

California: Uninsured Parents Potentially Eligible for Medicaid Under the ACA¹

There are an estimated 4.7 million uninsured parents nationwide who will be eligible for Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act on January 1, 2014, who have a child who is currently enrolled in Medicaid/CHIP or an uninsured child who is eligible for Medicaid/CHIP but not enrolled. Five hundred, fifty-one thousand, or 11.7 percent, of these parents live in California. Below is a snapshot of the key demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of these parents in California as compared to the United States.

Uninsured Parents	California	United States
Total Uninsured Parents	1,675,000	11,460,000
Uninsured Parents <133% FPL	551,000	4,724,000
As a Share of All Uninsured Parents	32.9%	41.2%

Characteristics of Uninsured Parents <133% FPL	551,000	4,724,000
Medicaid Eligibility		
Parent Currently Eligible for Medicaid	70.9%	46.5%
Parent with a Child Enrolled in Medicaid	70.2%	74.5%
Parent with a Child Eligible for Medicaid, but Uninsured	29.8%	25.5%
Family Income		
<51% FPL	33.8%	37.9%
51-100% FPL	36.0%	36.0%
101-138 % FPL	30.2%	26.0%
Work Status		
Full-time Workers	29.1%	30.5%
Part-time Workers	21.9%	23.1%
Unemployed/Not in Workforce	49.0%	46.4%
Ethnicity/Race²		
Hispanic	66.4%	29.4%
White	19.4%	47.0%
African American	4.3%	17.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	7.9%	3.4%
Family Citizenship Status		
All Citizens	55.4%	81.0%
Mixed Citizenship	42.6%	17.9%
All Non-Citizens	2.0%	1.1%
Language Spoken at Home³		
English	29.8%	66.9%
Spanish	60.2%	25.9%
Other Languages	10.0%	7.2%
SNAP Usage (i.e., Food Stamps)		
Received SNAP Benefits	20.3%	43.3%
Did Not Receive SNAP Benefits	79.7%	56.7%

Source: Urban Institute tabulations of 2010 American Community Survey (ACS) data from the Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS). See Georgetown CCF's "Medicaid Coverage for Parents under the Affordable Care Act" for complete methodological notes.

Notes: Eligible parents are aged 19-64 with income below 133% FPL (plus a five percentage point disregard) who are citizens or immigrants with more than five years of US residency. Documentation status is imputed for non-citizens. Estimates reflect an adjustment for misreporting of coverage on the ACS. Due to rounding, percentages in a category may not add to 100 percent.

* Indicates that the standard error is greater than 30 percent of the estimate and should be interpreted with caution.

1. Of the 4.91 million uninsured parents potentially eligible for Medicaid under the ACA, an estimated 190,000 uninsured parents do not have a child who is enrolled in Medicaid/CHIP or eligible for Medicaid/CHIP but uninsured. Most of these parents have a child with private coverage.

2. Due to the exclusion of groups with small numbers of observations, the ethnicity/race category does not sum to 100 percent.

3. Due to the exclusion of groups with small numbers of observations, the language spoken at home category does not sum to 100 percent.

--- Indicates no observations in that category.