



MICHIGAN'S UNINSURED POPULATION FACT SHEET

Children and Working Families

- Michigan health insurance premiums increased 66.4% between 2000 and 2006, while median incomes grew 7.7%, making Michigan the second worst in the nation, according to a 2006 Families USA report.
- Michigan has approximately 1.1 million uninsured citizens, including 160,000 children. Source: Detroit News, April 5, 2006.
- The percentage of non-elderly Michigan residents covered by employment-based health insurance was 68%, compared with 62% nationally; however this was a reduction from previous years as the rate of employer-based coverage, both nationally and in Michigan, has dropped steadily over time. Source: Current Population Survey (CPS) (2202-2004 average).
- Michigan, like the nation, continues to struggle with increased demand for public insurance coverage; approximately 15% of Michigan's population is now covered by Medicaid.
- In 2005 in Michigan, \$730 a year was added to the cost of a family policy and \$274 a year to an individual policy, to cover health care costs of the uninsured. Source: Families USA.
- The number of people covered by Medicaid, both in Michigan and throughout the United States, is growing. Medicaid now covers 1.5 million Michigan citizens, an increase of 35%, or nearly 400,000 over the past five years, many of whom are low-income children who have lost dependent coverage and adults who have lost their jobs and exhausted their unemployment benefits. Source: Michigan Department of Community Health, 2006.