

Census Data on Uninsured Women and Children September 2009

The March of Dimes annually 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 2008

Women of Childbearing Age (15-44):

- One in five women of childbearing age—12.4 million—were uninsured in 2008, showing a slight increase over 2007.
 - At 20.1%, the uninsured rate for women of childbearing age is greater than that for Americans under age 65 overall (17.3%).
 - These women account for 27.1% of all uninsured Americans.
- Hispanic women in this age group were more than twice as likely as non-Hispanic whites to be uninsured—37.0% compared with 14.5%. Native American (29.1%), African-American (23.6%) and Asian women (20.3%) were also more likely than whites to be uninsured.
- Among Hispanics, Mexican (41.2%) and Central/South American (36.4%) women were uninsured at the highest rates, compared with 16.7% of Puerto Ricans and 27.1% for all other Hispanic women.

Children Under Age 19:

- In 2008, about 8.0 million (10.3%) of the nation's 78.7 million children under 19 were uninsured—a significant decrease in the rate of uninsured from 2007.
- Hispanic children were more than twice as likely as non-Hispanic whites to be uninsured—17.9% compared with 7.1%. Native American (16.3%), African-American (11.2%) and Asian children (11.4%) were also more likely than whites to be uninsured.

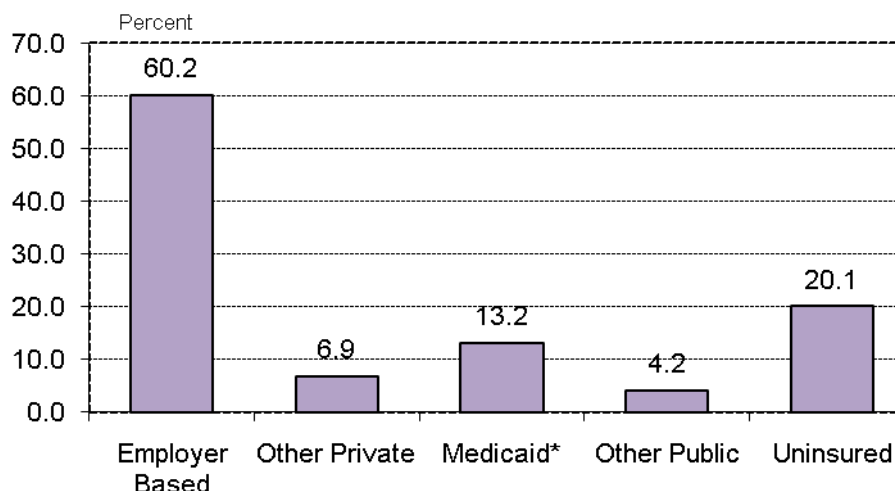
- Among Hispanic children, Mexicans (19.6%) and Central/South Americans (17.8%) were uninsured at the highest rates, compared with 7.2% of Puerto Ricans and 13.9% for all other Hispanic children.
- Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program remain critical sources of health insurance for children—almost 30% 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 the second consecutive year, Texas (32.2%) and New Mexico (30.8%) had the highest average rates of uninsured women of childbearing age from 2006-2008, while Massachusetts (9.0%), Hawaii (10.1%) and Wisconsin (10.8%) had the lowest.
- For children under 19, Texas (20.8%) and Florida (18.8%) had the highest rates, and Massachusetts (4.5%), Wisconsin (5.5%), and Iowa (5.5%) 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 (2006-2008) 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 2009 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, 2008

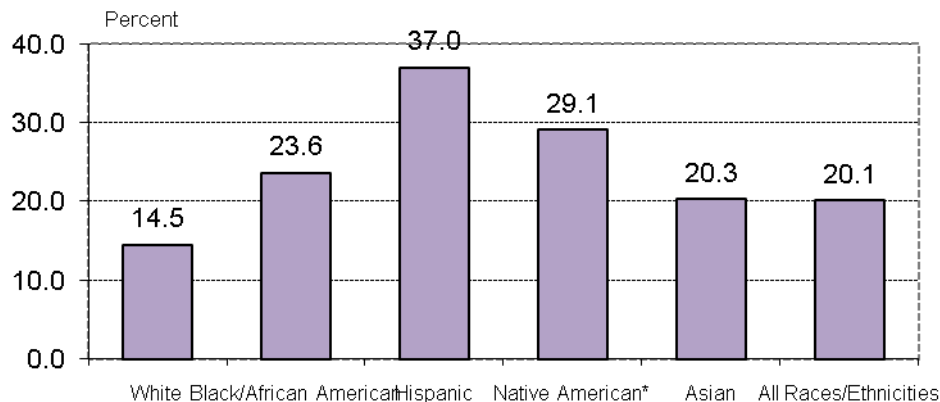


*Includes Children's Health Insurance Program.

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, 2008

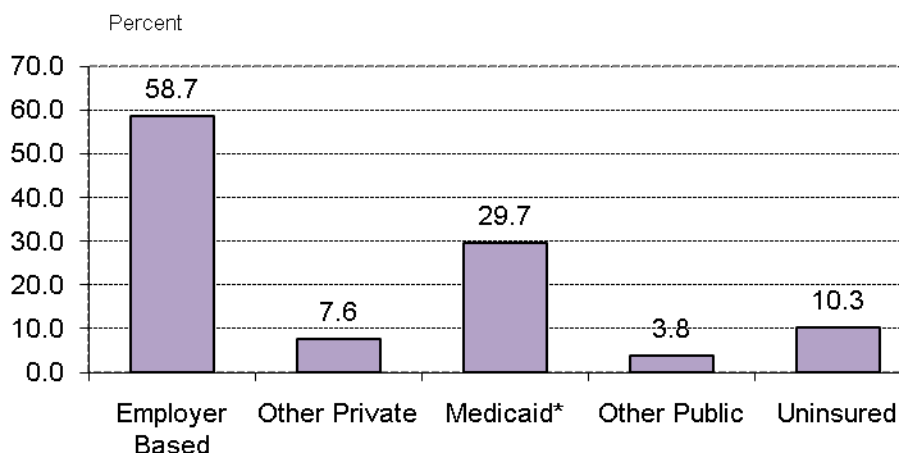


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Children Under Age 19, by Type of Health Insurance Coverage, 2008

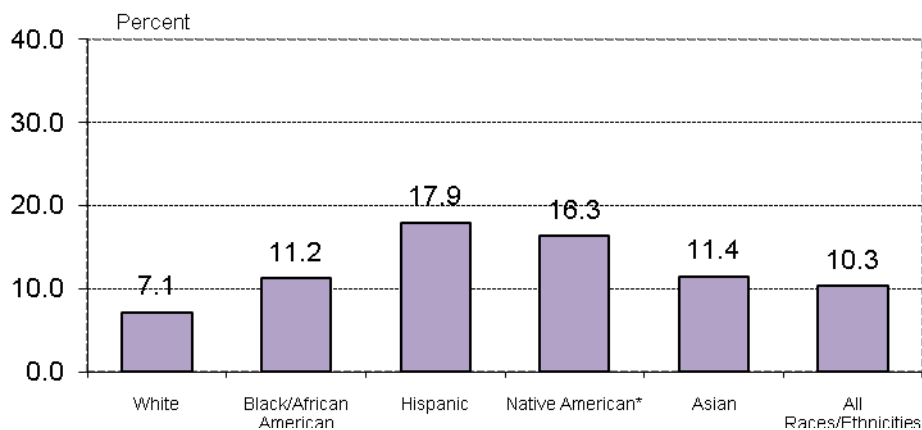


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Uninsured Women of Childbearing Age and Children, by State, 2006-2008						
	Women Ages 15-44			Children Under Age 19		
	Number (thousands)	Percent	Rank	Number (thousands)	Percent	Rank
Alabama	175	18.6	29	78	6.6	10
Alaska	34	23.9	43	24	12.3	39
Arizona	325	25.4	46	287	16.0	47
Arkansas	146	26.0	48	66	8.8	23
California	1,763	22.7	41	1,189	11.9	35
Colorado	213	21.0	34	171	13.5	44
Connecticut	84	12.2	8	53	6.1	8
Delaware	27	15.2	17	22	9.9	31
District of Columbia	16	10.9	4	9	7.3	17
Florida	943	27.0	49	808	18.8	50
Georgia	460	22.3	40	315	12.0	36
Hawaii	25	10.1	2	17	5.7	5
Idaho	62	20.7	33	49	11.2	33
Illinois	446	16.7	20	265	7.9	19
Indiana	220	17.2	22	111	6.6	11
Iowa	85	14.7	13	42	5.5	3
Kansas	98	18.0	28	67	9.0	25
Kentucky	191	22.2	39	103	9.6	29
Louisiana	231	25.6	47	157	13.5	45
Maine	29	11.6	5	17	5.7	6
Maryland	209	17.7	26	130	9.0	26
Massachusetts	120	9.0	1	70	4.5	1
Michigan	319	15.9	18	144	5.6	4
Minnesota	127	12.2	7	93	7.1	14
Mississippi	151	25.2	45	127	15.3	46
Missouri	209	17.6	24	133	8.9	24
Montana	39	21.9	37	30	12.9	42
Nebraska	53	15.0	15	48	10.2	32
Nevada	120	23.0	42	124	17.8	49
New Hampshire	35	13.4	9	19	6.0	7
New Jersey	341	19.6	30	277	12.7	41
New Mexico	125	30.8	50	89	16.6	48
New York	697	17.2	21	397	8.4	20
North Carolina	415	22.1	38	289	12.2	38
North Dakota	17	13.6	10	14	8.7	22
Ohio	339	14.8	14	206	7.0	13
Oklahoma	174	24.2	44	110	11.4	34
Oregon	157	21.0	35	113	12.4	40
Pennsylvania	292	12.1	6	220	7.5	18
Rhode Island	30	13.6	11	18	7.2	16
South Carolina	179	20.0	31	146	13.1	43
South Dakota	25	16.1	19	20	9.5	28
Tennessee	218	17.4	23	133	8.6	21
Texas	1,636	32.2	51	1,461	20.8	51
Utah	104	17.7	25	105	12.0	37
Vermont	17	13.7	12	10	7.0	12
Virginia	284	17.9	27	190	9.7	30
Washington	201	15.1	16	116	7.1	15
West Virginia	75	21.7	36	27	6.5	9
Wisconsin	120	10.8	3	77	5.5	2
Wyoming	21	20.6	32	12	9.0	27
United States	12,423	20.1	--	8,797	11.2	--

Source: Data prepared for the March of Dimes by the U.S. Census Bureau using March 2007–March 2009 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 2008 national figures.