Uninsured Children 2009-2011: Charting the Nation's Progress

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Key Findings

- While nationally children's coverage rates continued to improve, more states held steady, showing no progress despite an improving economy. Full implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) provides the next opportunity to make substantial progress for children's health coverage.
- 2. Hispanic children are disproportionately represented among uninsured children.
 Children living in families with lower incomes, who are age 6 or older and those in rural areas are also more likely to be uninsured.
- Nevada continued to have the highest rate of uninsured kids in the country, as Massachusetts maintained its lead with the lowest rate. Hawaii was the only state to show a significant increase in the number of uninsured children from 2009-2011, yet remained one of the strongest states in terms of coverage.

Steady progress continued to be made in the US with respect to covering children. Despite no reduction in the number of children living in poverty, a strong commitment to children's health coverage through Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and the protection of

children's eligibility levels by the Affordable Care Act,¹ the number of uninsured children declined to 5.5 million in 2011 from 6.4 million in 2009 (see Figure 1 on page 2). Children's coverage rates rose to 92.5 percent in 2011, whereas adults continued to be uninsured at much higher rates (see Figure 2 on page 2).

Using data from the American Community Survey, this report examines trends in children's coverage over a two-year period, from 2009-2011. It looks at both the national and state changes in the number and rate of uninsured children, as well as the demographic characteristics of the children that remain uninsured.

Progress has been widespread, but significant disparities among states endured. This year, fewer states (20) saw significant declines in their rates of uninsured children as compared to 34 states during the prior two-year period.² Because some states with large numbers of uninsured children, such as Texas, Florida, and California, saw improvements in coverage, national rates of children's coverage continued to go up. Yet the majority of states (30) saw no significant change in their rates of coverage. Just one state, Hawaii, saw an increase in uninsured children.

While progress can and should continue over the next year, full and successful implementation of the provisions of the Affordable Care Act, pro-

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25% 22.5% 21.6% 20.0% 20% 15% Children's Uninsured Rate Children's Poverty Rate 10% 8.6% 8.0% 7.5% 5% 0% 2009 2010 2011

Figure 1: Children's Uninsurance Rate Declined While Their Poverty Rate Increased

vides the next big opportunity for a sharp decline in the number of uninsured children. Even though the individual requirement to have coverage does not apply to low-income families,³ awareness of the mandate and a move to a widespread "culture of coverage" on January 1, 2014 will likely result in more children gaining coverage.⁴

Approximately two-thirds of children who are uninsured are eligible for Medicaid and CHIP but are not enrolled.⁵ As such, it will be important for state and federal policymakers to continue to move forward aggressively to reduce the number of uninsured children by eliminating red tape and ensuring that eligible children are enrolled, especially as systems are upgraded in preparation for 2014 and beyond. Also, the extension of Medicaid to

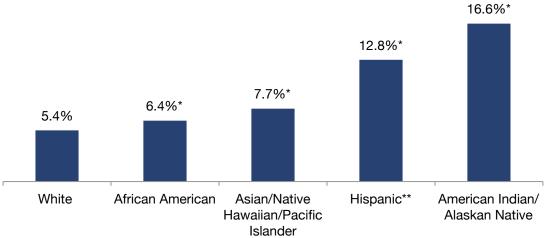
low-income parents and other adults will likely boost children's coverage rates, as research suggests that parents who are covered are more likely to have insured children. Additionally, the ACA stipulates that a child must be covered prior to the parent enrolling in Medicaid, further ensuring that children are covered as their parents are.

However, as a result of the Supreme Court decision in *National Federation of Independent Business v. Sebelius*, whether or not to extend Medicaid coverage to parents and other adults below 133 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL), is a choice left to the states. This choice will be of significant consequence for children in states such as Texas, Florida, Georgia, and

Figure 2: Children are Uninsured at Lower Rates than Adults

| | 2009 | 2011 | Percentage Point Change |
|----------|-------|-------|-------------------------|
| Children | 8.6% | 7.5% | -1.1 |
| Adults | 20.6% | 21.0% | 0.4 |

Figure 3: Coverage Disparities Continue Between Racial & Ethnic Groups



Hispanic children account for an astonishing 40 percent of the nation's uninsured children, despite being 24 percent of the child population.

Notes: * indicates a statistically significant difference from White, Non-Hispanic children.

Arizona where many of the uninsured children live and the decision to extend Medicaid coverage is uncertain.

Which children are uninsured?

Hispanic children are disproportionately represented among uninsured children. Children living in families with lower incomes, who are age 6 or older and those in rural areas are also more likely to be uninsured.

Race and Ethnicity

Even though all racial and ethnic groups experienced gains in coverage, disparities continue to exist (see Figure 3). White and African American children have the lowest rates of uninsurance. In contrast, Hispanic and American Indian children lag considerably behind, despite a decline in their rates of uninsurance from 2009-2011.

The uninsured rate for Hispanic children, who may be of any race, is double that of White, non-Hispanic children. Moreover, Hispanic children account for an astonishing 40.4 percent of the nation's uninsured children, despite being 23.6 percent of the child population.

Age

Children age six and older are much more likely to be uninsured than younger children and constitute almost three-quarters of uninsured children. Although the percent of uninsured children across all age groups declined by 1.1 percentage points from 2009 to 2011, older children continue to have higher rates of uninsurance than younger children (8.3 percent vs. 5.9 percent).

Figure 4: Medicaid Plays a Large Role in Covering Poor and Low-Income Children

| D | Medicaid | | ESI | | Uninsured | |
|------------------|----------|--------|-------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Percent of FPL | 2009 | 2011 | 2009 | 2011 | 2009 | 2011 |
| Under 50% FPL | 77.7% | 80.4%* | 9.8% | 9.3%* | 11.0% | 9.3%* |
| Under 100% FPL | 75.4% | 78.8%* | 11.7% | 10.9%* | 12.1% | 10.0%* |
| 100-199% FPL | 49.5% | 53.5%* | 34.7% | 33.2%* | 13.6% | 11.4%* |
| 200% FPL & above | 11.2% | 12.3%* | 76.3% | 76.2% | 5.4% | 4.8%* |

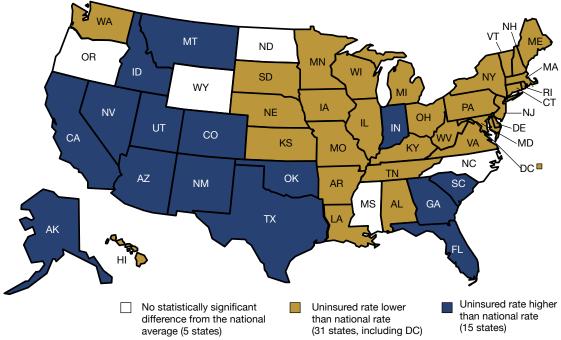
Note: * Indicates that the percentage point change is significant at the 90% confidence level.

^{**} Hispanic children can be of any race.



Figure 5: 31 States Had Lower Uninsurance Rates for Children than the National Average

Overall, the country continued to make progress in insuring children yet coverage levels still vary dramatically from state to state.



Income

Children in all income groups gained coverage from 2009 to 2011. Children between 100 and 199 percent of the poverty level experienced the greatest improvement, but also had the highest rate of uninsurance in 2011 at 11.4 percent. In fact, all low-income children (those below 200 percent of the FPL) were approximately two times more likely to be uninsured than children above 200 percent of the FPL.

Children from lower-income families are more likely to be covered by Medicaid than employersponsored insurance (ESI), while the reverse is true for children from higher-income families (see Figure 4 on page 3). As in years past, the majority of children are insured by ESI; however, the 51.9 percent of children with ESI in 2011 represents a 2.4 percentage point decrease from 2009. Medicaid, the second largest source of coverage for children, covers almost 36.5 percent of the nation's children, a 4.1 percentage point increase from 2009.

Geographic Location

Where children live has a significant impact on their access to health insurance. The uninsurance rate for children living in both urban and rural areas declined from 2009 to 2011; however, rural children are still uninsured at a slightly higher rate (7.7 percent) than the national average (7.5 percent) and their urban counterparts (7.4 percent).

How are states doing?

Overall, the country continued to make progress in insuring children yet coverage levels still vary dramatically from state to state. In 2011, 15 states had rates of uninsurance among children higher than the national average of 7.5 percent, five states were not different from the national average, and 31 were lower than the national average (see Figure 5). States with higher rates of uninsurance clustered in the West and South, including large states such as California, Texas, and Florida.

Figure 7 (on page 5) shows the five states with the highest rates of uninsurance for children and



Half of Uninsured Children Live in Six States

Six states (Texas, California, Florida, Georgia, Arizona, and New York,) account for half of the uninsured children nationwide. Texas alone has close to a million uninsured children or almost 17 percent of the total nationwide.

Figure 6: States with the Largest Number of Uninsured Children

| State | 2011 Number Uninsured | As a Share of US Total |
|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Texas | 916,522 | 16.6% |
| California | 744,797 | 13.5% |
| Florida | 475,112 | 8.6% |
| Georgia | 236,568 | 4.3% |
| Arizona | 208,419 | 3.8% |
| New York | 180,834 | 3.3% |
| Six State Total | 2,762,252 | 50.0% |
| National Total | 5,527,657 | |

Texas and Oregon led the nation with declines of 3.1 percentage points in their rates of uninsured children, with Florida close behind at 2.9 percentage points.

the five states with the lowest rates (see Table 2 in the Appendix for a full listing). Nevada continued to have the highest rate of uninsured kids in the country, and its rate of 16.2 percent was considerably higher than the next state on the list – Texas at 13.2 percent. Massachusetts maintained its lead in the country in ensuring coverage, with 98.3 percent of kids having insurance there. Hawaii was the only state to show a significant increase in the number of uninsured children from 2009-2011, yet remains one of the strongest states in coverage rates (see Table 3 in the Appendix).

Which states are making progress?

By looking at the change in coverage rates over a two-year period, we are able to examine which states are making progress and which are falling behind. As described above fewer states showed declines in their rate of uninsured children (20) as compared to 2008-2010 when 34 states saw a significant decline.

States with the most improvement: Twenty states showed significant declines in their rates of child uninsurance (see Table 4 in the Appendix for a full listing). Texas and Oregon led the nation with declines of 3.1 percentage points in their rates of uninsured children, with Florida close behind at 2.9 percentage points (see Figure 8 on page 6). It is worth noting that for some of these states, such as Texas and Florida, it is easier to make progress because they began with such a high rate of uninsured children. In 2011, Florida ranked 48th and Texas ranked

Figure 7: States with the Lowest and Highest Rates of Uninsured Children

| States with Lowest Uninsured Rates | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------|--|--|--|
| Massachusetts | 1.7% | | | |
| Vermont | 2.4% | | | |
| Connecticut | 2.9% | | | |
| Hawaii | 3.6% | | | |
| Illinois and New Hampshire | 3.7% | | | |

| States with Highest Uninsured Rates | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Nevada | 16.2% | | | |
| Texas | 13.2% | | | |
| Arizona | 12.9% | | | |
| Florida | 11.9% | | | |
| Alaska | 11.8% | | | |



Thirty states saw no significant change in their rate of uninsured children.

Figure 8: States with the Greatest Decline in Child Uninsurance Rates

| State 2009-2011 Percentage Point Change | |
|---|-------|
| Oregon | - 3.1 |
| Texas | - 3.1 |
| Florida | - 2.9 |
| Mississippi | - 2.2 |
| New Mexico | - 2.2 |

50th in children's coverage, despite the fact that they are making some progress.

States falling behind or remaining stagnant:

The only state which showed a significant rise in the rate and number of uninsured children was Hawaii. Despite this increase, Hawaii continued to be a leader in covering children. The remaining thirty states saw no significant change in their rate of uninsured children.8 Given the ongoing national success, these findings should sound a cautionary note for policymakers in these states, showing that progress has slowed as compared to national trends.

Conclusion

From 2009 to 2011, children's coverage rates continued to improve nationally. Yet, compared to prior years, more states held steady, not showing any forward momentum despite an improving economy. While states should continue to make strides to cover uninsured children over the next year by streamlining processes and upgrading eligibility systems, full implementation of the Affordable Care Act is the next big opportunity to make significant progress for children's health coverage.

Endnotes

- The Affordable Care Act contains a "maintenance-of-effort" provision, which requires states to maintain eligibility levels for children's coverage through October 1, 2019.
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- Even though nearly everyone is subject to the individual responsibility requirement, some people will not face a penalty if they fail to have coverage, including those who lack access to affordable options, those with income below the tax-filing threshold (\$9,500 for a single person in 2011), and those who experience a short gap in coverage. Additionally, the Secretary of HHS has significant flexibility to identify other circumstances under which it might be appropriate for someone to secure an exemption.
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- Other states showed declines, as seen in Table 4 in the Appendix, but these declines were not statistically significant at the 90 percent confidence level.
- Seven states (Utah, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, North Dakota, District of Columbia, Arizona, and Wyoming) showed an increase in the number of uninsured children during this period but these increases were not statistically significant.

Methodology

This factsheet analyzes data from the Census Bureau's 2009 and 2011 American Community Survey (ACS) published on the American Fact Finder, "Children" are defined as those under the age of 18.

Where only numbers are available, percent esti-



mates and their standard errors were computed based on formulas provided in the ACS's "Instructions for Applying Statistical Testing to ACS 1-Year Data."

Data on sources of health insurance coverage and poverty level include only those individuals for whom poverty status can be determined. Therefore, this population is slightly smaller than the total non-institutionalized population of the US, which is the universe used to calculate all other data in the brief. Individuals can report more than one source of coverage; as such totals may add to more than 100 percent.

When reporting health coverage for racial and ethnic groups, the uninsured rates for single-race alone categories (e.g., "Black or African-American Alone"), as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, are used. The categories "Some other race alone" and "Two or more races" are not included. All references to White children within the brief are based on data for those who identify as "White alone, non-Hispanic." Those who identify as "Hispanic," which refers to a person's ethnicity, can be of any race.

It should be noted that the 2009 and 2011 data have different population controls as they are based on different decennial census population baselines. Despite this, the cross-year state and national demographic comparisons contain a large enough population sample that it should not substantially affect percentage estimates. However, more caution should be used when comparing number estimates, especially for children under age five and for all racial/ethnic groups. As there is currently no information on how the change in population controls could impact data that is disaggregated by income level, caution should also be used with this data.

Additionally, the estimates are not adjusted to address the Medicaid undercount often found in surveys, which may be accentuated by the absence of state specific health insurance program names in the ACS.

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Table 1. Number of Uninsured Children Under 18, 2009 and 2011

| STATE | 2009 NUMBER UNINSURED | 2009 STATE RANKING IN NUMBER OF UNINSURED | 2011 NUMBER UNINSURED | 2011 STATE RANKING IN NUMBER OF UNINSURED |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|
| United States | 6,369,023 | - | 5,527,657 | - |
| Alabama | 66,730 | 25 | 59,061 | 23 |
| Alaska | 24,993 | 13 | 22,109 | 12 |
| Arizona | 207,853 | 47 | 208,419 | 47 |
| Arkansas | 44,061 | 18 | 39,950 | 19 |
| California | 890,998 | 50 | 744,797 | 50 |
| Colorado | 124,366 | 39 | 115,726 | 41 |
| Connecticut | 30,433 | 16 | 23,377 | 13 |
| Delaware | 11,310 | 5 | 9,379 | 4 |
| District of Columbia | 3,198 | 1 | 4,133 | 2 |
| Florida | 600,537 | 49 | 475,112 | 49 |
| Georgia | 281,144 | 48 | 236,568 | 48 |
| Hawaii | 7,066 | 3 | 10,980 | 7 |
| Idaho | 46,971 | 19 | 38,968 | 18 |
| Illinois | 142,269 | 42 | 113,311 | 40 |
| Indiana | 140,011 | 41 | 128,725 | 42 |
| lowa | 32,312 | 17 | 31,741 | 17 |
| Kansas | 57,717 | 20 | 46,345 | 20 |
| Kentucky | 64,407 | 22 | 62,444 | 26 |
| Louisiana | 72,758 | 26 | 64,635 | 28 |
| Maine | 15,194 | 10 | 14,165 | 10 |
| Maryland | 64,548 | 23 | 61,486 | 25 |
| Massachusetts | 19,816 | 11 | 24,099 | 14 |
| Michigan | 106,809 | 34 | 93,810 | 32 |
| Minnesota | 83,057 | 28 | 79,824 | 29 |
| Mississippi | 78,509 | 27 | 60,983 | 24 |
| Missouri | 98,465 | 32 | 94,934 | 33 |
| Montana | 28,470 | 15 | 25,562 | 15 |
| Nebraska | 28,000 | 14 | 26,892 | 16 |
| Nevada | 121,386 | 37 | 107,404 | 38 |
| New Hampshire | 13,476 | 8 | 10,192 | 6 |
| New Jersey | 129,835 | 40 | 105,165 | 37 |
| New Mexico | 58,739 | 21 | 47,469 | 21 |
| New York | 204,997 | 46 | 180,834 | 46 |
| North Carolina | 185,902 | 45 | 174,572 | 45 |
| North Dakota | 7,951 | 4 | 9,615 | 5 |
| Ohio | 172,347 | 44 | 157,202 | 44 |
| Oklahoma | 102,678 | 33 | 99,384 | 36 |
| Oregon | 90,527 | 31 | 62,887 | 27 |
| Pennsylvania | 147,428 | 43 | 149,227 | 43 |
| Rhode Island | 12,293 | 7 | 8,672 | 3 |
| South Carolina | 107,439 | 35 | 91,191 | 31 |
| South Dakota | 14,751 | 9 | 12,039 | 9 |
| Tennessee | 87,306 | 29 | 84,927 | 30 |
| Texas | 1,119,685 | 51 | 916,522 | 51 |
| Utah | 89,132 | 30 | 97,242 | 35 |
| Vermont | 3,989 | 2 | 3,019 | 1 |
| Virginia | 121,583 | 38 | 108,483 | 39 |
| Washington | 107,540 | 36 | 97,208 | 34 |
| West Virginia | 21,133 | 12 | 16,994 | 11 |
| Wisconsin | 65,407 | 24 | 58,236 | 22 |
| Wyoming | 11,497 | 6 | 11,638 | 8 |



Table 2. Percent of Uninsured Children Under 18, 2009 and 2011

| STATE | 2009 PERCENT UNINSURED | 2009 STATE RANKING IN PERCENT OF UNINSURED | 2011 PERCENT UNINSURED | 2011 STATE RANKING IN PERCENT OF UNINSURED |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|
| United States | 8.6 | - | 7.5 | - |
| Alabama | 5.9 | 19 | 5.3 | 18 |
| Alaska | 13.6 | 48 | 11.8 | 47 |
| Arizona | 12.0 | 46 | 12.9 | 49 |
| Arkansas | 6.2 | 21 | 5.6 | 20 |
| California | 9.5 | 36 | 8 | 35 |
| Colorado | 10.2 | 38 | 9.4 | 42 |
| Connecticut | 3.8 | 5 | 2.9 | 3 |
| Delaware | 5.5 | 15 | 4.6 | 14 |
| District of Columbia | 2.8 | 3 | 3.9 | 7 |
| Florida | 14.8 | 49 | 11.9 | 48 |
| Georgia | 10.9 | 42 | 9.5 | 43 |
| Hawaii | 2.5 | 2 | 3.6 | 4 |
| Idaho | 11.2 | 43 | 9.1 | 40 |
| Illinois | 4.5 | 6 | 3.7 | 5 |
| Indiana | 8.8 | 34 | 8.1 | 36 |
| lowa | 4.6 | 7 | 4.4 | 11 |
| Kansas | 8.2 | 32 | 6.4 | 30 |
| Kentucky | 6.3 | 22 | 6.1 | 27 |
| Louisiana | 6.5 | 26 | 5.8 | 22 |
| Maine | 5.6 | 17 | 5.2 | 16 |
| Maryland | 4.8 | 11 | 4.6 | 14 |
| Massachusetts | 1.4 | 1 | 1.7 | 1 |
| Michigan | 4.6 | 7 | 4.1 | 9 |
| Minnesota | 6.6 | 27 | 6.3 | 29 |
| Mississippi | 10.3 | 39 | 8.1 | 36 |
| Missouri | 6.9 | 29 | 6.7 | 32 |
| Montana | 12.9 | 47 | 11.5 | 46 |
| Nebraska | 6.3 | 22 | 5.9 | 24 |
| Nevada | 17.8 | 51 | 16.2 | 51 |
| New Hampshire | 4.7 | 10 | 3.7 | 5 |
| New Jersey | 6.4 | 24 | 5.2 | 16 |
| New Mexico | 11.4 | 45 | 9.2 | 41 |
| New York | 4.6 | 7 | 4.2 | 10 |
| North Carolina | 8.2 | 32 | 7.6 | 34 |
| North Dakota | 5.6 | 17 | 6.4 | 30 |
| Ohio | 6.4 | 24 | 5.8 | 22 |
| Oklahoma | 11.2 | 43 | 10.6 | 44 |
| Oregon | 10.4 | 41 | 7.3 | 33 |
| Pennsylvania Planta Indiana | 5.3 | 13 | 5.4 | 19 |
| Rhode Island | 5.4 | 14 | 4 | 8 |
| South Carolina | 10.0 | 37 | 8.4 | 38 |
| South Dakota | 7.6 | 31 | 6 | 26 |
| Tennessee | 5.9 | 19 | 5.7 | 21 |
| Texas | 16.3 | 50 | 13.2 | 50 |
| Utah | 10.3 | 39 | 11.1 | 45 |
| Vermont | 3.2 | 4 | 2.4 | 2 |
| Virginia | 6.6 | 27 | 5.9 | 24 |
| Washington | 6.9 | 29 | 6.2 | 28 |
| West Virginia | 5.5 | 15 | 4.4 | 11 |
| Wisconsin | 5.0 | 12 | 4.4 | 11 |
| Wyoming | 9.0 | 35 | 8.6 | 39 |



Table 3. Change in the Number of Uninsured Children Under 18, 2009 and 2011

| STATE | 2009 NUMBER UNINSURED | 2011 NUMBER UNINSURED | 2009-2011 NUMBER OF UNINSURED CHANGE | RANK 2009-2011 CHANGE IN NUMBER OF UNINSURED |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|
| United States | 6,369,023 | 5,527,657 | -841,366* | - |
| Texas | 1,119,685 | 916,522 | -203,163* | 1 |
| California | 890,998 | 744,797 | -146,201* | 2 |
| Florida | 600,537 | 475,112 | -125,425* | 3 |
| Georgia | 281,144 | 236,568 | -44,576* | 4 |
| Illinois | 142,269 | 113,311 | -28,958* | 5 |
| Oregon | 90,527 | 62,887 | -27,640* | 6 |
| New Jersey | 129,835 | 105,165 | -24,670* | 7 |
| New York | 204,997 | 180,834 | -24,163* | 8 |
| Mississippi | 78,509 | 60,983 | -17,526* | 9 |
| South Carolina | 107,439 | 91,191 | -16,248* | 10 |
| Ohio | 172,347 | 157,202 | -15,145* | 11 |
| Nevada | 121,386 | 107,404 | -13,982* | 12 |
| Virginia | 121,583 | 108,483 | -13,100* | 13 |
| Michigan | 106,809 | 93,810 | -12,999* | 14 |
| Kansas | 57,717 | 46,345 | -11,372* | 15 |
| North Carolina | 185,902 | 174,572 | -11,330 | 16 |
| Indiana | 140,011 | 128,725 | -11,286 | 17 |
| New Mexico | 58,739 | 47,469 | -11,270* | 18 |
| Washington | 107,540 | 97,208 | -10,332 | 19 |
| Colorado | 124,366 | 115,726 | -8,640 | 20 |
| Louisiana | 72,758 | 64,635 | -8,123 | 21 |
| Idaho | 46,971 | 38,968 | -8,003* | 22 |
| Alabama | 66,730 | 59,061 | -7,669 | 23 |
| Wisconsin | 65,407 | 58,236 | -7,171 | 24 |
| Connecticut | 30,433 | 23,377 | -7,056* | 25 |
| West Virginia | 21,133 | 16,994 | -4,139 | 26 |
| Arkansas | 44,061 | 39,950 | -4,111 | 27 |
| Rhode Island | 12,293 | 8,672 | -3,621* | 28 |
| Missouri | 98,465 | 94,934 | -3,531 | 29 |
| Oklahoma | 102,678 | 99,384 | -3,294 | 30 |
| New Hampshire | 13,476 | 10,192 | -3,284* | 31 |
| Minnesota | 83,057 | 79,824 | -3,233 | 32 |
| Maryland | 64,548 | 61,486 | -3,062 | 33 |
| Montana | 28,470 | 25,562 | -2,908 | 34 |
| Alaska | 24,993 | 22,109 | -2,884 | 35 |
| South Dakota | 14,751 | 12,039 | -2,712 | 36 |
| Tennessee | 87,306 | 84,927 | -2,379 | 37 |
| Kentucky | 64,407 | 62,444 | -1,963 | 38 |
| Delaware | 11,310 | 9,379 | -1,931 | 39 |
| Nebraska | 28,000 | 26,892 | -1,108 | 40 |
| Maine | 15,194 | 14,165 | -1,029 | 41 |
| Vermont | 3,989 | 3,019 | -970 | 42 |
| lowa | 32,312 | 31,741 | -571 | 43 |
| Wyoming | 11,497 | 11,638 | 141 | 44 |
| Arizona | 207,853 | 208,419 | 566 | 45 |
| District of Columbia | 3,198 | 4,133 | 935 | 46 |
| North Dakota | 7,951 | 9,615 | 1,664 | 47 |
| Pennsylvania | 147,428 | 149,227 | 1,799 | 48 |
| Hawaii | 7,066 | 10,980 | 3,914* | 49 |
| Massachusetts | 19,816 | 24,099 | 4,283 | 50 |
| Utah | 89,132 | 97,242 | 8,110 | 51 |

^{*} indicates that the number change is significant at the 90% confidence level



Table 4. Change in the Percent of Uninsured Children Under 18, 2009 and 2011

| STATE | 2009 PERCENT UNINSURED | 2011 PERCENT UNINSURED | 2009-2011 PERCENTAGE POINT CHANGE | RANK 2009-2011 PERCENTAGE POINT CHANGE |
|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| United States | 8.6 | 7.5 | -1.1* | - |
| Oregon | 10.4 | 7.3 | -3.1* | 1 |
| Texas | 16.3 | 13.2 | -3.1* | 1 |
| Florida | 14.8 | 11.9 | -2.9* | 3 |
| Mississippi | 10.3 | 8.1 | -2.2* | 4 |
| New Mexico | 11.4 | 9.2 | -2.2* | 4 |
| Idaho | 11.2 | 9.1 | -2.1* | 6 |
| Alaska | 13.6 | 11.8 | -1.8 | 7 |
| Kansas | 8.2 | 6.4 | -1.8* | 7 |
| Nevada | 17.8 | 16.2 | -1.6 | 9 |
| South Carolina | 10.0 | 8.4 | -1.6* | 9 |
| South Dakota | 7.6 | 6.0 | -1.6* | 9 |
| California | 9.5 | 8.0 | -1.5* | 12 |
| Georgia | 10.9 | 9.5 | -1.4* | 13 |
| Montana | 12.9 | 11.5 | -1.4 | 13 |
| Rhode Island | 5.4 | 4.0 | -1.4* | 13 |
| New Jersey | 6.4 | 5.2 | -1.2* | 16 |
| West Virginia | 5.5 | 4.4 | -1.1 | 17 |
| New Hampshire | 4.7 | 3.7 | -1.0 | 18 |
| Connecticut | 3.8 | 2.9 | -0.9* | 19 |
| Delaware | 5.5 | 4.6 | -0.9 | 19 |
| Colorado | 10.2 | 9.4 | -0.8 | 21 |
| Illinois | 4.5 | 3.7 | -0.8* | 21 |
| Vermont | 3.2 | 2.4 | -0.8 | 21 |
| Indiana | 8.8 | 8.1 | -0.7 | 24 |
| Louisiana | 6.5 | 5.8 | -0.7 | 24 |
| Virginia | 6.6 | 5.9 | -0.7* | 24 |
| Washington | 6.9 | 6.2 | -0.7 | 24 |
| Alabama | 5.9 | 5.3 | -0.6 | 28 |
| Arkansas | 6.2 | 5.6 | -0.6 | 28 |
| North Carolina | 8.2 | 7.6 | -0.6 | 28 |
| Ohio | 6.4 | 5.8 | -0.6* | 28 |
| Oklahoma | 11.2 | 10.6 | -0.6 | 28 |
| Wisconsin | 5.0 | 4.4 | -0.6* | 28 |
| Michigan | 4.6 | 4.1 | -0.5* | 34 |
| Maine | 5.6 | 5.2 | -0.4 | 35 |
| Nebraska | 6.3 | 5.9 | -0.4 | 35 |
| New York | 4.6 | 4.2 | -0.4* | 35 |
| Wyoming | 9.0 | 8.6 | -0.4 | 35 |
| Minnesota | 6.6 | 6.3 | -0.3 | 39 |
| lowa | 4.6 | 4.4 | -0.2 | 40 |
| Kentucky | 6.3 | 6.1 | -0.2 | 40 |
| Maryland | 4.8 | 4.6 | -0.2 | 40 |
| Missouri | 6.9 | 6.7 | -0.2 | 40 |
| Tennessee | 5.9 | 5.7 | -0.2 | 40 |
| Pennsylvania | 5.3 | 5.4 | 0.1 | 45 |
| Massachusetts | 1.4 | 1.7 | 0.3 | 46 |
| North Dakota | 5.6 | 6.4 | 0.8 | 47 |
| Utah | 10.3 | 11.1 | 0.8 | 47 |
| Arizona | 12.0 | 12.9 | 0.9 | 49 |
| District of Columbia | 2.8 | 3.9 | 1.1 | 50 |
| Hawaii | 2.5 | 3.6 | 1.1* | 50 |

^{*} indicates that the percentage point change is significant at the 90% confidence level