

KERN COUNTY

Health Insurance Coverage, the Lack of Coverage, and Demographic Characteristics

Based on Data from the 2003 California Health Interview Survey

Approximately **153,000** children and adults who were uninsured for all or part of the year reside in Kern County, out of a total of 6.6 million uninsured Californians statewide. Approximately **23,000** uninsured children and **130,000** uninsured nonelderly adults reside in this county.

	KERN COUNTY	CALIFORNIA
NONELDERLY POPULATION (AGES 0-64), 2003	619,000	31,315,000
CHILDREN (AGES 0-17)	218,000	9,488,000
ADULTS (AGES 18-64)	401,000	21,827,000
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF THE NONELDERLY		
% UNINSURED ALL OR PART YEAR (95% RANGE)	24.7% (20.6 - 28.9)	21.0%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, EMPLOYMENT-BASED (95% RANGE)	44.0% (39.4 - 48.5)	53.8%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, MEDI-CAL/HEALTHY FAMILIES (95% RANGE)	25.0% (20.7 - 29.4)	15.5%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, OTHER (95% RANGE)	6.3% (4.2 - 8.3)	9.3%
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF CHILDREN		
% UNINSURED ALL OR PART YEAR (95% RANGE)	10.5% (5.5 - 15.5)	10.2%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, EMPLOYMENT-BASED (95% RANGE)	42.6% (34.2 - 51.0)	52.1%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, MEDI-CAL/HEALTHY FAMILIES (95% RANGE)	43.1% (34.4 - 51.8)	29.4%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, OTHER (95% RANGE)	***% (** - **)	8.3%
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF NONELDERLY ADULTS		
% UNINSURED ALL OR PART YEAR (95% RANGE)	32.5% (27.1 - 37.9)	25.7%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, EMPLOYMENT-BASED (95% RANGE)	44.7% (39.4 - 50.0)	54.5%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, MEDI-CAL/HEALTHY FAMILIES (95% RANGE)	15.2% (11.1 - 19.2)	9.5%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, OTHER (95% RANGE)	7.6% (4.7 - 10.5)	10.3%
PERCENT OF UNINSURED NONELDERLY WITH ANNUAL FAMILY INCOMES OF LESS THAN 300% FPL[†]	42.1%	47.0%
RACE/ETHNICITY DISTRIBUTION OF THE NONELDERLY POPULATION		
WHITE	47.0%	45.4%
LATINO	36.0%	30.6%
ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER	***%	11.4%
AFRICAN AMERICAN	5.6%	6.9%

[†] FPL = Federal Poverty Level

*** The estimate is not statistically stable (coefficient of variation is over 30%).

Note: The "95% range" (more commonly called a "confidence interval") provides a more reliable estimate of the uninsured rate for persons in the population group than does the "point estimate." Point estimates with narrower 95% ranges are more precise or reliable than those with wider ranges.



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