

Wisconsin Family Health Survey, 2011 Key Findings About Health Insurance

At any point in time during 2011, an estimated 5,079,000 Wisconsin household residents were covered by health insurance, while about 445,000 residents were uninsured. An estimated 8 percent of the state's household population were without health insurance at any point in time, based on findings of the 2011 Family Health Survey (FHS).

Health Insurance Coverage (Point-in-Time)

- Younger adults, ages 18 to 44, were more likely to be uninsured than other age groups (15% uninsured in 2011). Conversely, over 99 percent of adults age 65 and older were reported to have insurance coverage at any point in time.
- Men aged 18-64 were more likely to be uninsured than women in the same age group.
- Hispanic and Black adults ages 18-64 were more likely to be uninsured than White adults in this age group.

Health Insurance Coverage Over the Past Year

- The majority of Wisconsin household residents were covered by health insurance for an entire year.
 - 89 percent of Wisconsin residents had insurance for all 12 months prior to the survey interview;
 - 4 percent had insurance for some of the past 12 months; and,
 - 7 percent had no insurance coverage at all during the past 12 months.
- An estimated 4,911,000 state residents were insured for all 12 months prior to the survey; 238,000 were insured part of the past year and uninsured part of the year; and 366,000 had no insurance coverage during the past year.
- Among working-age adults, ages 18 to 64, those working full-time for an employer were without health insurance for the entire past year at a lower rate (6%) than were either the full-time self-employed (15%) or those employed or self-employed part-time (11%).
- Men aged 18 to 64 were more likely to be uninsured during the past year than were women in the same age group.
- Adults age 65 and older had the lowest proportion uninsured for the entire past year: just 1 percent.
- The proportion without health insurance coverage for the entire year was higher among Hispanic residents (35%) than among non-Hispanic Whites (4%) and non-Hispanic Blacks (10%). It was also higher among poor residents (21%) than among near-poor (8%) and non-poor (3%) residents.
- Eighty-six percent of Milwaukee County residents who were uninsured for the entire past year were also poor or near-poor.



Comparison of 2010 and 2011

- The proportion of Wisconsin household residents uninsured in 2011 (8%) was not significantly higher than the proportion uninsured in 2010 (7%).
- The proportion of males covered by health insurance at the time of the FHS interview decreased significantly, from 90% in 2010 to 88% in 2011. An estimated 49,000 fewer males were insured at the time of the FHS interview in 2011 than in 2010.
- The proportion of Wisconsin household residents covered by health insurance for all of the past year in 2011 was the same as the proportion in 2010 (89%). The proportion of Wisconsin household residents who were uninsured for part or all of the past year in 2011 was also not significantly different from the 2010 estimate.
- Estimates for insurance coverage of children (ages 0-17) for all of the past year did not change significantly from 2010 to 2011.

