

MERCED COUNTY

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

Based on Data from the 2003 California Health Interview Survey

Approximately **54,000** children and adults who were uninsured for all or part of the year reside in Merced County, out of a total of 6.6 million uninsured Californians statewide. Approximately **15,000** uninsured children and **39,000** uninsured nonelderly adults reside in this county.

	MERCED COUNTY	CALIFORNIA
NONELDERLY POPULATION (AGES 0-64), 2003	208,000	31,315,000
CHILDREN (AGES 0-17)	76,000	9,488,000
ADULTS (AGES 18-64)	133,000	21,827,000
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF THE NONELDERLY		
% UNINSURED ALL OR PART YEAR (95% RANGE)	25.8% (21.4 - 30.2)	21.0%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, EMPLOYMENT-BASED (95% RANGE)	40.1% (35.5 - 44.7)	53.8%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, MEDI-CAL/HEALTHY FAMILIES (95% RANGE)	27.6% (23.1 - 32.2)	15.5%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, OTHER (95% RANGE)	6.5% (4.3 - 8.6)	9.3%
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF CHILDREN		
% UNINSURED ALL OR PART YEAR (95% RANGE)	19.4% (11.7 - 27.0)	10.2%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, EMPLOYMENT-BASED (95% RANGE)	33.4% (25.9 - 40.9)	52.1%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, MEDI-CAL/HEALTHY FAMILIES (95% RANGE)	41.0% (32.3 - 49.7)	29.4%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, OTHER (95% RANGE)	***% (** - **)	8.3%
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF NONELDERLY ADULTS		
% UNINSURED ALL OR PART YEAR (95% RANGE)	29.5% (24.1 - 34.9)	25.7%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, EMPLOYMENT-BASED (95% RANGE)	43.9% (38.2 - 49.6)	54.5%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, MEDI-CAL/HEALTHY FAMILIES (95% RANGE)	20.0% (15.1 - 24.9)	9.5%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, OTHER (95% RANGE)	6.6% (4.0 - 9.2)	10.3%
PERCENT OF UNINSURED NONELDERLY WITH ANNUAL FAMILY INCOMES OF LESS THAN 300% FPL[†]	47.9%	47.0%
RACE/ETHNICITY DISTRIBUTION OF THE NONELDERLY POPULATION		
WHITE	39.7%	45.4%
LATINO	47.3%	30.6%
ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER	4.0%	11.4%
AFRICAN AMERICAN	5.7%	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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