

WHAT'S NEW WITH KIDS?

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Site of the Month

Nevada's Uninsured

I share with you a publication that was forwarded to me by Candace Young-Richey, a member of our Nevada KIDS COUNT Executive Committee. The report, prepared by Decision Analytics, Inc. for the Great Basin Primary Care Association, is titled *Nevada's Study of Uninsured Populations*. Using the March Current Population Survey (CPS), the report estimates the uninsured for Nevada and its 17 counties by age, sex, and race/ethnicity,

As of July 2008, 478,299 Nevadans were uninsured at a rate of 17.5 percent. Among the uninsured, 122,325 (25.6 percent) were 18 years and younger. A detailed distribution of the uninsured for this age group is shown below.

Number and Percent of Uninsured Nevadans Ages 18 and Younger by Age: July 2008

Age Estimates	Number	Percent
0 to 4	35,720	19.1
5 to 9	26,641	14
10 to 14	32,444	16.9
15 to 18	27,520	17.6
Total	122,325	

Source: Decision Analytics, Inc., *Nevada's Study of Uninsured Populations*, February 9, 2009, available at: http://www.gbpc.org/uninsured/Docs09/Uninsured_Report_09.pdf, as of 2/20/09.

These 2008 estimates of the uninsured do not account for the deep recession and the resulting high unemployment rate (9.1 in December 2008*) in Nevada. But, the report also includes projected unemployment rates and projected numbers of uninsured for 2009 and 2010 that take into account the downturn in the economy.

*Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Local Area Unemployment Statistics," available at <http://www.bls.gov/LAU/>, as of 2/20/09.

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