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**OHIP 2015**  
Ohio Health Issues Poll

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# 1 in 4 who bought own health insurance did so due to ACA

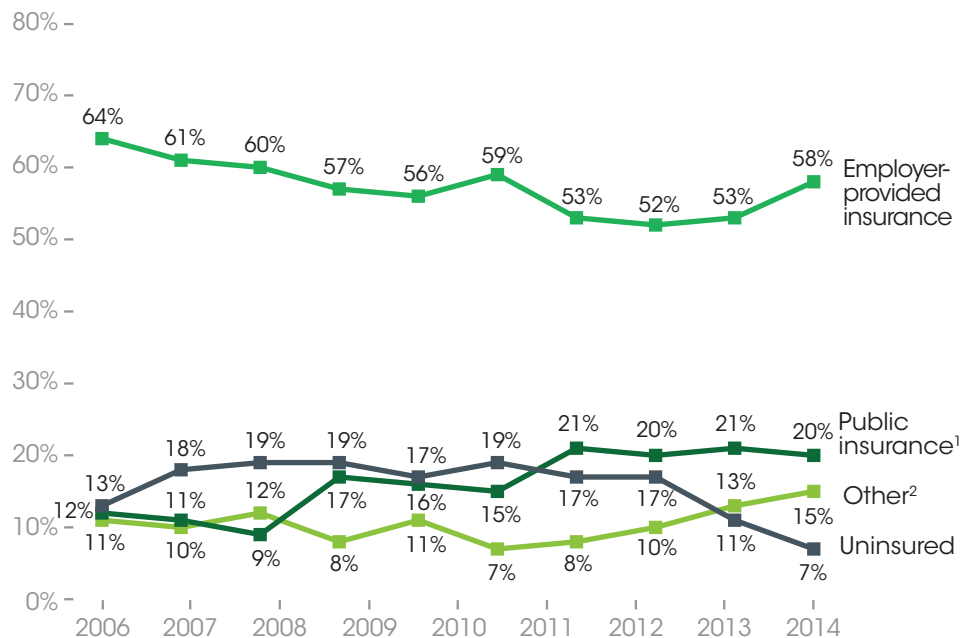
Most Americans rely upon health insurance coverage to pay for their healthcare. The **Ohio Health Issues Poll (OHIP)** asks about the insurance status of Ohio adults and their families. Because nearly all Ohio adults ages 65 or older are insured (98%), this summary focuses on Ohioans ages 18-64.

OHIP found that fewer than 1 in 10 Ohio adults (7%) reported that they were uninsured in 2015, the lowest level in OHIP history. That compares with 11% in 2014 and 17% in 2013. The decline coincided with the implementation of the major coverage and enrollment components of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) in 2014.

## 6 in 10 adults insured through employer; first rise in rate since 2011

In 2015, about 6 in 10 Ohio adults (58%) received health insurance through their employer or a spouse's employer. This percentage rose for the first time since 2011, when 59% of Ohio adults received health insurance through an employer. The percentage had gradually declined since 2006. It remained

**Type of insurance coverage for Ohio adults ages 18-64** (Percentages may not add to 100% because of rounding.)



<sup>1</sup>Public insurance includes Medicare, Medicaid, veteran benefits and combinations of the three.  
<sup>2</sup>Other includes purchased own plan, somewhere else, other and don't know.

stable at about 5 in 10 adults from 2012 to 2014. Insurance through an employer is the most common source of coverage.

## Percentage of adults with insurance from other source stable

The rate of adults who reported they had insurance from another source remained stable. In 2015,

15% of Ohio adults had insurance from another source, compared with 13% in 2014. This includes people who bought their own plan. Among working-age adults who bought their own insurance plan, 1 in 4 (25%) reported that they were able to do so because of the ACA. This is an increase from 1 in 10 (10%) who said this in 2014.

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These findings unless otherwise noted are from Interact for Health's Ohio Health Issues Poll (OHIP) conducted July 15-28, 2015, by the Institute for Policy Research at the University of Cincinnati. A random sample of 811 adults throughout Ohio was interviewed by telephone. This included 448 landline telephone interviews and 363 cell phone interviews. 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 [www.interactforhealth.org/ohio-health-issues-poll](http://www.interactforhealth.org/ohio-health-issues-poll). If you have questions about the data in this document, please contact Jennifer Chubinski, Director of Community Research, at 513-458-6608 or [jchubinski@interactforhealth.org](mailto:jchubinski@interactforhealth.org).

## Percentage of adults with public insurance remains stable

In 2014, Ohio expanded Medicaid coverage to adults living at or below 138% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL<sup>1</sup>) through the ACA. Because of the expansion, approximately 650,000 low-income Ohioans gained health insurance as of July 2015.<sup>2</sup>

OHIP found that 2 in 10 working-age Ohio adults (20%) reported that they received public insurance from Medicare, Medicaid, veteran benefits or a combination of the three. This rate has remained stable since 2012.

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<sup>1</sup> In 2014, 138% FPL was an annual household income of \$32,913 for a family of four.

<sup>2</sup> Medicaid, Ohio: Monthly Medicaid and CHIP Enrollment Data. Retrieved from [www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-State/ohio.html](http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-State/ohio.html).