

INSURANCE

# Ohio adults without health insurance

Having health insurance is an important factor in being able to get needed healthcare. Each year, the **Ohio Health Issues Poll (OHIP)** asks about health insurance coverage to learn about Ohio adults' insurance status. Because nearly all Ohioans ages 65 and older (99%) are insured, this summary focuses on Ohioans ages 18-64.

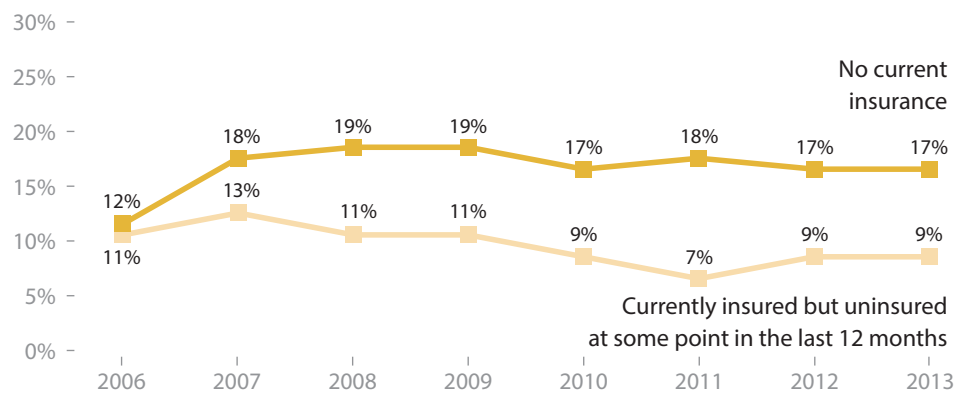
## Uninsured rate remains stable at 17%

Almost 2 in 10 Ohio adults (17%) did not have health insurance at the time of OHIP. This translates to more than 1.25 million uninsured Ohio adults. The uninsured rate remained stable from 2012 to 2013 and is consistent with rates since 2007.

## 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 means that nearly 3 in 10 working age Ohio residents (27%) lack stable health insurance coverage.

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



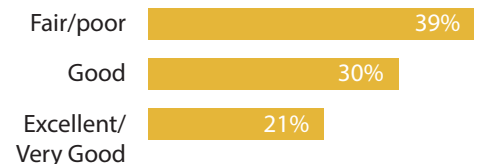
Certain groups are more likely to experience insurance instability. Almost 5 in 10 adults (49%) living at or below 100% of the federal poverty level (FPL<sup>1</sup>), African Americans (46%) and adults with less than a high school education (45%) were uninsured currently or at some point in the past year.

## Healthier adults report lower uninsured rate

There is a strong connection between adults' self-reported health status<sup>2</sup> and whether they have health insurance.

Healthier adults were less likely to have been uninsured at any point in the past year. Only about 2 in 10 adults (21%) 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 status of Ohio adults currently uninsured or uninsured at some point in the last 12 months (ages 18-64)



1 100% of the federal poverty level (FPL) in 2012 was an annual household income of \$23,050 for a family of four.

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