

About SHADAC

The University of Minnesota's State Health Access Data Assistance Center (SHADAC) is funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to collect and analyze data to inform state health policy decisions relating to health insurance coverage and access to care.

Our goal is to help states bridge the gap between health data and the policymaking process. SHADAC produces timely and targeted health policy research with a focus on deriving lessons from state variations in policy and outcomes in the national context.

SHADAC maintains an ongoing research agenda related to issues of health access and insurance coverage, data collection methods, and state health policy.

High quality data are needed to plan, implement and monitor the effects of federal- and state-level policies over time. Understanding the state and local level impacts of changes in health policy contributes to a better understanding of the overall impact of policy change and help identify any unintended effects. In 2008 the American Community Survey (ACS) added a health insurance question providing a new and important resource for policy evaluation at the federal, state and local level.

For information on how SHADAC can assist your state with small area estimation or other data issues relevant to state health policy, please contact us at:

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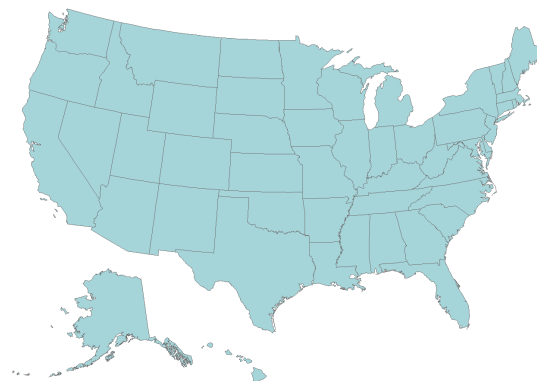
About the American Community Survey (ACS)

The ACS meets states' needs for monitoring health insurance coverage:

- Current coverage measured
- Consistent estimates
- Trends over time
 - Monitor impacts of health reform, change in economy or demographics
- Comparisons across states
- Excellent sample size
- Robust subpopulation analysis
 - Race/ethnicity, poverty, age
 - Counties/congressional districts, neighborhoods
- Representativeness
- Access to micro-data

Examples of questions answered by the ACS:

- How many uninsured are in my state and where do they live?
- What is their demographic profile?
- How many kids in each county are eligible for CHIP or Medicaid but not enrolled?
- How many people in my state will be eligible for Medicaid if eligibility is changed?



The ACS Sample
is almost

15 TIMES LARGER
than the CPS Sample



SHADAC Data Center

SHADAC's Data Center is a web-based tool to customize tables and graphs of health insurance coverage estimates.

The Data Center has the most up-to-date state-level health insurance coverage estimates in an easy to access format. These estimates are presented in ways that are useful for both researchers and policymakers.

Go to www.shadac.org/datacenter and make data work for you!

With the Data Center, you can:

- Access state-level data from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey & the Current Population Survey Annual Social & Economic Supplement
- Find coverage trend data from 1987 to the present in one place, including updates based on Census revisions
- Access estimates using SHADAC's enhanced Current Population Survey data series to adjust for changes in the survey over time
- Produce customized tables and graphs that can be easily downloaded
- Export your data directly to Microsoft Excel, without the hassle of downloading new software

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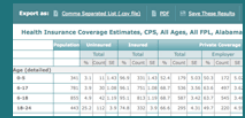
Welcome to SHADAC's Data Center, a web-based table generator tool allowing users to customize tables and graphs of health insurance coverage estimates within a pre-defined set of parameters. The Data Center is a user-friendly and easily accessible way to get health insurance coverage estimates from the Current Population Survey's Annual Social and Economic Supplement (CPS) and the American Community Survey (ACS).

The Data Center now has calendar year 2011 estimates for the ACS, CPS and SHADAC-Enhanced CPS. The 2010 estimates for CPS and SHADAC-Enhanced CPS have also been revised to incorporate the new 2010 Census-based weights released by the Census Bureau. The SHADAC-Enhanced CPS estimates for 2000-2009 have been revised to smooth to the 2010 Census-based weights for a consistent time series between the decades.

A health insurance unit (HIU) definition of family is used for the Data Center calculations. The SHADAC Brief 27, ["Defining Family for Studies of Health Insurance Coverage,"](#) describes the HIU.

SHADAC hosted a webinar on April 10, 2012 to discuss the HIU and to provide a walkthrough of navigating the Data Center. [View the webinar archive and presentation slides.](#)

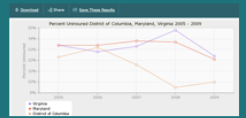
Tables



Use our table generator to find the latest national and state-level uninsurance estimates.

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Charts



Use the chart and graph generator to get a visual display of topline estimates or demographic trends

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Helpful Hints

- 1 Tables provide detailed health insurance coverage estimates for the nation and any selected states. Results are output in table format.
- 2 Charts provide summary trend information for the nation and/or any selected states. Results are output in graphic format.
- 3 Results can be printed, exported, and/or saved for future reference (registration is required to save results).