



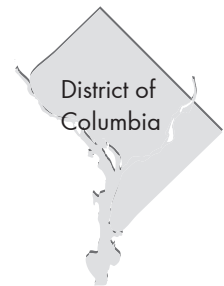
The Uninsured: A Closer Look

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Residents of D.C. without Health Insurance

Every year, the U.S. Census Bureau—in its Current Population Survey (CPS)—reports the number of people who are uninsured. This widely quoted number is intended to offer an estimate of how many people did not have any type of health insurance at any point in time during the previous calendar year.

There are many people, however, who are uninsured for a portion of a year but not for the entire year. Though these individuals may suffer severe consequences to their health and their economic well-being as a result of being uninsured, they are not included in the Census Bureau's number.

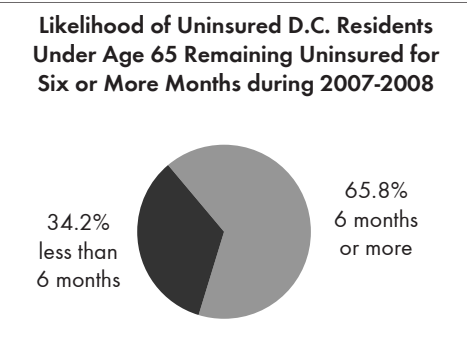


In March 2009, Families USA released a new report, *Americans at Risk: One in Three Uninsured*, which was designed to provide a comprehensive picture of how many Americans were directly affected by the lack of health coverage in 2007-2008. That report contains national data, as well as a detailed discussion of the methodology, and it is available online at www.familiesusa.org. This fact sheet presents new state-specific data that mirror the national data in *Americans at Risk*.

Non-Elderly Residents of D.C. Without Health Insurance In 2007-2008

- More than one out of four people (28.4 percent) in the District of Columbia under the age of 65 went without health insurance for all or part of the two-year period 2007-2008 (see chart).
- Of the 146,000 uninsured residents of D.C., nearly two-thirds (65.8 percent) went without health coverage for six months or longer during this period.

Population <65	516,000
Number Uninsured	146,000
Percent Uninsured	28.4%



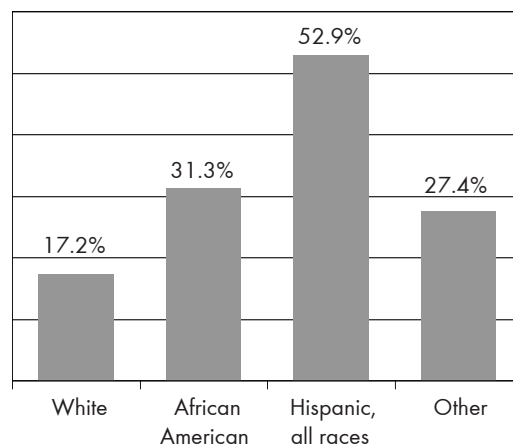
The District of Columbia's Communities of Color Without Health Insurance

- People of racial and ethnic minorities are more likely to go without health insurance than whites. In the District of Columbia, 52.9 percent of Hispanics/Latinos, 31.3 percent of African Americans, and 27.4 percent of "other" ethnic minorities were uninsured, compared to 17.2 percent of whites.
- While in most states whites make up the largest category of uninsured people, that is not the case in the District of Columbia, where African Americans made up the largest category (57.4 percent) of people under the age of 65 without health insurance for all or part of the two-year period.
- The category of "other" is composed of individuals who identify themselves as American Indian, Aleut or Eskimo, Asian or Pacific Islander, or who identify themselves as a member of more than one group (e.g., white-black, white-Asian, black-Asian).

Likelihood of D.C. Residents under Age 65 Being Uninsured During 2007-2008, by Race and Hispanic Origin

Race and Hispanic Origin	Total Number	Number Uninsured	Percent of Subgroup Uninsured
White	176,000	30,000	17.2%
African American	269,000	84,000	31.3%
Hispanic, all races	49,000	26,000	52.9%
Other	22,000	6,000	27.4%

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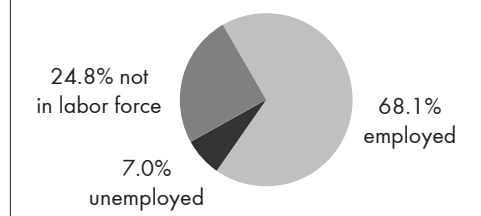
Working Residents of D.C. Without Health Insurance

- Most uninsured residents of D.C. (68.1 percent) are members of working families.
- The remaining 31.9 percent of uninsured residents of D.C. who were not working were either actively searching for employment or were not in the labor force because they were disabled, chronically ill, family caregivers, or not looking for employment for other reasons.

Employment Status of Uninsured D.C. Residents under Age 65 during 2007-2008

	Employed (full- or part-time)	Unemployed (seeking work)	Not in Labor Force
Number	100,000	10,000	36,000
Percent	68.1%	7.0%	24.8%

Family Employment Status of Uninsured

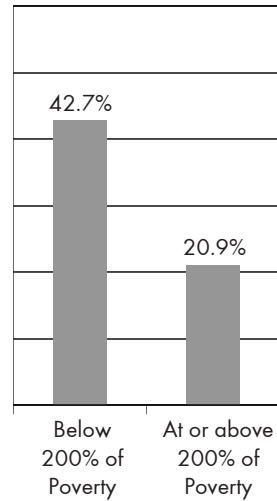


Low-Income Residents of D.C.

Without Health Insurance

- Families in the District of Columbia with incomes below 200 percent of the federal poverty level (\$20,800 a year for a single adult and \$35,200 a year for a family of three in 2008) were much more likely to be uninsured than families with incomes at or above 200 percent of poverty.

Percent Uninsured during 2007-2008, by Income



Likelihood of D.C. Residents under Age 65 Being Uninsured during 2007-2008, by Income

Income (as percent of federal poverty level)	Population	Number Uninsured	Percent of Income Group Uninsured
Income below 200% of Poverty	177,000	76,000	42.7%
Income at or above 200% of Poverty	552,000	71,000	20.9%

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