

MERCED COUNTY

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

Based on Data from the 2005 California Health Interview Survey

Approximately **46,000 children and adults who were uninsured** for all or part of the year reside in Merced County, out of a total of 6.5 million uninsured Californians statewide. Approximately **10,000 uninsured children** and **37,000 uninsured nonelderly adults** reside in this county, out of 1.1 million uninsured children and 5.4 million uninsured adults statewide. There are 134,000 non-elderly adults and 87,000 children in this county, for a total non-elderly population of 221,000.

	MERCED COUNTY	CALIFORNIA
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF THE NONELDERLY (AGES 0-64)		
% UNINSURED ALL OR PART YEAR (95% RANGE)	21.0% (16.6 - 25.5)	20.2%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, EMPLOYMENT-BASED (95% RANGE)	50.5% (45.2 - 55.7)	54.3%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, MEDI-CAL/HEALTHY FAMILIES (95% RANGE)	20.5% (16.3 - 24.7)	15.9%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, PRIVATELY PURCHASED AND OTHER (95% RANGE)	8.0% (5.2 - 10.8)	9.5%
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF CHILDREN (AGES 0-18)		
% UNINSURED ALL OR PART YEAR (95% RANGE)	11.3% (6.4 - 16.2)	10.7%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, EMPLOYMENT-BASED (95% RANGE)	50.3% (41.6 - 59.0)	50.3%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, MEDI-CAL/HEALTHY FAMILIES (95% RANGE)	32.0% (24.0 - 40.1)	31.2%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, PRIVATELY PURCHASED AND OTHER (95% RANGE)	6.4% (3.0 - 9.8)	7.8%
HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF ADULTS (AGES 19-64)		
% UNINSURED ALL OR PART YEAR (95% RANGE)	27.4% (21.2 - 33.7)	24.8%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, EMPLOYMENT-BASED (95% RANGE)	50.6% (44.1 - 57.1)	56.2%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, MEDI-CAL/HEALTHY FAMILIES (95% RANGE)	12.9% (8.6 - 17.3)	8.7%
% INSURED ALL YEAR, PRIVATELY PURCHASED OR OTHER (95% RANGE)	9.1% (5.0 - 13.1)	10.4%
% OF UNINSURED NONELDERLY (AGES 0-64) WITH ANNUAL FAMILY INCOMES OF LESS THAN 300% FPL[†]	77.6%	74.5%
% OF UNINSURED CHILDREN (AGES 0-18) WITH INCOMES < 300% FPL	79.1%	82.1%
% OF UNINSURED ADULTS (AGES 19-64) WITH INCOMES < 300% FPL	77.2%	72.9%

[†] FPL = Federal Poverty Level (The 2005 FPL was \$9,973 for one person, \$12,755 for a two-person family and \$15,577 for a three-person family.)

Note: The "95% range" (more commonly called the "margin of error") 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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