State-Level Inequities in Children's Health Insurance Coverage

SHADAC Analysis of 2016-2020 American Community Survey Data

Alabama

While health insurance is important for all people, it confers particular benefits to children—providing a gateway for health care to help kids grow into healthy adults. Fortunately, the U.S. has made substantial progress toward increasing the number of children with health insurance over the recent decades, and kids are now much less likely than adults to be uninsured. However, deep disparities remain in children's health insurance rates.

Using 2016-2020 data from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS), SHADAC has produced state-level estimates of children's uninsurance rates by demographic groups. These can be used as a tool to identify health equity gaps and to develop policies and initiatives to ensure children have access to health insurance and health care.

Nationally,

5 out of every 100
children are uninsured, or approximately
3,643,900 children

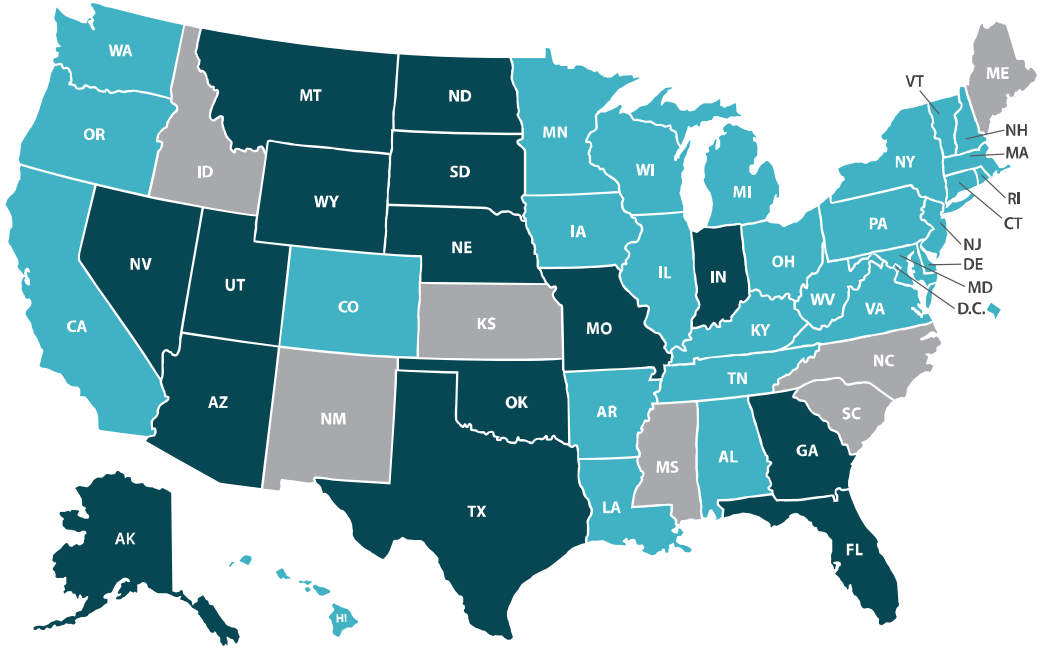
In Alabama,

3 out of every 100
children are uninsured, or approximately
31,300 children

At a glance: State vs. National Uninsured Rates among Children

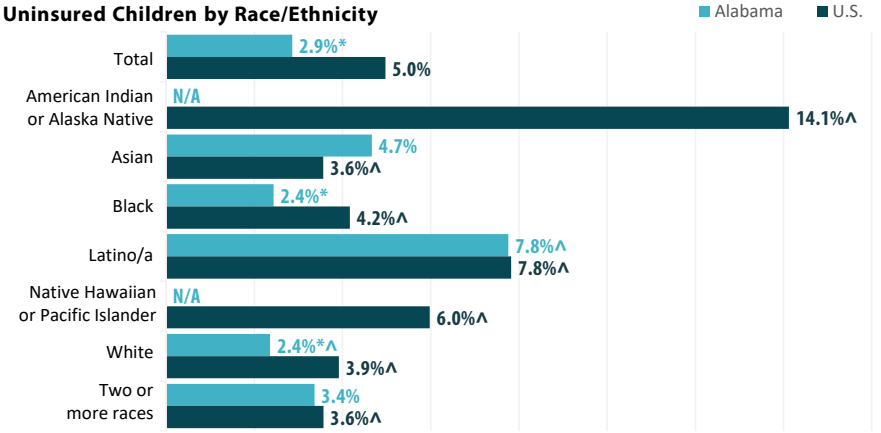
The percentage of uninsured children was significantly below the national average in 28 states and the District of Columbia, while 15 states had rates significantly above the national average.

Significantly below the U.S. rate. | Not significantly different from the U.S. rate. | Significantly above the U.S. rate.



Percent of Uninsured Children by Demographic Groups: State vs. National

Uninsured Children by Race/Ethnicity



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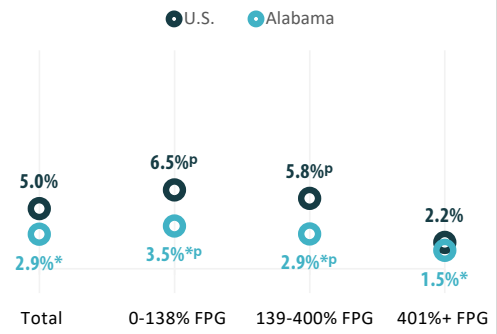
Uninsured Children by Poverty Level



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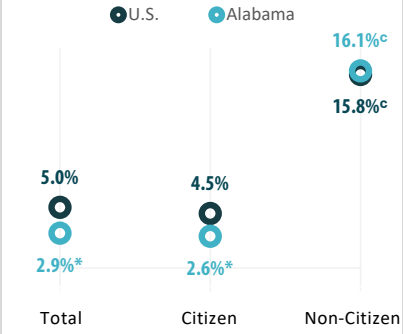
Uninsured Children by Citizenship



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Statistical Significance Key

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- ᵖ *Significantly different from 401%+ FPG rate at 95% level*
- ᶜ *Significantly different from citizen rate at 95% level*
- * *Significantly different from U.S. rate at 95% level*
- ᵃ *Significantly different from 0-5 age rate at 95% level*
- ᵐ *Significantly different from in-metro rate at 95% level*
- † *Statistical testing not possible due to unreliability of the benchmark estimate*

State	Total % Uninsured	Percent Uninsured by Race/ Ethnicity							Poverty Level			Citizenship		Age			Metro status (i.e., urban, rural)		
		American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black	Latino/a	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	White	Two or more races	0-138%	139-400%	401%+	Citizen	Non-Citizen	0-5	6-11	12-17	In metro	Not in metro	Metro status uncertain
United States	**5.0%**	**14.1% ^**	**3.6% ^**	**4.2% ^**	**7.8% ^**	**6.0% ^**	**3.9% ^**	**3.6% ^**	**6.5% ᵖ**	**5.8% ᵖ**	**2.2%**	**4.5%**	**15.8% ᶜ**	**4.3%**	**4.8% ᵃ**	**5.8% ᵃ**	**4.7%**	**6.2% ᵐ**	**5.8% ᵐ**
Alabama	2.9%	N/A	4.7%	2.4% *	7.8% ^	N/A	2.4% *^	3.4%	3.5% *ᵖ	2.9% *ᵖ	1.5% *	2.6%	16.1% *ᶜ	2.7% *	2.4% *	3.5% *ᵃ	2.8% *	3.7% *ᵐ	2.5% *
Alaska	8.4%	14.4% ^	10.4% *	N/A	5.3% ^	N/A	6.0% *^	11.3% *	10.5% *ᵖ	9.1% *ᵖ	3.8% *	8.2%	11.3% *	8.0% *	8.6% *	8.6% *	7.1% *	12.4% *ᵐ	7.9% *
Arizona	8.2%	18.5% *^	5.1% *^	7.0% *	10.1% *^	N/A	5.4% *^	6.3% *^	10.1% *ᵖ	9.2% *ᵖ	3.6% *	7.8%	17.5% *ᶜ	7.1% *	7.6% *	9.8% *ᵃ	8.0% *	17.9% *ᵐ	7.2% *
Arkansas	4.3%	N/A	N/A	2.3% *^	11.0% *^	22.0% *^	3.3% *^	5.6% *	5.0% *ᵖ	4.5% *ᵖ	2.5%	3.8% *	29.9% *ᶜ	3.8%	3.8% *	5.3% ᵃ	4.8%	4.5% *	3.6% *ᵐ
California	3.1%	8.8% *^	2.4% *^	2.5% *^	3.8% *^	3.3% *	2.3% *^	2.3% *^	3.9% *ᵖ	3.7% *ᵖ	1.6% *	2.8% *	7.7% *ᶜ	2.5% *	2.9% *ᵃ	4.0% *ᵃ	3.1% *	4.1% *ᵐ	N/A
Colorado	4.6%	9.6% ^	4.0%	4.6%	6.8% *^	N/A	3.6% *^	2.5% *^	5.9% *ᵖ	6.2% ᵖ	2.1%	4.1%	17.2% *ᶜ	3.7% *	4.4% *ᵃ	5.7% ᵃ	4.2% *	8.3% *ᵐ	7.0% *ᵐ
Connecticut	2.9%	N/A	N/A	3.1% *	4.4% *^	N/A	2.1% *^	3.1%	4.4% *ᵖ	3.5% *ᵖ	1.7% *	2.3%	14.0% *ᶜ	2.9% *	3.0% *	2.9% *	2.9% *	2.5% *	N/A
Delaware	3.7%	N/A	N/A	3.0% *	5.9% *^	N/A	3.6%	N/A	4.1% *ᵖ	4.5% *ᵖ	2.2%	3.3%	14.6% *ᶜ	3.3%	3.6% *	4.1% *	3.7% *	N/A	N/A
Dist. of Columbia	1.9%	N/A	N/A	1.8% *	3.4% *	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.3% *†	3.7% *†	N/A	1.5% *	8.9% *ᶜ	1.5% *	2.5% *	1.8% *	1.9% *	N/A	N/A
Florida	6.9%	13.8% ^	7.0% *	6.9% *	8.4% *^	N/A	5.9% *^	5.9% *^	8.1% *ᵖ	7.6% *ᵖ	3.8% *	5.8% *	20.9% *ᶜ	5.4% *	6.8% *ᵃ	8.5% *ᵃ	6.9% *	5.9%	7.9% *ᵐ
Georgia	7.1%	N/A	6.7% *	5.7% *^	15.3% *^	N/A	5.6% *^	5.9% *^	9.8% *ᵖ	7.7% *ᵖ	2.6% *	6.5% *	23.3% *ᶜ	6.0% *	6.8% *ᵃ	8.3% *ᵃ	7.2% *	7.2%	6.9% *
Hawaii	2.7%	N/A	2.9%	N/A	2.9% *	2.5% *	3.9%	2.0% *^	2.7% *	2.8% *	2.1%	2.5% *	4.8% *ᶜ	2.4% *	1.8% *	3.9% *ᵃ	2.3% *	2.8% *	4.2% *ᵐ
Idaho	5.4%	11.4% ^	N/A	N/A	7.8% ^	N/A	4.9% *	4.6%	5.3% *ᵖ	6.4% ᵖ	3.2% *	5.1%	18.6% *ᶜ	4.8%	5.1%	6.3% ᵃ	4.5%	6.3% ᵐ	6.4% ᵐ
Illinois	3.1%	N/A	3.4%	3.5% *	4.0% *^	N/A	2.6% *^	1.8% *^	4.0% *ᵖ	3.6% *ᵖ	1.5% *	2.9% *	7.7% *ᶜ	2.8% *	2.9% *	3.5% *ᵃ	3.0% *	3.8% *ᵐ	2.9% *
Indiana	6.3%	N/A	5.4%	5.0% ^	9.3% *^	N/A	6.2% *	5.0% *^	8.0% *ᵖ	7.3% *ᵖ	2.6% *	6.1%	15.5% *ᶜ	5.9% *	6.7% *ᵃ	6.4% *	5.4% *	11.1% *ᵐ	7.5% *ᵐ
Iowa	2.5%	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.1% *^	N/A	2.4% *	N/A	4.0% *ᵖ	2.6% *ᵖ	1.3% *	2.4% *	7.6% *ᶜ	2.5% *	2.2% *	2.9% *	2.1% *	2.7% *	3.0% *ᵐ
Kansas	5.1%	6.0% *	2.5% ^	6.3% *	9.0% *^	N/A	4.0% ^	5.0%	7.8% *ᵖ	5.4% ᵖ	1.9%	4.5% *	24.7% ᶜ	4.3%	4.7%	6.2% ᵃ	5.1%	6.1% ᵐ	3.7% *ᵐ
Kentucky	3.8%	N/A	3.6%	2.6% *^	8.0% ^	N/A	3.7%	2.2% *^	4.7% *ᵖ	4.1% *ᵖ	1.9%	3.6%	13.1% *ᶜ	3.7% *	3.8% *	3.9% *	3.2% *	3.9% *ᵐ	4.6% *ᵐ
Louisiana	3.8%	N/A	8.7% *^	3.0% *^	12.0% *^	N/A	3.0% *^	4.0%	3.9% *ᵖ	4.2% *ᵖ	2.4%	3.1% *	35.5% *ᶜ	3.5% *	3.6% *	4.1% *	4.1% *	3.1% *	3.2% *ᵐ
Maine	4.7%	6.3% *	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.9% *	3.9%	5.9% ᵖ	5.9% ᵖ	2.0%	4.6% *	7.6%	4.3%	4.3%	5.4%	3.8% *	6.1% ᵐ	N/A
Maryland	3.4%	N/A	2.1% *^	3.0% *	8.1% ^	N/A	2.3% *^	1.8% *^	5.5% *ᵖ	4.2% *ᵖ	1.5% *	2.7%	14.8% *ᶜ	3.1% *	3.6% *	3.4% *	3.4% *	N/A	3.2% *
Massachusetts	1.3%	N/A	1.3% *	1.4% *	2.0% *^	N/A	1.0% *^	1.2% *	1.6% *ᵖ	1.8% *ᵖ	0.8% *	1.1% *	4.0% *ᶜ	1.3% *	1.3% *	1.2% *	1.3% *	N/A	1.8% *
Michigan	2.9%	10.0% ^	1.9% *^	2.4% *	4.0% *^	N/A	2.9% *	1.9% *^	3.8% *ᵖ	3.2% *ᵖ	1.1% *	2.8% *	6.0% *ᶜ	2.7% *	2.8% *	3.1% *ᵃ	2.4% *	5.2% *ᵐ	3.8% *ᵐ
Minnesota	3.3%	12.5% ^	2.7%	3.3%	8.0% ^	N/A	2.6% *^	2.7% *	5.6% *ᵖ	3.8% *ᵖ	1.5% *	3.0% *	9.2% *ᶜ	3.0% *	3.1% *	3.8% *ᵃ	2.9% *	5.4% *ᵐ	3.4% *
Mississippi	4.9%	23.0% *^	10.1% *^	3.4% *^	11.7% *^	N/A	5.3% *	4.6%	5.2% *ᵖ	5.6% ᵖ	2.2%	4.6% *	31.6% ᶜ	4.1%	4.9%	5.7% ᵃ	4.5%	5.0% *	5.4%
Missouri	5.4%	N/A	5.5% *	4.0% ^	9.3% *^	N/A	5.3% *	5.7% *	8.6% *ᵖ	5.2% *ᵖ	2.3%	5.2%	16.0% *ᶜ	5.2% *	5.2% *	5.9% ᵃ	4.6%	7.3% *ᵐ	7.4% *ᵐ
Montana	5.7%	18.5% *^	N/A	N/A	5.5%	N/A	4.4% ^	3.1% ^	7.3% ᵖ	6.1% ᵖ	3.2%	5.7% *	N/A	5.5% *	5.5%	6.0%	N/A	5.9% †	6.1% †
Nebraska	5.7%	11.2% ^	5.5%	9.6% *^	11.4% *^	N/A	3.6% ^	7.5% *	9.5% *ᵖ	6.0% ᵖ	2.0%	5.0% *	21.2% *ᶜ	5.0%	5.6%	6.4% ᵃ	5.7% *	6.2%	5.3%
Nevada	7.1%	9.5% *	6.7% *	4.3% ^	10.3% *^	N/A	4.8% *^	4.8% ^	9.0% *ᵖ	7.8% *ᵖ	3.0% *	6.1% *	28.1% *ᶜ	5.6% *	6.8% *ᵃ	9.0% *ᵃ	7.2% *	6.5%	6.8%
New Hampshire	2.8%	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.6%	N/A	2.5% *	N/A	4.4% *ᵖ	3.4% *ᵖ	1.7%	2.5%	12.2% *ᶜ	2.2% *	2.9% *	3.2% *	2.8% *	3.1% *	2.4% *
New Jersey	3.7%	N/A	2.7% *^	4.3% ^	6.2% *^	N/A	2.3% *^	3.3%	6.5% ᵖ	4.7% *ᵖ	1.3% *	2.8%	15.9% *ᶜ	3.1% *	3.6% *ᵃ	4.3% *ᵃ	3.7% *	N/A	N/A
New Mexico	5.2%	12.5% ^	N/A	N/A	4.8% *	N/A	4.0% ^	N/A	5.2% *	5.7% ᵖ	4.0% *	4.6% *	26.1% ᶜ	4.1%	4.4%	7.1% *ᵃ	5.1%	4.7% *	7.1% *ᵐ
New York	2.5%	9.8% *^	2.9% *^	2.5% *	2.5% *	N/A	2.3% *	2.1% *	3.2% *ᵖ	2.7% *ᵖ	1.3% *	2.2% *	5.5% *ᶜ	2.3% *	2.3% *	2.8% *ᵃ	2.1% *	6.7% ᵐ	4.7% *ᵐ
North Carolina	5.0%	5.9% *	5.2% *	3.5% *^	10.6% *^	N/A	4.0% ^	3.0% ^	6.1% ᵖ	5.6% ᵖ	2.4%	4.3% *	24.6% *ᶜ	4.1%	4.8% ᵃ	5.9% ᵃ	5.0%	4.9% *	5.0% *
North Dakota	7.9%	21.4% *^	N/A	N/A	15.0% *^	N/A	5.9% *^	N/A	12.8% *ᵖ	9.5% *ᵖ	3.5% *	7.7% *	N/A	8.5% *	8.1% *	6.8%	6.1%	8.8% *	8.3% *
Ohio	4.3%	N/A	3.0% ^	3.5% *^	6.8% *^	N/A	4.4% *	3.1% ^	5.3% *ᵖ	5.1% *ᵖ	1.9% *	4.1% *	12.3% *ᶜ	4.2%	4.2% *	4.5% *	3.5% *	8.0% *ᵐ	4.0% *
Oklahoma	7.9%	19.6% *^	5.8%	6.6% *	9.0% *	N/A	5.6% *^	9.4% *^	9.4% *ᵖ	8.4% *ᵖ	4.5% *	7.6% *	23.4% *ᶜ	7.4% *	7.2% *	9.2% *ᵃ	6.4% *	9.5% *ᵐ	10.1% *ᵐ
Oregon	3.5%	6.0% *^	N/A	2.9%	4.4% *^	N/A	3.3% *	3.1%	4.4% *ᵖ	3.9% *ᵖ	2.1%	3.4% *	7.2% *ᶜ	3.0% *	3.6% *	4.0% *ᵃ	3.4% *	4.9% *ᵐ	3.0% *
Pennsylvania	4.6%	N/A	3.9%	3.1% *^	5.3% *	N/A	5.1% *^	2.1% *^	6.4% ᵖ	5.5% *ᵖ	2.0% *	4.4% *	11.9% ᶜ	5.0% *	4.3% *ᵃ	4.6% *	4.2% *	8.3% *ᵐ	5.6% ᵐ
Rhode Island	2.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.5% *^	N/A	1.6% *	N/A	3.4% *ᵖ	2.7% *ᵖ	0.9% *	1.9% *	6.5% *ᶜ	2.4% *	1.9% *	2.3% *	2.2% *	N/A	N/A
South Carolina	5.0%	N/A	6.0% *	3.8% ^	11.0% *^	N/A	4.6% *	3.1% ^	6.1% ᵖ	5.6% ᵖ	2.3%	4.4% *	25.1% ᶜ	4.7%	4.6%	5.7% ᵃ	5.2% *	4.5% *	4.1% *ᵐ
South Dakota	5.8%	15.6% ^	N/A	N/A	9.2%	N/A	3.8% ^	4.9%	8.5% *ᵖ	6.8% ᵖ	1.1% *	5.6%	13.8% *ᶜ	4.1%	6.0% *ᵃ	7.2% *ᵃ	4.1%	7.4% *ᵐ	4.7% *
Tennessee	4.6%	N/A	4.6%	4.8% *	12.5% *^	N/A	3.5% *^	2.6% *^	6.0% *ᵖ	4.8% *ᵖ	2.3%	4.0% *	24.2% *ᶜ	4.0%	4.2% *	5.6% ᵃ	5.0%	4.4% *	3.8% *ᵐ
Texas	10.6%	9.2% *	6.3% *^	7.1% *^	14.4% *^	11.8%	7.1% *^	6.4% *^	12.4% *ᵖ	13.0% *ᵖ	4.7% *	9.3% *	33.7% *ᶜ	8.3% *	10.4% *ᵃ	13.2% *ᵃ	10.4% *	11.7% *ᵐ	12.0% *ᵐ
Utah	6.6%	16.8% ^	8.1% *	12.3% *^	14.0% *^	10.6%	4.7% *^	4.5% ^	11.5% *ᵖ	6.5% *ᵖ	3.0% *	6.1% *	27.3% *ᶜ	6.1% *	6.2% *	7.6% *ᵃ	6.6% *	8.9% *ᵐ	5.6% ᵐ
Vermont	1.3%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.1% *	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.1% *	1.1% *	N/A	1.4% *	0.8% *	N/A	N/A	1.2% *†	N/A
Virginia	4.5%	N/A	4.1%	3.8% ^	11.0% *^	N/A	3.2% *^	3.4% ^	6.4% ᵖ	6.1% ᵖ	1.7% *	3.7% *	18.3% *ᶜ	3.7% *	4.2% *ᵃ	5.5% ᵃ	4.4% *	4.3% *	4.9% *ᵐ
Washington	2.7%	10.9% *^	2.1% *^	2.1% *	3.7% *^	5.0% ^	2.3% *^	2.0% *^	3.5% *ᵖ	2.9% *ᵖ	1.7% *	2.5% *	5.0% *ᶜ	2.3% *	2.6% *	3.1% *ᵃ	2.6% *	3.0% *	2.9% *
West Virginia	2.5%	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.9% ^	N/A	2.5% *	N/A	2.7% *ᵖ	2.8% *ᵖ	1.7%	2.5% *	N/A	2.3% *	2.7% *	2.5% *	1.9% *	2.8% *ᵐ	2.8% *ᵐ
Wisconsin	3.8%	23.0% *^	3.0%	1.9% *^	6.4% *^	N/A	3.6% *	2.1% *^	6.9% ᵖ	3.5% *ᵖ	2.0%	3.6% *	12.3% *ᶜ	4.1%	3.6% *	3.9% *	2.9% *	4.3% *ᵐ	6.9% *ᵐ
Wyoming	9.3%	34.9% *^	N/A	N/A	15.4% *^	N/A	7.4% *^	N/A	11.4% *ᵖ	11.1% *ᵖ	4.6% *	9.2% *	N/A	8.8% *	9.4% *	9.6% *	N/A	11.1% *†	6.7% †