

Child Health in Arkansas: Access to Coverage and Care

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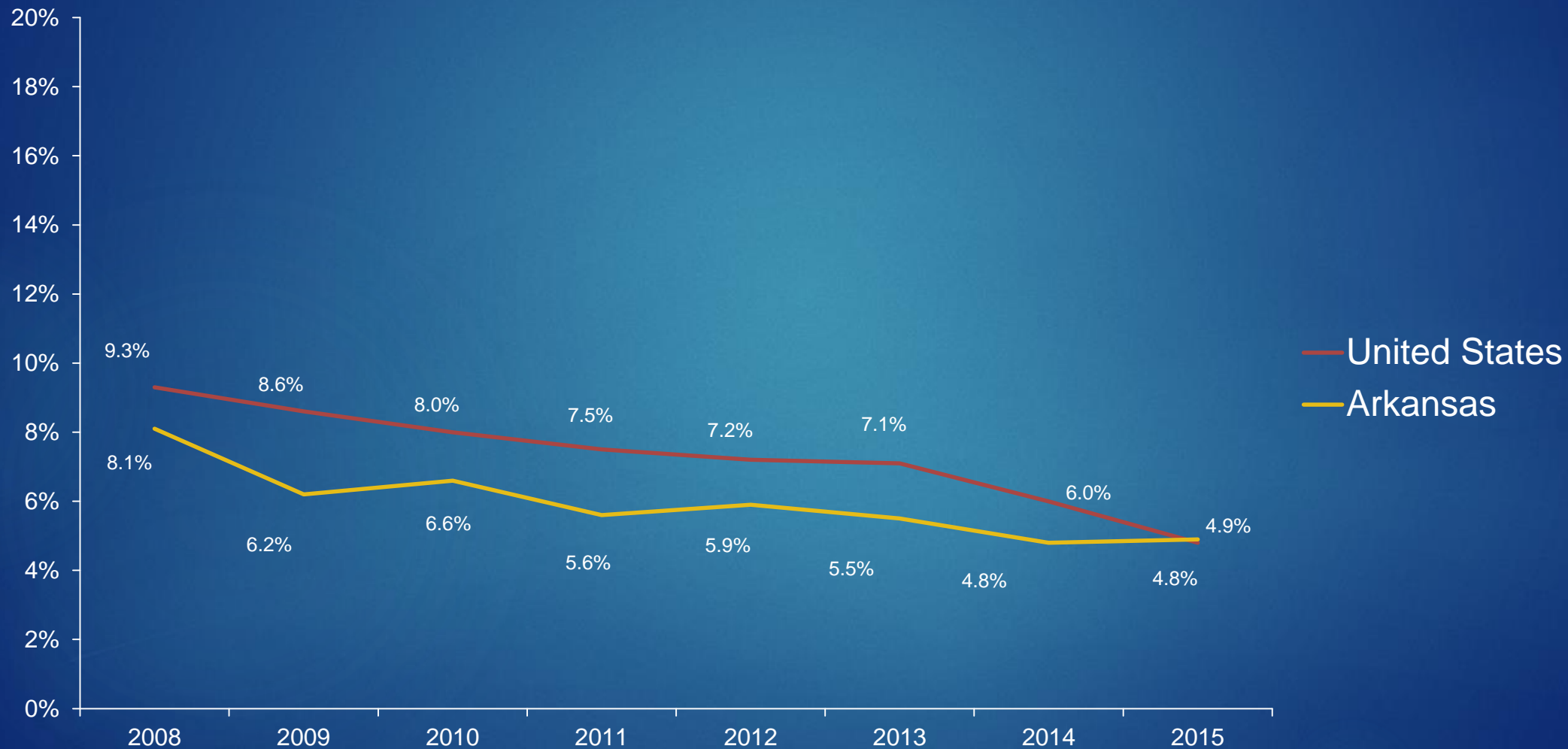


Child Health Trends in Arkansas

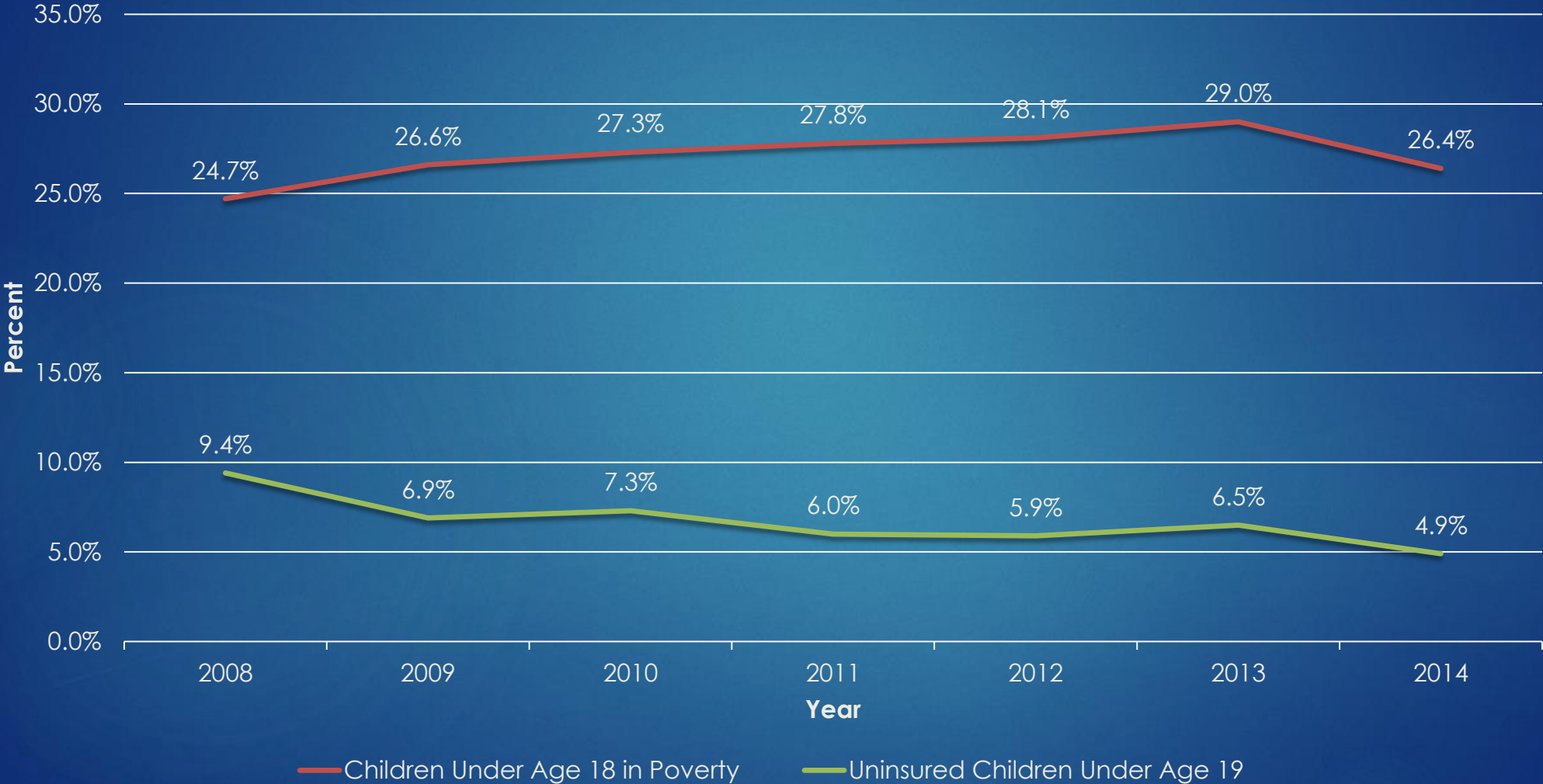
- ▶ The number of uninsured kids in Arkansas has reached a historic low.
- ▶ Despite coverage gains, access to care and services like screenings and preventive care, continue to lag behind.
- ▶ Low-income adults in the state now have access to affordable coverage options resulting in a significant drop in uninsurance rates.
- ▶ Certain populations still lack access:
 - ▶ Foreign born children and adults
 - ▶ Older children and youth
 - ▶ Families in certain regions, like Northwest Arkansas



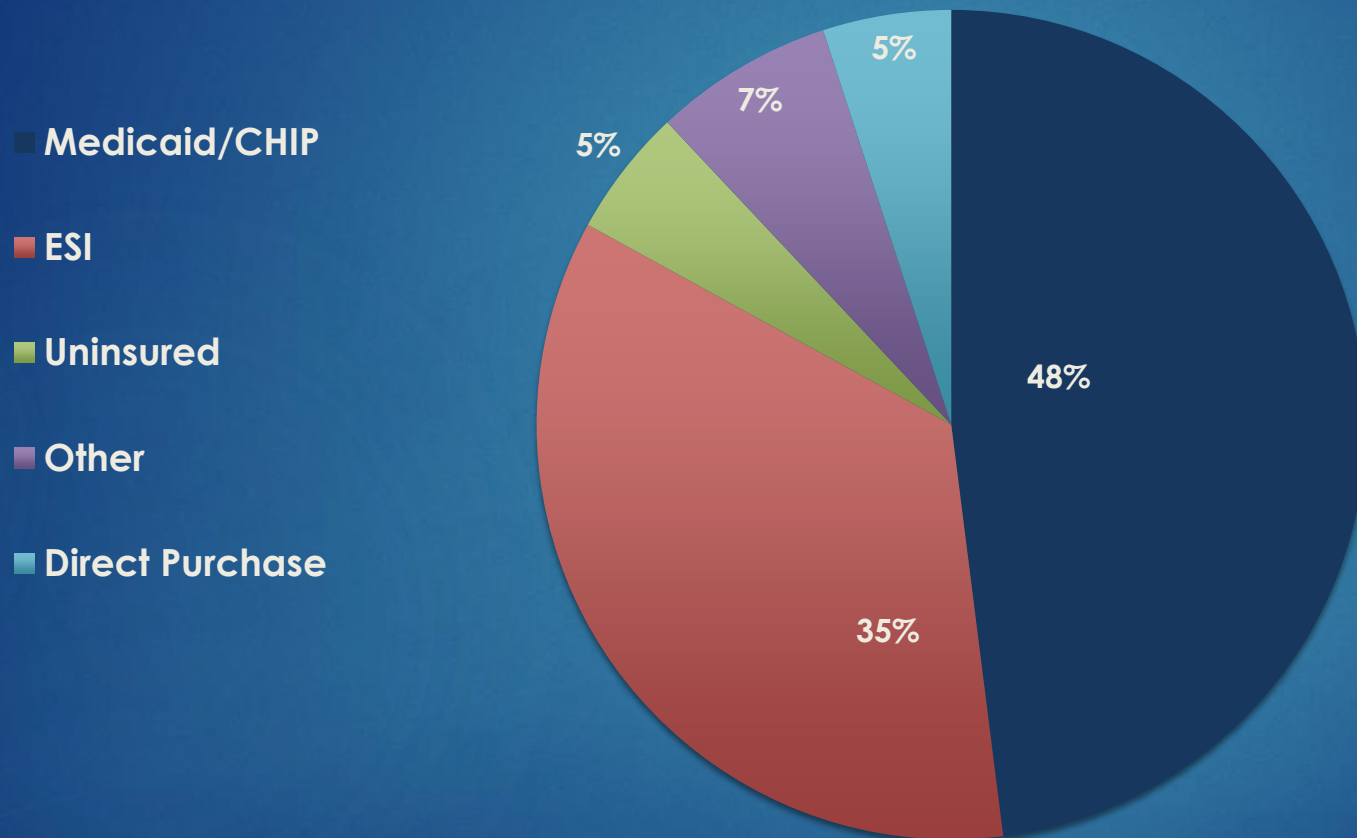
The number of uninsured kids in Arkansas has continued to decline.



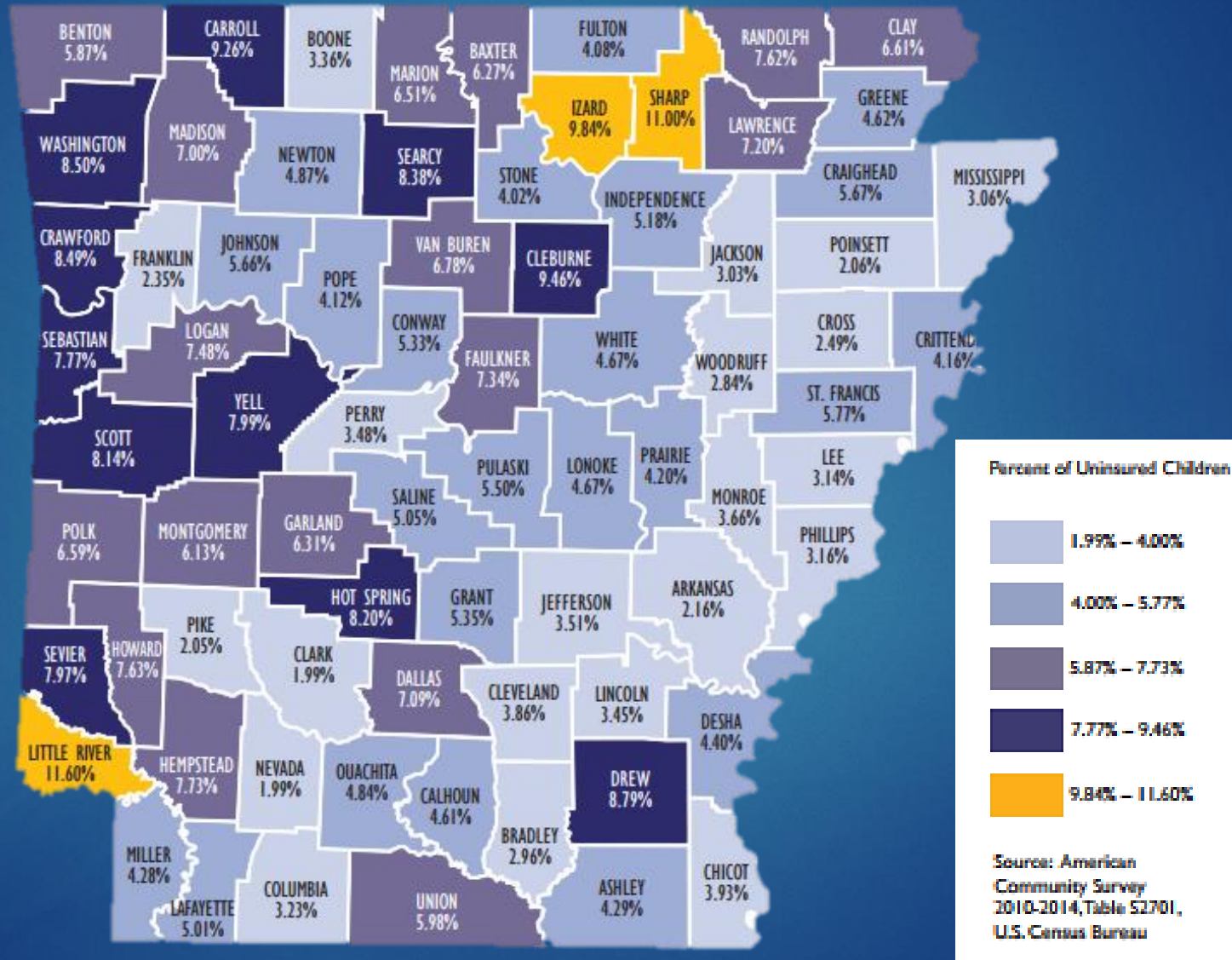
By improving access to affordable coverage, we've protected many Arkansas children living in poverty from losing coverage due to the costs burden for the family.



Most Children in Arkansas are rely on ARKids First (Medicaid and CHIP) and Employer Sponsored Insurance.



Despite these coverage gains, some children still lack access to coverage.



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PERCENT OF ARKANSAS ADULTS WHO ARE UNINSURED



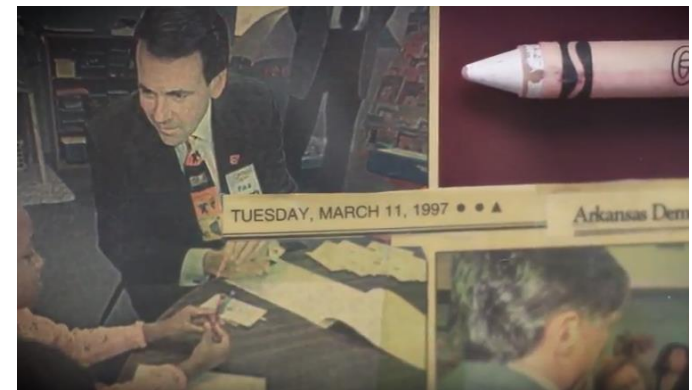
How Can We Maintain Access to Coverage and Care?

- 1) Remove the administrative barriers to enrollment.
- 2) Invest in family outreach and education.
- 3) Address disparities by removing coverage barriers for foreign-born children (i.e. Marshallese).
- 4) Improve access barriers to health services for children and make it more convenient (i.e. Telemedicine and School-based clinics).
- 5) Maintain funding for children's coverage.



20-Year History of ARKids First

<https://youtu.be/1eFoo-L2SbA>



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