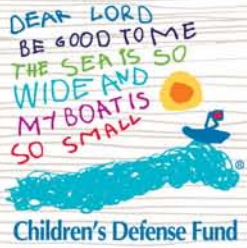
Who Are the Uninsured Children, 2008

Profile of America's Uninsured Children



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There are more than 8 million uninsured children in the United States.

Race/Ethnicity*	Percentage of the uninsured	Uninsured number**	
White	38.5	3.1 million	
Hispanic	38.1	3.1 million	
Black	15.7	1.3 million	
Asian/Pacific Islander	4.7	380,000	
American Indian	1.1	91,000	
Other (multi-racial)	1.9	152,000	
Total	100.0	8.1 million	
Age			
Birth through age 5	27.3	2.2 million	
Age 6 through age 12	32.7	2.6 million	
Age 13 through age 18	40.0	3.2 million	
Total	100.0	8.1 million	
Income			Upper limit, annual income for family of 4
100% poverty & below	31.5	2.5 million	$22,050
Over 100% through 200%	31.6	2.6 million	$44,100
Over 200% through 300%	18.6	1.5 million	$66,150
Over 300% through 400%	8.6	698,000	$88,200
Over 400%	9.6	776,000	
Total	99.9	8.1 million	
Selected income groups:			
133% and below	43.8	3.5 million	$29,327
200% and below	63.2	5.1 million	$44,100
300% and below	81.7	6.6 million	$66,150
Any Earned Income			
Income from work	86.2	7.0 million	
No income from work	13.8	1.1 million	
Total	100.0	8.1 million	
Citizenship			
Child is a U.S. citizen	88.8	7.2 million	
Child is not a U.S. citizen	11.2	904,000	
Total	100.0	8.1 million	

Note: Children are ages birth through 18
* Hispanic children are in a separate category and are not included in the other racial categories
** Numbers sometimes will not add to total because of rounding

SOURCES: 1) U.S. Census Bureau: 2009 Annual Social and Economic Supplement (ASEC) to the Current Population Survey; 2) Income for federal poverty levels: 2009 Poverty Guidelines for 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia. Federal Register, January 23, 2009: Vol 74(14), pp. 4199-4201. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund, 10/09.

Uninsured Children Younger than 19 in the States, 2006-2008

	Percentage	*Estimated number*
Alabama	6.6%	78,000
Alaska	12.3	23,000
Arizona	16.1	288,000
Arkansas	8.9	66,000
California	11.9	1,180,000
Colorado	13.5	171,000
Connecticut	6.1	53,000
Delaware	10.0	22,000
District of Columbia	7.6	9,000
Florida	18.7	795,000
Georgia	12.0	323,000
Hawaii	5.6	17,000
Idaho	11.3	49,000
Illinois	7.9	266,000
Indiana	6.6	111,000
Iowa	5.5	41,000
Kansas	9.0	66,000
Kentucky	9.6	103,000
Louisiana	13.5	160,000
Maine	5.8	17,000
Maryland	9.0	129,000
Massachusetts	4.5	69,000
Michigan	5.6	143,000
Minnesota	7.1	94,000
Mississippi	15.3	124,000
Missouri	8.9	133,000
Montana	13.0	30,000
Nebraska	10.2	48,000
Nevada	17.8	124,000
New Hampshire	6.0	19,000
New Jersey	12.6	274,000
New Mexico	16.5	88,000
New York	8.4	398,000
North Carolina	12.2	290,000
North Dakota	8.8	13,000
Ohio	7.0	202,000
Oklahoma	11.3	108,000
Oregon	12.3	113,000
Pennsylvania	7.5	222,000
Rhode Island	7.2	18,000
South Carolina	13.1	148,000
South Dakota	9.4	20,000
Tennessee	8.6	134,000
Texas	20.8	1,469,000
Utah	12.1	108,000
Vermont	7.0	10,000
Virginia	9.7	188,000
Washington	7.1	116,000
West Virginia	6.5	26,000
Wisconsin	5.5	77,000
Wyoming	8.9	12,000
United States (2008)*	10.3	8.1 million

*The percentage and number of uninsured children in the United States are from the most recent year of data and represent coverage in 2008.

Notes: The estimated percentage of uninsured children in each state is an average of the percentage of uninsured children in that state over three years. Three-year averages are used because of small sample sizes in some states. The average percentage of uninsured children in this table is based on the 2007, 2008 and 2009 ASEC surveys. The estimated number of uninsured children in each state is calculated by applying that average percentage to the most recent Census estimate of children younger than 19 in the state.

Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Current Population Survey, 2007, 2008, and 2009 Annual Social and Economic Supplement (ASEC); and U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, "State Single Year of Age and Sex Population Estimates: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2008 - RESIDENT," at <http://www.census.gov/popest/states/asrh/files/SC-EST2008-AGESEX-RES.csv>. Calculations by Children's Defense Fund.