

HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE IN THE UNITED STATES

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- In 2010, the percentage of people without health insurance, 16.3 percent, was not statistically different from the rate in 2009 of 16.1 percent. The number of uninsured people increased to 49.9 million in 2010 from 49.0 million in 2009.
 - The percentage of people with health insurance in 2010 was not statistically different from 2009, while the number of insured increased to 256.2 million in 2010 from 255.3 million in 2009.
 - The percentage of people covered by private health insurance decreased in 2010 to 64.0 percent, while the number of people covered by private health insurance was not statistically different from 2009, at 195.9 million. The percentage of people covered by private health insurance has been decreasing since 2001.
 - The percentage and number of people covered by government health insurance increased to 31.0 percent and 95.0 million in 2010 from 30.6 percent and 93.2 million in 2009.
 - The percentage of people covered by employment-based health insurance decreased to 55.3 percent in 2010 from 56.1 percent in 2009. The number of people covered by employment-based health insurance decreased to 169.3 million from 170.8 million.
 - The percentage and number of people covered by Medicaid in 2010, 15.9 percent and 48.6 million, were not statistically different from 2009 estimates. The percentage and number of people covered by Medicare increased in 2010 to 14.5 percent and 44.3 million.
 - In 2010, 9.8 percent of children under age 18 (7.3 million) were without health insurance, not statistically different from the 2009 estimates. The uninsured rate for children in poverty (15.4 percent) was greater than the rate for all children (9.8 percent).
 - The rate and number of uninsured for non-Hispanic Whites in 2010 were 11.7 percent and 23.1 million, not statistically different from 2009. The uninsured rate and the number of uninsured Blacks were 20.8 percent and 8.1 million, not statistically different from 2009.
 - The percentage of uninsured Hispanics decreased to 30.7 percent in 2010 from 31.6 percent in 2009. The number of uninsured Hispanics in 2010 (15.3 million) was not statistically different from 2009.

From selected extracts from the Report's Table 8, one notes that the uninsured rates for non-whites exceeded those for whites, with Asians, blacks, and Hispanics in ascending order of uninsured. The highest uninsured rate was that of persons aged 19 to 25, closely followed by that of persons 25 to 34. The uninsured rates were higher for foreign born than native born or naturalized citizens. There were 9.7 million foreign born uninsureds, but those are all legal immigrants. Illegal immigrants are entirely unlikely to be included in the voluntary, government run survey (CPS) that is the basis for the Census estimates. Lower income persons/families are more likely to be uninsured, and there is a clear negative correspondence between annual income and being uninsured.

HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE IN THE INDIVIDUAL STATES

The U.S. Census Bureau also produces estimates for each State of the number of persons under age 65, including estimates of uninsured and insured persons by source of coverage. These estimates are available for years 1999-2010. They can be downloaded from the Census Bureau Website: http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/hlthins/data/historical/HIB_tables.html. The specific file used in developing the enclosed data can be accessed by clicking here: [Health Insurance Coverage Status and Type of Coverage by State--Persons Under 65: 1999 to 2010](#).

This is the table heading for the extracted data. All of the State estimates are based on persons under age 65.

Table HIB-6 Extract: Health Insurance Coverage Status/Coverage by State--Persons Under 65: 2010												
NOTE: Numbers in thousands. People as of March of the following year.												
Jurisdiction	All People	Not Covered			Privately Insured		Governmentally					
					%	EBI	Total Gov %	Medicaid			Military Health Care (1)	
		Number	%	Δ from 2009		%		% Private	Number	%	Δ from 2009	Number
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

The columns, from left to right, include (1) the State (or U.S. as a whole), (2) total persons under age 65, (3) uninsured persons, (4) the percent of total persons who were uninsured, and (5) the change in the number of persons uninsured from 2009 to 2010; (6) the percent of total persons with private health insurance coverage and (7) the percent those persons with private health insured provided through employment based insurance; (8) the percent of persons covered by government health benefit entitlement programs, (9) the number of persons enrolled in Medicaid, (10) the percent of all persons covered by Medicaid, and (11) the change in Medicaid enrollees from 2009 to 2010; (12) the number of persons covered by military health care including Tricare, Veterans Administration, and military health care, and (13) their percentage of total persons under age 65.

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					Total Gov %	Medicaid			Military Health Care (1)			
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United States:	266,931	49,112	18.4	770	64.9	90.4	21.9	44,993	16.9	798	9,666	3.6
Alabama:	4,034	700	17.4	-66	66.5	90.3	22.9	585	14.5	-159	226	5.6
Alaska:	638	123	19.3	7	63.3	94.4	27.2	90	14.1	10	81	12.7
Arizona:	5,915	1,256	21.2	57	58.1	89.8	25.4	1,174	19.8	-94	249	4.2
Arkansas:	2,452	519	21.2	-14	58.1	91.0	26.2	496	20.2	60	80	3.3
California:	32,918	7,049	21.4	54	60.3	87.7	22.5	6,330	19.2	2	753	2.3
Colorado:	4,507	655	14.5	-63	71.9	85.7	19.8	567	12.6	21	294	6.5
Connecticut:	3,042	374	12.3	-8	75.4	92.4	16.3	413	13.6	89	41	1.4
Delaware:	756	96	12.7	-17	69.6	92.3	23.3	139	18.4	16	27	3.5
DC	531	73	13.8	1	63.2	89.4	27.2	131	24.7	1	6	1.2
Florida:	15,369	3,782	24.6	-154	59.1	89.3	22.0	2,340	15.2	380	834	5.4
Georgia:	8,900	1,883	21.2	-81	61.2	89.4	23.1	1,283	14.4	31	705	7.9
Hawaii:	1,065	93	8.8	5	72.0	91.9	27.6	187	17.6	17	99	9.3
Idaho:	1,344	292	21.7	63	64.5	83.4	18.6	193	14.3	3	45	3.3
Illinois:	11,337	1,884	16.6	91	66.3	91.4	21.3	2,067	18.2	121	210	1.8
Indiana:	5,508	841	15.3	-29	67.4	93.7	24.4	988	17.9	-10	279	5.1
Iowa:	2,605	360	13.8	38	74.1	90.3	17.4	364	14.0	-34	66	2.6
Kansas:	2,387	350	14.7	0	70.8	89.7	20.8	324	13.6	24	144	6.0
Kentucky:	3,747	637	17.0	-36	63.8	92.5	26.8	759	20.3	67	171	4.6
Louisiana:	3,901	875	22.4	232	54.6	89.5	27.9	860	22.1	176	147	3.8
Maine:	1,073	120	11.2	-9	68.0	91.1	30.0	245	22.8	-18	70	6.6
Maryland:	5,037	733	14.5	-9	74.0	91.8	16.1	610	12.1	100	147	2.9
Massachusetts:	5,671	356	6.3	72	76.0	90.9	22.9	1,216	21.4	-43	56	1.0
Michigan:	8,431	1,257	14.9	0	68.5	91.1	22.6	1,591	18.9	194	103	1.2
Minnesota:	4,506	504	11.2	90	75.3	89.9	19.0	693	15.4	-12	107	2.4
Mississippi:	2,543	614	24.1	127	54.3	88.4	26.5	527	20.7	-88	105	4.1
Missouri:	5,172	834	16.1	-38	69.4	87.9	19.1	794	15.3	-27	116	2.2
Montana:	814	174	21.3	27	63.0	83.7	21.6	123	15.1	12	45	5.5

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United States:	266,931	49,112	18.4	770	64.9	90.4	21.9	44,993	16.9	798	9,666	3.6
Nebraska:	1,569	234	14.9	39	73.3	86.5	18.0	183	11.7	-2	88	5.6
Nevada:	2,335	557	23.9	25	64.7	88.6	16.4	232	9.9	-12	125	5.3
New Hampshire:	1,130	134	11.8	6	80.6	91.1	11.1	80	7.0	-18	20	1.8
New Jersey:	7,555	1,314	17.4	85	70.9	92.4	16.1	1,021	13.5	130	46	0.6
New Mexico:	1,737	429	24.7	23	53.6	90.4	28.9	409	23.6	19	88	5.1
New York:	16,766	2,807	16.7	155	64.3	92.4	24.3	3,582	21.4	-317	236	1.4
North Carolina:	8,099	1,563	19.3	-83	59.7	91.3	25.5	1,469	18.1	239	494	6.1
North Dakota:	551	83	15.0	18	75.3	83.4	15.9	56	10.1	3	27	4.9
Ohio:	9,856	1,528	15.5	-46	68.8	92.1	19.6	1,528	15.5	0	207	2.1
Oklahoma:	3,170	623	19.7	-26	63.5	92.0	24.7	540	17.0	30	198	6.3
Oregon:	3,261	611	18.7	-45	67.6	88.5	18.3	475	14.6	13	65	2.0
Pennsylvania:	10,461	1,353	12.9	19	72.6	90.9	19.5	1,679	16.1	-97	175	1.7
Rhode Island:	896	117	13.1	-4	69.5	91.9	22.6	166	18.5	-11	27	3.0
South Carolina:	3,878	920	23.7	165	60.0	90.4	21.5	575	14.8	20	163	4.2
South Dakota:	697	105	15.0	0	71.1	87.0	20.5	94	13.5	-2	44	6.3
Tennessee:	5,527	923	16.7	-10	63.1	90.0	26.6	1,038	18.8	92	296	5.4
Texas:	22,628	6,081	26.9	-105	55.9	91.9	20.8	3,692	16.3	48	757	3.3
Utah:	2,533	384	15.2	-8	75.9	91.5	14.5	252	9.9	7	67	2.7
Vermont:	542	59	10.8	2	68.8	91.8	28.8	135	25.0	5	14	2.7
Virginia:	6,884	1,083	15.7	107	71.8	89.8	18.9	590	8.6	-168	633	9.2
Washington:	5,844	918	15.7	75	66.0	89.7	24.8	935	16.0	-49	479	8.2
West Virginia:	1,563	241	15.5	-2	62.6	96.3	28.7	314	20.1	22	77	4.9
Wisconsin:	4,770	519	10.9	30	75.1	90.5	19.8	801	16.8	3	107	2.3
Wyoming:	476	92	19.3	9	67.8	91.0	18.3	62	12.9	6	24	5.0

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplements. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see www.census.gov/apssd/techdoc/cps/cpsmar11.pdf[PDF].