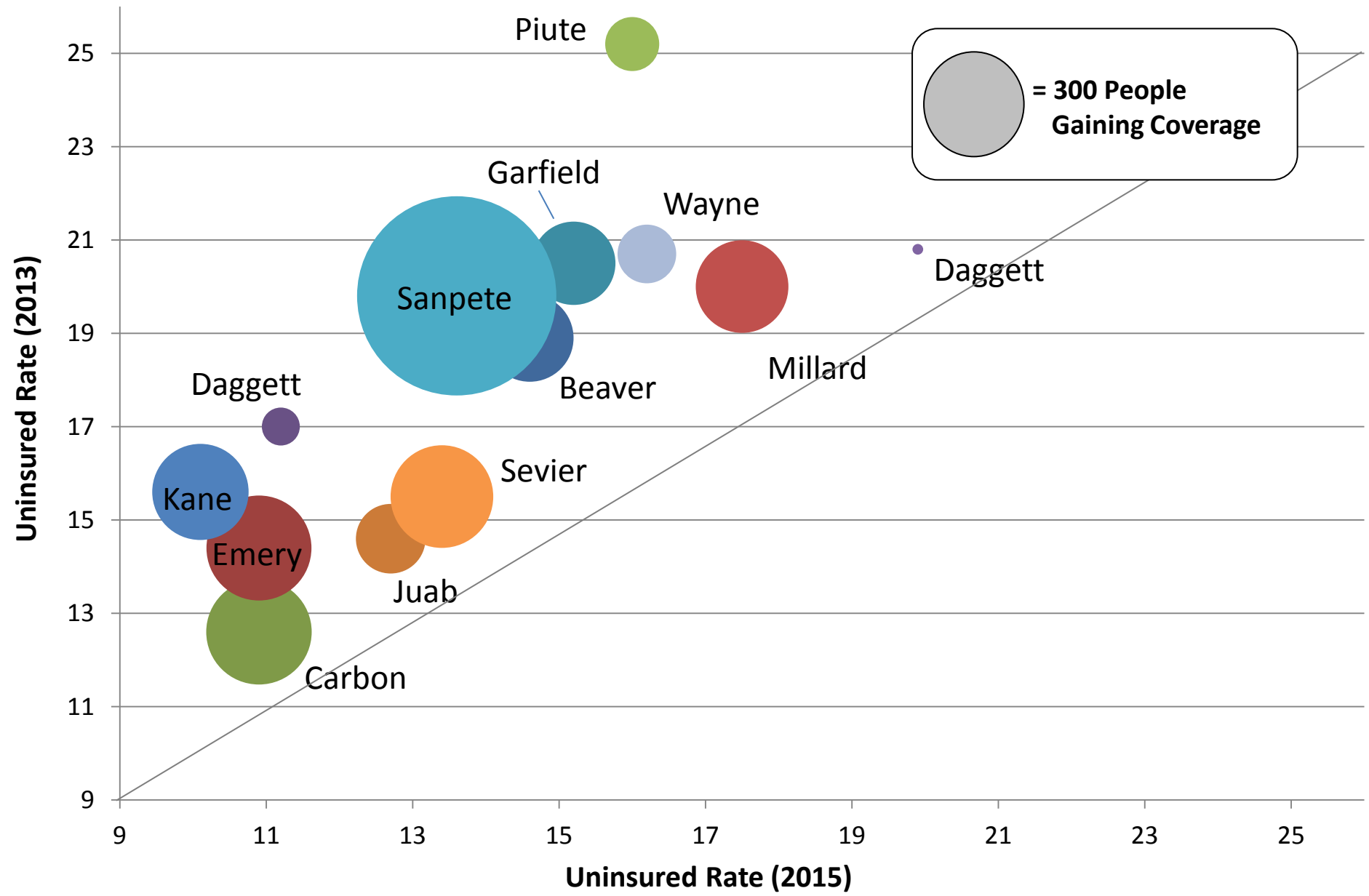




## Sanpete County's uninsured rate has dropped 31% since 2013

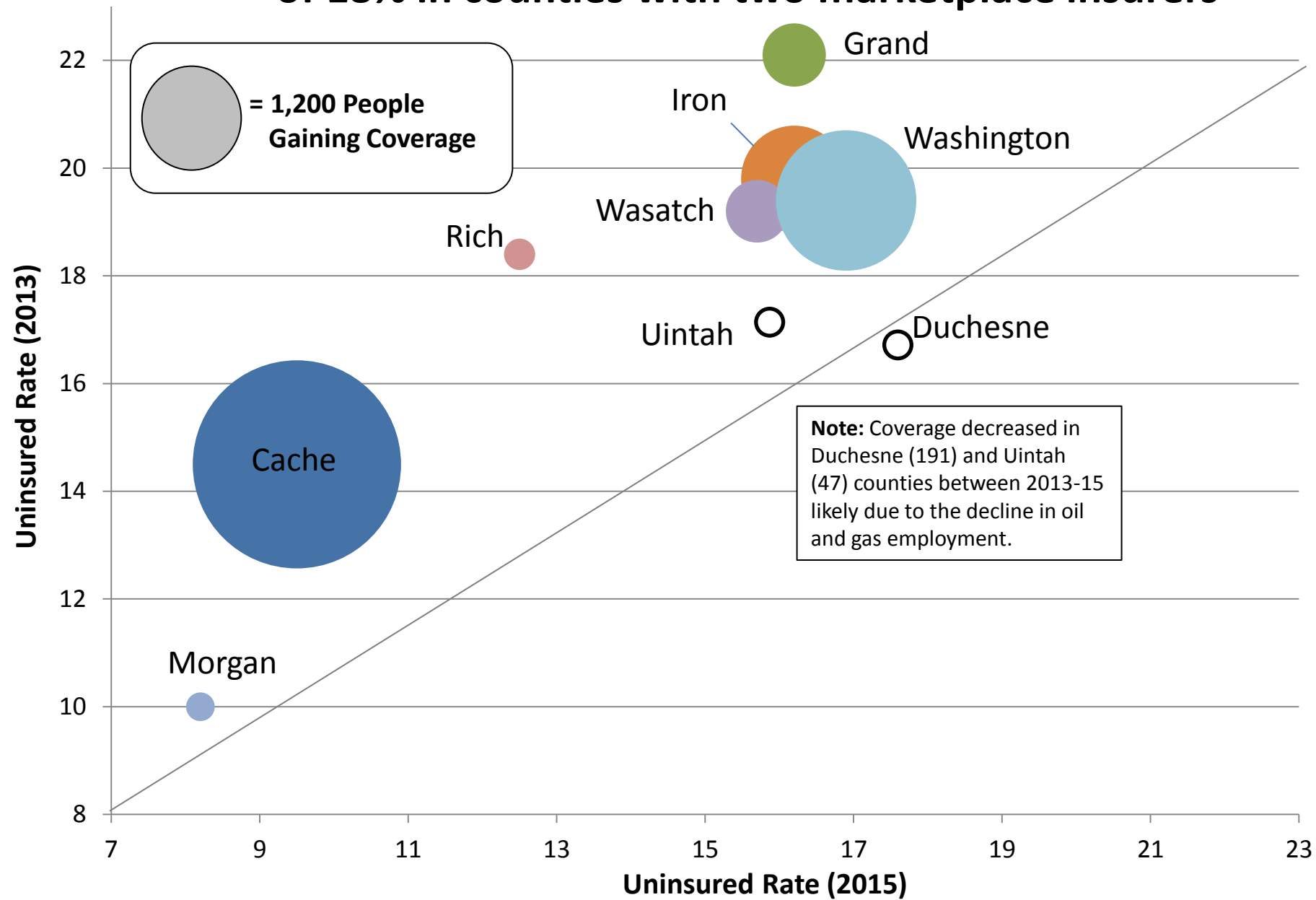


# Between 2013-15, the uninsured rate dropped an average of 22% in counties with one marketplace insurer

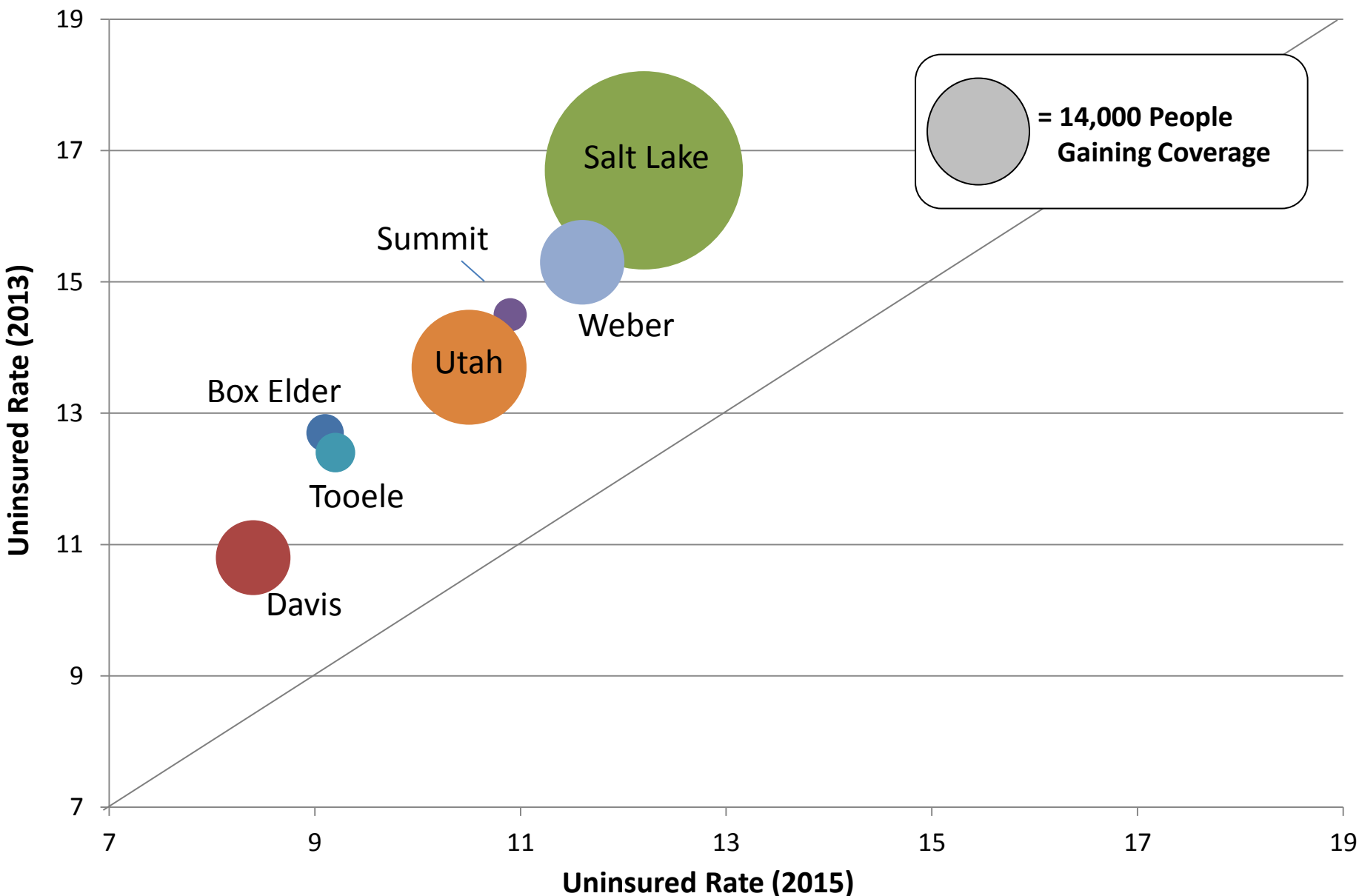


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (2010-2015); <https://www.census.gov/did/www/sahie/>; Accessed 3/30/17

# Between 2013-15, the uninsured rate dropped an average of 18% in counties with two marketplace insurers

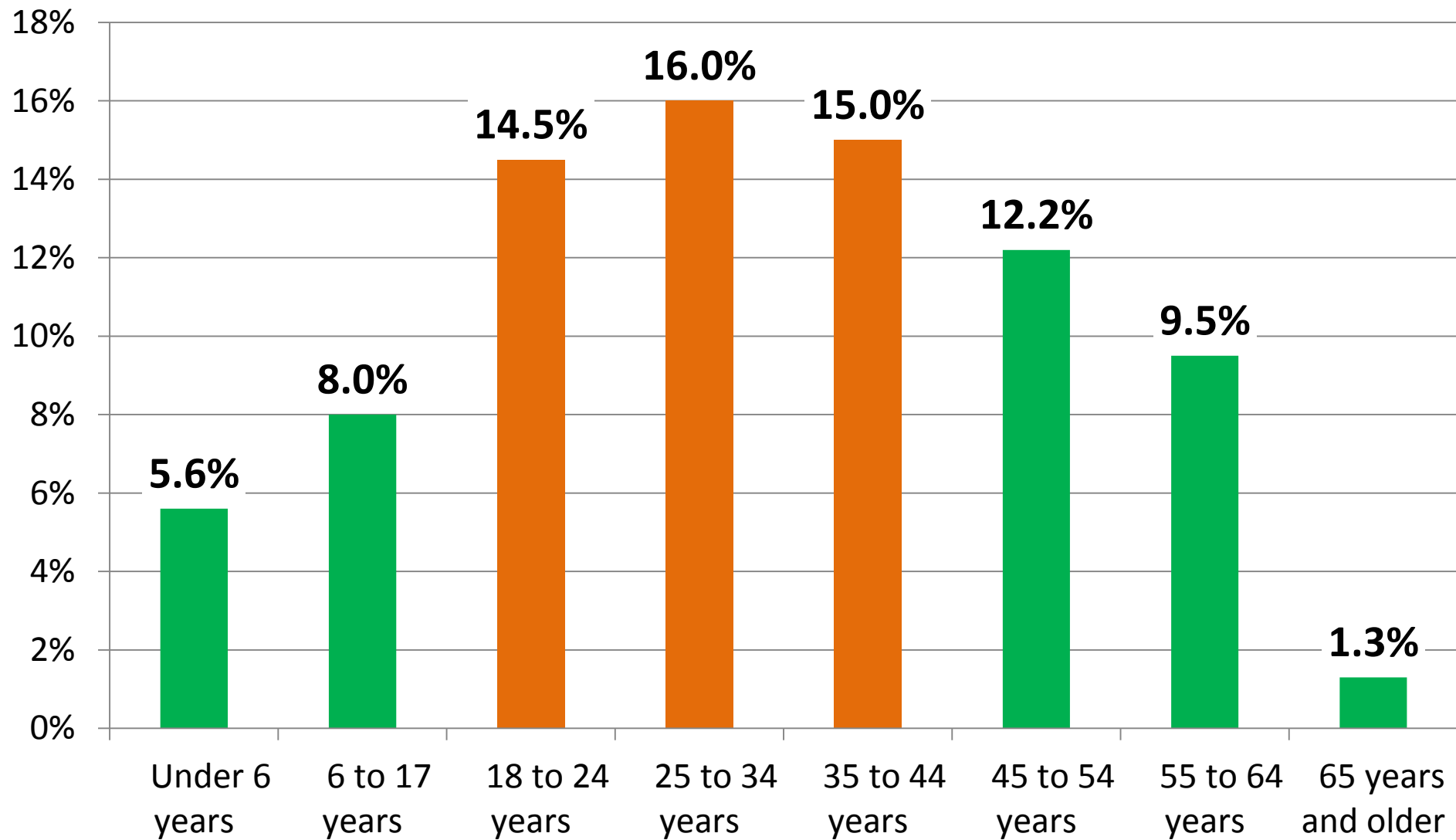


# Between 2013-15, the uninsured rate dropped an average of 25% in counties with three marketplace insurers

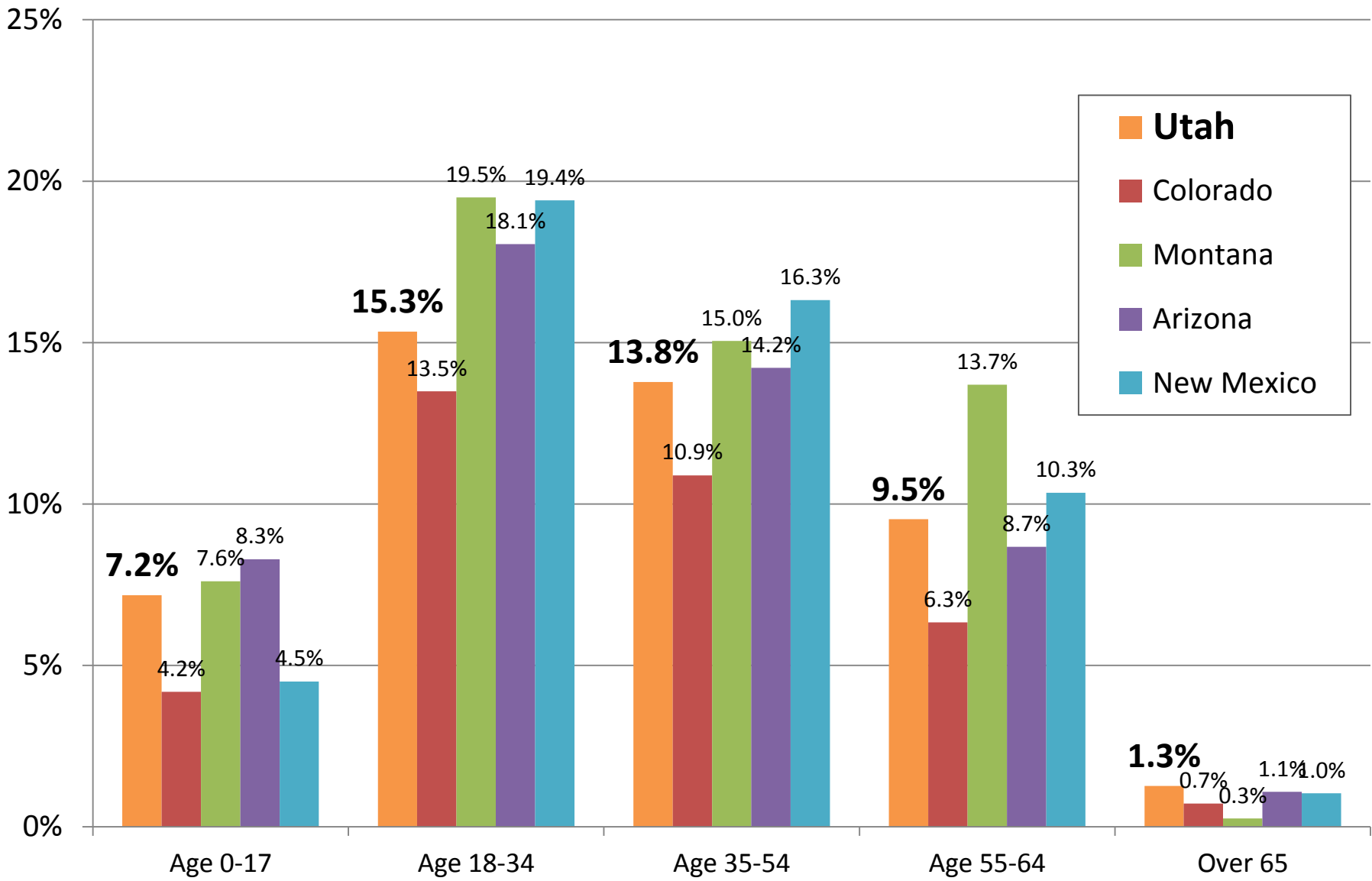


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (2010-2015); <https://www.census.gov/did/www/sahie/>; Accessed 3/30/17

# Younger Utahns (age 18-44) have the highest uninsured rates in the state

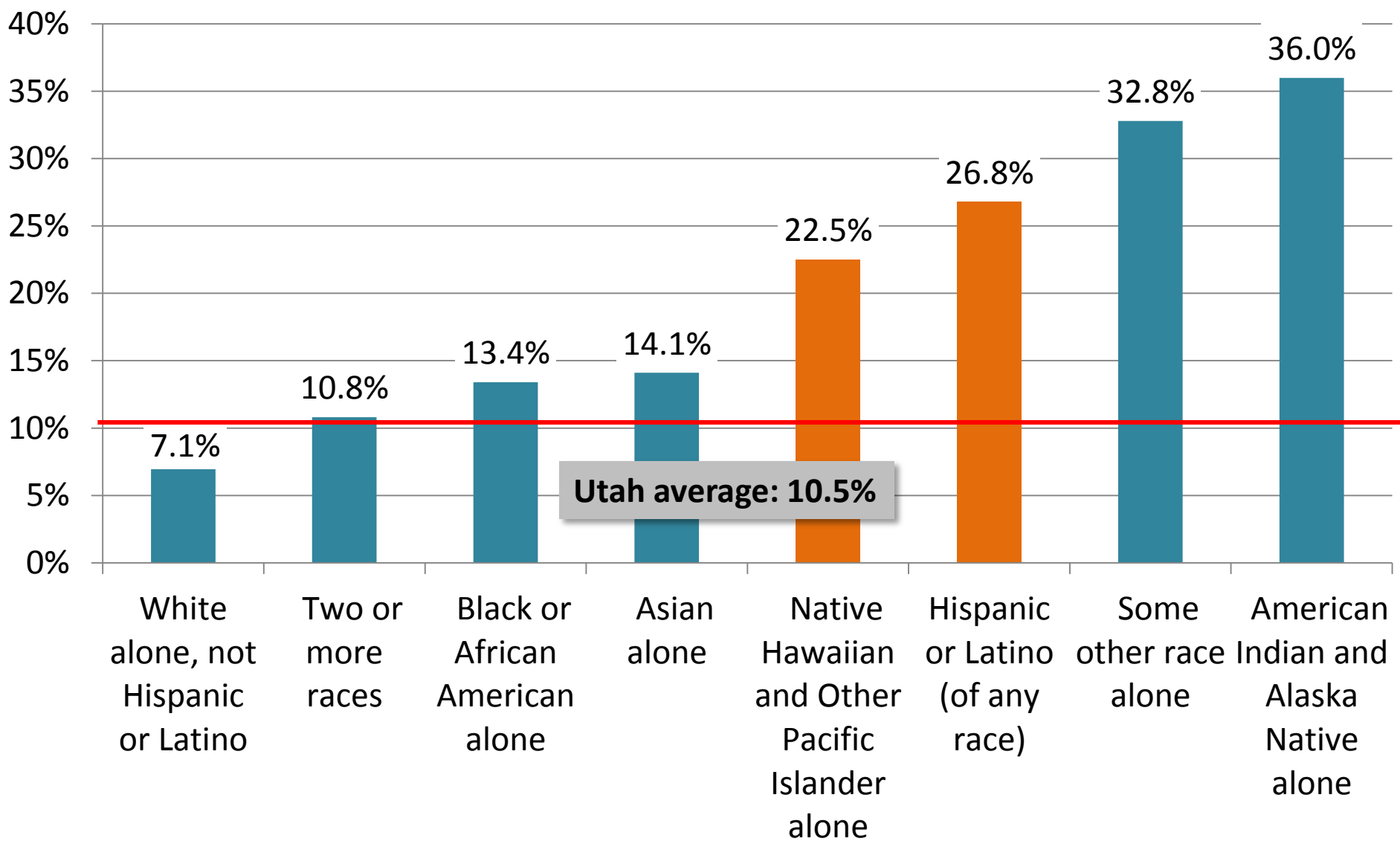


# Utah's uninsured rate by age compares well to other Mountain West states except Colorado



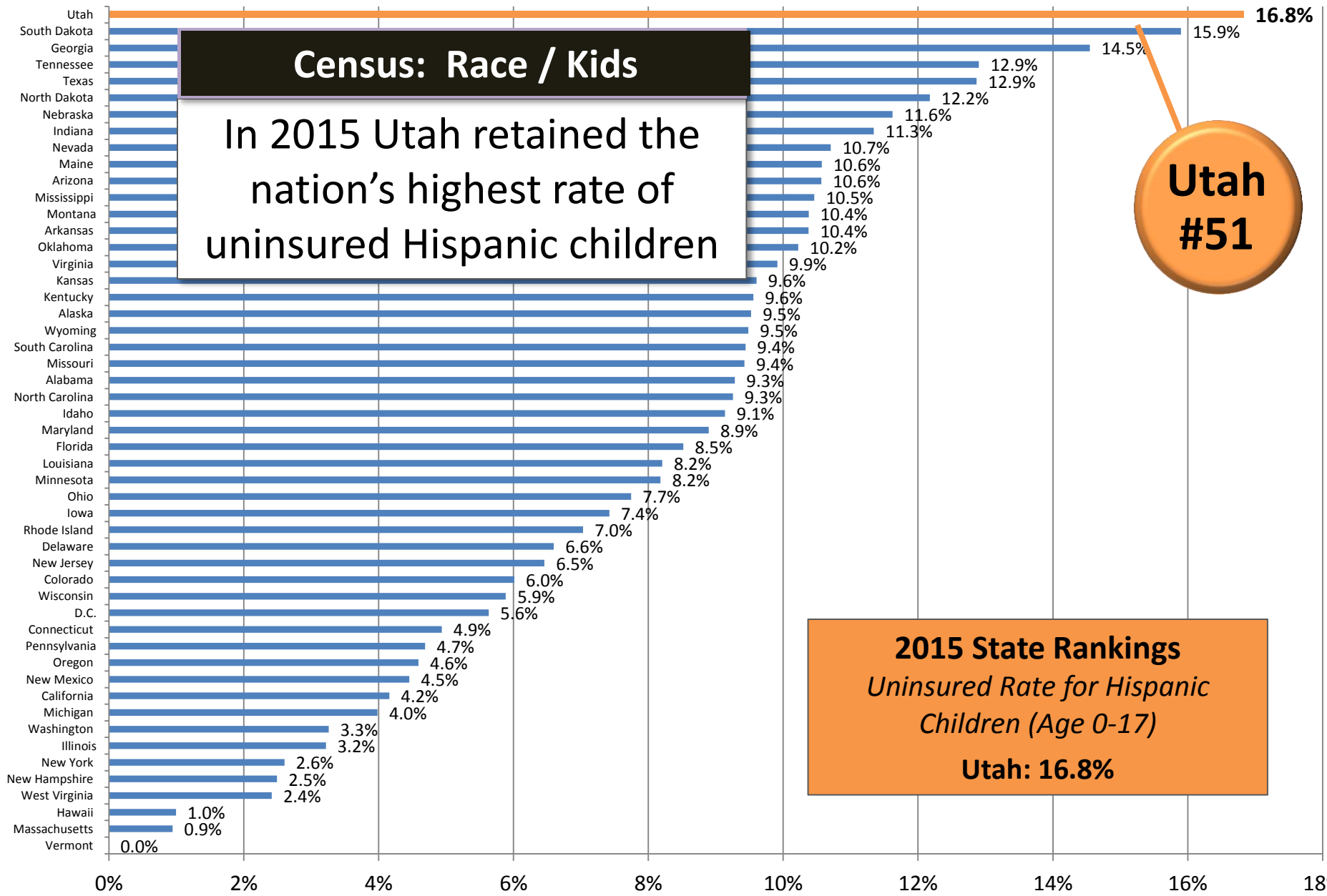
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

# American Indians and Hispanics experience the highest rates of being uninsured in Utah



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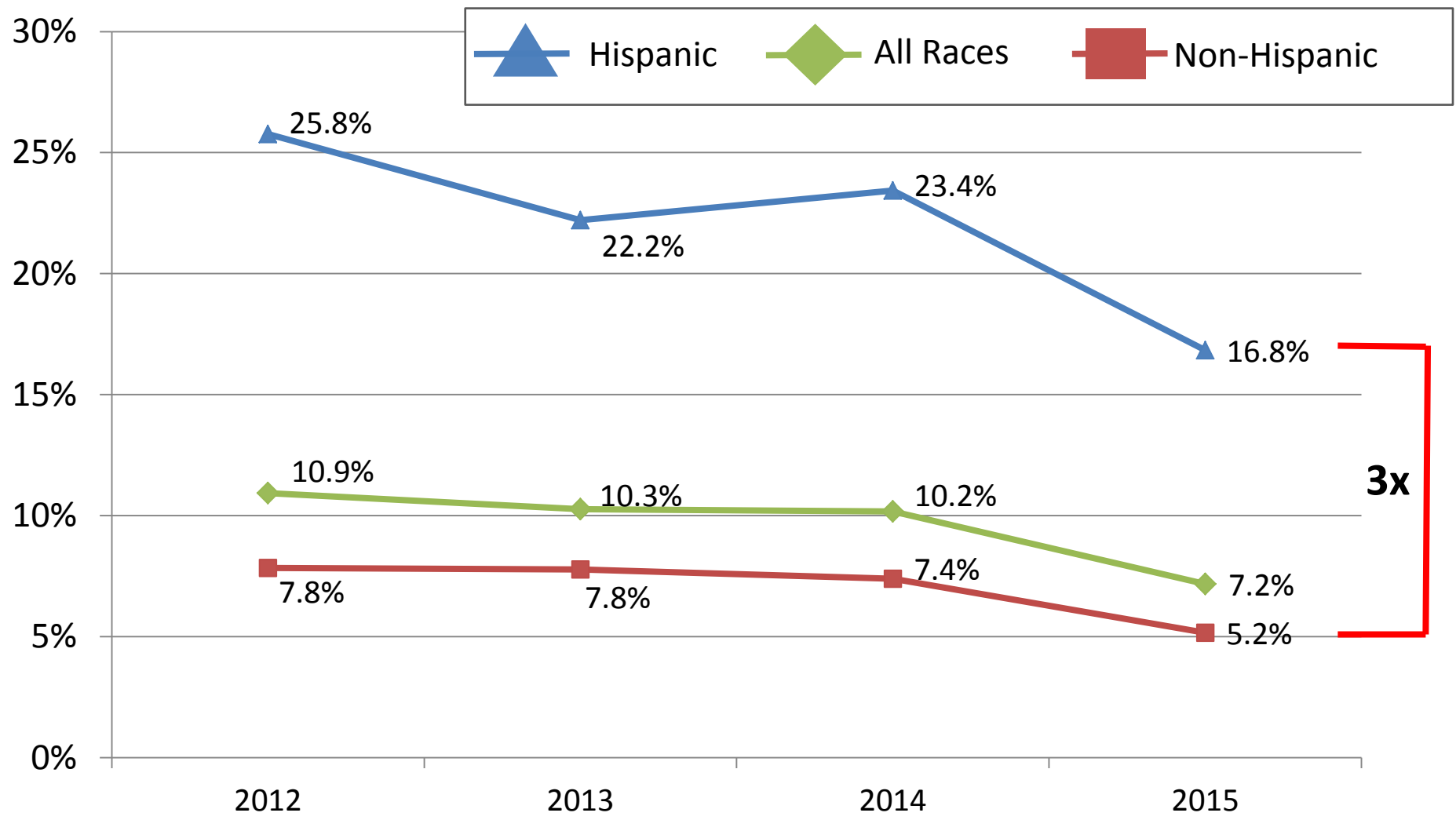
# Census: Race



Source: B27001: Health Insurance Coverage Status by Age (Hispanic or Latino) Universe: Hispanic or Latino civilian non-institutionalized population; American Community Survey, 1-years estimates, (2015)



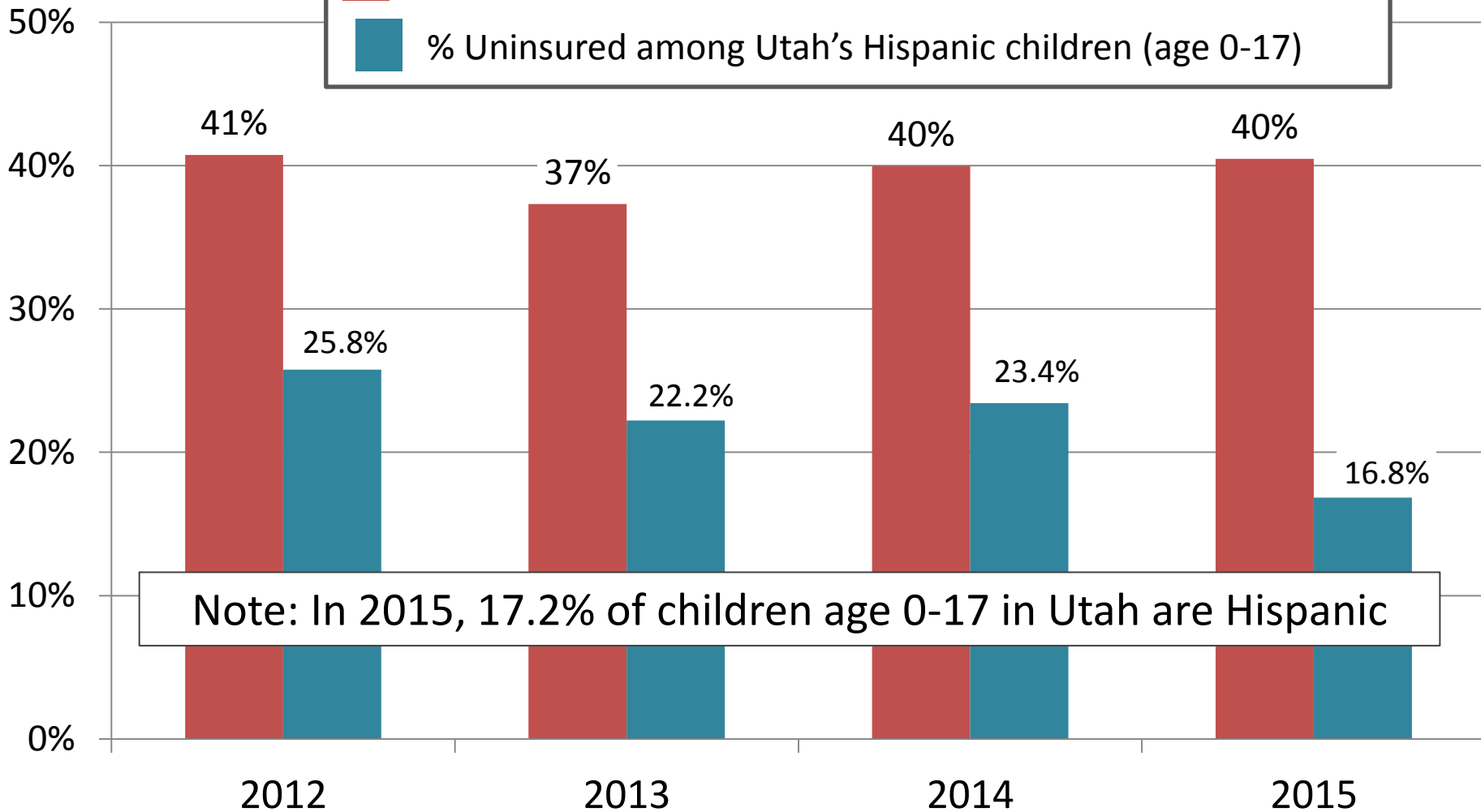
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Source: Health Insurance Coverage Status by Age (Hispanic or Latino); Hispanic or Latino civilian non-institutionalized population; American Community Survey 1-Year Estimate (2012-2015)

# Although the uninsured rate for Hispanic children is declining, their share of the state's uninsured population remains static at 40%

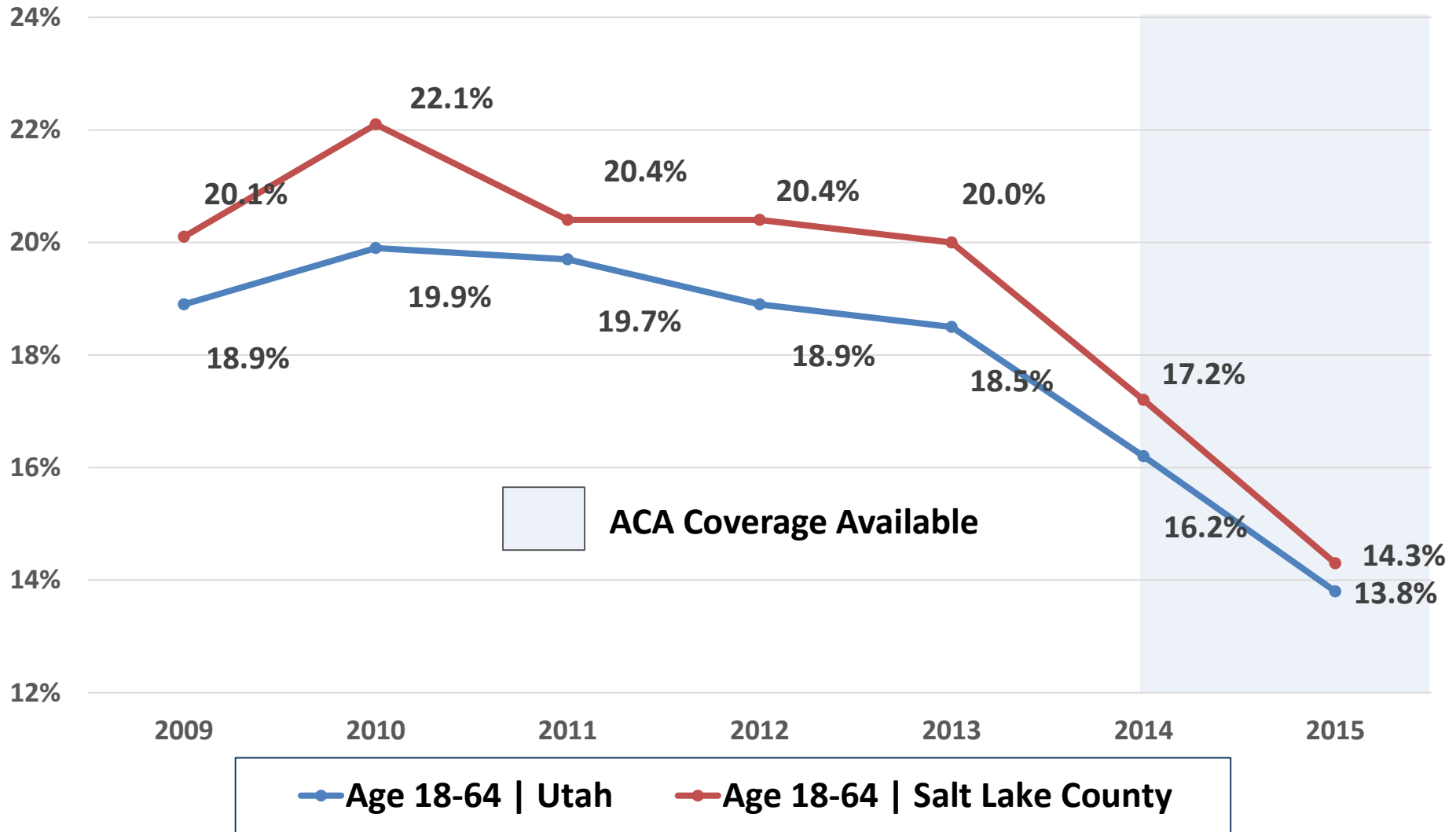
■ % of Utah's Uninsured children (age 0-17) who are Hispanic  
■ % Uninsured among Utah's Hispanic children (age 0-17)



Note: In 2015, 17.2% of children age 0-17 in Utah are Hispanic

Source: Health Insurance Coverage Status by Age (Hispanic or Latino); Hispanic or Latino civilian non-institutionalized population; American Community Survey 1-Year Estimate (2012-2015); 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates (2015)

# Salt Lake County's uninsured rate for 18-64 year-olds declined 17% between 2014 and 2015



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