NATIONAL ANALYSIS:
UNINSURED POPULATIONS

Trends in insurance coverage
- According to the Census Bureau, 49.9 million people were without health insurance coverage in 2010. That’s up from 49 million in 2009, although the percentage of the population without coverage remained about the same.
- The uninsured rate has been rising over the past 10 years—from 13.5 percent in 2001 to 16.3 percent in 2010.
- Massachusetts had the highest percentage of insured residents (94 percent), followed by Hawaii (92 percent) and Minnesota (90 percent). Texas had the fewest residents insured at 75 percent, with Nevada and Florida (both with 79 percent) close behind.

Coverage by type of insurance
- The majority of the population—64 percent—was covered by private health insurance in 2010. That percentage has been falling over the past 10 years. In 2001, it was 72 percent.
- More than half (55 percent) of the population was insured by employment-based health insurance in 2010, declining from 56 percent in 2009 and 64 percent in 2001. The percentage of those covered by employment-based health insurance has fallen more rapidly than overall private health insurance coverage.
- From 2001 to 2010, the percentage of those insured by government health insurance has grown from 25 to 31 percent, primarily due to growth in Medicaid enrollment.

Insured populations by age and race
- The youngest and oldest members of society were most likely to be insured: 91 percent of those under age 6 and 98 percent of those over age 65 were insured in 2010. The age group of those 25 to 34 had the smallest percentage of insured individuals—72 percent in 2010.
- Children in poverty were much more likely to be uninsured than their more financially secure counterparts. In 2010, 9.8 percent of all children—those under 18—were without health insurance, while the uninsured rate for children in poverty was 15.4 percent.
- Those identified as white had the lowest percentage of uninsured members of all racial categories, 15.4 percent, followed by Asians at 18.1 percent. Hispanics had the highest rate of uninsured members—30.7 percent—followed by blacks, with 20.8 percent uninsured.
### Health Insurance Coverage Status by State & by Region: 2010 (in thousands)

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Note: Unrelated individuals under 15 are included.

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