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# Ohio adults without health insurance

The **Ohio Health Issues Poll (OHIP)** includes questions about health insurance coverage of Ohio adults.

Because nearly all Ohioans ages 65 and older (99%) are insured, this summary focuses on Ohioans ages 18-64.

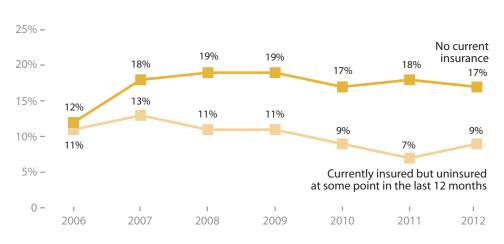
## **Uninsured rates stable**

Health insurance is a critical factor in obtaining healthcare services. Nearly 2 in 10 Ohio adults (17%) did not have health insurance at the time of OHIP. This translates to 1.2 million uninsured Ohio adults. This is up from just more than 1 in 10 adults (12%) in 2006, but is consistent with recent results.

## Uninsured at some point in last year also stable

The stability of health insurance coverage is also a factor in access to healthcare. A measure of stability is whether a person has been covered continuously for the past 12 months. Nearly 1 in 10 Ohioans ages 18-64 (9%) who were insured at the time of OHIP had been uninsured at some point in the past 12 months. This is down slightly Percentage of Ohio adults ages 18-64 who were uninsured currently or at any time in the last 12 months

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from a high of 13% in 2007, but consistent with recent results.

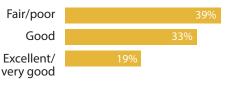
### Strong connection between insurance status, self-reported health status<sup>1</sup>

There is a strong connection between adults' self-reported health status and whether they have health insurance. Healthier adults reported lower rates of being uninsured at any point in the last year. Only about 2 in 10

<sup>1</sup>OHIP asked "Would you say that in general your health is excellent, very good, good, fair or poor?"

adults (19%) who reported excellent or very good health were uninsured currently or at some point in the last year. By comparison, about 4 in 10 adults (39%) who reported fair or poor health were uninsured currently or at some point in the past year.

#### Health status<sup>1</sup> of Ohio adults currently uninsured or uninsured at some point in the last 12 months (*ages 18-64*)



These findings unless otherwise noted are from The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati's Ohio Health Issues Poll (OHIP) conducted May 29-June 6, 2012, by the Institute for Policy Research at the University of Cincinnati. A random sample of 834 adults throughout Ohio was interviewed by telephone. This included interviews conducted by both landline telephone and cell phone. In 95 of 100 cases, statewide estimates will be accurate to ±3.4%. There are other sources of variation inherent in public opinion studies, such as non-response, question wording, or context effects that can introduce error or bias. For more information about OHIP, please visit https://www.healthfoundation.org/ohio-health-issues-poll. If you have questions about the data in this document, please contact Jennifer Chubinski, Director of Community Research,

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