

U.S./ Mexico Border Fact Sheet: Access to Health Care



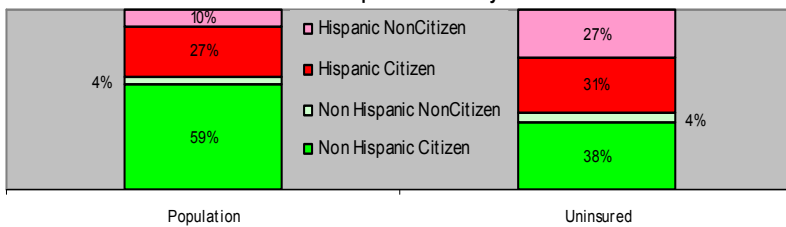
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Access to Health Care

- The US-Mexico Border ranks 50th in insurance coverage of adults and children.
- The Hispanic population is the most uninsured population in the United States, and across states and cities nationwide. Thirty-two percent of Hispanics are uninsured compared to 19% of Blacks, and 10% of Whites.
- Among Hispanics, the Mexican American (38-45%) and immigrant (40-60%) subgroups are the most uninsured.
- The U.S./Mexico Border States and their contiguous border communities exemplify the highest concentration of uninsured Hispanics. In Border States.
- In the U.S, AZ, CA, and TX, the rate of uninsured, under 65, Hispanics is double that of Whites.
- Even when accounting for Non-citizens, who do not qualify for government insurance, Hispanics are still overly represented in the uninsured population.

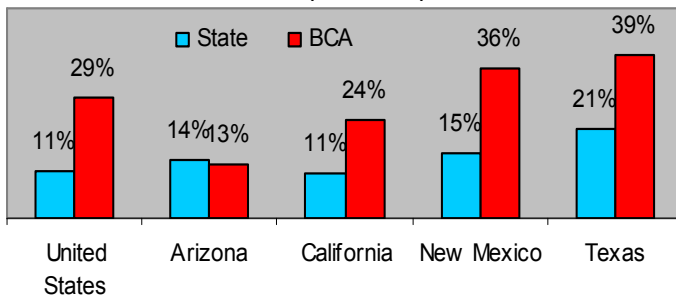
	Uninsured under 65		
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<u>U.S.</u>	12%	21%	33%
<u>AZ</u>	14%	24%	32%
<u>CA</u>	12%	19%	30%
<u>NM</u>	16%	26%	28%
<u>TX</u>	17%	24%	41%

Population and Uninsured Population of Border States by Citizenship and Ethnicity 2007



Source: US Census Bureau Current Population Survey, 2008

Percent of People Under 18 Uninsured: U.S./Mexico Border States and States' Border Counties (2007/2005)



Source: US Census Bureau; "State" Current Population Survey 2008, "BCA" Small Area Health Insurance Estimates 2005

Note: Texas "BCA" includes the 13 continuous and 19 extended border counties

Health Insurance Status in The Southwestern States by Type and Race/Ethnicity

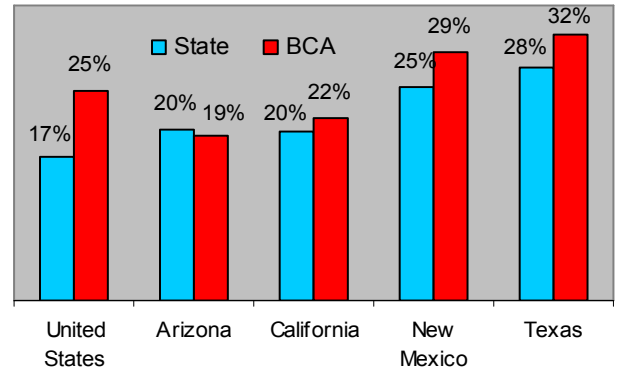
	Uninsured			Employment-Based			Medicaid			Medicare		
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U.S.	10%	19%	32%	66%	49%	40%	9%	23%	22%	16%	12%	6%
AZ	12%	22%	31%	64%	48%	39%	9%	23%	26%	17%	11%	5%
CA	10%	17%	28%	64%	53%	42%	9%	25%	24%	17%	11%	5%
NM	14%	24%	26%	58%	38%	44%	10%	33%	22%	20%	8%	13%
TX	14%	23%	39%	63%	48%	38%	6%	20%	18%	17%	12%	7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; Current Population Survey 2007

Uninsured

Non-Border States	Border States
31,437,915 (14%)	13,695,606 (21%)
Non-Hispanic 24.9 mil (12%)	Non-Hispanic 5.9mil (14%)
Hispanic 6.6 mil (32%)	Hispanic 8.1 mil (32%)

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Uninsured Under 18

United States (2007) ~ 8,149,223 mil
U.S. Border Area (2005) ~ 1,036,641 mil

- About 66% of children, 19 and under, living along the border are Hispanic.
- The percent of children (under 18) living in counties along the U.S./Mexico border that are uninsured is more than double the U.S. rate. The same is true of CA and NM.
- The rate of uninsured children along the border in TX is slightly less than the state rate, however TX as the highest rate of uninsured children compared to other state.

Insurance by Type

- Hispanics and Blacks are not only more likely than whites to be uninsured but they are also less likely than whites to have employment based insurance (ESI).
- Less than half of all Hispanics living in the Border states are covered by ESI.
 - Since passage of HB 109's programmatic changes to SCHIP, enrollment in SCHIP has steadily increased. But limited staff due to layoff and an ineffective privatized application system have made new challenges in the enrollment process more challenging.
 - The Border Counties and rural communities were the most severely impacted by these cutbacks and policy changes, reinstatement, enrollment fees, premium and co-pays, asset test, cuts to outreach, and move to private outsourcing of the enrollment process.