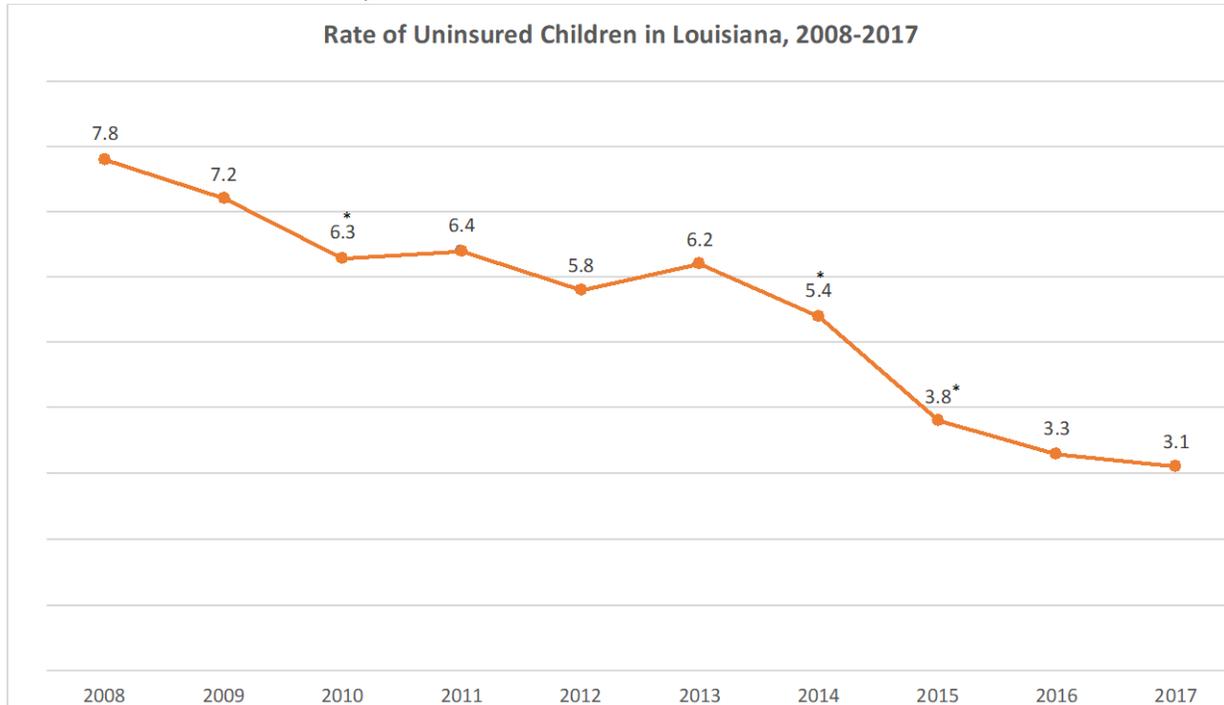


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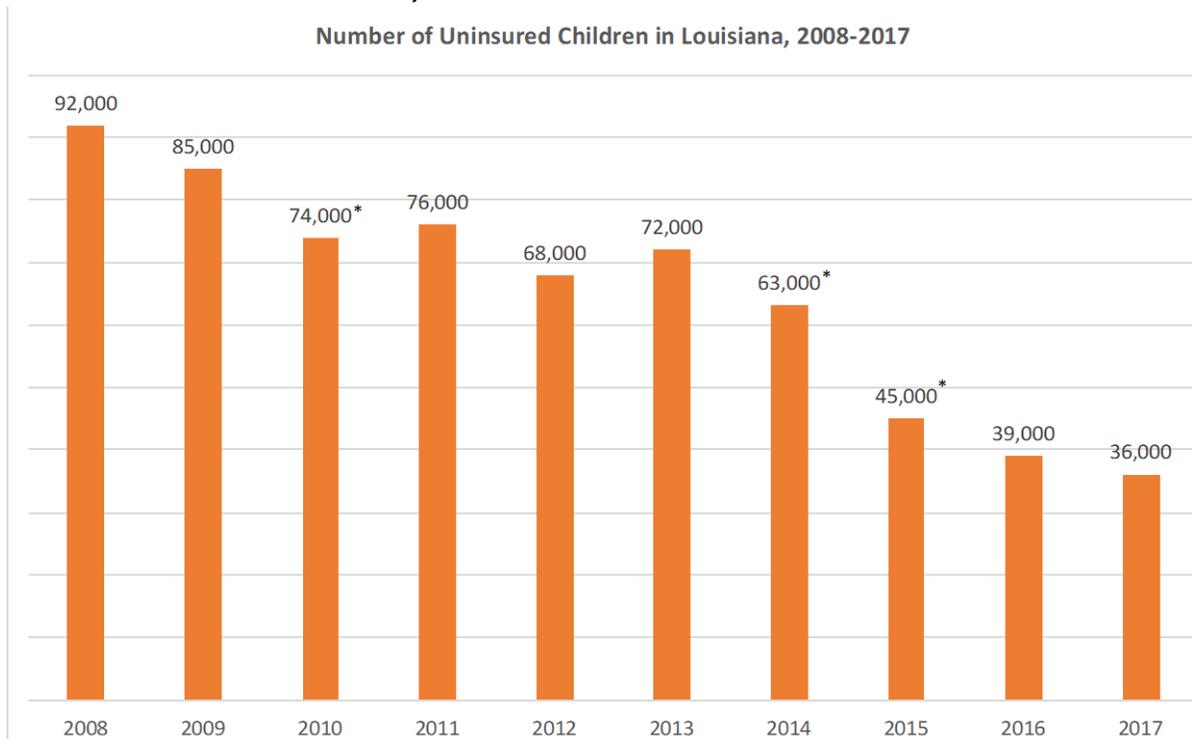
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Children's Source of Coverage, 2016-2017

Source of Coverage	2016 Percent Covered	2017 Percent Covered	Statistically Significant Change?
Employer-Sponsored	36.9	38.3	-
Medicaid/CHIP	46.1	46.9	-
Other	7.7	7.8	-
Direct-Purchase	5.7	3.9	yes
Uninsured	3.6	3.1	-

Source: 2016 and 2017 IPUMS ACS data.

Change is significant at the 90% confidence level. Total may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Uninsured Rate by Race and Ethnicity, 2016-2017

Race/Ethnicity	2016 Percent Uninsured	2017 Percent Uninsured	Statistically Significant Change?
Black	3.4	2.4	-
White	3.4	3.0	-
Asian/ Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	2.8	4.5	-
Other	8.2	6.5	-
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.9	9.4	-
Hispanic	11.6	8.7	-

Source: 2016 and 2017 IPUMS ACS data.

Change is significant at the 90% confidence level.

Uninsured Rate by Poverty Level, 2016-2017

Income Level	2016 Percent Uninsured	2017 Percent Uninsured	Statistically Significant Change?
<100% FPL	4.1	4.0	-
100-137% FPL	6.0	1.7	yes
138-199% FPL	4.2	3.5	-
200-299% FPL	4.1	3.7	-
≥300% FPL	2.3	2.2	-

Source: 2016 and 2017 IPUMS ACS data.

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Uninsured Rates for Young Children and School Age Children, 2016-2017

Age Group	2016 Percent Uninsured	2017 Percent Uninsured	Statistically Significant Change?
Under 6	2.5	2.9	-
Ages 6-18	4.1	3.1	yes

Source: 2016 and 2017 IPUMS ACS data.

Change is significant at the 90% confidence level.

Methodology and Notes:

Data Sources and Changes to Age Categories for Children

In general, this brief uses Georgetown University Center for Children and Families analysis of single-year 2016 and 2017 estimates of summary national and state-level health coverage data from the 2017 American Community Survey (ACS). The U.S. Census Bureau publishes ACS summary data on American Fact Finder. Where only number estimates are available, percent estimates and their standard errors were computed based on formulas provided in the 2017 ACS's "Instructions for Applying Statistical Testing to ACS 1-Year Data." In certain cases (sources of coverage, coverage by poverty level, coverage by race and ethnicity, and coverage by age), this brief uses a Georgetown University Center for Children and Families comparison of 2016 and 2017 single-year national estimates of health coverage for children age 18 and younger using the Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS), an augmented version of the ACS. IPUMS is prepared by the University of Minnesota Population Center (IPUMSUSA, University of Minnesota, www.ipums.org). That is because in the technical documentation for the 2017 ACS single-year estimates, the Census Bureau announced that there would be updates to multiple health insurance tables. In order to better align with the current health insurance landscape, the age categories of the 2017 ACS health insurance tables were updated so that the age group for children includes individuals age 18 and younger. In previous years, the age group for children included individuals age 17 and younger. The Census Bureau, however, did not recalculate previous year detailed estimates using the new age category. This, however, may result in differences between the 2017 data from the American Fact Finder and 2017 IPUMS data. For example, the IPUMS data relies on a representative sample of ACS data while the Fact Finder uses the entire ACS data set. The IPUMS data also reflects other adjustments to the ACS sample.

Poverty Status

Data on poverty levels include only those individuals for whom the poverty status can be determined for the last year. Therefore, this population is slightly smaller than the total non-institutionalized population of the U.S. (the universe used to calculate all other data in the brief). The Census Bureau determines an individual's poverty status by comparing that person's income in the last 12 months to poverty thresholds that account for family size and composition, as well as various types of income.

Health Coverage

Data on sources of health insurance coverage are point-in-time estimates that convey whether a person has coverage at the time of the survey. Individuals can report more than one source of coverage, so such totals may add to more than 100 percent. Additionally, the estimates are not adjusted to address the Medicaid "undercount" often found in surveys, which may be accentuated by the absence of state-specific health insurance program names in the ACS. We report children covered by Medicare, TRICARE/military, VA, or two or more types of health insurance as being covered by an "other" source of health coverage. The Census Bureau provides the following categories of coverage for respondents to indicate source of health insurance: current or former employer, purchased directly from an insurance company, Medicare, Medicaid or means-tested (includes CHIP), TRICARE or other military health coverage, VA, Indian Health Service (IHS), or other. People who indicate IHS as their only source of health coverage do not have comprehensive coverage and are considered to be uninsured.

Demographic Characteristics

"Children" are defined as those individuals age 18 and under. We report data for all seven race categories and two ethnicity categories for which the ACS provides one-year health insurance coverage estimates. The Census Bureau recognizes and reports race and Hispanic origin (i.e., ethnicity) as separate and distinct concepts. To report on an individual's race, we merge the data for "Asian alone" and "Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander alone." In addition, we report the ACS category "some other race alone" and "two or more races" as "other." Except for "other," all racial categories refer to respondents who indicated belonging to only one race. We report "Hispanic or Latino," as "Hispanic." As this refers to a person's ethnicity, Hispanic and non-Hispanic individuals may be of any race. For more detail on how the ACS defines racial and ethnic groups, see "American Community Survey and Puerto Rico Community Survey 2015 Subject Definitions."