

# Slight rise in uninsured adults, but stability of insurance improves

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 through Medicare, this summary focuses on Ohioans ages 18-64.

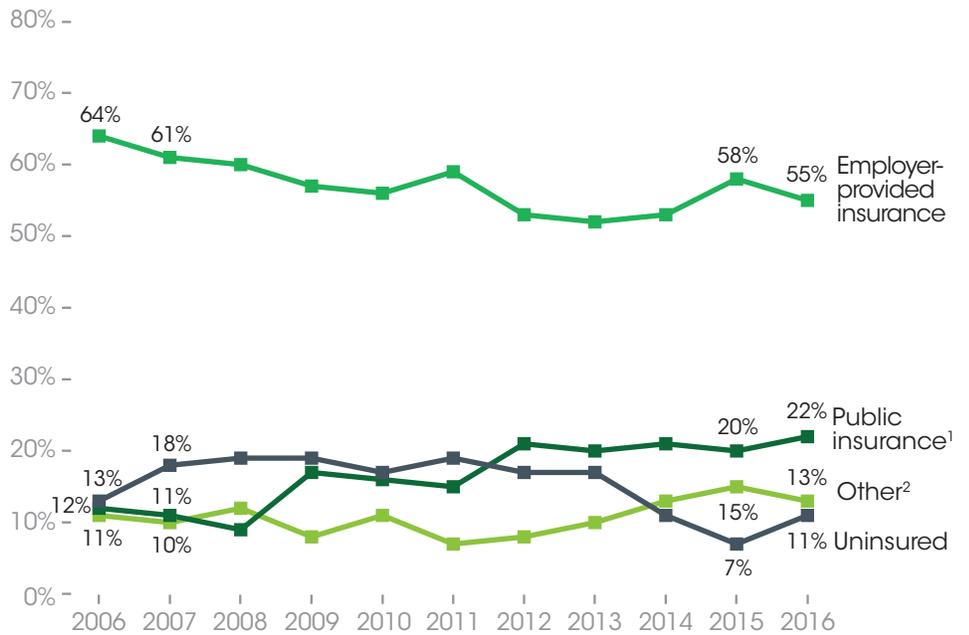
## Percentage of uninsured rises slightly; still below pre-ACA levels

About 1 in 10 Ohio adults (11%) reported not having health insurance at the time of OHIP in 2016. This translates to nearly 800,000 uninsured Ohio adults. This is an increase from 2015, when 7% reported being uninsured. OHIP's finding is similar to national surveys. In early 2016, 12% of adults nationwide were uninsured.<sup>1</sup>

The percentage of uninsured adults in both Ohio and the nation dropped significantly in 2014 when the major parts of the Affordable Care Act were implemented. The percentage

<sup>1</sup> Early Release of Selected Estimates Based on Data from the National Health Interview Survey, Released 9/27/2016. Retrieved from [www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhis/earlyrelease/earlyrelease201609\\_01.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhis/earlyrelease/earlyrelease201609_01.pdf)

**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.  
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of uninsured Ohio adults remains below the 17% to 19% reported between 2007 and 2013.

Adults ages 18-29 reported the largest increase in being uninsured. In 2016, more than 2 in 10 young adults (22%) were uninsured. That compares with fewer than 1 in 10 young adults (8%) in 2015.

## Majority of adults insured through an employer

In 2016, more than half of Ohio adults (55%) received health insurance through their employer or a spouse's employer. This is about the same as in 2015. Adults ages 18-29 reported the largest change. In 2016 about 3

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in 10 young adults (32%) had a plan through an employer. That compares with more than 4 in 10 young adults (46%) in 2015.

More than 2 in 10 Ohio adults (22%) reported that they received public insurance from Medicare, Medicaid, veteran benefits or a combination of the three. This is about the same as in 2015 and similar to the nation (20%).<sup>1</sup> About 1 in 10 Ohio adults (13%) had insurance from another source in 2016. This includes buying their own plan.

### Stability of insurance improves

Stability of health insurance coverage is another factor in access to healthcare. A measure

of stability is whether a person has been covered continuously for the past 12 months. OHIP asked adults whether there had been any time in the past 12 months when they had been uninsured. In 2016, only 4% of Ohio adults who were insured at the time of OHIP had been uninsured at some point in the past 12 months. This is an improvement over 2015, when 10% of insured adults had been uninsured sometime in the past 12 months.

The stability of insurance among young adults also improved. In 2016, only 5% of adults ages 18-29 reported that they had been uninsured sometime in the past 12 months. This compares with 16% of young adults who reported this in 2015.

### Percentage of currently insured Ohio adults ages 18-64 who were uninsured at any time in the past 12 months

