

# Arkansas: Uninsured Parents Potentially Eligible for Medicaid Under the ACA<sup>1</sup>

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. Eighty thousand, or 1.7 percent, of these parents live in Arkansas. Below is a snapshot of the key demographic and socioeconomic characteristics of these parents in Arkansas as compared to the United States.

Uninsured Parents	Arkansas	United States
Total Uninsured Parents	143,000	11,460,000
Uninsured Parents <133% FPL	80,000	4,724,000
As a Share of All Uninsured Parents	56.1%	41.2%

Characteristics of Uninsured Parents <133% FPL	80,000	4,724,000
<b>Medicaid Eligibility</b>		
Parent Currently Eligible for Medicaid	23.1%	46.5%
Parent with a Child Enrolled in Medicaid	89.1%	74.5%
Parent with a Child Eligible for Medicaid, but Uninsured	10.9%	25.5%
<b>Family Income</b>		
<51% FPL	38.9%	37.9%
51-100% FPL	36.4%	36.0%
101-138 % FPL	24.8%	26.0%
<b>Work Status</b>		
Full-time Workers	35.0%	30.5%
Part-time Workers	22.5%	23.1%
Unemployed/Not in Workforce	42.6%	46.4%
<b>Ethnicity/Race<sup>2</sup></b>		
Hispanic	6.9%	29.4%
White	69.5%	47.0%
African American	20.8%	17.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.2% *	3.4%
<b>Family Citizenship Status</b>		
All Citizens	96.6%	81.0%
Mixed Citizenship	3.4%	17.9%
All Non-Citizens	---	1.1%
<b>Language Spoken at Home<sup>3</sup></b>		
English	93.4%	66.9%
Spanish	6.2%	25.9%
Other Languages	0.5% *	7.2%
<b>SNAP Usage (i.e., Food Stamps)</b>		
Received SNAP Benefits	57.9%	43.3%
Did Not Receive SNAP Benefits	42.1%	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.