



The Uninsured: A Closer Look

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Californians without Health Insurance

Every year, the U.S. Census Bureau—in its Current Population Survey (CPS)—reports the number of people who are uninsured. This widely quoted number is intended to offer an estimate of how many people did not have any type of health insurance at any point in time during the previous calendar year.



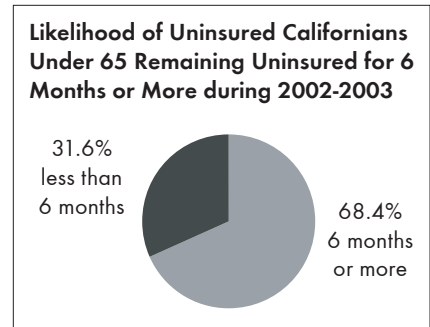
There are many people, however, who are uninsured for a portion of a year but not for the entire year. Though these individuals may suffer severe consequences to their health and their economic well-being as a result of being uninsured, they are not included in the Census Bureau's number.

In June 2004, Families USA released a new report, *One in Three: Non-Elderly Americans without Health Insurance*, which was designed to provide a comprehensive picture of how many Americans were directly affected by the lack of health insurance coverage. This fact sheet presents data from our report, which is available online at www.familiesusa.org. The full report contains both national- and state-level data, as well as a detailed discussion of the methodology.

Non-Elderly Californians Without Health Insurance In 2002-2003

- More than one out of three people (37.1 percent) in California under the age of 65 went without health insurance for all or part of the two-year period from 2002-2003 (see chart).
- Of the 11.9 million uninsured Californians, more than two-thirds (68.4 percent) went without health insurance coverage for six months or longer during this period.

State Population <65	32,238,000
Number Uninsured	11,945,000
Percent Uninsured	37.1%



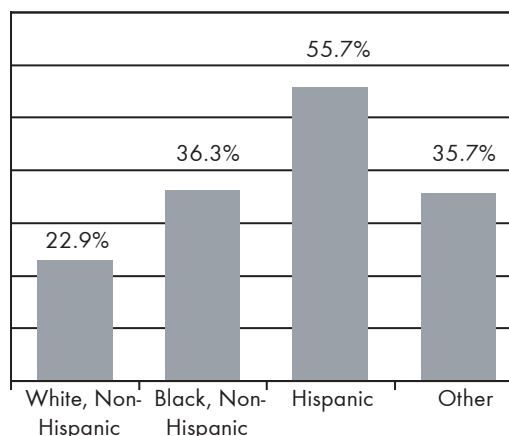
Hispanic and African American Californians Without Health Insurance

- Hispanics, African Americans, and other ethnic minorities are more likely to go without health insurance than white, non-Hispanic people. In California, 55.7 percent of Hispanics, 36.3 percent of African Americans, and 35.7 percent of “other” ethnic minorities were uninsured, compared to 22.9 percent of white, non-Hispanic people.
- While in most states white, non-Hispanic people make up the largest category of uninsured people, that is not the case in California, where Hispanic people made up the largest category of people (6,323,000) under the age of 65 without health insurance for all or part of the two-year period.
- The category of “other” is composed of individuals who identify themselves as American Indian, Aleut or Eskimo, Asian or Pacific Islander, or who identify themselves as a member of more than one group (e.g., white-black, white-Asian, black-Asian).

Likelihood of Californians under 65 Being Uninsured during 2002-2003, by Race and Hispanic Origin

Race and Hispanic Origin	Number	Number Uninsured	Percent Uninsured
White, Non-Hispanic	14,407,000	3,306,000	22.9%
Black, Non-Hispanic	2,026,000	736,000	36.3%
Hispanic	11,359,000	6,323,000	55.7%
Other	4,418,000	1,579,000	35.7%

Percent Uninsured during 2002-2003, by Race and Hispanic Origin



Working Californians Without Health Insurance

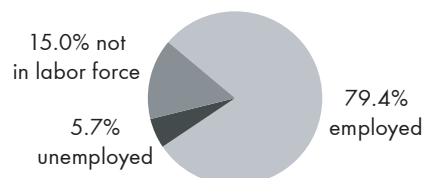
- Most uninsured Californians (79.4 percent) are members of working families.
- The remaining 20.6 percent of uninsured Californians who were not working were either actively searching for employment or were not in the labor force because they were disabled, chronically ill, family caregivers, or not looking for employment for other reasons.

Employment Status of Uninsured Californians under 65, 2002-2003

Employment Status	Number Uninsured	Percent Uninsured
Employed (full- or part-time)	9,482,000	79.4%
Unemployed (seeking work)	677,000	5.7%
Not in Labor Force	1,787,000	15.0%

Note: Numbers do not add due to rounding.

Family Employment Status of Uninsured



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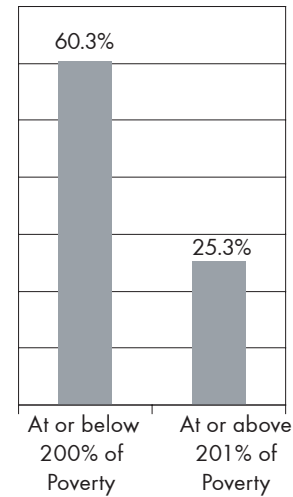
Low-Income Californians Without Health Insurance

- Families in California with incomes at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level (\$19,146 a year for a single adult and \$37,320 a year for a family of four in 2003) were much more likely to be uninsured than families with incomes above 200 percent of poverty.

Likelihood of Californians under 65 Being Uninsured during 2002-2003, by Income

Income (as percent of federal poverty level)	Population	Number Uninsured	Percent Uninsured
Income at or below 200% of Poverty	10,867,000	6,548,000	60.3%
Income at or above 201% of Poverty	21,371,000	5,397,000	25.3%

Percent Uninsured during 2002-2003, by Income



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