



Facts on the Uninsured

Fact: Forty six million or nearly 29% of people under the age of 65 in the United States are uninsured; nearly 9 million are children.

Fact: More than 82% of people who are under the age of 65 and uninsured live in families where the head of household works.

Fact: About two-thirds of the uninsured in the United States are from low-to-moderate income families. (In the District, income below 200% of poverty equates to about \$44,100 for a family of 4. Income below 300%, equates to about \$66,150 for a family of 4.)

Fact: Health care coverage directly impacts how prepared children are to learn in school. Students who lack health care coverage miss more school days, which can have a negative impact on intellectual development and educational achievement.

Fact: Children without health insurance are more likely to go without medical care and to experience worse health outcomes.

Fact: There are approximately 66,000 District residents who remain uninsured even though they may be eligible for two of the city's free health insurance programs, DC Healthy Families or DC Health Care Alliance.

Fact: Racial and ethnic minority groups make up a disproportionate share of the people who are uninsured in this country. A variety of economic and social factors underlie these disparities.

Fact: African Americans, nearly 60% of District residents, are two-and-a-half times more likely to be uninsured than whites; Latinos, almost 10 percent of the population, are eight times more likely to be uninsured than whites.

Fact: Employment-based health insurance continues to be the predominant source of coverage for the non-elderly population.