

Health Insurance Coverage among Children

The State of Kids' Coverage, a national report commissioned by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, details insurance coverage patterns at the national and state level among children in 2003/2004 and 1997/1998. Locally, the 2000 and 2005 Child Well Being Survey provides health insurance data on children living in a 22-county Tri-State region. Below is a comparison table of data on child health insurance coverage and a brief description of the national report's findings compared to an analysis of local data.

		<i>OHIO</i>	<i>US</i>	<i>GREATER CINTI</i>
2003-2004	Number of uninsured children	7.9%	11.3%	
	Publicly insured children	23.9%	26.9%	
	Privately insured children	68.2%	61.8%	
1997-1998	Number of uninsured children	8.8%	14.2%	
	Publicly insured children	17.8%	20.5%	
	Privately insured children	73.4%	65.3%	
2005	Number of uninsured children			3.5%
	Publicly insured children			17.0%
	Privately insured children			79.0%
2000	Number of uninsured children			6.6%
	Publicly insured children			14.9%
	Privately insured children			77.8%

The State of Kids' Coverage Key Findings
State and National Data

Since 1997-1998,

- % of privately insured children in the U.S. and Ohio has declined since 1997-1998.
- Public insurance coverage among children in the US and Ohio has increased.
- % of uninsured children in the U.S. and Ohio has declined.
- In the U.S., all groups of non-white children have higher rates of uninsurance than white children in both time periods – 1997/1998 and 2003/2004.
- The largest reduction in uninsurance rates between 1997/1998 and 2003/2004 was experienced by Hispanics. (28.7% in 1997 and 21.0% in 2003)

- Children who are not insured all year in the U.S. are much less likely to receive any medical care.
- In 2003, 10.9% of Ohio children were insured all year while 18.2% experienced and interruption in coverage.
- 12.3% of U.S. children were insured all year compared to the 25.6% who experienced an interruption in coverage.
- U.S. children who are uninsured for all or part of the year are significantly less likely to have a medical home.
- In 2003, 19% of uninsured U.S. children (for all or part of the year) did not have a medical home compared to 11.3% of children insured all year round.

Since 2000 (Child Well Being Survey),

- Private and public health insurance coverage increased among children in Greater Cincinnati.
- % of children without health insurance in Greater Cincinnati declined.
- In 2005, Greater Cincinnati AA children were more likely to be publicly insured and to also be uninsured compared to white Appalachian and white non-Appalachian children.
- In 2005, 5% of Greater Cincinnati children experienced an interruption in insurance coverage.
- In Greater Cincinnati, 13.5% of children did not have a medical home in 2005.

To access the full national report by RWJF, go to

<http://www.rwjf.org//files/publications/other/KidsCoverage2006Final.pdf>

To access 2000 and 2005 Child Well Being Survey data, go to

http://www.oasis.uc.edu/OASIS_CODE/Templates/Login.cfm

Source: State and national data from the Current Population Survey and the National Center for Health Statistics 2003 National Survey of Children's Health; Greater Cincinnati data from the 2000 and 2005 Child Well Being Survey.