



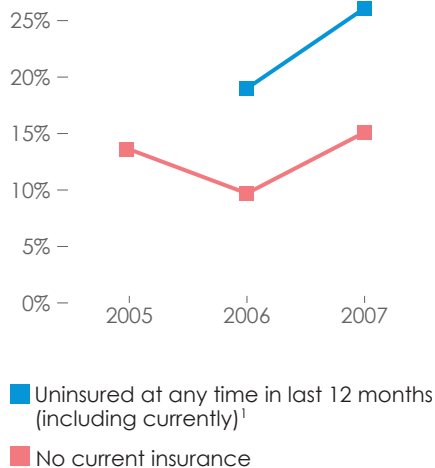
Ohioans' Experiences With Not Having Health Insurance Coverage



Results From The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati



After an apparent decrease in the percentage of currently uninsured Ohio adults between 2005 and 2006, the percentage rose to above the 2005 level in 2007, according to the latest *Ohio Health Issues Poll*. There was also a significant increase in the percentage of Ohio adults who were uninsured in the last 12 months between 2006 and 2007.



¹ Data are not available for 2005.

Ohio adults living below 100% of the federal poverty guidelines (FPG)¹, adults ages 18–29, and adults living in Southeast Ohio were all more likely to be currently uninsured and more likely to be uninsured at some point in the last 12 months.

¹ 100% of the federal poverty guideline (FPG) in 2006 was an annual income of \$20,000 for a family of 4.

Currently Uninsured

Having health insurance is an important factor in being able to get needed healthcare. In 2007, 15% of Ohio adults did not have health insurance at the time of the 2007 *Ohio Health Issues Poll*, up from just under 10% in 2006.

In 2007, adults more likely to be without current insurance included Ohioans who:

- Live below 100% FPG (40%)
- Live in Southeast Ohio (26%)
- Were ages 18–29 (23%)
- Had less than a high school education (22%)
- Live in a rural county (21%)
- Ages 30–45 (20%)
- Were male (18%)

Uninsured at any Time in the Last 12 Months

Another important factor in being able to get healthcare is how stable health insurance coverage is. One measure of that is whether a person has been covered continuously over the past 12 months. Over one-fourth of Ohio adults (26%) had been uninsured at some point in the past year, including currently, according to the 2007 *Ohio Health Issues Poll*.

In 2007, Ohio adults more likely to have been without insurance at some point in the last 12 months included Ohioans who:

- Live below 100% FPG (56%)

- Were ages 18–29 (52%)
- Live in Southeast Ohio (42%)
- Had a high school diploma or equivalent (36%)
- Live between 100–200% FPG (35%)
- African American (35%)
- Had less than a high school education (34%)
- Ages 30–45 (32%)
- Live in Central Ohio (32%)

Health Status of Uninsured Ohioans

Uninsured Ohioans were more likely to self-report poorer health status than Ohioans with insurance, according to the *Poll*. Under half of currently uninsured Ohio adults (46%) reported their health as being excellent or very good, compared to 56% of insured Ohio adults.

Ohioans who have been uninsured at some point in the last 12 months report even worse health status. Only 40% of Ohioans who were uninsured at some point in the past 12 months reported excellent or very good health status, compared to 59% of Ohioans who had been insured continuously over the past year.