

Nevada rate of uninsured kids drops

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Nevada no longer leads the nation in uninsured children.

The Silver State posted the largest improvement nationwide in reducing its rate of uninsured kids from 2013 to 2014, a report by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation found.

An estimated 100,058 or 14.4 percent of Nevada children did not have health insurance in 2013, a rate that ranked 51st – or dead last – among all states and Washington, D.C., that year. By 2014, however, Nevada improved to 48th as its rate fell to 10 percent or about 69,300 uninsured children. The 4.4 percentage point reduction also represented the biggest improvement in the nation, according to the report, which was done by the University of Minnesota and uses the latest numbers available from the U.S. Census Bureau.

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