

## Census Data on Uninsured Women and Children September 2008

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

### HIGHLIGHTS OF NATIONAL DATA FOR 2007

#### Women of Childbearing Age (15-44):

- One in five women of childbearing age—12.2 million—was uninsured in 2007, showing slight improvement over 2006.
  - At nearly 20%, the uninsured rate for women of childbearing age is greater than that for Americans under age 65 overall (17.1%).
  - These women accounted for 26.7% of all uninsured Americans.
- Hispanic women in this age group were more than twice as likely as non-Hispanic whites to be uninsured—37.3% compared with 14.1%. Native American (34.0%), African-American (24.0%) and Asian women (17.1%) were also more likely than whites to be uninsured.
- Among Hispanics, Mexican (41.2%) and Central/South American (37.1%) women were uninsured at the highest rates, compared with 17.6% of Puerto Ricans and 27.7% for all other Hispanic women.

#### Children Under Age 19:

- In 2007, about 8.9 million (11.3%) of the nation's 78.7 million children under 19 were uninsured—a slight decrease in the number of uninsured in 2006.

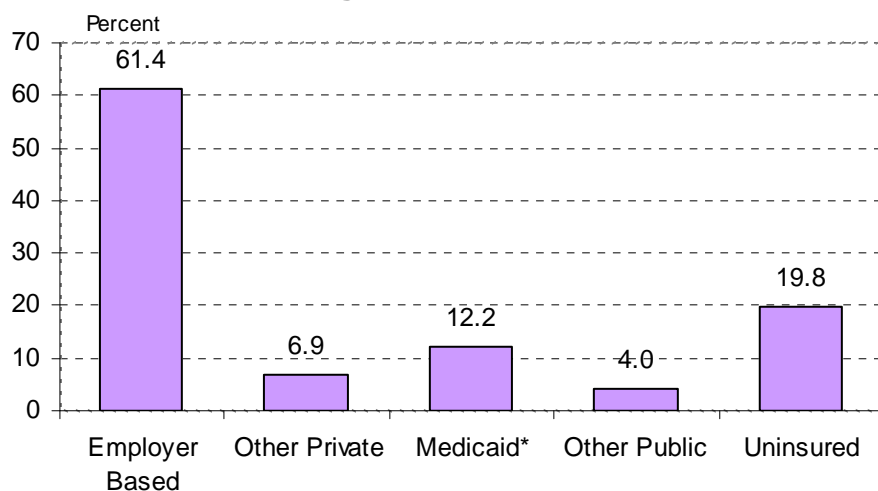
- Hispanic children were nearly three times as likely as non-Hispanic whites to be uninsured—20.7% compared with 7.5%. Native American (18.8%), African-American (12.8%) and Asian children (11.9%) were also more likely than whites to be uninsured.
- Among Hispanic children, Mexicans (22.3%) and Central/South Americans (19.6%) were uninsured at the highest rates, compared with 10.9% of Puerto Ricans and 18.2% for all other Hispanic children.
- Medicaid and the State Children’s Health Insurance Program remain critical sources of health insurance for children—covering 27.6% of those under age 19, according to the Census data.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF STATE DATA

- The rates of uninsured vary by state. (See attached Table.) For example, Texas (31.4%) and New Mexico (30.3%) had the highest average rates of uninsured women of childbearing age from 2005-2007, while Massachusetts (10.1%), Hawaii (10.4%) and Wisconsin (10.9%) had the lowest.
- For children under 19, Texas (20.9%) and Florida (19.1%) had the highest rates, and Massachusetts (4.8%), Iowa (5.5%), and Michigan (5.7%) had the lowest.
- The attached state data are the best and latest available Census Bureau estimates. Census presents these state data using a three-year average (2005-2007) 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, March 2008 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, 2007

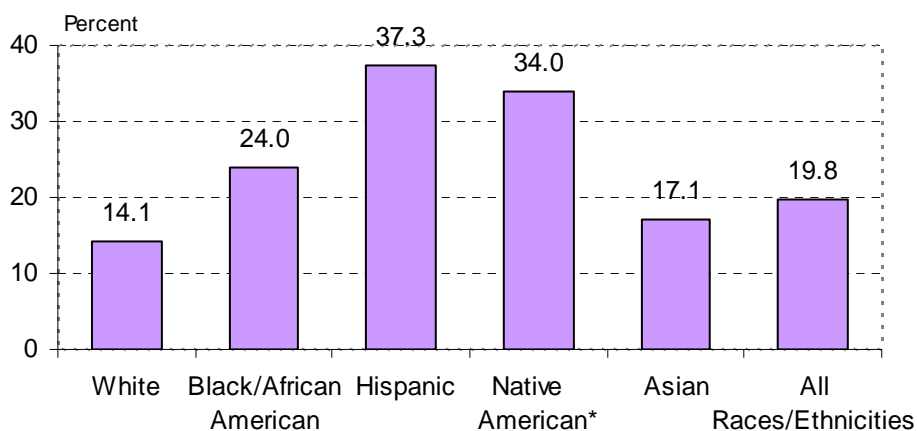


\*Includes State Children's Health Insurance Program.

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, 2007

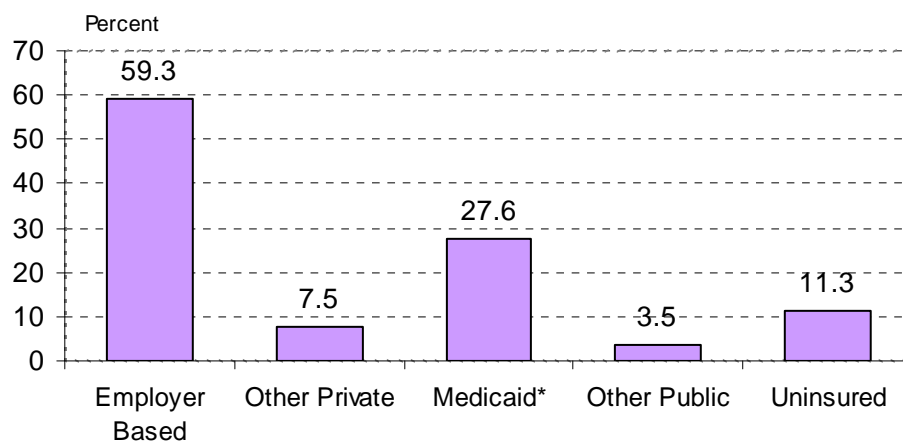


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## Children Under Age 19, by Type of Health Insurance Coverage, 2007

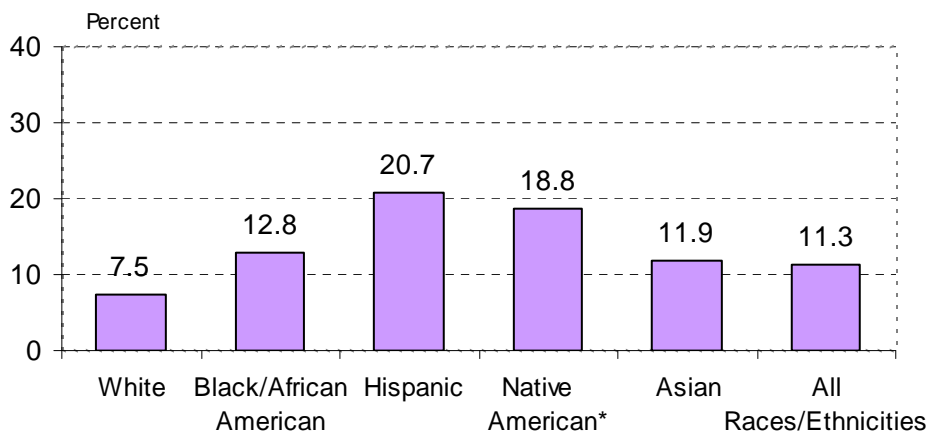


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## Children Under Age 19 Who Are Uninsured, by Race/Ethnicity, 2007



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<b>Uninsured Women of Childbearing Age and Children, by State 2005-2007</b>							
	<b>Women Ages 15-44</b>			<b>Children Under Age 19</b>			
	<b>Number (thousands)</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Number (thousands)</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Rank</b>	
Alabama	186	19.7	31	78	6.7	8	
Alaska	31	22.4	40	20	10.3	32	
Arizona	325	25.7	47	286	16.4	48	
Arkansas	145	25.6	45	69	9.5	28	
California	1,756	22.7	42	1,294	12.8	41	
Colorado	212	21.0	34	172	13.8	44	
Connecticut	94	13.5	10	60	6.9	9	
Delaware	27	15.0	17	23	10.6	33	
District of Columbia	17	11.9	6	9	7.3	14	
Florida	942	27.0	49	822	19.1	50	
Georgia	464	22.6	41	313	12.2	36	
Hawaii	26	10.4	2	18	5.8	4	
Idaho	60	19.8	32	51	12.0	34	
Illinois	454	17.0	21	305	9.0	25	
Indiana	228	17.6	24	132	7.9	19	
Iowa	77	13.1	8	41	5.5	2	
Kansas	94	17.0	22	53	7.2	13	
Kentucky	167	19.4	29	92	8.7	21	
Louisiana	229	25.6	46	145	12.7	40	
Maine	29	11.3	5	19	6.4	6	
Maryland	216	18.0	26	141	9.7	29	
Massachusetts	135	10.1	1	76	4.8	1	
Michigan	315	15.5	19	148	5.7	3	
Minnesota	120	11.2	4	91	6.9	10	
Mississippi	153	25.2	44	122	14.9	46	
Missouri	217	18.2	27	138	9.3	27	
Montana	39	21.5	36	32	13.9	45	
Nebraska	51	14.4	13	41	8.7	23	
Nevada	116	22.3	38	111	16.2	47	
New Hampshire	37	13.9	12	21	6.6	7	
New Jersey	344	19.5	30	279	12.5	38	
New Mexico	122	30.3	50	96	17.9	49	
New York	704	17.4	23	415	8.7	22	
North Carolina	409	22.0	37	303	13.0	42	
North Dakota	16	13.3	9	14	9.1	26	
Ohio	334	14.5	15	224	7.7	16	
Oklahoma	196	26.9	48	119	12.6	39	
Oregon	167	22.3	39	111	12.1	35	
Pennsylvania	299	12.3	7	222	7.6	15	
Rhode Island	30	13.6	11	18	7.0	12	
South Carolina	185	20.8	33	134	12.2	37	
South Dakota	24	15.4	18	18	8.8	24	
Tennessee	203	16.1	20	130	8.5	20	
Texas	1,588	31.4	51	1,447	20.9	51	
Utah	108	18.9	28	109	13.0	43	
Vermont	18	14.5	14	11	7.7	17	
Virginia	283	17.8	25	194	10.0	31	
Washington	196	14.7	16	126	7.8	18	
West Virginia	80	23.1	43	29	7.0	11	
Wisconsin	122	10.9	3	81	5.8	5	
Wyoming	22	21.5	35	13	9.7	30	
United States	12,410	20.1	--	9,016	11.5	--	

Source: Data prepared for the March of Dimes by the U.S. Census Bureau using March 2006 – March 2008 Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplements. 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. The United States averages in this table should be used only in comparison to state rates; refer to the data highlighted on p. 1 when citing 2007 national figures.