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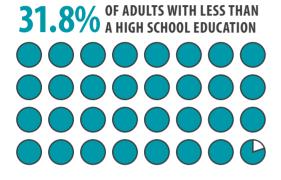
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## NATIONAL TRENDS IN ADULTS WITHOUT A PERSONAL DOCTOR, BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

# ADULTS WITHOUT A PERSONAL DOCTOR Nationally, adults with less than a high school education were more than TWICE as likely as those with a hashelor's degree or higher not

those with a **bachelor's degree or higher** not to have a personal doctor **in 2016**.

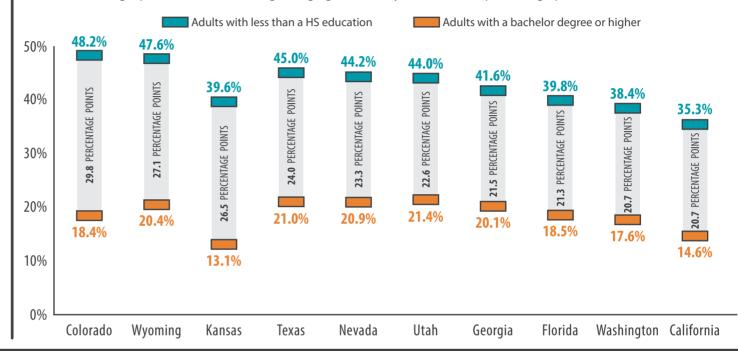


### 15.2% OF ADULTS WITH A BACHELOR DEGREE OR HIGHER



#### GAPS IN PERCENT OF ADULTS WITHOUT A PERSONAL DOCTOR, BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, 2016

In ten states, the rate of not having a personal doctor among adults with less than a high school education exceeded the rate of not having a personal doctor among college graduates by more than 20 percentage points.



#### CHANGES IN PERCENT OF ADULTS WITHOUT A PERSONAL DOCTOR: BEFORE AND AFTER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

The percent of adults with less than a high school diploma who reported not having a personal doctor has fallen nationally since the passage of the ACA.

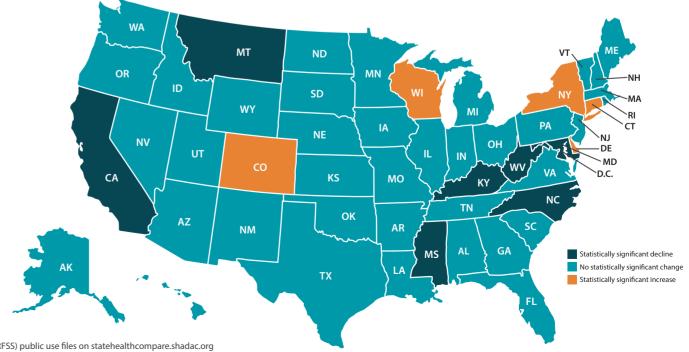
**33.8%** 

Prior to the ACA (2011-2013) 33.8% of adults with less than a high school diploma did not have a personal doctor.

31.9%

Following the ACA (2014-2016) 31.9% of adults with less than a high school diploma did not have a personal doctor.

Among the states, **SEVEN** saw statistically significant declines and **FIVE** saw statistically significant increases on reports of not having a personal doctor among adults with less than a high school diploma after the ACA.



Source: SHADAC analysis of the 2011-2016 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) public use files on statehealthcompare.shadac.org Notes: Adult is defined as 25 years of age and above. All differences were statistically significant at the 95% level.