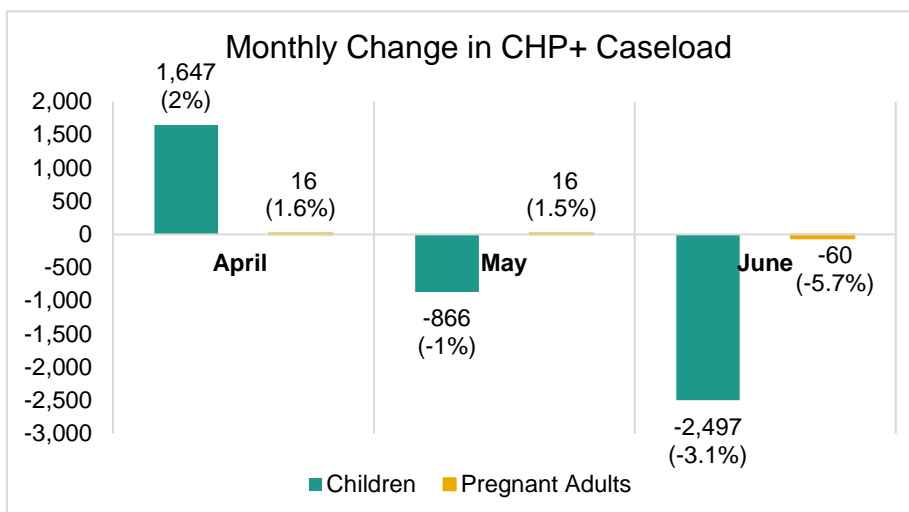
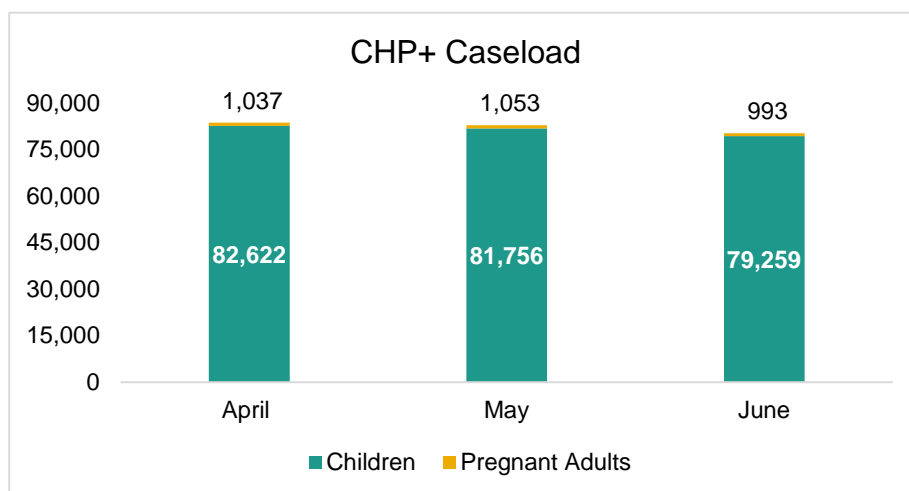


This series of reports analyzes enrollment changes in Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) and Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) and identifies factors that may have contributed to an increase or decrease in enrollment. The data source used is the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing's [Premiums, Expenditures and Caseload Reports](#) in which monthly data represents caseload numbers at the end of that respective month. Previous enrollment analyses can be found [here](#).

CHP+ Enrollment Data

The total number of children and pregnant adults enrolled in CHP+ **decreased by 1,744 or 2.1%** from the beginning of April to the end of June 2019. The bulk of this decrease occurred in May and June.

- CHP+ enrollment for children **decreased by 1,716 or 2.1%**.
- CHP+ enrollment for pregnant adults **decreased by 28 or 2.7%**.

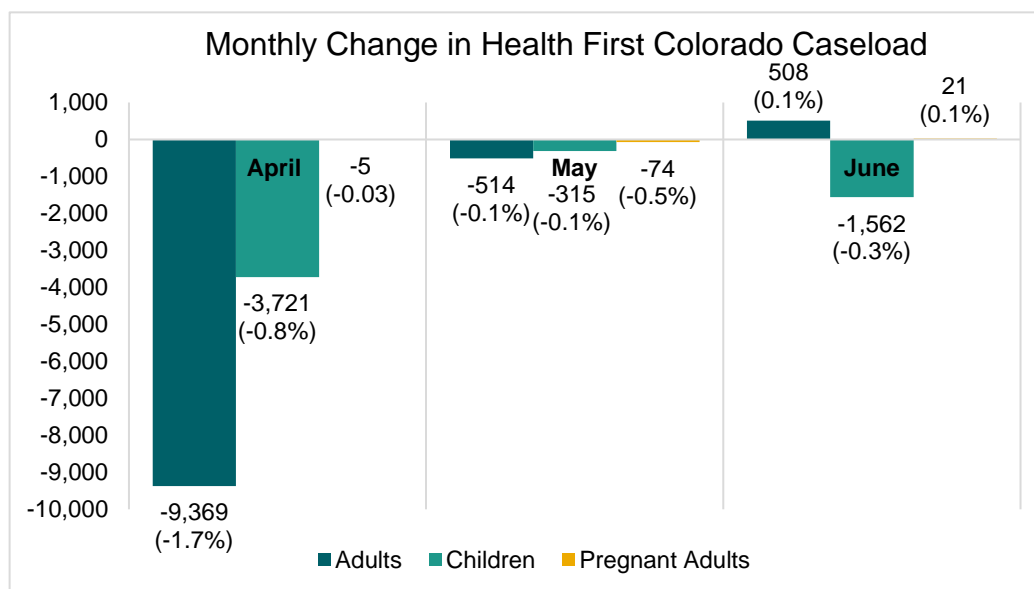
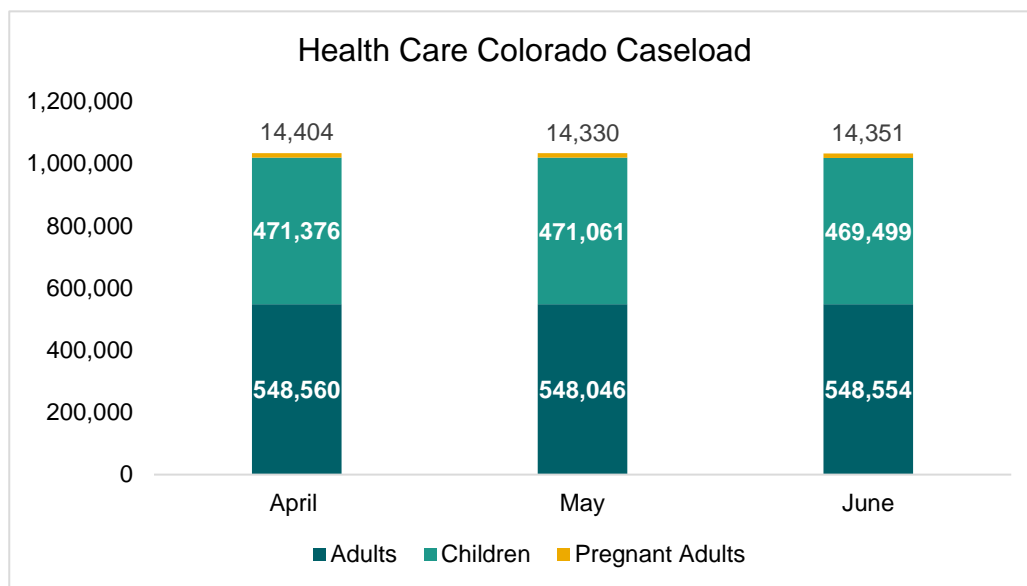


Health First Colorado Enrollment Data

The total number of people enrolled in all Health First Colorado programs **decreased by 14,981 or 1.2%** from the beginning of April to the end of June 2019.

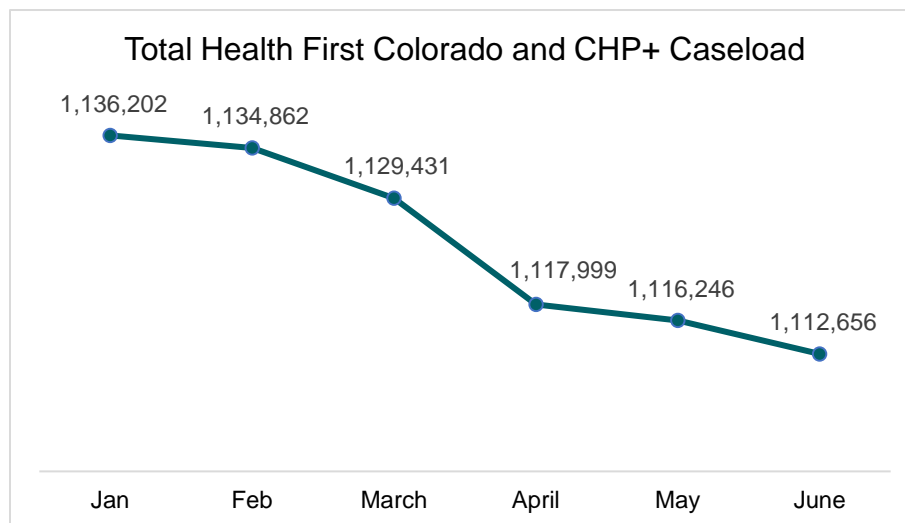
The total number of adults, pregnant adults and children enrolled in non-disability programs (i.e. Modified Adjusted Gross Income, or MAGI programs) for Health First Colorado **decreased by 15,031 or 1.4%** from the beginning of April to the end of June 2019. The largest decrease for adults and children occurred between March and April.

- Health First Colorado enrollment for adults **decreased by 9,375 or 1.7%**.
- Health First Colorado enrollment for pregnant adults **decreased by 58 or 0.4%**.
- Health First Colorado enrollment for children **decreased by 5,598 or 1.2%**.



2019 Trends

The total number of people enrolled in all Health First Colorado and CHP+ programs **decreased by 32,723 or 2.9%** from the beginning of January 2019 to the end of June 2019.



What Impacted Enrollment in Q2?

Overall, enrollment in CHP+ increased in Q2 while enrollment in Health First Colorado decreased. While it remains unclear what is driving these changes, there are several possible factors:

- Colorado's economy is strong, and more Health First Colorado members may be losing eligibility due to increasing family incomes.
- An October 2018 proposed rule by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security would include Medicaid as a factor of declaring a lawful immigrant a 'public charge,' which would thereby impact their ability to get a green card. While the proposed rule was not finalized until August, its announcement has created a 'chilling effect' on enrollment likely persuading many lawful immigrants and their families to not enroll or disenroll in Health First Colorado.
- Re-determination of eligibility begins March 1 and concludes May 1, at which point, based on their reported income, members are either re-enrolled or disenrolled in Health First Colorado. A member's income is verified electronically, if possible, or through submitting documentation of income. As the above statistics track enrollment numbers at the end of the month, a drop due to the re-determination process would be seen in the change from the end of March to the end of April. This could account for some of the large decrease from March to April.

Looking Forward

In the future, we anticipate further decline in enrollment in CHP+ and Health First Colorado, particularly given the recent publication of the final rule from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.