



# GENDER MATTERS

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A Look at Gender Statistics from New Hampshire and Beyond  
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Health Insurance & Health Care

## Health Insurance Coverage

2014 (Women Under 65)



In 2014, 8 percent of women in New Hampshire were uninsured.<sup>1</sup>



We do better than the nationwide rate of 13 percent.

2012 (Women Under 65)



The 8 percent mark is an improvement over 2012, when 13 percent of women in New Hampshire (and 20 percent of women nationwide) were uninsured.

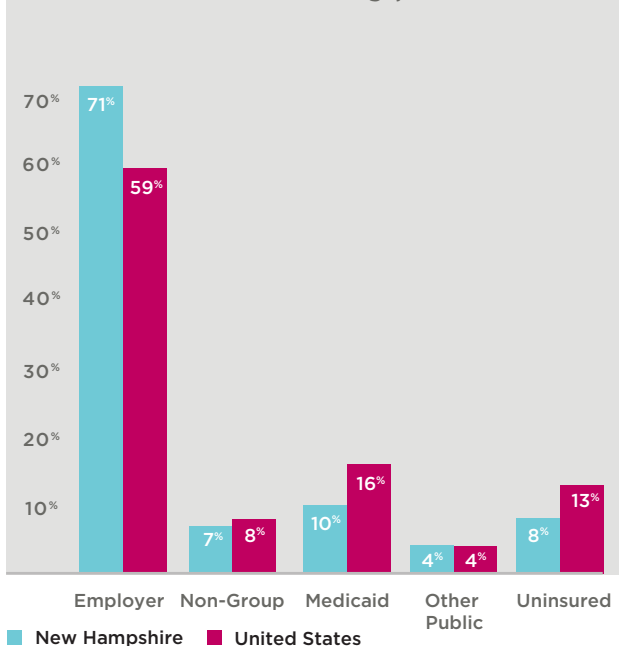


Analysts agree that the share of the population that is uninsured is declining. After several years of a relatively stable uninsured rate, the percentage of uninsured Americans dropped in 2014. The change may reflect economic trends, shifts in demographics, and policy changes. Several such policy changes occurred in 2014 when many provisions of the Affordable Care Act went into effect.<sup>2</sup>



Fewer women in New Hampshire are covered under Medicaid (10 percent) than in the United States as a whole (16 percent)

2014 Health Insurance Coverage, Women 19-64



71%

2014

Here in New Hampshire, 71 percent of women are covered by employer-sponsored health insurance.

59%

Nationally, 59 percent of women get their health insurance through an employer.

### Employer-Sponsored Health Insurance

New Hampshire employer health insurance coverage varies by the size of the company and the type of business. Businesses with more employees are more likely to offer health insurance coverage.

**Businesses that employ workers full-time are more likely to offer health insurance than businesses more likely to provide part-time work.**

Approximately 70 percent of New Hampshire's private companies for which 75 percent of employees were full-time offer health insurance. Less than 30 percent of firms for which more than half of the employees work part-time offer health insurance.

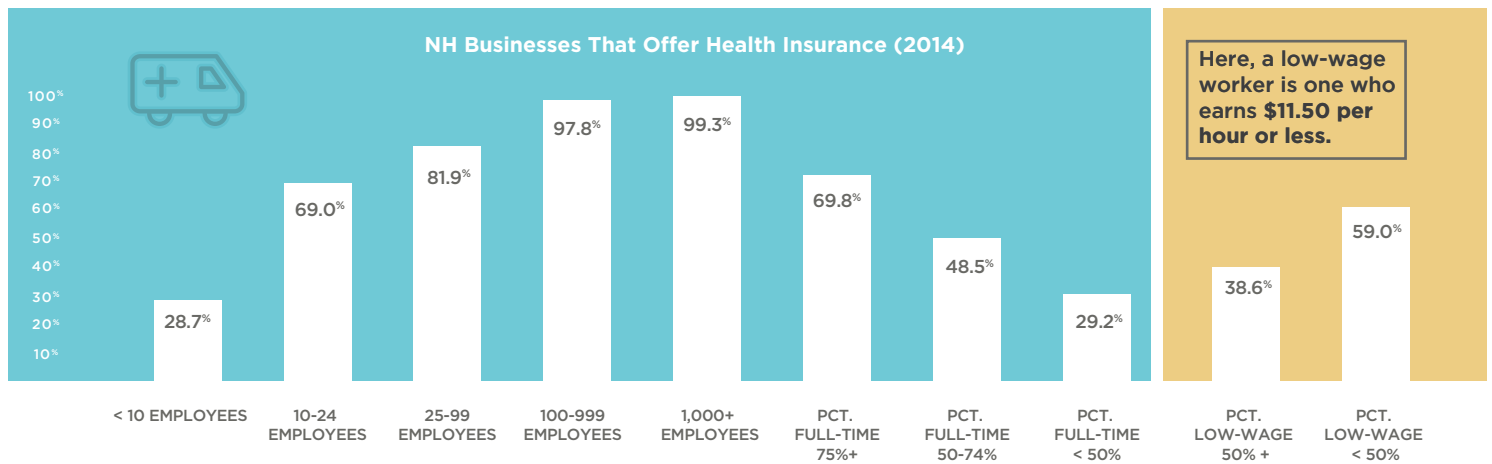


Less than one-third of New Hampshire firms with under 10 employees offer health insurance.



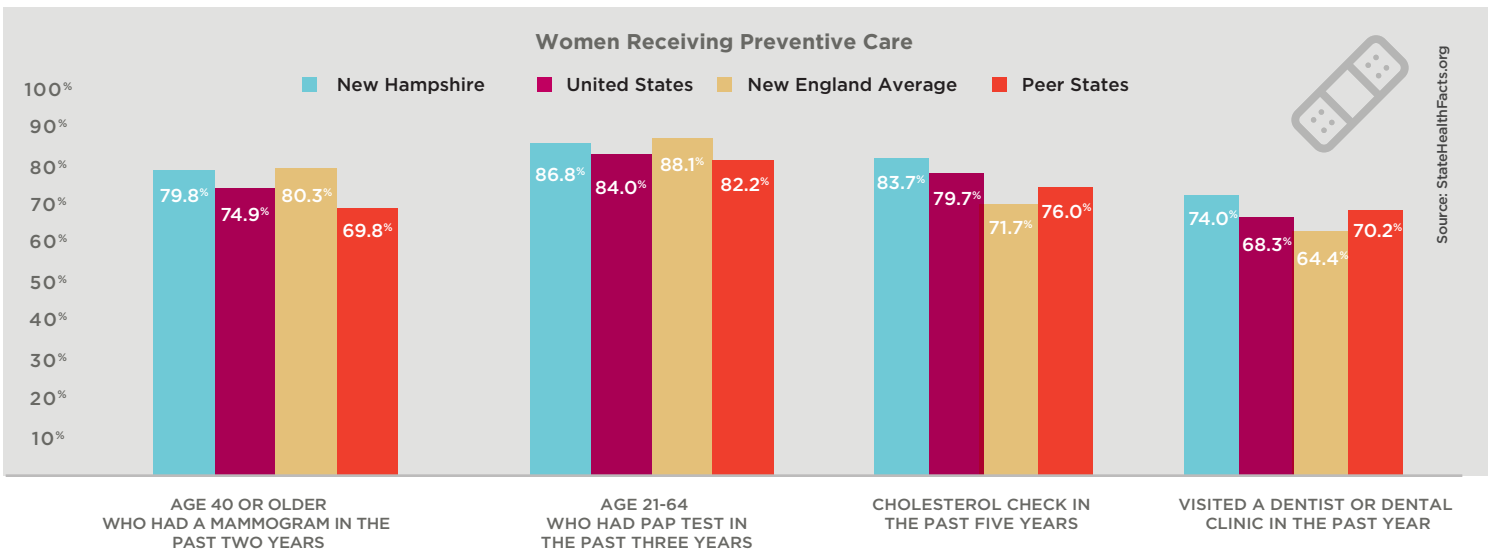
Almost 100 percent of firms with 100 employees or more offer health insurance.

## Health Insurance & NH Businesses



## Preventive Care

At least in part because of high levels of insurance coverage, New Hampshire women seek preventive care at rates higher than the national average. Approximately 80 percent of New Hampshire women age 40 and older report having had a mammogram in the last two years, compared to 75 percent nationally. Approximately 87 percent of New Hampshire women age 18 and older in New Hampshire report having had a Pap test within the last three years, compared to 84 percent nationally.

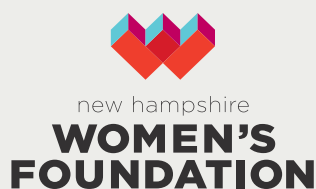


On average, women across New England pursue preventive care at a higher rate than New Hampshire women. Women in states most similar to New Hampshire (“peer states”) pursue preventive care at a lower rate than New Hampshire women.<sup>3</sup>

Women in New Hampshire also show higher than U.S. average rates of access to other types of preventive care, including cholesterol screening and dental visits. Access in New Hampshire appears to be slightly better than the New England average and the average for peer states.

### Resources

- 1.) Health insurance coverage estimates are based on a State Health Facts analysis of the Census Bureau’s March Supplement to the Current Population Survey (the Annual Social and Economic Supplement, or ASEC) by the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured. The Current Population Survey Supplement is the primary source of annual health insurance coverage information in the United States. The Center for Public Policy Studies notes that data to assess the statistical precision of the estimates is not available from State Health Facts.
- 2.) U.S. Census Bureau estimates of health insurance coverage, September 16, 2015; U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey.
- 3.) Peer states are states that are comparable socioeconomically to New Hampshire. Peer states were chosen on the basis of their similarity to New Hampshire on nine separate socioeconomic factors: personal income per capita, population density per square mile of land, percent of the population that is white alone, percent of the adult population with a bachelor’s degree or better, median household income, average SAT scores, percent of the population age 65 and over, health spending per person, and state business climate. The peer states are Alaska, Minnesota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, and Nevada.



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