

# State of Health Insurance in California: Coverage and Health Care Access Disparities Persist



A decade after the **Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA)** was enacted, researchers at the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research have published *The State of Health Insurance in California: Findings from the 2019 and 2020 California Health Interview Survey*, which found that coverage and health care access disparities persist.



How many people had health insurance in California? How many didn't?

For children and adults under 65:

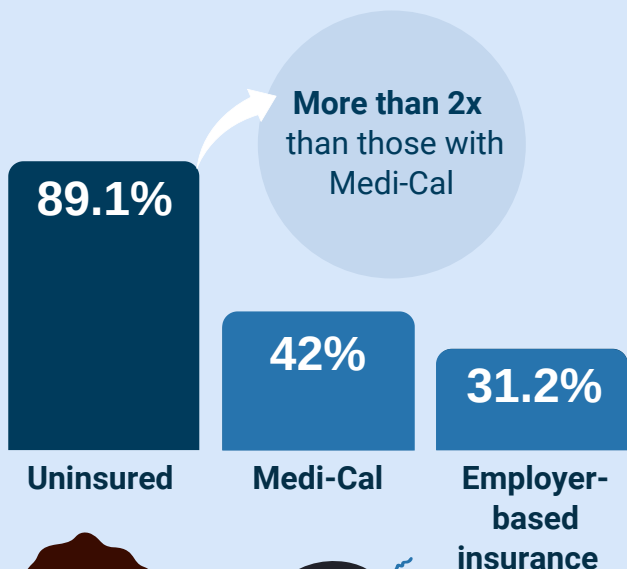
Insured  
**92.3%**  
(30.2 million)



Uninsured  
**7.7%**  
(2.5 million)

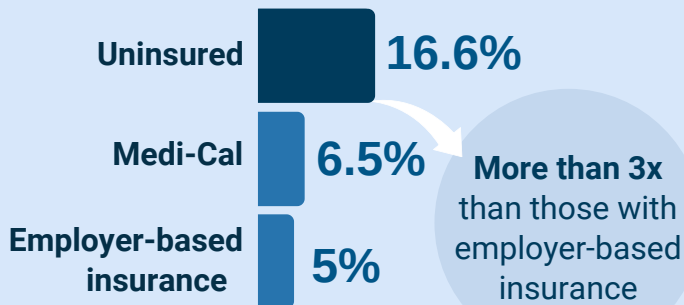
## Who experienced delays in needed medical care?

Reported **cost or lack of insurance** as the main reason for delaying care, among those under age 65 who experienced delayed care:

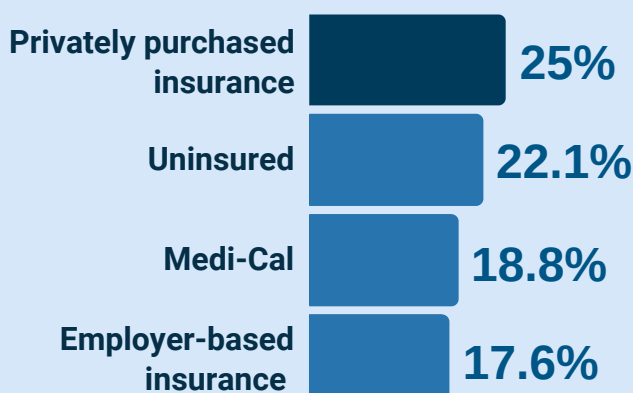


By insurance type

Among children:



Among adults ages 19-64:



## Lowest rates of employer-based coverage

Small vs. large companies

In businesses with **less than 50 employees**:

About **7 in 10** (68%) employees were **offered health insurance by employers**

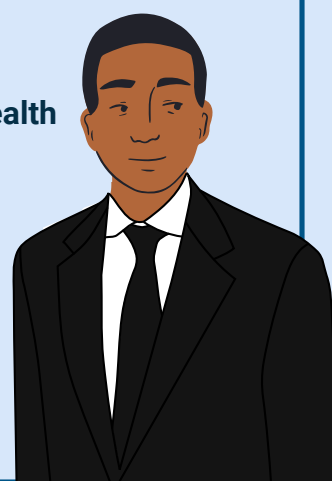
Less than **1 in 2** (48.3%) employees **obtained** employer health insurance



In businesses with **greater than 50 employees**:

More than **9 in 10** (94.8%) employees were **offered health insurance by employers**

More than **3 in 4** (76.1%) employees **obtained** employer health insurance



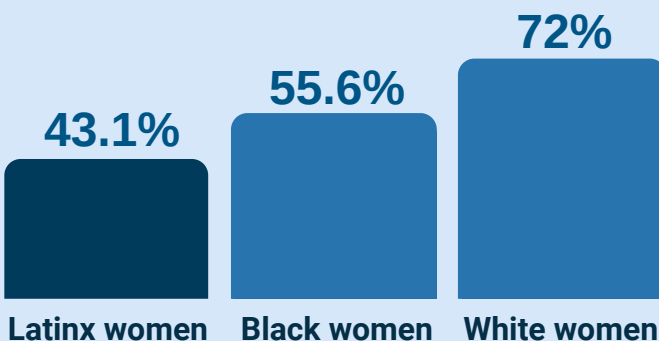
By age

By race/ethnicity and gender (ages 0-64)

**52%** young adults ages 19-25

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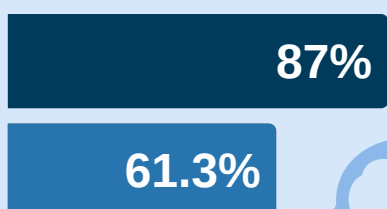
**61-66%** for other age groups



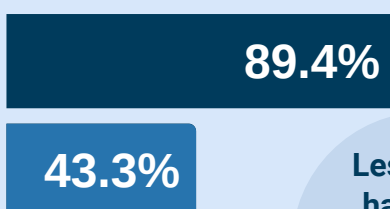
## Insurance coverage among those with employer-based coverage and privately purchased insurance

- Employer-based insurance
- Privately purchased insurance

Mental health coverage



Dental health coverage



Less than half that of those with employer-based insurance