

Connecting Kids To Coverage

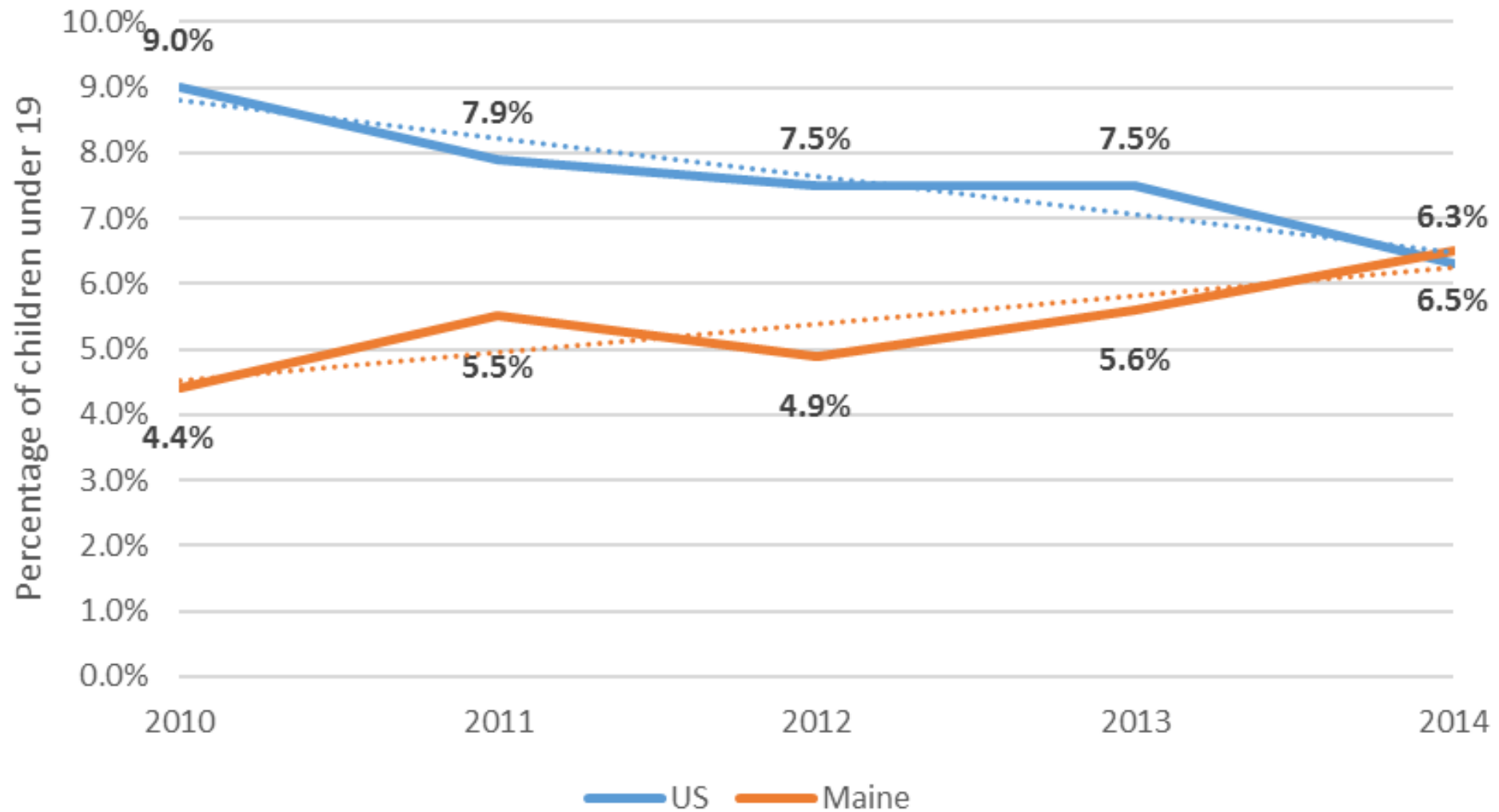


Consumers for Affordable Health Care • Maine Children's Alliance
Maine Community Action Association • Maine Equal Justice Partners
Maine Primary Care Association • 2-1-1 Maine

CK2C Partners and Project Goals

- Federal Grant from CMS: \$600,000 over two years
- Goal: Enroll 1,500 uninsured children and 1,000 adults
(plus assist with the re-enrollment of another 2,625)
- Lead organization: Consumers for Affordable Health Care
- Partners:
 - Maine Children's Alliance
 - Maine Community Action Association → Local CAPs
 - Maine Equal Justice Partners
 - Maine Primary Care Association → Local FQHCs
 - 2-1-1 Maine

Uninsured children in Maine vs US 2010-2014



Uninsured Rate for Children (under 18) and National Rank: 2014 vs. 2010 New England States

	<u>2014 Uninsured Rate/Rank</u>		<u>Change in Rate 2010-14/Rank</u>	
Massachusetts	1.5%	1	0.0%	45
Vermont	2.2%	3	+0.2%	46
Rhode Island	3.4%	10	- 2.2%	17
Connecticut	3.7%	11	+0.8%	49
New Hampshire	4.4%	16	- 0.4%	38
Maine	6.3%	37	+2.3%	51
National Average	6.0%		- 2.0%	

Uninsured Children in Maine

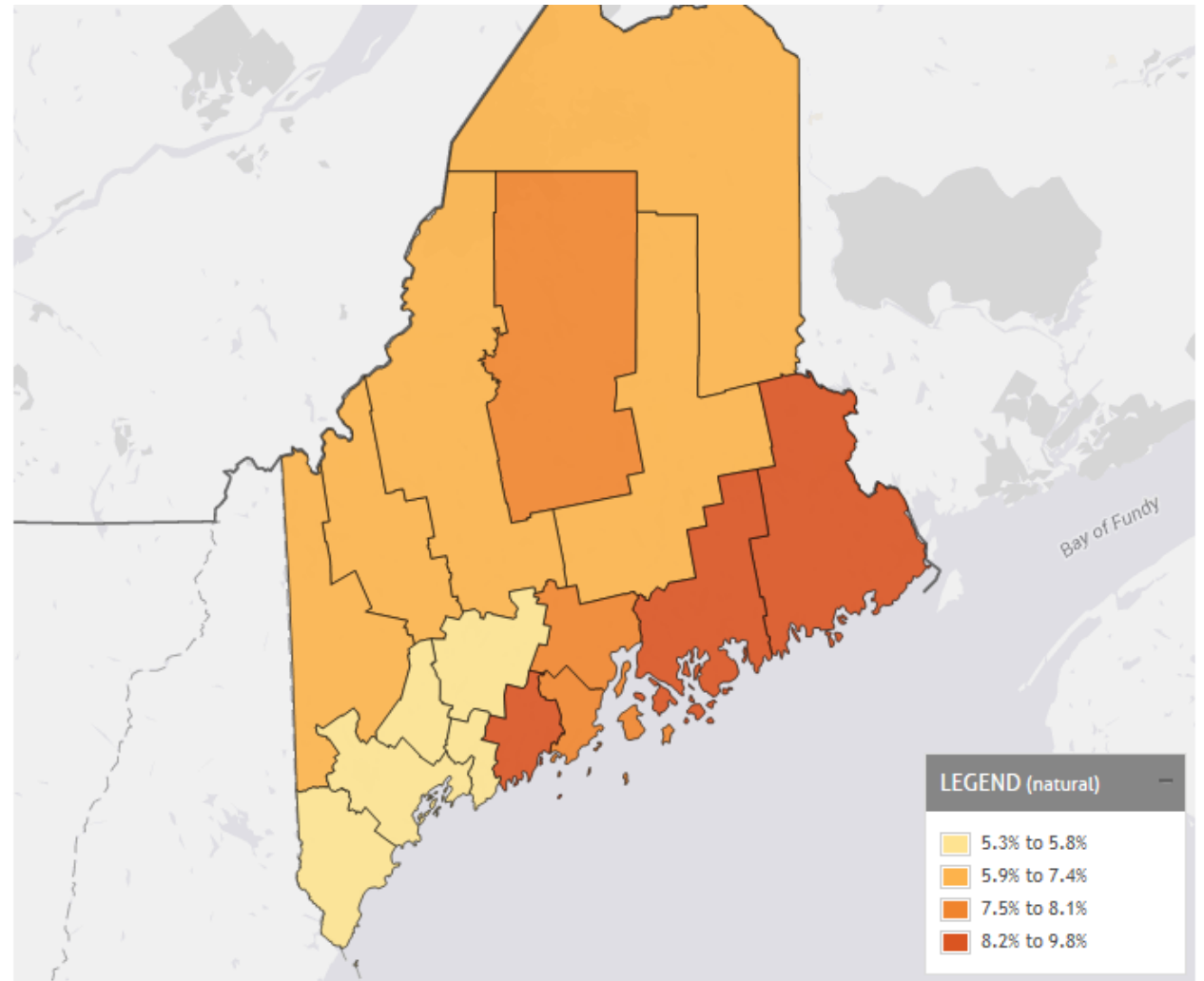
- In 2014 there were an estimated **17,300 Maine children** living without health insurance.
- More than half of the uninsured children in Maine (**9,352**) were living in families with low income AND were eligible for **MaineCare** coverage.
- In 2014, Maine's network of Community Health Centers saw a total of 30,446 uninsured patients – approximately **55% of these patients were children under the age of 18.**



Counties with Highest Rates of Uninsured Children:

1. Lincoln = 9.8% (N=615)
2. Hancock = 9.3% (N=908)
3. Washington = 9.1% (N=562)
4. Piscataquis = 8.1% (N=249)
5. Waldo = 7.9% (N=620)

Total in five counties = 2,954

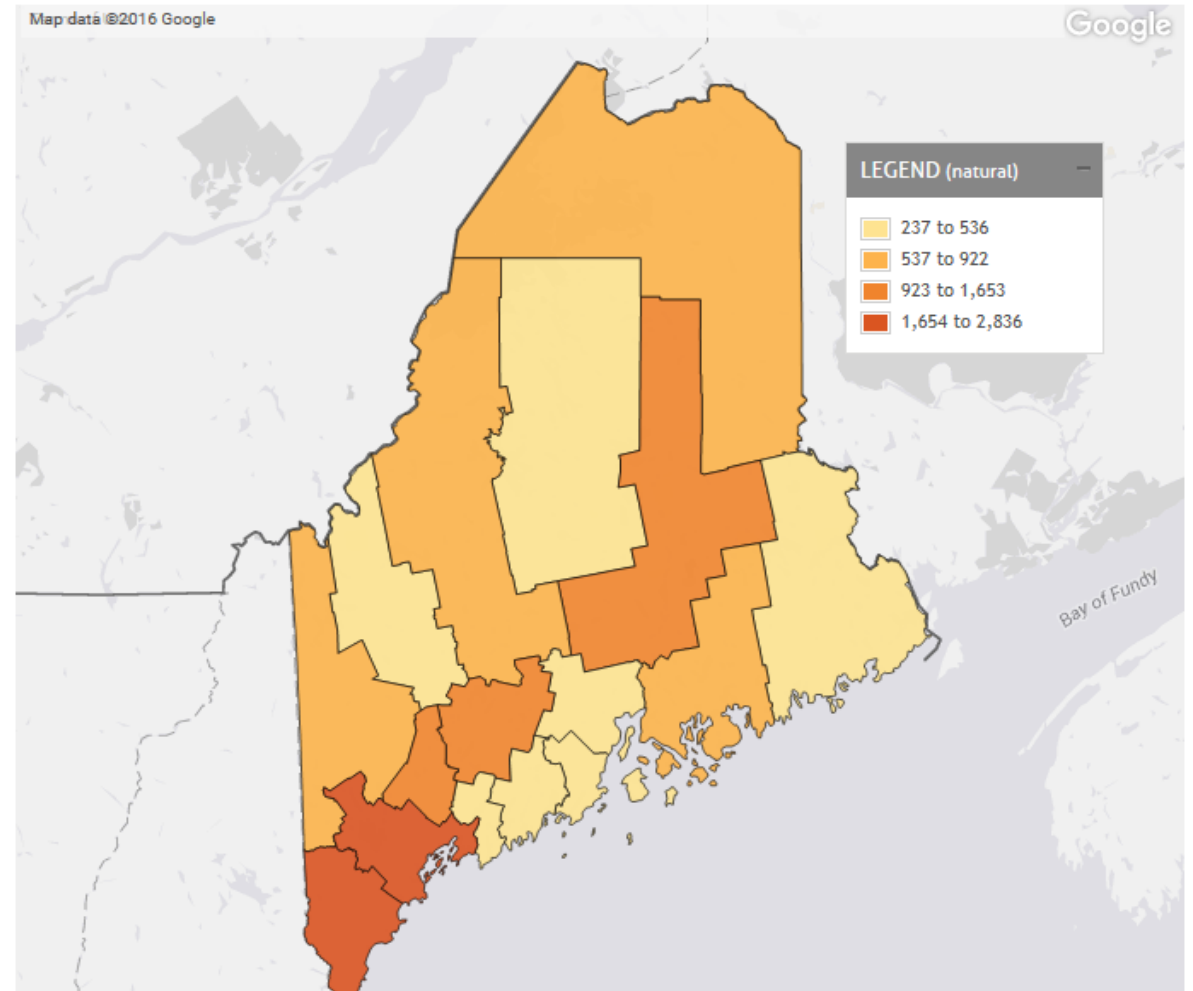


CHILDREN UNDER AGE 19 WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE (PERCENT) - 2014

Counties with Highest Numbers of Uninsured Children:

1. Cumberland = 3,307 (5.7%)
2. York = 2,404 (5.8%)
3. Penobscot = 2,054 (7.0%)
4. Androscoggin = 1,366 (5.7%)
5. Kennebec = 1,308 (5.3%)

Total number of uninsured = 10,439



CHILDREN UNDER AGE 19 WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE (NUMBER) - 2013

Maine Children's Alliance
KIDS COUNT Data Center, datacenter.kidscount.org
A project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation

Impact of Lack of Health Insurance on Children

- Between 2012 and 2015, **child enrollment in MaineCare decreased by 11,000** (-7.6%).
- Lack of health insurance results in **lower participation in well baby visits, missed immunizations**, and **decreased attention to preventive care**.
- Parents/caregivers are less likely to get their children medical attention when they first show signs of illness – **their illnesses often are more severe and last longer**.
- Children who are sick more frequently pose **a greater risk of infection to others** (family members, friends, classmates).
- **Increased absenteeism affects school performance**, both short- and longer-term.
- Preliminary research indicates that **lack of health insurance on the part of low-income children contributes to lower high school graduation rates and college enrollment**.

CK2C Outreach Plan



Enroll parents and children by:

- Engaging local community partners
- Identifying uninsured children, including those with special needs
- Connecting with parents/caregivers and making referrals to local enrollment resources (Navigators and Assisters)
- Assisting with application completion and document submission
- Gaining specialized help from CAHC for difficult situations
- Following up with DHHS (or the Marketplace) to resolve problems