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Census Data on Uninsured Women and Children September 2005

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 2004

Women of Childbearing Age (15-44):

- One in five women of childbearing age—12.7 million—was uninsured in 2004, showing no improvement over 2003.
 - These women accounted for 28% of all uninsured Americans.
 - At 20.6%, 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 about 2.5 times as likely as non-Hispanic whites to be uninsured—39% compared with 15%. Native American (32%), African-American (25%) and Asian/Pacific Islander women (19%) were also more likely than whites to be uninsured.
- Among Hispanics, Mexican (43%) and Central/South American (39%) women were uninsured at the highest rates, compared with 21% of Puerto Ricans and 27% for all other Hispanic women.

Children Under Age 19:

- In 2004, 9 million (11.6%) of the nation's 78 million children under 19 were uninsured—showing no improvement over 2003.
- Hispanic children were nearly three times as likely as non-Hispanic whites to be uninsured—22% compared with nearly 8%. Native American (20%), African-American (13%) and Asian children (11%) were also more likely than whites to be uninsured.

- Among Hispanic children, Mexicans (24%) and Central/South Americans (21%) were uninsured at the highest rates, compared with 11% of Puerto Ricans and 17% for all other Hispanic children.
- Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program remain critical sources of health insurance for children—covering 26% of those under age 19 in 2004, according to the Census data.¹

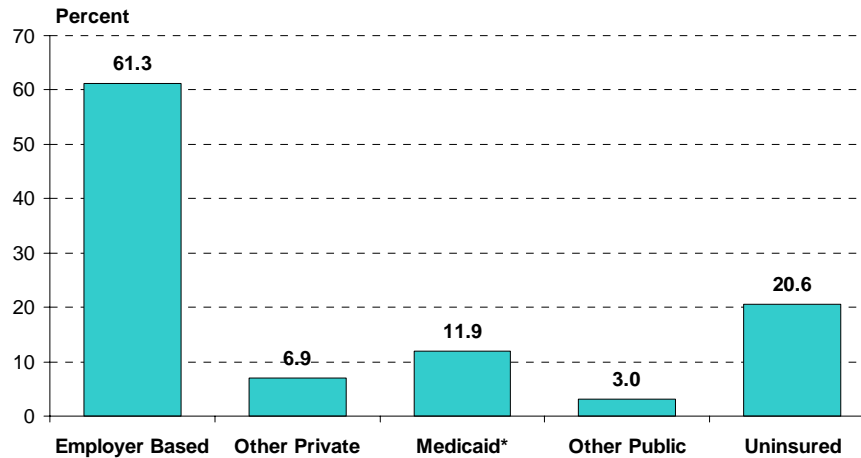
HIGHLIGHTS OF STATE DATA

- The rates of uninsured vary by state. (See table attached.) For example, Texas (33.1%) and New Mexico (30.6%) had the highest average rates of uninsured for women of childbearing age over the 2002-2004 period, while Minnesota (10.3%) and Wisconsin (11.9%) had the lowest.
- For children under 19, Texas (21.6%) and Nevada (18.1%) had the highest rates, and Vermont (5.5%) and New Hampshire (6.1%) 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 (2002-2004) 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 statistically significant.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005 Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement. Data prepared for the March of Dimes.

¹ Census data undercount Medicaid and SCHIP enrollment compared with program administration data from the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare services. According to program administration data, one-third of children are enrolled in Medicaid or SCHIP at some point during the year.

Women Ages 15-44, by Type of Health Insurance Coverage, 2004



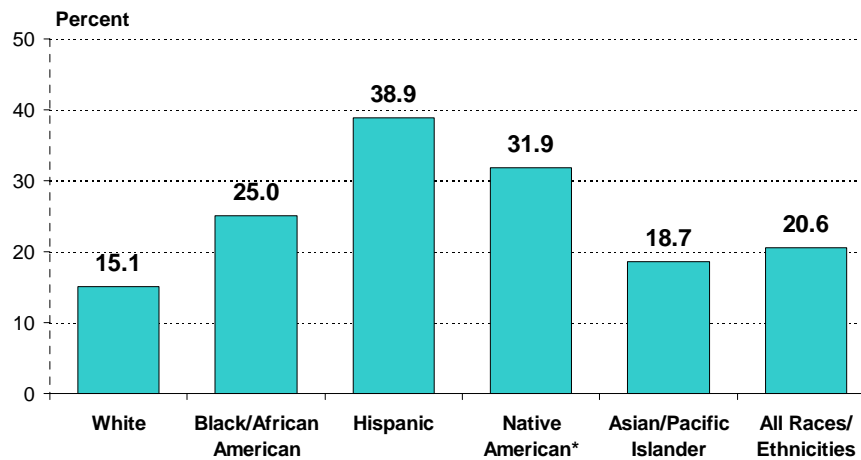
* Includes State Children's Health Insurance Program.

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

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Percent of Women Ages 15-44 Who Are Uninsured, by Race/Ethnicity, 2004



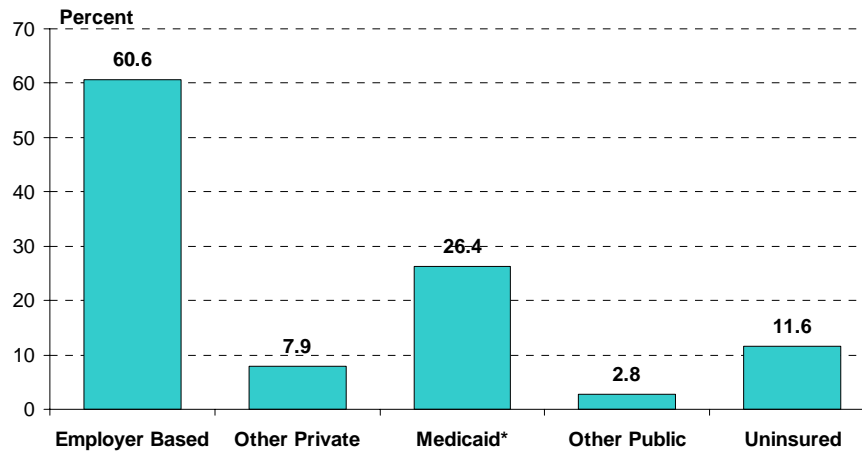
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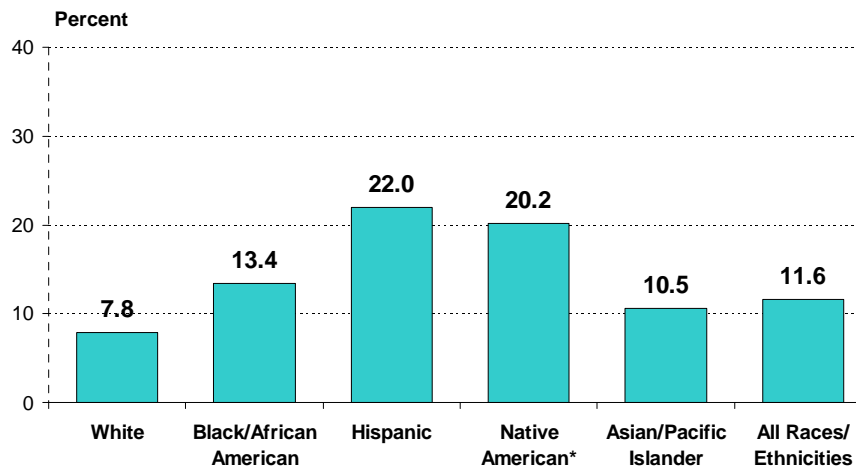
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Uninsured Women of Childbearing Age (15-44) and Children, by State (2002-2004 Average)						
	Women Ages 15-44			Children Under Age 19		
	Number (in thousands)	Percent	Rank	Number (in thousands)	Percent	Rank
Alabama	179	18.9	31	107	9.2	20
Alaska	28	20.9	34	25	12.5	40
Arizona	254	22.1	37	243	15.3	46
Arkansas	138	24.7	45	70	9.8	28
California	1822	23.4	43	1369	13.5	43
Colorado	201	20.3	33	180	14.8	44
Connecticut	97	13.6	10	77	8.5	18
Delaware	24	13.6	11	22	10.5	31
District of Columbia	21	14.7	13	11	9.5	23
Florida	857	25.6	47	658	15.7	47
Georgia	434	22.2	38	309	12.9	42
Hawaii	31	12.6	5	22	6.9	8
Idaho	65	22.4	40	49	12.5	39
Illinois	484	17.8	25	388	11.3	34
Indiana	231	17.8	24	162	9.6	25
Iowa	82	13.6	9	54	7.2	11
Kansas	85	15.0	16	53	7.2	12
Kentucky	157	18.0	27	111	10.6	32
Louisiana	274	28.1	49	149	12.0	35
Maine	33	12.3	4	20	6.8	7
Maryland	205	17.2	23	139	9.5	22
Massachusetts	178	12.8	6	112	7.1	10
Michigan	324	15.3	18	186	6.9	9
Minnesota	113	10.3	1	84	6.4	4
Mississippi	139	22.4	39	102	12.6	41
Missouri	185	15.5	20	107	7.3	13
Montana	46	25.0	46	38	16.3	49
Nebraska	50	13.9	12	31	6.6	6
Nevada	117	24.7	44	113	18.1	50
New Hampshire	41	15.1	17	20	6.1	2
New Jersey	323	18.0	29	254	11.1	33
New Mexico	118	30.6	50	78	14.9	45
New York	775	18.6	30	475	9.7	26
North Carolina	385	21.3	35	271	12.3	38
North Dakota	16	12.2	3	13	8.4	16
Ohio	349	14.7	14	250	8.2	14
Oklahoma	193	26.7	48	148	16.2	48
Oregon	167	22.8	41	109	12.2	36
Pennsylvania	384	15.4	19	301	10.0	29
Rhode Island	31	13.5	8	16	6.2	3
South Carolina	171	19.3	32	90	8.4	15
South Dakota	23	15.0	15	17	8.4	17
Tennessee	193	15.6	21	141	9.6	24
Texas	1612	33.1	51	1414	21.6	51
Utah	86	15.8	22	78	9.7	27
Vermont	17	13.1	7	8	5.5	1
Virginia	284	17.8	26	193	10.1	30
Washington	235	18.0	28	145	9.0	19
West Virginia	82	23.0	42	39	9.5	21
Wisconsin	137	11.9	2	90	6.4	5
Wyoming	22	21.9	36	15	12.2	37
United States (3-yr avg)	12498	20.2	--	9157	11.8	--

Source: Data prepared for the March of Dimes by the Bureau of the Census using 2003 – 2005 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.