

North Carolina: 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. One hundred, ninety-two thousand, or 4.1 percent, of these parents live in North Carolina. Below is a snapshot of the key demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of these parents in North Carolina as compared to the United States.

Uninsured Parents	North Carolina	United States
Total Uninsured Parents	429,000	11,460,000
Uninsured Parents <133% FPL	192,000	4,724,000
As a Share of All Uninsured Parents	44.8%	41.2%
Characteristics of Uninsured Parents <133% FPL	192,000	4,724,000
Medicaid Eligibility		
Parent Currently Eligible for Medicaid	34.3%	46.5%
Parent with a Child Enrolled in Medicaid	80.3%	74.5%
Parent with a Child Eligible for Medicaid, but Uninsured	19.7%	25.5%
Family Income		
<51% FPL	37.9%	37.9%
51-100% FPL	36.6%	36.0%
101-138 % FPL	25.5%	26.0%
Work Status		
Full-time Workers	29.9%	30.5%
Part-time Workers	21.6%	23.1%
Unemployed/Not in Workforce	48.6%	46.4%
Ethnicity/Race ²		
Hispanic	12.6%	29.4%
White	53.7%	47.0%
African American	28.2%	17.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.8%	3.4%
Family Citizenship Status		
All Citizens	88.5%	81.0%
Mixed Citizenship	11.2%	17.9%
All Non-Citizens	0.3% *	1.1%
Language Spoken at Home ³		
English	84.0%	66.9%
Spanish	12.2%	25.9%
Other Languages	2.6%	7.2%
SNAP Usage (i.e., Food Stamps)		
Received SNAP Benefits	48.1%	43.3%
Did Not Receive SNAP Benefits	51.9%	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.