Health Insurance Coverage



Indicator & Source

% of Children Without Health Insurance Coverage (US Census Bureau; ACS 1-Year Estimates, Table 2701)

Indicator Notes

This indicator includes all children age 0-17 and the margin of error based on a 90-percent confidence interval is presented alongside each estimate.

Evidence & Source

Children not covered at all by health insurance, or who experience gaps in coverage, are less likely than those with continuous insurance coverage to have a regular source of health care, and are more likely than children continuously insured to have medical care delayed or unmet, and to have prescriptions unfilled. Because children without health insurance are also more likely than others to receive late or no care for health problems, they are at greater risk for hospitalization. In addition to resulting in reduced access to health care, a lack of health insurance can also negatively influence children's school attendance and participation in extracurricular activities, and increase parental financial and emotional stress. There is preliminary evidence that enrolling children in more comprehensive health insurance plans has a beneficial effect, not only on access to services, but on health outcomes, as reported by parents. (Child Trends Databank, 2016)

For more information see: http://www.childtrends.org/indicators/health-care-coverage/

OVERALL TREND: Bexar County, 2010-2015

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
% of Children Uninsured	10.7%	10.9%	9.0%	9.4%	7.9%	6.6%
(MOE)	(±1.4%)	(±1.3%)	(±1.1%)	(±1.0%)	(±1.0%)	(±0.9%)

Source: US Census Bureau; 2010-2015 ACS 1-Year Estimates, Table 2701.

RACE/ETHNICITY: Bexar County, 2014

	% of Children Uninsured (MOE)		
White (non-Hispanic)	6.3% (±1.1%)		
Black (of any ethnicity)	6.3% (±1.6%)		
Hispanic	11.2% (±0.6%)		

Source: US Census Bureau; 2014 ACS 5-Year Estimates, Table C27001H, C27001B, and C27001I. Note: Data are presented for the race/ethnicity categories with the largest child populations in Bexar County. Due to the US Census Bureau's race and ethnicity definitions, Black (of any ethnicity) and Hispanic are not mutually exclusive.

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