Wisconsin Family Health Survey, 2018
Key Findings on Health Insurance

The Wisconsin Family Health Survey (FHS) is a statewide, random-sample, scientific telephone survey of Wisconsin household residents that has been conducted annually since 1989, except for 2013. Once results are weighted, the survey represents all adults and children living in Wisconsin households. The survey is designed to provide estimates of health care coverage, various health conditions, and use of health care services among Wisconsin residents.

Note: Due to changes in sampling design, 2012-2018 FHS data may be compared and/or combined for analysis because the same address-based design was used for sampling. However, comparisons with estimates from years of FHS data before 2012 should be made with caution because a landline telephone design was used for sampling. See Technical Notes for more information.

Health Insurance Coverage Over the Past Year

• The majority of Wisconsin residents were covered by health insurance for an entire year.
  ▪ An estimated 93% of Wisconsin residents had insurance coverage over the entire past year.
  ▪ An estimated 4% of residents were uninsured for part of the past year. This represents approximately 234,000 Wisconsinites.
  ▪ An additional 3% were uninsured for the entire past year. This represents approximately 168,000 Wisconsinites.
  ▪ In total, an estimated 7% of Wisconsin residents were without health insurance for part or all of the past year. This represents approximately 402,000 Wisconsinites.

• Among working-age adults ages 18 to 64, only 2% of those employed full-time were without health insurance for the entire past year compared to those employed part-time (5%).

• Hispanics were less likely than Whites to have had health insurance for the entire past year (82% vs. 94%).

• Residents living in poor and near-poor households were less likely to have had health insurance for the entire past year than residents living in non-poor households (89% and 86% vs. 96%, respectively).

Health Insurance Coverage (Point-In-Time)

• Adults ages 18 to 44 were the least likely to have health insurance coverage, with an estimated 7% being uninsured.

• An estimated 4% of Wisconsin adults who were insured purchased health insurance through the Health Insurance Marketplace.