



UCLA CENTER FOR HEALTH POLICY RESEARCH

fact sheet

WHAT IS THE CENTER?

The UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, established in 1994, has become ... *one of the nation's leading health policy research centers and the premier source of key health policy information for California.*

MISSION

The Center's mission is to understand and advance public policies that can improve access to health care and the health status of the diverse populations in California and the nation — through its research and its public service and education activities. Key health policy areas informed by the Center's work include:

- Access to health care and insurance coverage
- Health promotion and disease prevention
- Management of chronic conditions and
- Public programs and the finance and systems of health care

MAIN ACTIVITIES

The Center conducts research on national, state, and local health policy issues. It also conducts critical and timely policy analysis and provides data and research results to key stakeholders in the public health arena — policy makers, communities, and health advocates — as well as to researchers, members of the media, and the public. As a contribution to the profession, it also provides educational opportunities for graduate students and postgraduate fellows.

KEY RESEARCH, PUBLIC SERVICE AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

The Center is home to several key research, public service, and education programs and projects:

Main Research Areas

- Health insurance coverage
- Access to and quality of health care
- Disparities in health care access and health status—race/ethnicity, immigration, income, residence
- Women and health
- The elderly and their health
- American Indians and Alaska Natives and health
- Enhancing the health of communities
- Economics of health care

Research Dissemination

- Reports, policy briefs, facts sheets
- Research and policy briefings, speakers, exhibits
- Web, list serve, and media communications

California Health Interview Survey (CHIS)

The Center's major research program is the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS), a main source of health information for Californians and the largest state health survey ever conducted in California or the nation. Aimed at "*Making California's Voices Heard on Health!*" — the first survey, CHIS 2001, recently completed over 55,000 household interviews across all California counties. CHIS 2001 data and results are available through publications, public use files, workshops, and several online research services. Email chis@ucla.edu to join the CHISnet list serve or visit www.chis.ucla.edu for more information.

Health DATA

The Center's key public service program — Health DATA project — *Data, Advocacy and Technical Assistance* — provides training and technical assistance to nonprofit community groups in California on how to use health data. Visit www.healthdata.ucla.edu to get more information and to learn about available workshop opportunities such as Introduction to Health DATA, Performing Community-based Assessment, and Media Advocacy.

Education

The Center contributes to the education and training of future researchers by providing research experience to graduate students and post-doctoral fellows and by making the Center's data available to UCLA doctoral students for dissertation research.

ADDITIONAL CENTER INFORMATION

See www.healthpolicy.ucla.edu for more information on the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research and its programs and projects and to review and order Center publications. To join the Center publications announcement list serve, email chpr@ucla.edu.

The Center is affiliated with the UCLA School of Public Health and the School of Public Policy and Social Research.

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