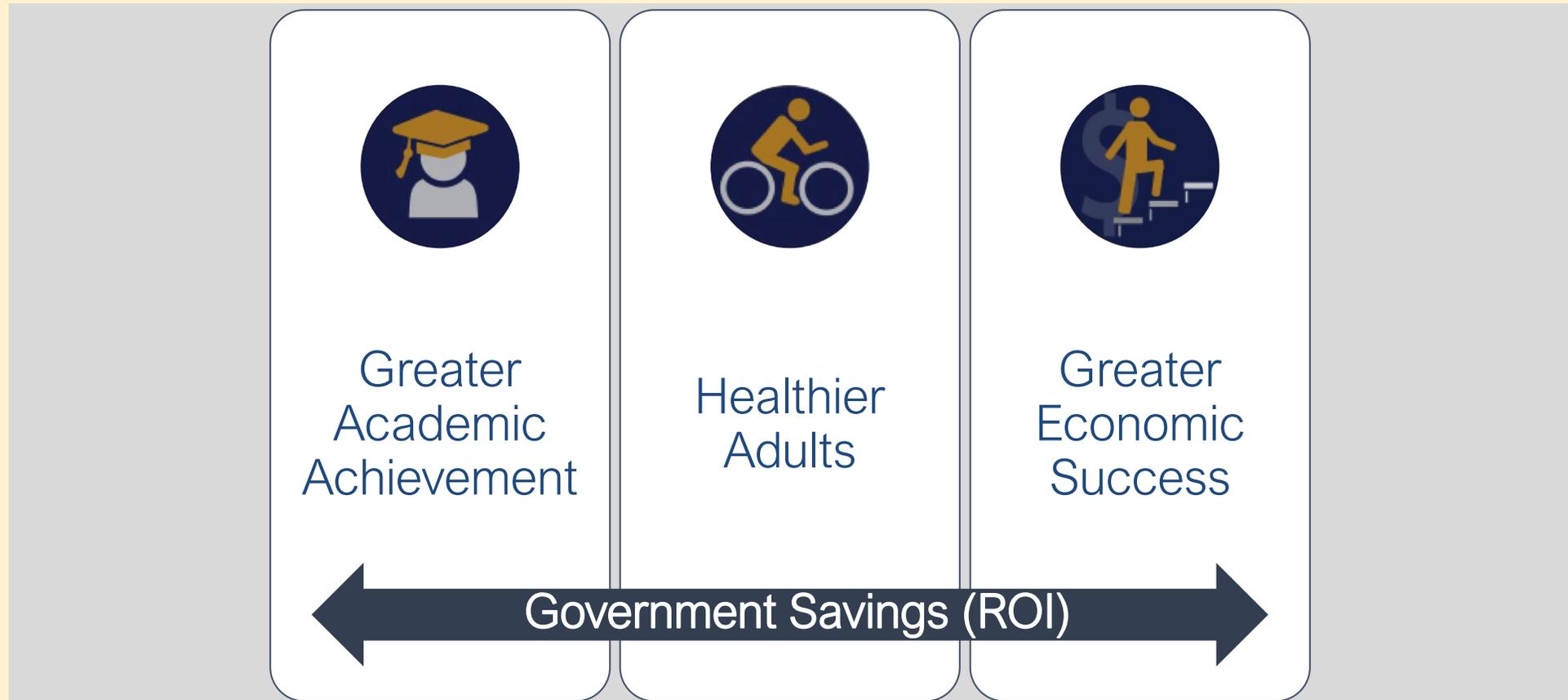


Increase in Utah Children's Uninsured Rate & Policy Solutions to Stabilize Coverage

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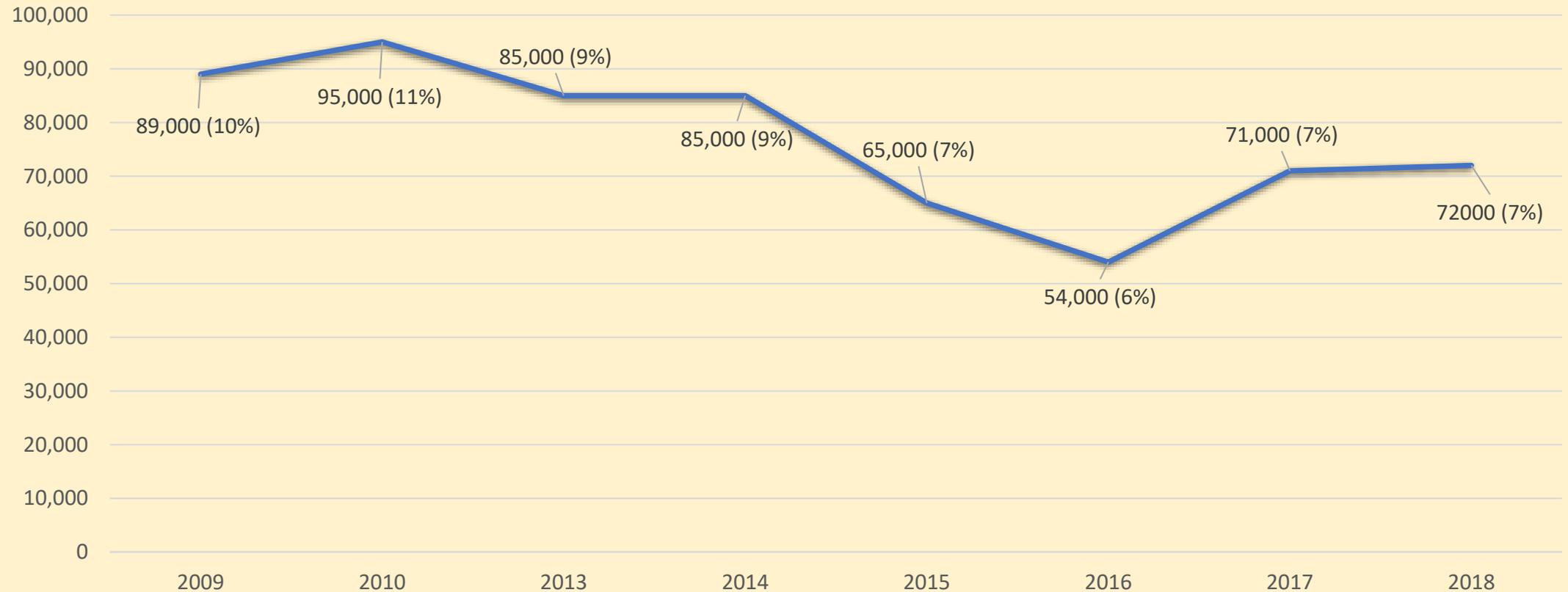
Why is Coverage So Important to Kids?



Health Coverage= Foundation for Kids' Well Being

Increasing Number of Children without Insurance

UTAH CHILDREN WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE



Source: Kids Count Data Center; U.S. Census 2017-2018 American Community Survey (ACS) data using 1-year estimates from Data.Census.Gov

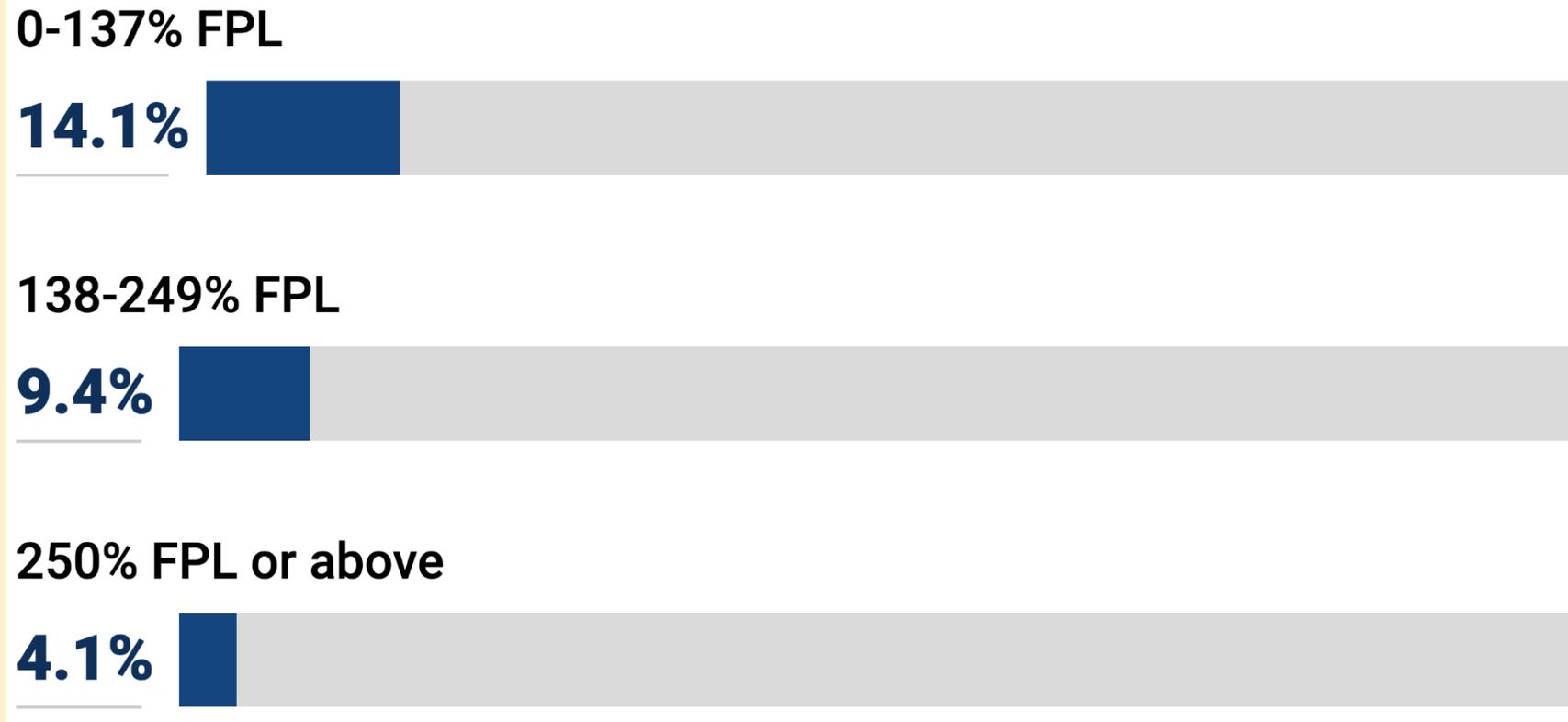
How does Utah compare to the rest of the nation?

Utah ranks

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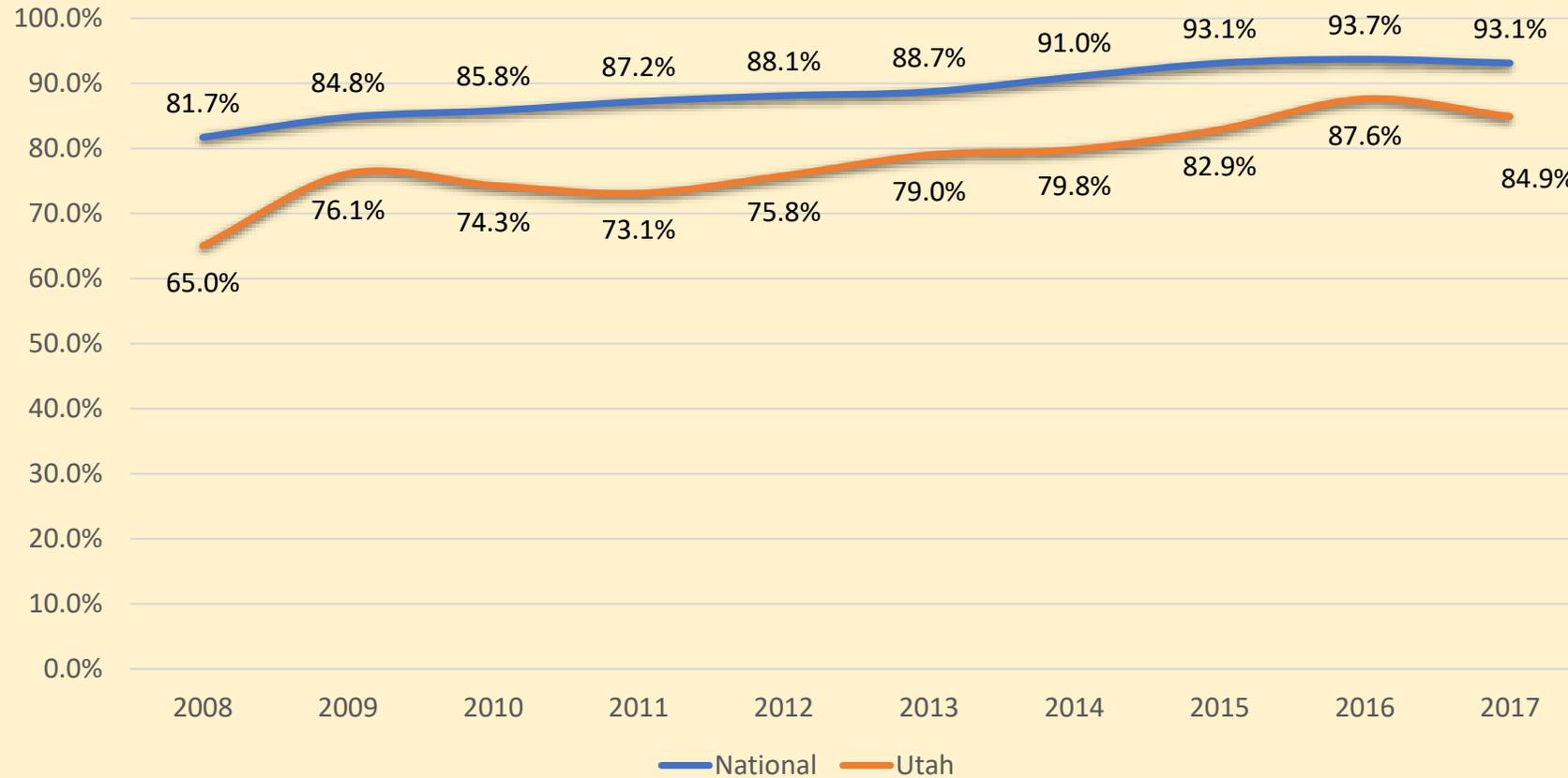
in children's health coverage.

Uninsured Children in Utah by Poverty Threshold



Source: Georgetown University Center for Children and Families analysis of the U.S. Census 2017-2018 American Community Survey (ACS) data using 1-year estimates from Data.Census.Gov (B27016)

Children's Participation Rate in Medicaid/CHIP in Utah- Lowest in the Nation



Source: Bindman, A., Chattopadhyay, A., & Auerback, G. (Dec 2005) Interruptions in Medicaid Coverage and Risk for Hospitalization for Ambulatory Care-Sensitive Conditions, *Annals of Internal Medicine*, 149(12):854-60.)

Why are Eligible Kids Losing Coverage?

State Factors

- **Utah's strong economy+ red tape= disruptions and coverage loss**
 - More families able to take on an extra shift or hours
 - Temporary bump in income may mean children lose coverage
 - Complexities, confusion around eligibility and enrollment

Federal Factors

- Proposed changes around ACA, Medicaid led to confusion among families
- Delays in CHIP funding also delayed CHIP outreach grants and cuts to navigator funding
- Changes to immigration and refugee policies deterring some eligible families from enrolling

2020 Opportunities to Keep Kids Covered

- Ensure children can maintain stable coverage throughout the year, even if families experience a slight, temporary change in income
 - **12-month continuous eligibility in Medicaid**
 - Similar to policies for TAM, CHIP and private insurance market
 - Disrupted coverage leads to inconsistent care, greater likelihood of non-emergent use of ER
- Ensure existing investments working effectively, streamline eligibility, enrollment processes for greater efficiency

Thank you

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