

Michigan Uninsured at a Glance

The Michigan Department of Community Health is pleased to present a brief on the uninsured highlighting the release of the Current Population Survey data for 2008 (released September 10, 2009).

Uninsured All Ages

Michigan has the 14th lowest rate of uninsured all ages among states in 2006-2008 at 11.3%.

Michigan's ranking has fallen from 11th in 2005-2007.

When comparing the 2005-2006 2 year average (10.4%) with the 2007-2008 2 year average (11.7%), Michigan did see a statistically significant increase in uninsured. Michigan, along with Texas and Alaska, is just one of three states to see a statistically significant increase from 2005-2006 to 2007-2008.

Michigan has an estimated 1.15 million uninsured residents in 2008 (11.7%), the same number of residents as in 2007 (11.6%). The United States has an estimated 46.3 million uninsured residents in 2008 (15.4%), an increase from 45.7 million uninsured residents in 2007 (15.3%).

Elderly residents, persons aged 65 and older are by and large insured, often with coverage options such as Medicare. In 2008, only 1.7% of persons aged 65 or older were uninsured in the United States (1.0% in Michigan), a small percentage in comparison to the rest of the population. Therefore, the following information on uninsured adults will focus on the non-elderly adult population (ages 18 to 64.)

Uninsured Non-Elderly Adults (18-64)

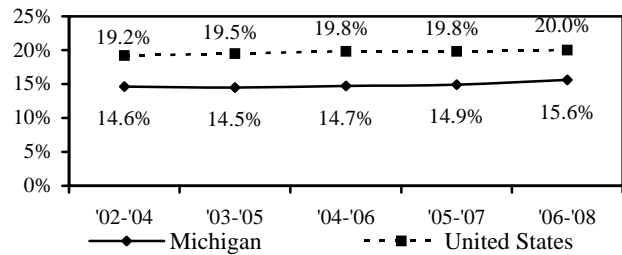
Michigan's uninsured non-elderly adults increased from 14.5% in 2003-2005 to 15.6% in 2006-2008.

% Uninsured Non-Elderly Adults (18-64)		
	2003-2005	2006-2008
Michigan	14.5% (906,000)	15.6% (969,000)
United States	19.5% (35,547,000)	20.0% (37,653,000)

Michigan's uninsured non-elderly adults have risen over time. In 2003-2005, 14.5% of non-elderly adults were uninsured, while in 2006-2008 15.6% of non-elderly adults were uninsured, an estimated 60,000 more uninsured residents.

In 2006-2008, Michigan had a lower percentage of non-elderly adults who were uninsured than the United States. The proportion of residents without health insurance coverage in Michigan has been consistently lower than the national average since 1987, the first year when comparable data was made available.

Uninsured Non-elderly Adults



Uninsured Children

Michigan continues to be second in the nation only to Massachusetts in lowest uninsured rate for children in 2006-2008.

Michigan was also second in 2005-2007 in lowest uninsured rate for children. Michigan continues to experience a considerably lower rate of uninsured children than the United States rate. For 2006-2008, Michigan had an uninsured rate for children of 5.2%, compared with the United States rate of 10.8%. Michigan's uninsured children dropped slightly from 5.4% in 2003-2005 to 5.2% in 2006-2008. Michigan has experienced an overall reduction in rate of uninsured children from a high of 10.4% in 1998.

The top 6 states with the lowest uninsured percentage of children for 2006-2008 are:

1. Massachusetts 4.5%
2. Michigan 5.2%
3. Iowa 5.4%
4. Connecticut 5.5%
5. Hawaii 5.5%
6. Wisconsin 5.5%

% Uninsured Children (0-17)		
	2003-2005	2006-2008
Michigan	5.4% (138,000)	5.2% (126,000)
United States	10.8% (7,962,000)	10.8% (8,053,000)

The Current Population Survey (CPS), conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, is one of the most widely cited and available sources for data on health insurance or lack thereof. Additional information on the CPS can be found at: <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/hlthins/hlthins.html>. Three-year averages are used for most comparisons to eliminate year-to-year fluctuations and improve reliability. For more information about these statistics visit: <http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2943---,00.html> or email HPAC@michigan.gov. The Department of Community Health will be releasing more information as more analysis of the data is completed.