

Local Data on Poverty Status and Health Insurance Coverage in Wisconsin Polk County, 2009-2011

	Estimated Number	95% Confidence Interval	Estimated Percent	95% Confidence Interval
Polk County Population	45,000		100%	
Poverty Status				
Less than 100% of FPL	3,000	+/- 2,000	7%	+/- 4%
100%-199% of FPL	11,000	+/- 4,000	26%	+/- 8%
200% or more of FPL	26,000	+/- 7,000	58%	+/- 9%
Unknown	4,000	+/- 2,000	10%	+/- 5%
Insurance Status				
Insured all of the past year	40,000	+/- 8,000	90%	+/- 6%
Insured part of the past year	2,000	+/- 2,000	4%	+/- 4%
Uninsured all of the past year	2,000	+/- 2,000	6%	+/- 5%
Primary Insurance Type (please read note below)				
Currently uninsured	4,000	+/- 2,000	8%	+/- 5%
Employer-sponsored	25,000	+/- 6,000	55%	+/- 9%
Private	3,000	+/- 2,000	7%	+/- 5%
Medicaid	4,000	+/- 3,000	9%	+/- 6%
Medicare	8,000	+/- 3,000	17%	+/- 7%
Others	2,000	+/- 2,000	4%	+/- 4%

Source: 2009-2011 Wisconsin Family Health Survey, Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), October 2013. Sample size for **Polk County:** 136.

Notes:

Estimated numbers have been rounded to nearest 1,000 to avoid unwarranted precision. Estimated percentages have been rounded to nearest whole percentage. A dash (--) indicates 0.5% or less, or fewer than 1,000 persons.

Poverty status is expressed as a percentage of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), and is based on responses to questions about household size and income.

Insured all of the past year, insured part of the past year or uninsured all year measures health insurance status during the 12 consecutive months prior to the survey interview.

Primary Insurance Type is a measure of persons insured and uninsured at one point in time. It is a “snapshot” of health insurance coverage at the time of the survey interview. **Some people have multiple types of insurance, but each person is counted only once in this table according to their primary insurance type.** Those with multiple types of insurance are tabulated according to the order of categories in the “Primary Insurance Type” section of this table. For example, someone with both Medicare and private insurance would be counted in the private category. This substantially reduces the estimated number and percent with Medicare coverage, and also slightly reduces estimates of private and Medicaid coverage.

The Wisconsin Family Health Survey is a random-sample telephone survey conducted each year by DHS. An adult in each sampled household answers the survey questions on behalf of all people living in that household. Survey data represent all household residents.

More information is available at: <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/stats/healthinsurance.htm>.

Technical Notes for these tables are available at: <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/localdata/fhs/index.htm>.

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