

Nebraska's Uninsured Children

There are 467,000 children under the age of 19 in Nebraska.

Of these children, about 1 in 15 has no health insurance.

What Do We Know about Uninsured Children?

Although sample sizes are too small to report details about Nebraska's uninsured children, we know a great deal about the nation's uninsured children in general.

Most uninsured children, by far, are members of working families

- 88 percent of uninsured children live in working families.

Younger children without insurance can miss out on a healthy start in life

- 10 percent of children under the age of 6 are uninsured.

Insurance is also important for older children, who are at greater risk for accidents and sports injuries

- 11 percent of children between the ages of 6 and 12 are uninsured; 14 percent of those between the ages of 13 and 18 are uninsured.

Children in low-income families are significantly more likely to be uninsured than those in higher-income families

- 72 percent of uninsured children live in families with incomes at or below twice the federal poverty level (less than \$33,200 for a family of three in 2006).

How many is that?

Nebraska's uninsured children could . . .

. . . stretch

23

miles if they held hands



. . . fill

564

school buses



. . . form

3,444

little league teams



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