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Census Data on Uninsured Women and Children September 2007

The March of Dimes each year commissions the U.S. Census Bureau to prepare 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 2006

Women of Childbearing Age (15-44):

- One in five women of childbearing age—12.6 million—was uninsured in 2006, showing no improvement over 2005.
 - These women accounted for 27.2% of all uninsured Americans.
 - At 20.4%, the uninsured rate for women of childbearing age is greater than that for Americans under age 65 overall (17.8%).
- Hispanic women in this age group were nearly 3 times as likely as non-Hispanic whites to be uninsured—39.5% compared with 14.3%. Native American (38.9%), African-American (24.0%) and Asian/Pacific Islander women (18.2%) were also more likely than whites to be uninsured.
- Among Hispanics, Mexican (43.4%) and Central/South American (39.9%) women were uninsured at the highest rates, compared with 20.9% of Puerto Ricans and 27.3% for all other Hispanic women.

Children Under Age 19:

- In 2006, 9.4 million (12.1%) of the nation's 78 million children under 19 were uninsured—an increase of more than 700,000 children over last year's figures and an increase for a second consecutive year.
- Hispanic children were three times as likely as non-Hispanic whites to be uninsured—22.8% compared with 7.6%. Native American (23.9%), African-

American (14.6%) and Asian/Pacific Islander children (12.3%) were also more likely than whites to be uninsured.

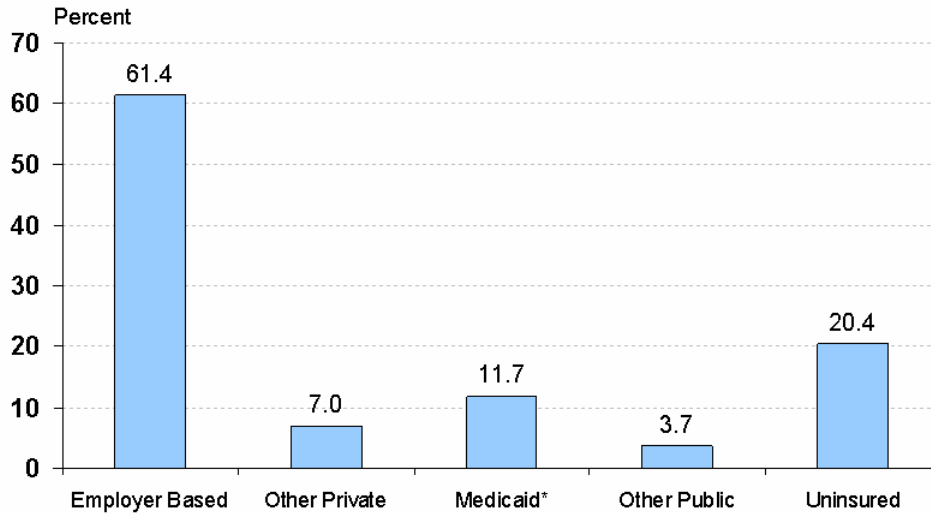
- Among Hispanic children, Mexicans (24.9%) and Central/South Americans (23.5%) were uninsured at the highest rates, compared with 11.5% of Puerto Ricans and 15.0% for all other Hispanic children.
- Medicaid and the State Children’s Health Insurance Program remain critical sources of health insurance for children—covering 26.5% of those under age 19, according to the Census data.

HIGHLIGHTS OF STATE DATA

- The rates of uninsured vary by state. (See table attached.) For example, Texas (31.3%) and New Mexico (29.7%) had the highest average rates of uninsured for women of childbearing age over the 2004-2006 period, while Minnesota (10.8%), Hawaii (10.8%) and Maine (11.4%) had the lowest.
- For children under 19, Texas (20.7%) and Florida (17.8%) both continued to increase and had the highest rates, and Hawaii (5.5%) and Michigan (5.6%) 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 (2004-2006) 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 2007 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, 2006



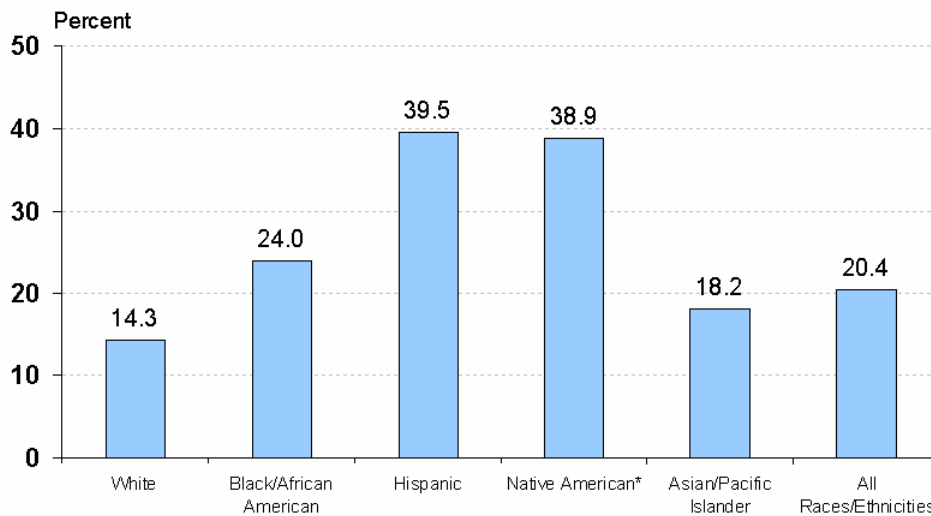
*Includes State Children's Health Insurance Program.

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, 2006



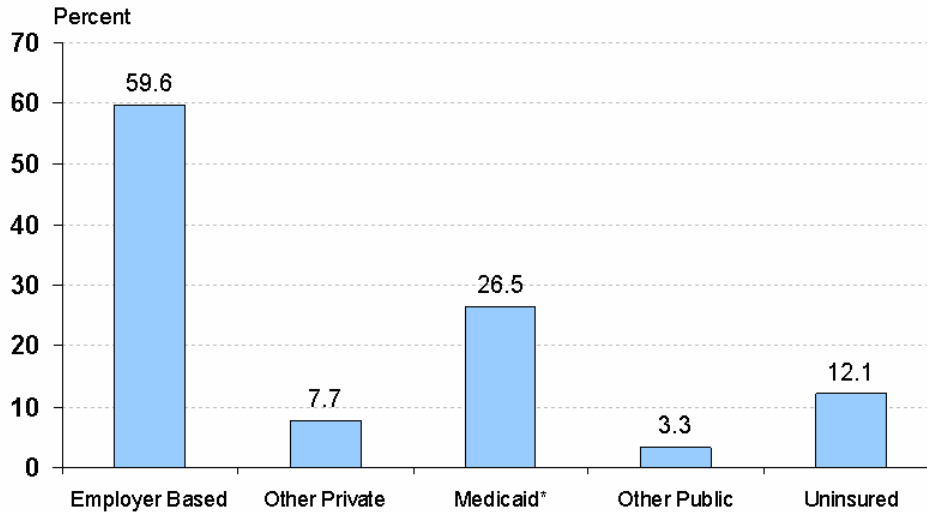
*Includes American Indian and Alaska Native.

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Children Under Age 19, by Type of Health Insurance Coverage, 2006



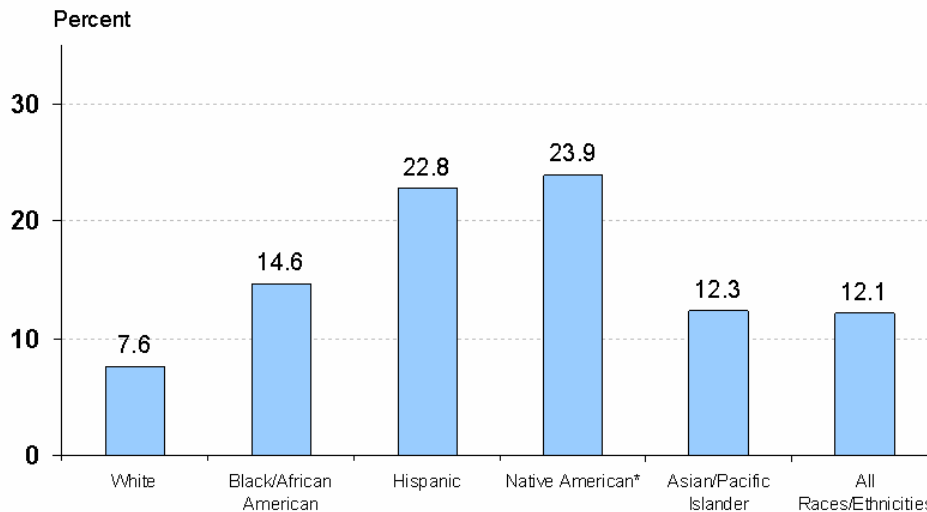
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Uninsured Women of Childbearing Age and Children, by State 2004-2006							
	Women Ages 15-44			Children Under Age 19			
	Number (thousands)	Percent	Rank	Number (thousands)	Percent	Rank	
Alabama	188	19.9	32	73	6.3	6	
Alaska	30	21.5	37	19	9.7	30	
Arizona	299	24.4	45	279	16.5	47	
Arkansas	143	25.3	46	70	9.7	31	
California	1,768	22.8	40	1,341	13.2	42	
Colorado	209	20.9	36	177	14.3	45	
Connecticut	99	14.1	14	63	7.3	13	
Delaware	25	14.3	16	25	11.9	37	
District of Columbia	18	13.0	7	9	7.8	17	
Florida	946	27.2	48	761	17.8	50	
Georgia	444	22.0	38	305	12.2	39	
Hawaii	27	10.8	2	17	5.5	1	
Idaho	61	20.6	34	47	11.4	35	
Illinois	444	16.5	22	355	10.4	33	
Indiana	246	18.9	28	151	9.0	25	
Iowa	76	12.8	6	46	6.2	5	
Kansas	87	15.7	20	51	7.0	12	
Kentucky	160	18.5	27	89	8.5	21	
Louisiana	240	26.3	47	126	11.0	34	
Maine	30	11.4	3	19	6.4	9	
Maryland	212	17.7	26	133	9.2	27	
Massachusetts	177	13.0	8	92	5.8	3	
Michigan	303	14.7	17	149	5.6	2	
Minnesota	116	10.8	1	91	6.9	11	
Mississippi	146	23.8	42	122	14.9	46	
Missouri	210	17.5	25	122	8.3	20	
Montana	43	23.8	43	32	14.2	44	
Nebraska	48	13.4	11	34	7.4	14	
Nevada	119	23.2	41	113	16.9	48	
New Hampshire	38	14.2	15	21	6.6	10	
New Jersey	338	19.1	29	260	11.5	36	
New Mexico	117	29.7	50	95	17.7	49	
New York	699	17.2	23	383	8.0	18	
North Carolina	379	20.6	35	282	12.3	40	
North Dakota	16	13.1	9	15	9.5	28	
Ohio	308	13.2	10	217	7.4	15	
Oklahoma	201	27.9	49	128	13.9	43	
Oregon	177	24.0	44	110	12.0	38	
Pennsylvania	330	13.5	13	242	8.1	19	
Rhode Island	29	12.8	5	17	6.4	8	
South Carolina	174	19.7	31	106	9.8	32	
South Dakota	24	15.4	19	18	8.9	24	
Tennessee	199	15.8	21	128	8.5	22	
Texas	1,565	31.3	51	1,401	20.7	51	
Utah	109	19.4	30	105	12.9	41	
Vermont	17	13.4	12	9	6.3	7	
Virginia	276	17.3	24	175	9.1	26	
Washington	202	15.3	18	121	7.6	16	
West Virginia	80	22.8	39	35	8.5	23	
Wisconsin	134	11.8	4	81	5.8	4	
Wyoming	20	20.3	33	12	9.6	29	
United States	12,346	20.0	--	8,873	11.4	--	

Source: Data prepared for the March of Dimes by the U.S. Census Bureau using March 2004 – March 2006 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 2006 national figures.