

WHAT'S NEW WITH KIDS?

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Site of the Month

No Shelter from the Storm: America's Uninsured Children, a publication written by Families USA for the Campaign for Children's Health Care, presents estimates on the number of uninsured children for the nation and states. Based on data projections from the U.S. Census Bureau, 11.6 percent of all U.S. children were uninsured in 2005. Slightly more than 22 percent of Hispanic children were uninsured, 12.9 percent of blacks, 7.5 percent of whites, and 12.1 percent of other racial/ethnic groups. Among the states, Texas was ranked number one, followed by Florida, New Mexico, and Nevada. Nevada's percentage of uninsured children was 16.4 percent, based on averaged data for calendar years 2003-2005.

The table below compares estimates on the uninsured for Nevada with the U.S. Note that the percentage of uninsured children with a working parent is high—88.3 and 86.3 for the U.S. and Nevada, respectively.

| Uninsured Characteristic | U.S. (2005) | Nevada (2003 - 2005) |
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| Number of uninsured children | 9,035,420 | 106,244 |
| Percent of uninsured children | 11.6% | 16.4% |
| Percent of uninsured children with a working parent | 88.3% | 86.3% |
| Percent of uninsured children by family income (up to twice the poverty level = \$33,200 or less) | 70.8% | 70.3% |
| Percent of uninsured children by family income (between two and four times the poverty level = \$33,201 - \$66,400) | 20.7% | 23.1% |
| Percent of uninsured children by family income (almost four times the poverty level = \$66,401 or more) | 8.5% | 6.5% |

In addition to presenting data on the uninsured, the publication provides data on medical-care access from the 2005 National Health Interview Survey. To view the publication go to: <http://www.childrenshealthcampaign.org/tools/reports/no-shelter-from-the-storm.html>.

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