

## Where Are the Uninsured in Missouri? An Analysis of Recent Census Data

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On September 22, 2009 the Census Bureau released data about income and health insurance status from the American Community Survey. This Survey provides data for smaller geographic areas than the data released on September 10, which provided trends for national and state level data. The following is an analysis of 2008 data by Congressional District (CD).

Summary: There is considerable variation in the income of Missourians across the state, with the highest poverty concentrated primarily in the southern parts of the state and some urban areas (CDs 1,4,7 & 8). There is also variation in insurance status across the state. Adults between the ages of 18 and 64 in the southern portion (CDs 7 & 8) of the state are more likely to be uninsured than those in other parts of the state. In general, lack of insurance for adults appears to be associated with lower median incomes and lower rates of adults insured by private insurance. More children in the poorest Congressional District (CD 7) are insured, probably due to their eligibility for MO HealthNet, Missouri's public insurance for children in low and middle income families.

Median Income	Missouri	1 <sup>st</sup> CD	2 <sup>nd</sup> CD	3 <sup>rd</sup> CD	4 <sup>th</sup> CD	5 <sup>th</sup> CD	6 <sup>th</sup> CD	7 <sup>th</sup> CD	8 <sup>th</sup> CD	9 <sup>th</sup> CD
	as a whole									
	\$46,867	\$42,641	\$73,796	\$51,460	\$42,359	\$46,594	\$51,466	\$42,363	\$32,614	\$43,754
Number of uninsured children	101,266	8,823	7,387	8,972	12,430	15,198	8,923	19,079	9,413	11,041
Percent of uninsured children	7.1%	6.2%	4.3%	6.1%	7.8%	9.7%	5.4%	11.3%	6.4%	7.0%
Number of uninsured adults ages 18-64	649,370	70,761	40,611	57,327	78,285	81,423	64,145	97,712	93,660	65,446
Percent of uninsured adults ages 18-64	17.9%	19.4%	9.4%	13.8%	20.4%	20.8%	15.3%	22.8%	25.1%	15.9%
Number of children with private insurance	945,526	77,739	154,715	111,136	101,346	92,419	124,419	98,101	76,554	109,097
Percent of children with private insurance	66.7%	54.2%	89.3%	75.0%	64.3%	59.2%	75.3%	58.2%	51.7%	69.0%
Number of adults ages 18-64 with private insurance	2,672,886	248,020	379,030	330,187	272,493	277,699	329,013	296,469	223,527	316,448
Percent of adults ages 18-64 with private insurance	73.8%	67.9%	87.9%	79.4%	71.2%	71.1%	78.4%	69.0%	60.0%	76.8%

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