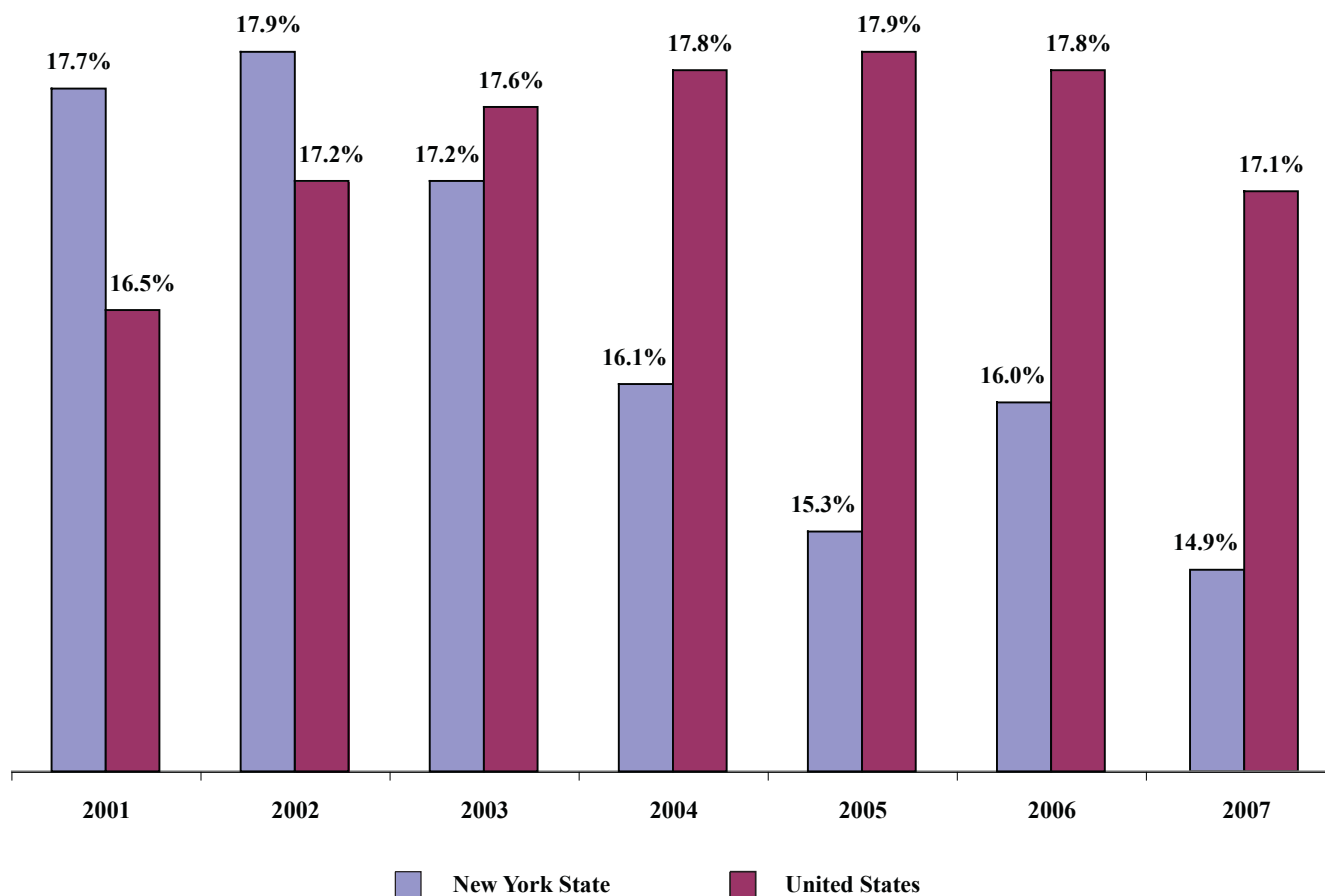




The Facts About... New York's Uninsured

Uninsured Population Under Age 65



Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Survey, 2007 Annual Social and Economic Supplement; Table HIA-6

An estimated 2,465,000 New Yorkers, or 14.9% of the state's population under age 65, had no health coverage in 2007, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. This represents a 1.1% decrease in the number of uninsured New Yorkers under age 65 from 2006.

What does the term "uninsured" mean? Who are the uninsured? How does New York's uninsured problem compare with other states? What reasons do the uninsured give for being uninsured? The facts about the uninsured are presented on the next page.



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What Does It Mean To Be “Uninsured?”

Annually, the U.S. Census Bureau publishes the results of a survey of Americans on several topics, including questions about their health insurance coverage during the previous year. The survey results, updated and republished in August 2008, estimated that 45 million Americans under age 65 had no private or government-run health coverage in 2007. Some of those who were eligible for but did not enroll in Medicaid, or Medicare or other government program were counted as “uninsured.” The survey is primarily a picture of health coverage status for the nation and states, not smaller geographic units.



Who Were The Uninsured Americans In 2007 and 2006?

	<i>By Age</i>		<i>By Employment Status</i>		<i>By Household Income</i>			
	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006		
Under 18	11%	11.7%	Worked during year	18.1%	18.7%	Less than \$25,000	24.5%	24.9%
18-24	28.1%	29.3%	Worked full time	17%	17.9%	\$25,000-\$49,999	21.1%	21.1%
25-34	25.7%	26.9%	Worked part time	23.4%	22.9%	\$50,000-\$74,999	14.5%	14.4%
35-44	18.3%	18.8%	Did not work	25.4%	26.1%	\$75,000+	7.8%	8.5%
45-64	15.4%	14.2%						

Source: *Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the U.S.: 2007 Consumer Population Reports*



How Did New York's 2007 and 2006 Uninsured Rates (Under Age 65) Compare With Other States?

<i>Neighboring States</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>The Five Largest States (ordered by population)</i>	<i>2007</i>	<i>2006</i>
New Jersey	17.8%	17.3%	California	20.1%	20.6%
New York	14.9%	16.0%	Texas	27.6%	27.2%
Ohio	13.2%	11.5%	New York	14.9%	16.0%
Vermont	13%	11.6%	Florida	23.7%	25.0%
Connecticut	10.7%	10.7%	Illinois	14.8%	15.6%
Pennsylvania	11.1%	11.4%			
Massachusetts	6%	11.8%			

Source: *U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Survey, 2007 Annual Social and Economic Supplement; Table HIA-6*



Why Are the Uninsured, Uninsured?

According to a national USA Today/Kaiser Family Foundation/ABC News health care poll conducted in September 2006, fifty-six percent of the uninsured adults that were polled said the cost of insurance is the main reason they are uninsured. Four percent said they don't have insurance because they don't think they need it. Fifteen percent said they can't get coverage or were refused coverage due to poor health, illness or age; one percent said they didn't know how to get insurance.

Source: *USA Today/Kaiser Family Foundation/ABC News health care poll (conducted Sept. 7-12, 2006).*



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**Percentage of Population
With No Health Coverage
Under Age 65
State by State
2007-2004**

State	% Not Covered in 2007	% Not Covered in 2006	% Not Covered in 2005	% Not Covered in 2004
Texas	27.6	27.2	26.3	26.6
New Mexico	25.3	26	23.2	22.5
Florida	23.7	25	23.8	22.9
Louisiana	21.1	25	20.3	18.1
Mississippi	20.9	23.1	19.2	18.8
Arizona	20.3	23.3	22.2	19.0
Oklahoma	20.3	21.6	20.5	22.3
California	20.1	20.6	20.7	19.9
Nevada	19.3	22.1	19.2	20.6
Alaska	19.2	17.7	18.3	17.4
Georgia	19.1	19.2	20	18.5
Oregon	18.9	20.3	17.9	18.5
South Carolina	18.8	18.1	19.6	16.9
North Carolina	18.6	20.2	17.3	16.6
Arkansas	18.2	21.5	20	18.8
Colorado	17.9	18.9	18.2	17.3
Montana	17.9	19.3	18	21.1
New Jersey	17.8	17	16.1	15.5
Tennessee	16.5	15.8	15.5	15.0
Virginia	16.4	14.7	14.1	14.8
West Virginia	16.4	15.4	19.8	18.9
Idaho	15.9	17.5	16.5	15.9
Wyoming	15.5	16.8	16.5	14.3
Kentucky	15.4	17.4	13.9	15.6
Maryland	15.3	15.5	14.8	14.9
NEW YORK	14.9	16	14.8	14.2
Illinois	14.8	15.6	15.4	14.6
Nebraska	14.7	13.9	11.8	11.9
Kansas	14.3	14	11.7	12.0
Missouri	14.3	15.3	13.3	13.5
Utah	13.7	18.9	17.6	14.3
Alabama	13.5	17.3	16.6	14.0
Ohio	13.2	11.5	12.9	12.0
Michigan	13	11.9	11.6	12.6
Vermont	13	11.6	13	12.0
Indiana	12.9	13.1	15	15.4
Delaware	12.7	13.9	13.8	15.1
Washington	12.5	13.2	14.7	13.9
Rhode Island	12.2	9.7	13	11.7
South Dakota	11.8	13.7	13.4	12.8
New Hampshire	11.7	13	11	11.4
North Dakota	11.3	13.9	12.6	11.6
Pennsylvania	11.1	11.4	11.3	12.7
Connecticut	10.7	10.7	12.5	12.5
Iowa	10.7	12.1	9.4	10.4
District of Columbia	10.5	12.6	14.4	13.7
Maine	10.3	10.8	11.7	10.3
Minnesota	9.3	10.4	9.1	9.4
Wisconsin	9.3	9.9	10.7	11.6
Hawaii	8.6	9.9	9.8	9.5
Massachusetts	6	11.8	10.5	12.6
U.S. OVERALL	17.1	17.8	17.2	16.8

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