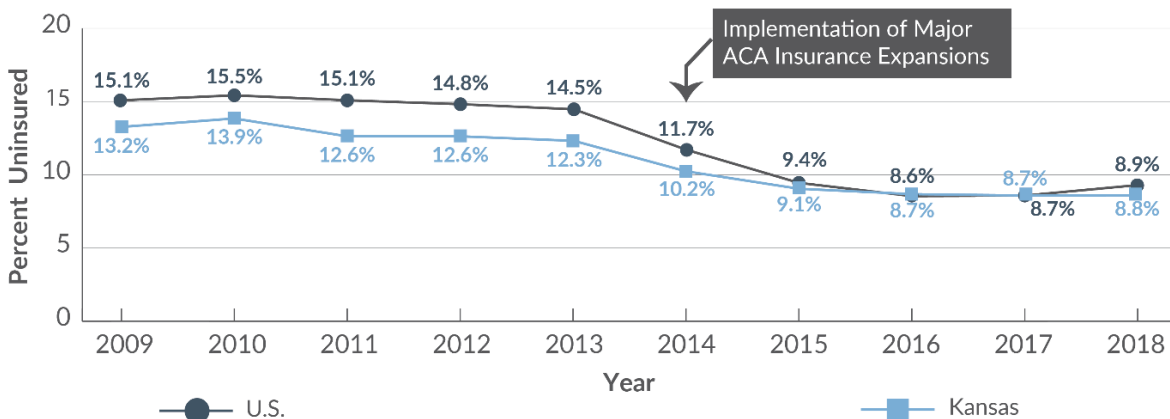


Census Bureau Releases Insurance Coverage Data

In early September, the U.S. Census Bureau released its latest American Community Survey One-Year Estimates on health insurance coverage for each state and the nation. After consistent drops each year following implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in 2010, the uninsured rate in the U.S. leveled out between 2016 and 2017 – and then showed an increase from 8.7 percent in 2017 to 8.9 percent in 2018 (*Figure 1*). While the uninsured rate in Kansas increased from 8.7 percent in 2017 to 8.8 percent in 2018, the change was not statistically significant. The estimates represent approximately 28.6 million uninsured Americans, including 250,000 uninsured Kansans, in 2018.

Figure 1. Uninsured Rates for Kansas and the United States, 2009-2018



Source: KHI analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 1-year Estimates, 2009-2018.

Today, the U.S. Census Bureau released additional, limited data from the American Community Survey for population subgroups (*Figure 2*, page 2). However, statistical tests needed to compare Kansas and U.S. rates and trends over time cannot be performed with the limited data released. This report provides the limited data available at this time and KHI will provide further analysis when more data is released by the U.S. Census Bureau, expected to be in mid-October.

Figure 2. Uninsured Rates for Kansas and the United States, 2018

	Kansas	U.S.
Overall	8.8%	8.9%
Age		
<i>Children Age 0-18</i>	5.1%	5.2%
<i>Young Adults Age 19-25</i>	16.1%	14.5%
<i>Nonelderly Adults Age 19-64</i>	12.6%	12.5%
Race/Ethnicity		
<i>White, Non-Hispanic</i>	6.5%	6.0%
<i>Black, Any Ethnicity</i>	12.5%	10.1%
<i>Hispanic, Any Race</i>	22.1%	17.9%
Income		
<i>Below 100% FPL</i>	18.6%	15.5%

Note: The 2018 federal poverty level (FPL) was \$12,140 for an individual and \$25,100 for a family of four. Margins of error for population subgroups of interest were not currently available for statistical tests. Further analysis will depend on future release of data by the U.S. Census Bureau expected in October 2019.

Source: KHI analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau 2018 American Community Survey 1-year Estimates, Tables B27001, B27001B, B27001H, B27001I and B27016.

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