



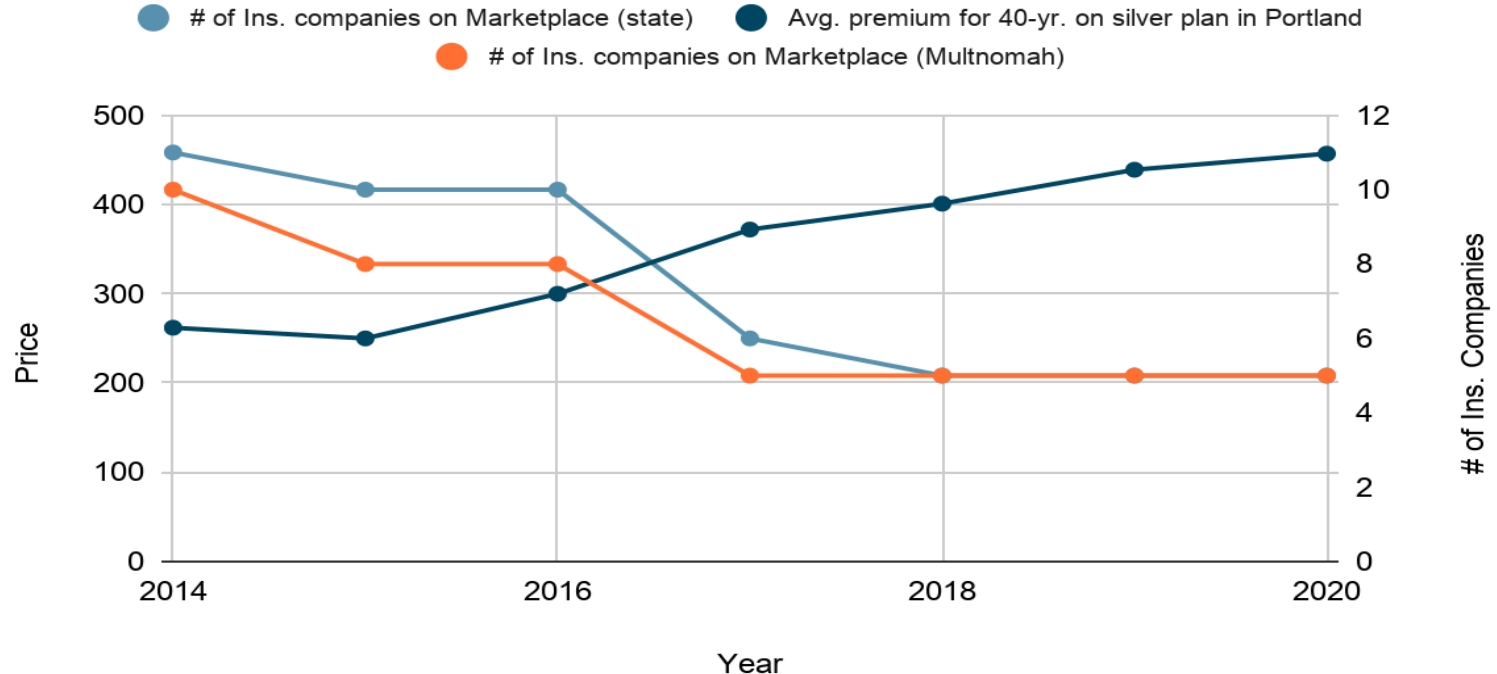
# A Public Option In Oregon

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# Higher Premiums, Fewer Options

## Insurance Companies to Premium Avg. in Oregon (2014-2020)



Source: APAC data and KFF [Insurer Participation on the Marketplace \(2014-2020\)](#)

# Insurance Costs More in Rural Counties

	Multnomah (6 ins. companies)	Marion (5)	Crook (5)	Harney (4)
40 y.o., single	\$402	\$461.10	\$525.60	\$591
% change compared to Multnomah		+14.70%	+30.75%	+47.01%
40 y.o., spouse, 2 children	\$1393.17	\$1440.4	\$1641.1	\$1705.29
% change compared to Multnomah		+3.39%	+17.80%	+22.40%
60 y.o., spouse	\$1894.26	\$1958.5	\$2231.60	\$2318.86
% change compared to Multnomah		+3.39%	+17.81%	+22.42%

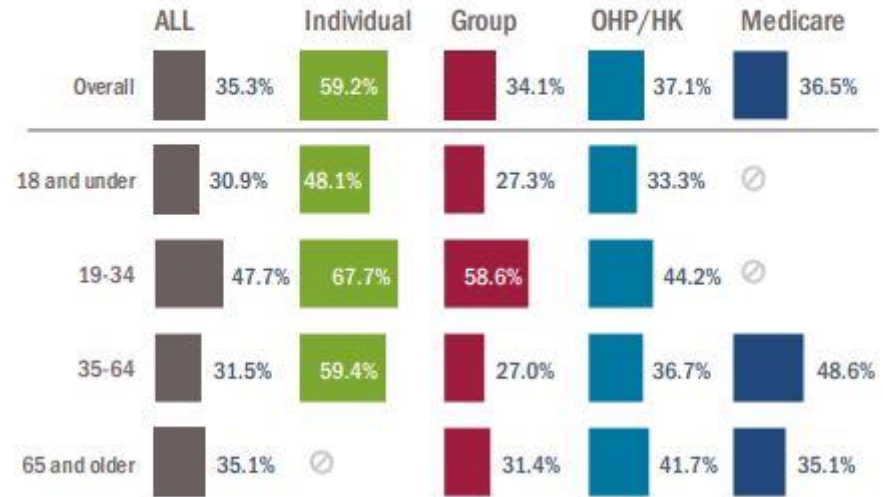
Source: [OR Marketplace Window Shopping Tool \(2021\)](#)

# Many on Marketplace are Underinsured

- Annual deductible greater than 5% of annual household income
- Out-of-pocket medical expenses are greater than 5% of annual household income for a family under 200% FPL
- Out-of-pocket medical expenses are greater than 10% of annual household income for a family over 200% FPL

Figure 2. Underinsurance rates (CF model) among those with the same type of coverage all year, by age group, 2017.

*Oregonians with Individual coverage had the highest rate of underinsurance.*



⊘ There were not enough responses in this group to report findings.

Source: [Oregon Health Insurance Survey](#) (2017)

# Public Option: More Choices & More Competition

- On the Marketplace
  - Direct plan comparison
- More choice
- Encourage private plans to lower premiums and/or increase quality or value of the plans

The screenshot displays the Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace website. The header includes the Oregon.gov logo, navigation links (Enroll at HealthCare.gov, Find local help, About Marketplace coverage, Visit OregonHealthCare.gov, Contact us), and a yellow banner with the Marketplace logo and title. Below the banner, there are links for 'Select Language', 'Start Tool Again', and 'Advice and Explanations'. The main content area is titled 'Comparing Health Plans' and shows two plans side-by-side. On the left, it indicates '2 Plans Selected' and provides a '< Back to Results' button. The plans are compared across several criteria: Insurance Company, Plan Metal Level, Plan Type, Is Referral Required for Specialist visits?, and Is HSA Eligible?. Each criterion has a corresponding row in the comparison table. The first plan is '1. KP OR Gold 1500/30' and the second is '2. BridgeSpan Standard Silver Plan EPO RealValue'. Both plans show their 'Yearly Cost Estimate' and 'Bad Year' cost.

	1. KP OR Gold 1500/30 71287OR0420005-01	2. BridgeSpan Standard Silver Plan EPO RealValue 63474OR0600010-01
Yearly Cost Estimate:	\$6,364	\$7,175
Bad Year: \$12,904		Bad Year: \$14,435
Insurance Company	Kaiser Permanente	BridgeSpan Health
Plan Metal Level	Gold	Silver
Plan Type	EPO	EPO
Is Referral Required for Specialist visits?	Yes	No
Is HSA Eligible?	No	No

# Public Option: Higher Value

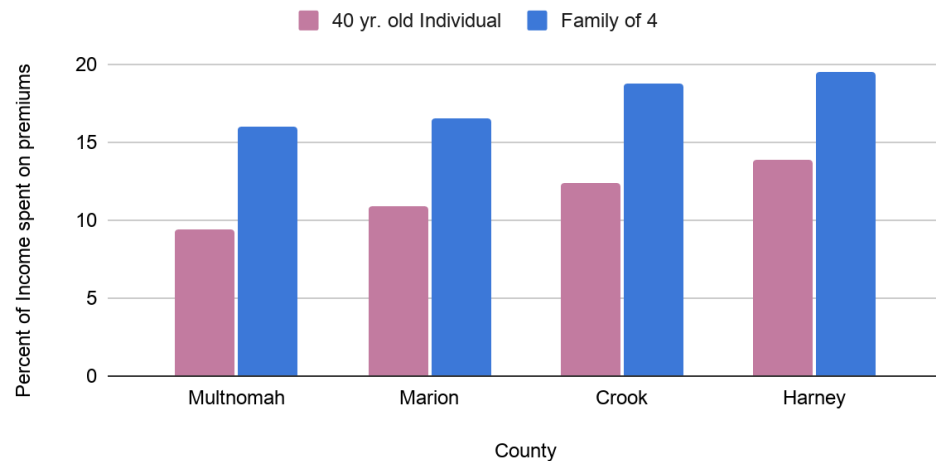


- Reimbursement set at Medicare rates
- CCOs play a role in administration to encourage value-based payments
- Using Oregon Prescription Drug Program helps bring down drug costs
- Higher Value Plans
  - 2021 Deductibles for Washington's Public Option Silver Plans are less than half what the average silver plan was in 2020. (\$2,000 vs \$4,605)

# Public Option: Who Benefits?

- Everyone purchasing insurance on Marketplace
- Especially helps solve specific problems on Marketplace
  - Ineligible for Subsidies
    - Subsidy Cliff (400% FPL)
    - Family Glitch
- Small businesses
- Medicaid Churn

Avg. Annual Silver Plan Premiums as a Percentage of Income at 400% FPL in 2021



# Other states

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- Washington
  - Cascade Care passed in 2019
  - 2021 is first year with public option plans available
- Colorado
  - Bill introduced in 2020 session
  - Likely something coming back in 2021

