



INSURANCE

Ohio adults without health insurance

The **Ohio Health Issues Poll (OHIP)** includes questions about health insurance coverage of Ohio adults.

Because nearly all Ohioans ages 65 and older (99%) are insured, this summary focuses on Ohioans ages 18-64.

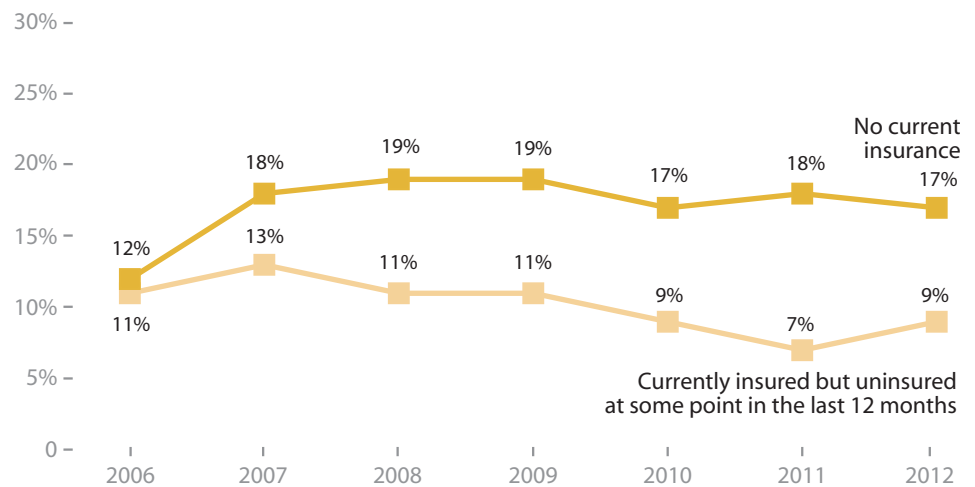
Uninsured rates stable

Health insurance is a critical factor in obtaining healthcare services. Nearly 2 in 10 Ohio adults (17%) did not have health insurance at the time of OHIP. This translates to 1.2 million uninsured Ohio adults. This is up from just more than 1 in 10 adults (12%) in 2006, but is consistent with recent results.

Uninsured at some point in last year also stable

The stability of health insurance coverage is also a factor in access to healthcare. A measure of stability is whether a person has been covered continuously for the past 12 months. Nearly 1 in 10 Ohioans ages 18-64 (9%) who were insured at the time of OHIP had been uninsured at some point in the past 12 months. This is down slightly

Percentage of Ohio adults ages 18-64 who were uninsured currently or at any time in the last 12 months



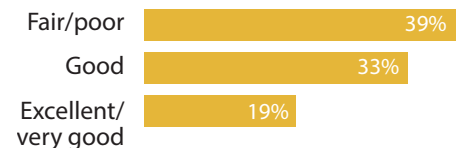
from a high of 13% in 2007, but consistent with recent results.

Strong connection between insurance status, self-reported health status¹

There is a strong connection between adults' self-reported health status and whether they have health insurance. Healthier adults reported lower rates of being uninsured at any point in the last year. Only about 2 in 10

adults (19%) who reported excellent or very good health were uninsured currently or at some point in the last year. By comparison, about 4 in 10 adults (39%) who reported fair or poor health were uninsured currently or at some point in the past year.

Health status¹ of Ohio adults currently uninsured or uninsured at some point in the last 12 months (ages 18-64)



¹OHIP asked "Would you say that in general your health is excellent, very good, good, fair or poor?"