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Census Data on Uninsured Women and Children September 2006

The March of Dimes each year commissions the U.S. Census Bureau to prepare the most recent data nationally and by state on the health insurance status of women of childbearing age (15-44) and children under age 19.

HIGHLIGHTS OF NATIONAL DATA FOR 2005

Women of Childbearing Age (15-44):

- One in five women of childbearing age—12.9 million—was uninsured in 2005, showing no improvement over 2004.
 - These women accounted for 28% of all uninsured Americans.
 - At 20.8%, the uninsured rate for women of childbearing age is greater than that for Americans under age 65 overall (17.9%).
- Hispanic women in this age group were over 2.5 times as likely as non-Hispanic whites to be uninsured—39% compared with 15%. Native American (36%), African-American (24%) and Asian/Pacific Islander women (22%) were also more likely than non-Hispanic whites to be uninsured.
- Among Hispanics, Mexican (43%) and Central/South American (38%) women were uninsured at the highest rates, compared with Puerto Ricans (20%) and all other Hispanic women (26%).

Children Under Age 19:

- In 2005, 9 million (11.6%) of the nation's 78 million children under age 19 were uninsured—an increase of over 300,000 from last year's figures and the first increase since 1998.
- Hispanic children were nearly three times as likely as non-Hispanic whites to be uninsured--22% compared with 8%. Native American (27%), African-American (13%) and Asian/Pacific Islander children (13%) were also more likely than non-Hispanic whites to be uninsured.

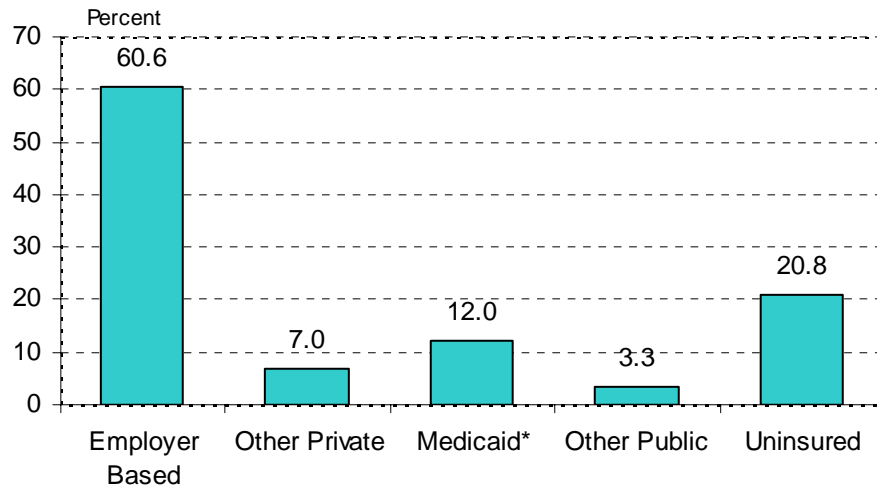
- Among Hispanic children, Mexicans (25%) and Central/South Americans (22%) were uninsured at the highest rates, compared with Puerto Ricans (11%) and all other Hispanic children (12%).
- Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program remain critical sources of health insurance for children, covering 26% of those under age 19 according to these latest Census figures.

HIGHLIGHTS OF STATE DATA

- The rates of uninsured vary by state. (See table attached.) For example, Texas (32.5%) and New Mexico (31.3%) had the highest average rates of uninsured for women of childbearing age over the 2003-2005 period, while Minnesota (10.6%) and Hawaii (11.6%) had the lowest.
- For children under age 19, Texas (20.3%) and Florida (16.9%) had the highest average rates of uninsured children, and Vermont (5.6%) and New Hampshire (6.0%) had the lowest over the 2003-2005 period.
- The attached state data are the best and latest available Census Bureau estimates. Census presents these state data using a three-year average (2003-2005) because small sample sizes make single-year state data less reliable. While the March of Dimes has computed state rankings based on the percentage of uninsured, differences in the rates among states are often small and may not be significant.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement. Data prepared for the March of Dimes.

Women Ages 15-44, by Type of Health Insurance Coverage, 2005



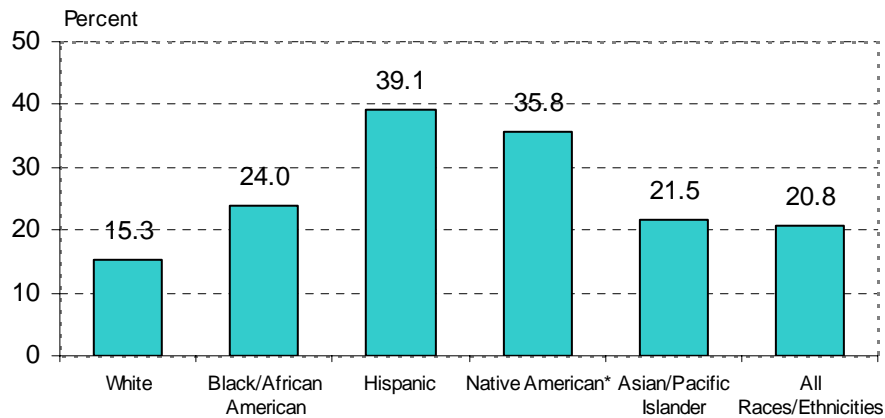
*Includes State Children's Health Insurance Program.

Note: Categories may sum to more than 100 percent because individuals can have more than one source of coverage.

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Women Ages 15-44 Who Are Uninsured, by Race/Ethnicity, 2005



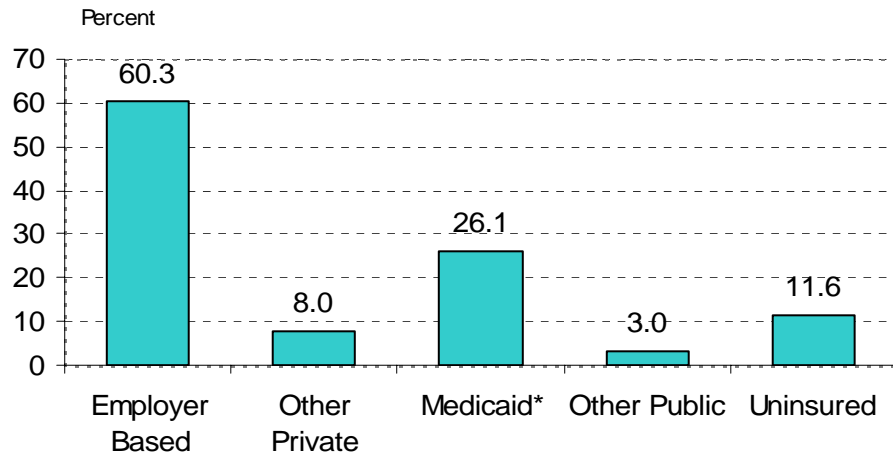
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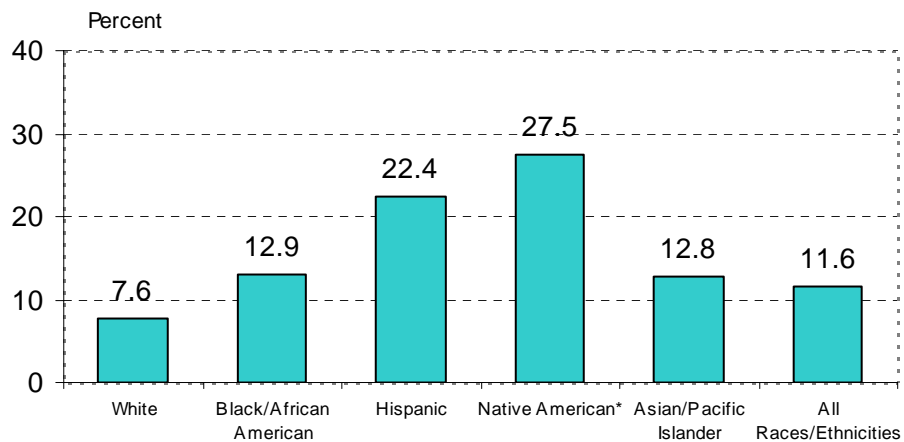
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Uninsured Women of Childbearing Age and Children, by State (2003-2005 Average)						
	Women Ages 15-44			Children Under Age 19		
	Number (in thousands)	Percent	Rank	Number (in thousands)	Percent	Rank
Alabama	194	20.5	33	83	7.2	13
Alaska	30	21.8	36	20	10.3	31
Arizona	280	23.5	40	262	16.0	46
Arkansas	144	25.6	45	71	10.0	29
California	1,846	23.9	43	1358	13.4	43
Colorado	211	21.2	35	175	14.3	44
Connecticut	103	14.4	11	73	8.3	15
Delaware	25	14.2	10	23	10.8	32
District of Columbia	20	14.5	13	10	8.9	23
Florida	922	26.9	47	713	16.9	50
Georgia	451	22.7	38	304	12.4	41
Hawaii	29	11.6	2	20	6.2	4
Idaho	65	22.2	37	48	11.9	39
Illinois	484	17.9	25	374	10.9	33
Indiana	256	19.8	30	161	9.6	28
Iowa	78	13.1	6	51	6.9	10
Kansas	83	14.8	14	49	6.7	8
Kentucky	155	17.9	24	93	8.9	22
Louisiana	255	27.1	48	132	11.0	34
Maine	32	12.1	3	21	6.9	9
Maryland	217	18.1	27	133	9.2	25
Massachusetts	185	13.5	7	104	6.6	7
Michigan	313	14.9	16	163	6.1	3
Minnesota	115	10.6	1	85	6.5	5
Mississippi	141	22.8	39	103	12.7	42
Missouri	190	15.8	20	119	8.1	14
Montana	47	25.9	46	37	16.2	47
Nebraska	52	14.5	12	31	6.5	6
Nevada	119	24.0	44	106	16.4	48
New Hampshire	42	15.7	19	19	6.0	2
New Jersey	342	19.2	29	255	11.1	36
New Mexico	121	31.3	50	87	16.6	49
New York	737	18.0	26	417	8.6	18
North Carolina	370	20.3	32	269	11.9	40
North Dakota	16	12.5	5	14	9.1	24
Ohio	351	15.0	17	249	8.4	17
Oklahoma	205	28.4	49	144	15.9	45
Oregon	175	23.8	42	107	11.8	38
Pennsylvania	374	15.1	18	277	9.2	26
Rhode Island	31	13.6	8	19	7.0	11
South Carolina	175	19.9	31	103	9.5	27
South Dakota	23	14.9	15	18	8.8	21
Tennessee	204	16.4	21	150	10.1	30
Texas	1602	32.5	51	1359	20.3	51
Utah	101	18.3	28	89	11.0	35
Vermont	17	13.7	9	8	5.6	1
Virginia	277	17.4	23	168	8.7	19
Washington	226	17.2	22	132	8.3	16
West Virginia	84	23.8	41	36	8.8	20
Wisconsin	138	12.1	4	101	7.2	12
Wyoming	21	20.9	34	14	11.4	37
United States (3-yr avg)	12,676	20.5	--	8,961	11.5	--

Source: Data prepared for the March of Dimes by the Bureau of the Census using 2004 – 2006 Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplements, except rankings computed by the March of Dimes. Notes: State data are compiled using three-year averages because small sample sizes make single-year state data less reliable. Rankings are based on more than one decimal place; differences among states may not be significant.

