

State-Level Inequities in Children's Health Insurance Coverage

SHADAC Analysis of 2016-2020 American Community Survey Data

Iowa

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.



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

3 out of every 100
children are uninsured, or approximately
18,500 children

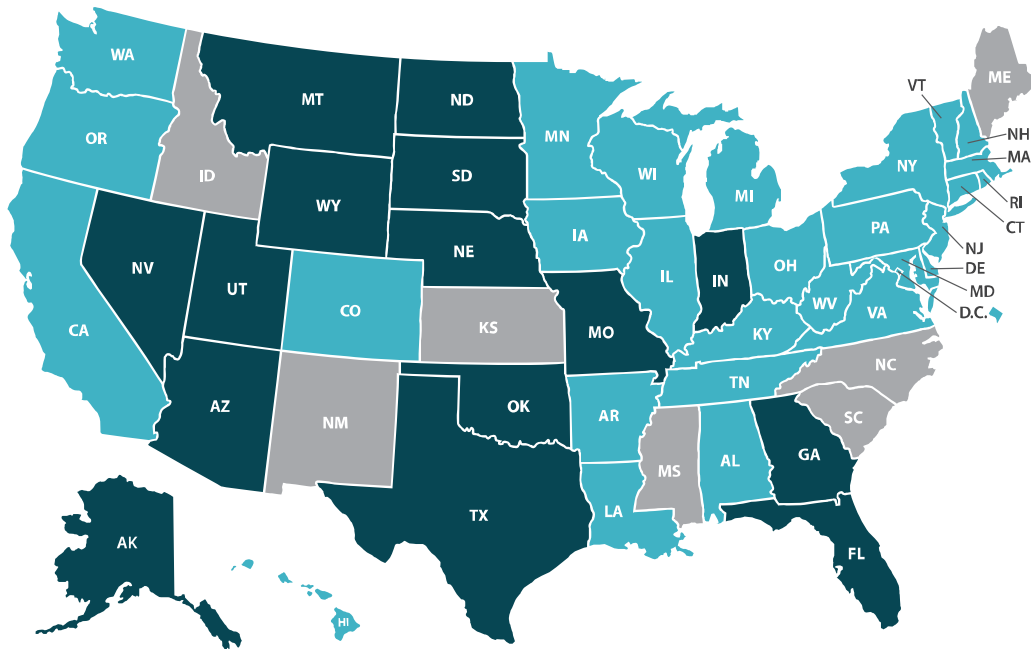
At a glance: State vs. National Uninsured Rates among Children

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.

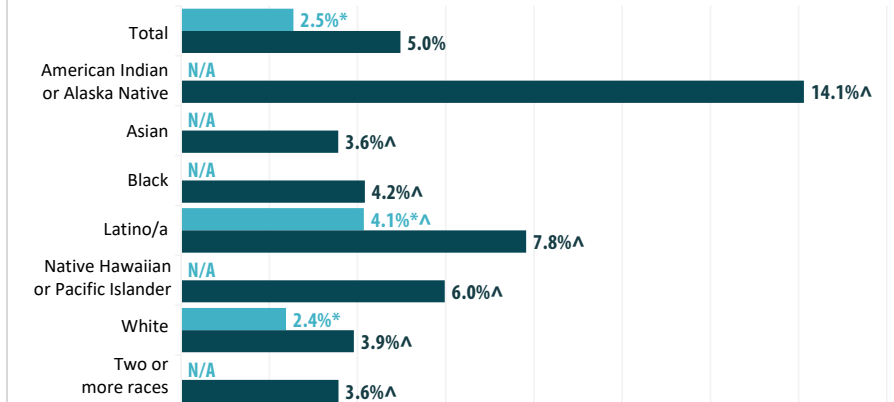
Not significantly different from the U.S. rate.

Significantly above the U.S. rate.



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

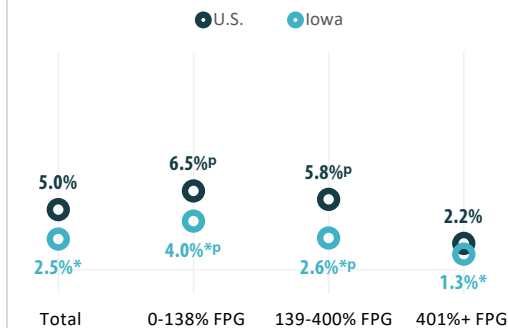
Uninsured Children by Race/Ethnicity



*Significantly different from U.S. rate at 95% level

^ΔSignificantly different from total population rate at 95% level

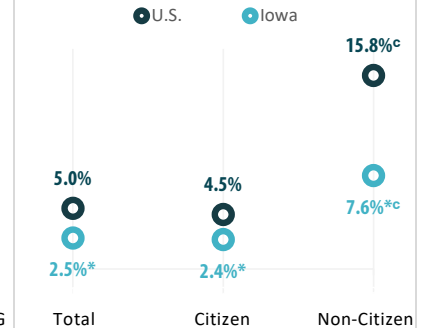
Uninsured Children by Poverty Level



*Significantly different from U.S. rate at 95% level

^PSignificantly different from 401%+ FPG rate at 95% level

Uninsured Children by Citizenship



*Significantly different from U.S. rate at 95% level

^cSignificantly different from citizen rate at 95% level



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