

# NORTHERN AND SIERRA COUNTIES\*

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

*Based on Data from the 2003 California Health Interview Survey*

Approximately **253,000** children and adults who were uninsured for all or part of the year reside in Northern and Sierra Counties, out of a total of 6.6 million uninsured Californians statewide. Approximately **35,000** uninsured children and **218,000** uninsured nonelderly adults reside in this region.

	NORTHERN AND SIERRA COUNTIES	CALIFORNIA
<b>NONELDERLY POPULATION (AGES 0-64), 2003</b>	1,110,000	31,315,000
CHILDREN (AGES 0-17)	316,000	9,488,000
ADULTS (AGES 18-64)	794,000	21,827,000
<b>HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF THE NONELDERLY</b>		
% UNINSURED ALL OR PART YEAR (95% RANGE)	22.8% (21.2 - 24.4)	21.0%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, EMPLOYMENT-BASED (95% RANGE)	46.5% (44.7 - 48.3)	53.8%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, MEDI-CAL/HEALTHY FAMILIES (95% RANGE)	20.1% (18.6 - 21.7)	15.5%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, OTHER (95% RANGE)	10.6% (9.5 - 11.7)	9.3%
<b>HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF CHILDREN</b>		
% UNINSURED ALL OR PART YEAR (95% RANGE)	10.9% (8.6 - 13.2)	10.2%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, EMPLOYMENT-BASED (95% RANGE)	45.9% (42.3 - 49.5)	52.1%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, MEDI-CAL/HEALTHY FAMILIES (95% RANGE)	34.5% (31.0 - 38.0)	29.4%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, OTHER (95% RANGE)	8.7% (6.7 - 10.6)	8.3%
<b>HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF NONELDERLY ADULTS</b>		
% UNINSURED ALL OR PART YEAR (95% RANGE)	27.5% (25.5 - 29.5)	25.7%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, EMPLOYMENT-BASED (95% RANGE)	46.7% (44.6 - 48.8)	54.5%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, MEDI-CAL/HEALTHY FAMILIES (95% RANGE)	14.4% (12.9 - 16.0)	9.5%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, OTHER (95% RANGE)	11.3% (10.0 - 12.7)	10.3%
<b>UNINSURED CHILDREN (AGES 0-18) ELIGIBLE FOR EXISTING PUBLIC PROGRAMS**</b>	12,000	474,000
<b>PERCENT OF UNINSURED NONELDERLY WITH ANNUAL FAMILY INCOMES OF LESS THAN 300% FPL<sup>†</sup></b>	39.3%	47.0%
<b>RACE/ETHNICITY DISTRIBUTION OF THE NONELDERLY POPULATION</b>		
WHITE	79.3%	45.4%
LATINO	10.1%	30.6%
ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER	3.4%	11.4%
AFRICAN AMERICAN	1.5%	6.9%

\* Including Butte, Shasta, Humboldt, Del Norte, Siskiyou, Lassen, Modoc, Trinity, Mendocino, Lake, Tehama, Glenn, Colusa, Sutter, Yuba, Nevada, Plumas, Sierra, Tuolumne, Calaveras, Amador, Inyo, Mariposa, Mono, and Alpine Counties.

\*\* Estimate includes eligibility for Medi-Cal, Healthy Families and county-based programs. It can be reported only at the region level due to small sample size.

<sup>†</sup> FPL = Federal Poverty Level

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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