

Characteristics of Uninsured North Carolinians

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One of the major foci of health policy, both nationally and in North Carolina, is the uninsured. Developing strategies to tackle the problems of the uninsured requires an understanding of the characteristics of the uninsured. This data snapshot describes the North Carolina uninsured for 2006-2007 using data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Interpretation

Consider the second row of data for the total of uninsured non-elderly persons in North Carolina:

| Category | 2006-2007 Rates | | | Change: 2001-2002 to 2006-2007 | | |
|---------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| | Thousands of Uninsured | Percent of All Uninsured | Percent Uninsured | Thousands of Uninsured | Percent of All Uninsured | Percent Uninsured |
| <i>Income</i> | | | | | | |
| <100% FPL | 457 | 30 | 36 | 63 | 0.1 | -2.4 |

In 2006-2007...

- There were 457,000 uninsured who had incomes less than 100% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (e.g. \$20,650 for a family of four in 2007).
- 30% of the non-elderly uninsured had incomes less than 100% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.
- 36% of the non-elderly with incomes less than 100% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines were uninsured.

From 2001-2002 to 2006-2007...

- There were 63,000 more uninsured who had incomes less than 100% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.
- The percentage of the non-elderly uninsured who had incomes less than 100% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines increased by 0.1 percentage point
- The percentage of non-elderly with incomes less than 100% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines who are uninsured decreased by 2.4 percentage points

Table 1: Ages 0-64

| Category | 2006-2007 Rates | | | Change: 2001-2002 to 2006-2007 | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| | Thousands of Uninsured | Percent of All Uninsured | Percent Uninsured | Thousands of Uninsured | Percent of All Uninsured | Percent Uninsured |
| Total | 1,523 | 100 | 18.9 | 206 | 0 | 0.6 |
| <i>Income</i> | | | | | | |
| <100% FPG | 457 | 30 | 36 | 63 | 0.1 | -2.4 |
| 100-200% FPG | 445 | 29.2 | 31 | 55 | -0.4 | 1.7 |
| 200-300% FPG | 323 | 21.2 | 20.6 | 86 | 3.2 | 1.8 |
| 300%+ FPG | 299 | 19.6 | 7.9 | 2 | -2.9 | -0.4 |
| <i>Race/Ethnicity</i> | | | | | | |
| White, Not Hispanic | 699 | 45.9 | 13.2 | 54 | -3.1 | -0.5 |
| Af-Amer, Not Hispanic | 394 | 25.9 | 21.6 | 9 | -3.4 | -1.4 |
| Not White or Af-Amer or Hispanic | 121 | 8 | 33.9 | 61 | 3.4 | 15.5 |
| Hispanic | 308 | 20.2 | 53.4 | 82 | 3 | 3.3 |
| <i>Labor Force Status</i> | | | | | | |
| Not in Labor Force | 397 | 30 | 23.6 | 62 | 0.3 | -0.9 |
| Unemployed | 107 | 8.1 | 46.2 | -20 | -3.2 | 4.1 |
| Part Time | 183 | 13.9 | 28.5 | -3 | -2.6 | -0.7 |
| Full Time | 633 | 48 | 17.7 | 154 | 5.4 | 2.1 |
| <i>Firm Size</i> | | | | | | |
| 1-24 employees | 395 | 48.5 | 31.5 | 59 | -2.1 | -2.2 |
| 25-99 | 103 | 12.6 | 19.1 | 41 | 3.3 | 2.7 |
| 100-999 | 100 | 12.3 | 13.9 | 23 | 0.6 | 3.7 |
| Greater than 1000 | 152 | 18.7 | 9.7 | 6 | -3.3 | -0.1 |
| Unknown Size | 65 | 8 | 48.3 | 21 | 1.4 | -1.5 |
| <i>Family Workforce Status</i> | | | | | | |
| No Workers | 188 | 12.3 | 20.6 | 10 | -1.2 | 0.3 |
| Only PT Workers | 165 | 10.8 | 31.4 | -6 | -2.2 | -3.2 |
| 1 FT Worker | 668 | 43.9 | 19.3 | 72 | -1.4 | 0.9 |
| 2+ FT Workers | 502 | 33 | 16 | 130 | 4.7 | 1.4 |
| <i>Age</i> | | | | | | |
| 0-17 | 283 | 18.6 | 12.5 | 28 | -0.8 | 0.2 |
| 18-24 | 238 | 15.7 | 28.9 | 25 | -0.5 | 0 |
| 25-34 | 372 | 24.5 | 29.2 | 51 | 0 | 3 |
| 35-44 | 260 | 17.1 | 19.6 | 14 | -1.6 | 0.2 |
| 45-54 | 217 | 14.2 | 17.4 | 40 | 0.8 | 1.1 |
| 55-64 | 153 | 10 | 13.7 | 48 | 2.1 | 0.2 |
| <i>Citizenship</i> | | | | | | |
| Citizen | 1250 | 82.1 | 16.5 | 134 | -2.6 | 0.1 |
| Not a citizen | 273 | 17.9 | 61.4 | 72 | 2.6 | 4.7 |
| <i>Gender</i> | | | | | | |
| Male | 827 | 54.3 | 20.5 | 160 | 3.7 | 1.7 |
| Female | 697 | 45.7 | 17.4 | 46 | -3.7 | -0.6 |
| <i>Rural/Urban</i> | | | | | | |
| Urban | 977 | 64.1 | 18.2 | 80 | -3.9 | 0.6 |
| Rural | 547 | 35.9 | 20.4 | 126 | 3.9 | 0.1 |
| <i>Self-Perceived Health Status</i> | | | | | | |
| Excellent | 373 | 24.5 | 12.9 | 26 | -1.8 | -1.2 |
| Very Good | 523 | 34.4 | 20 | 95 | 1.8 | 1.7 |
| Good | 490 | 32.2 | 27 | 117 | 3.9 | 4 |
| Fair | 98 | 6.5 | 19.1 | -11 | -1.8 | -5.8 |
| Poor | 39 | 2.5 | 18.6 | -22 | -2 | -1.2 |

Table 2: Adults (Age 19-64)

| Category | 2006-2007 Rates | | | Change: 2001-2002 to 2006-2007 | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Thousands of Uninsured Adults | Percent of All Uninsured Adults | Percent of Adults Uninsured | Thousands of Uninsured Adults | Percent of All Uninsured Adults | Percent of Adults Uninsured |
| Total | 1,217 | 100 | 21.5 | 173 | 0 | 0.6 |
| <i>Income</i> | | | | | | |
| <100% FPG | 350 | 28.8 | 46.2 | 59 | 0.9 | -2.6 |
| 100-200% FPG | 343 | 28.2 | 37.5 | 36 | -1.2 | 1.5 |
| 200-300% FPG | 277 | 22.7 | 24.9 | 81 | 4 | 2 |
| 300%+ FPG | 247 | 20.3 | 8.6 | -3 | -3.7 | -0.7 |
| <i>Race/Ethnicity</i> | | | | | | |
| White, Not Hispanic | 580 | 47.7 | 15 | 47 | -3.4 | -0.5 |
| Af-Amer, Not Hispanic | 309 | 25.4 | 25.9 | 26 | -1.7 | -0.2 |
| Not White or Af-Amer or Hispanic | 91 | 7.5 | 37.6 | 40 | 2.6 | 14 |
| Hispanic | 237 | 19.5 | 63.9 | 59 | 2.5 | 2.2 |
| <i>Labor Force Status</i> | | | | | | |
| Not in Labor Force | 314 | 25.8 | 24.8 | 38 | -0.6 | -1.1 |
| Unemployed | 100 | 8.2 | 47.1 | -19 | -3.1 | 3 |
| Part Time | 172 | 14.2 | 30.2 | 0 | -2.4 | -0.3 |
| Full Time | 630 | 51.8 | 17.7 | 154 | 6.2 | 2.1 |
| <i>Firm Size</i> | | | | | | |
| 1-24 employees | 391 | 48.7 | 31.8 | 59 | -2.4 | -2.3 |
| 25-99 | 102 | 12.7 | 19.2 | 41 | 3.4 | 2.5 |
| 100-999 | 99 | 12.3 | 13.9 | 24 | 0.7 | 3.8 |
| Greater than 1000 | 152 | 18.9 | 9.8 | 8 | -3.2 | 0.1 |
| Unknown Size | 59 | 7.4 | 51.2 | 21 | 1.5 | -3.7 |
| <i>Family Workforce Status</i> | | | | | | |
| No Workers | 161 | 13.2 | 23.2 | 12 | -1 | -2 |
| Only PT Workers | 129 | 10.6 | 38.7 | -4 | -2.1 | -3.3 |
| 1 FT Worker | 509 | 41.8 | 21.9 | 47 | -2.4 | 1 |
| 2+ FT Workers | 419 | 34.4 | 18 | 117 | 5.5 | 2.1 |
| <i>Age</i> | | | | | | |
| 18-24 | 215 | 17.7 | 30.5 | 20 | -1 | 0.5 |
| 25-34 | 372 | 30.6 | 29.2 | 51 | -0.2 | 3 |
| 35-44 | 260 | 21.4 | 19.6 | 14 | -2.2 | 0.2 |
| 45-54 | 217 | 17.8 | 17.4 | 40 | 0.9 | 1.1 |
| 55-64 | 153 | 12.6 | 13.7 | 48 | 2.5 | 0.2 |
| <i>Citizenship</i> | | | | | | |
| Citizen | 970 | 79.7 | 18.4 | 104 | -3.3 | 0 |
| Not a citizen | 246 | 20.3 | 64.2 | 69 | 3.3 | 6 |
| <i>Gender</i> | | | | | | |
| Male | 668 | 54.9 | 23.6 | 142 | 4.6 | 2.1 |
| Female | 549 | 45.1 | 19.3 | 31 | -4.6 | -0.9 |
| <i>Rural/Urban</i> | | | | | | |
| Urban | 766 | 62.9 | 20.2 | 52 | -5.4 | 0.3 |
| Rural | 451 | 37.1 | 24 | 121 | 5.4 | 1 |
| <i>Self-Perceived Health Status</i> | | | | | | |
| Excellent | 260 | 21.4 | 15.4 | 22 | -1.5 | -1.3 |
| Very Good | 400 | 32.9 | 21.4 | 61 | 0.4 | 0.9 |
| Good | 422 | 34.7 | 29.9 | 112 | 4.9 | 4.8 |
| Fair | 96 | 7.9 | 20 | -4 | -1.7 | -5.4 |
| Poor | 39 | 3.2 | 18.6 | -17 | -2.2 | -0.8 |

Table 2: Adults (Age 19-64), continued

| Category | 2006-2007 Rates | | | Change: 2001-2002 to 2006-2007 | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Thousands of Uninsured Adults | Percent of All Uninsured Adults | Percent of Adults Uninsured | Thousands of Uninsured Adults | Percent of All Uninsured Adults | Percent of Adults Uninsured |
| <i>Industry</i> | | | | | | |
| Agriculture | 21 | 2.6 | 50.2 | 2 | -0.3 | 15.9 |
| Construction | 202 | 25.2 | 48.6 | 58 | 2.9 | 5.8 |
| Manufacture | 47 | 5.8 | 8.8 | -22 | -4.8 | -2.8 |
| Transport | 17 | 2.2 | 10.7 | -2 | -0.8 | -1.7 |
| Trade | 99 | 12.4 | 16.8 | 4 | -2.4 | -2.1 |
| Health & Education | 129 | 16.1 | 13.9 | 41 | 2.5 | 3.2 |
| Finance | 31 | 3.9 | 10.7 | 15 | 1.3 | 3.2 |
| Government | 5 | 0.6 | 2.7 | 1 | 0 | -0.8 |
| Hospitality | 121 | 15.1 | 35.9 | 38 | 2.3 | 1.6 |
| Other | 129 | 16.1 | 20.5 | 19 | -0.8 | 0.9 |

Table 3: Children (Age 0-18)

| Category | 2006-2007 Rates | | | Change: 2001-2002 to 2006-2007 | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Thousands of Uninsured Children | Percent of All Uninsured Children | Percent of Children Uninsured | Thousands of Uninsured Children | Percent of All Uninsured Children | Percent of Children Uninsured |
| <i>Total</i> | 306 | 100 | 12.9 | 33 | 0 | 0.2 |
| <i>Income</i> | | | | | | |
| <100% FPG | 107 | 34.9 | 20.8 | 3 | -2.9 | -3.1 |
| 100-200% FPG | 102 | 33.3 | 19.6 | 18 | 2.8 | 2.1 |
| 200-300% FPG | 46 | 15 | 10.1 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 300%+ FPG | 52 | 16.8 | 5.8 | 6 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| <i>Race/Ethnicity</i> | | | | | | |
| White, Not Hispanic | 119 | 38.9 | 8.4 | 7 | -2 | -0.3 |
| Af-Amer, Not Hispanic | 86 | 27.9 | 13.5 | -18 | -9.7 | -3.8 |
| Not White or Af-Amer or Hispanic | 30 | 9.8 | 26 | 21 | 6.4 | 17.7 |
| Hispanic | 71 | 23.3 | 34.6 | 22 | 5.4 | 4.7 |
| <i>Citizenship</i> | | | | | | |
| Citizen | 280 | 91.3 | 12.1 | 30 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Not a citizen | 27 | 8.7 | 43.9 | 2 | -0.2 | -3.9 |
| <i>Gender</i> | | | | | | |
| Male | 159 | 51.9 | 13.1 | 17 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Female | 147 | 48.1 | 12.7 | 15 | -0.2 | 0.1 |
| <i>Rural/Urban</i> | | | | | | |
| Urban | 211 | 68.8 | 13.4 | 28 | 1.9 | 1.3 |
| Rural | 96 | 31.2 | 11.8 | 5 | -1.9 | -2.2 |
| <i>Self-Perceived Health Status</i> | | | | | | |
| Excellent | 113 | 36.7 | 9.4 | 4 | -2.7 | -1 |
| Very Good | 123 | 40.1 | 16.5 | 34 | 7.6 | 3.4 |
| Good | 68 | 22.3 | 16.9 | 6 | -0.6 | 0.5 |
| Fair | 2 | 0.8 | 7 | -7 | -2.6 | -13.9 |
| Poor | 0 | 0 | 0 | -5 | -1.7 | -25 |
| <i>Living With Parents?</i> | | | | | | |
| Both parents | 144 | 47 | 9.8 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Mother only | 102 | 33.3 | 16.8 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Father only | 9 | 3 | 12.4 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Neither parent | 26 | 8.6 | 25.8 | N/A | N/A | N/A |

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