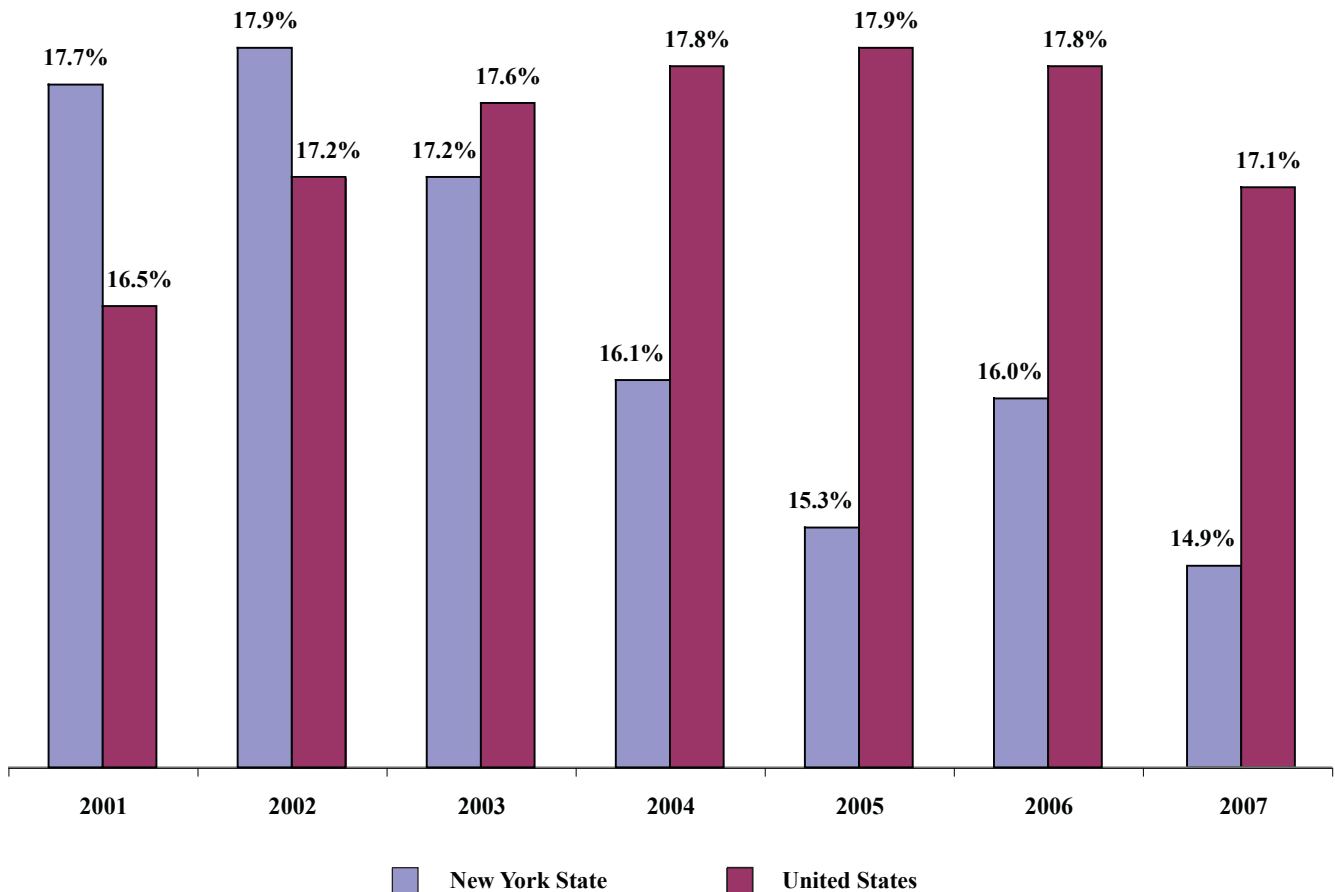




# The Facts About... New York's Uninsured

## Uninsured Population Under Age 65



Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Survey, 2007 Annual Social and Economic Supplement; Table HIA-6

An estimated 2,465,000 New Yorkers, or 14.9% of the state's population under age 65, had no health coverage in 2007, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. This represents a 1.1% decrease in the number of uninsured New Yorkers under age 65 from 2006.

What does the term "uninsured" mean? Who are the uninsured? How does New York's uninsured problem compare with other states? What reasons do the uninsured give for being uninsured? The facts about the uninsured are presented on the next page.



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## What Does It Mean To Be “Uninsured?”

Annually, the U.S. Census Bureau publishes the results of a survey of Americans on several topics, including questions about their health insurance coverage during the previous year. The survey results, updated and republished in August 2008, estimated that 45 million Americans under age 65 had no private or government-run health coverage in 2007. Some of those who were eligible for but did not enroll in Medicaid, or Medicare or other government program were counted as “uninsured.” The survey is primarily a picture of health coverage status for the nation and states, not smaller geographic units.



## Who Were The Uninsured Americans In 2007 and 2006?

|          | <i>By Age</i> |       | <i>By Employment Status</i> |       | <i>By Household Income</i> |                    |       |       |
|----------|---------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|----------------------------|--------------------|-------|-------|
|          | 2007          | 2006  | 2007                        | 2006  | 2007                       | 2006               |       |       |
| Under 18 | 11%           | 11.7% | Worked during year          | 18.1% | 18.7%                      | Less than \$25,000 | 24.5% | 24.9% |
| 18-24    | 28.1%         | 29.3% | Worked full time            | 17%   | 17.9%                      | \$25,000-\$49,999  | 21.1% | 21.1% |
| 25-34    | 25.7%         | 26.9% | Worked part time            | 23.4% | 22.9%                      | \$50,000-\$74,999  | 14.5% | 14.4% |
| 35-44    | 18.3%         | 18.8% | Did not work                | 25.4% | 26.1%                      | \$75,000+          | 7.8%  | 8.5%  |
| 45-64    | 15.4%         | 14.2% |                             |       |                            |                    |       |       |

Source: *Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the U.S.: 2007 Consumer Population Reports*



## How Did New York's 2007 and 2006 Uninsured Rates (Under Age 65) Compare With Other States?

| <i>Neighboring States</i> | 2007         | 2006         | <i>The Five Largest States<br/>(ordered by population)</i> | 2007         | 2006         |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--|--------------|--------------|
| New Jersey                | 17.8%        | 17.3%        | California   | 20.1%        | 20.6%        |
| <b>New York</b>           | <b>14.9%</b> | <b>16.0%</b> | Texas  | 27.6%        | 27.2%        |
| Ohio                      | 13.2%        | 11.5%        | <b>New York</b>  | <b>14.9%</b> | <b>16.0%</b> |
| Vermont                   | 13%          | 11.6%        | Florida  | 23.7%        | 25.0%        |
| Connecticut               | 10.7%        | 10.7%        | Illinois   | 14.8%        | 15.6%        |
| Pennsylvania              | 11.1%        | 11.4%        |  |              |              |
| Massachusetts             | 6%           | 11.8%        |  |              |              |

Source: *U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Survey, 2007 Annual Social and Economic Supplement; Table HIA-6*



## Why Are the Uninsured, Uninsured?

According to a national USA Today/Kaiser Family Foundation/ABC News health care poll conducted in September 2006, fifty-six percent of the uninsured adults that were polled said the cost of insurance is the main reason they are uninsured. Four percent said they don't have insurance because they don't think they need it. Fifteen percent said they can't get coverage or were refused coverage due to poor health, illness or age; one percent said they didn't know how to get insurance.

Source: *USA Today/Kaiser Family Foundation/ABC News health care poll (conducted Sept. 7-12, 2006).*



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**Percentage of Population  
With No Health Coverage  
Under Age 65  
State by State  
2007-2004**

| State                | % Not Covered in 2007 | % Not Covered in 2006 | % Not Covered in 2005 | % Not Covered in 2004 |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Texas                | 27.6                  | 27.2                  | 26.3                  | 26.6                  |
| New Mexico           | 25.3                  | 26                    | 23.2                  | 22.5                  |
| Florida              | 23.7                  | 25                    | 23.8                  | 22.9                  |
| Louisiana            | 21.1                  | 25                    | 20.3                  | 18.1                  |
| Mississippi          | 20.9                  | 23.1                  | 19.2                  | 18.8                  |
| Arizona              | 20.3                  | 23.3                  | 22.2                  | 19.0                  |
| Oklahoma             | 20.3                  | 21.6                  | 20.5                  | 22.3                  |
| California           | 20.1                  | 20.6                  | 20.7                  | 19.9                  |
| Nevada               | 19.3                  | 22.1                  | 19.2                  | 20.6                  |
| Alaska               | 19.2                  | 17.7                  | 18.3                  | 17.4                  |
| Georgia              | 19.1                  | 19.2                  | 20                    | 18.5                  |
| Oregon               | 18.9                  | 20.3                  | 17.9                  | 18.5                  |
| South Carolina       | 18.8                  | 18.1                  | 19.6                  | 16.9                  |
| North Carolina       | 18.6                  | 20.2                  | 17.3                  | 16.6                  |
| Arkansas             | 18.2                  | 21.5                  | 20                    | 18.8                  |
| Colorado             | 17.9                  | 18.9                  | 18.2                  | 17.3                  |
| Montana              | 17.9                  | 19.3                  | 18                    | 21.1                  |
| New Jersey           | 17.8                  | 17                    | 16.1                  | 15.5                  |
| Tennessee            | 16.5                  | 15.8                  | 15.5                  | 15.0                  |
| Virginia             | 16.4                  | 14.7                  | 14.1                  | 14.8                  |
| West Virginia        | 16.4                  | 15.4                  | 19.8                  | 18.9                  |
| Idaho                | 15.9                  | 17.5                  | 16.5                  | 15.9                  |
| Wyoming              | 15.5                  | 16.8                  | 16.5                  | 14.3                  |
| Kentucky             | 15.4                  | 17.4                  | 13.9                  | 15.6                  |
| Maryland             | 15.3                  | 15.5                  | 14.8                  | 14.9                  |
| <b>NEW YORK</b>      | <b>14.9</b>           | <b>16</b>             | <b>14.8</b>           | <b>14.2</b>           |
| Illinois             | 14.8                  | 15.6                  | 15.4                  | 14.6                  |
| Nebraska             | 14.7                  | 13.9                  | 11.8                  | 11.9                  |
| Kansas               | 14.3                  | 14                    | 11.7                  | 12.0                  |
| Missouri             | 14.3                  | 15.3                  | 13.3                  | 13.5                  |
| Utah                 | 13.7                  | 18.9                  | 17.6                  | 14.3                  |
| Alabama              | 13.5                  | 17.3                  | 16.6                  | 14.0                  |
| Ohio                 | 13.2                  | 11.5                  | 12.9                  | 12.0                  |
| Michigan             | 13                    | 11.9                  | 11.6                  | 12.6                  |
| Vermont              | 13                    | 11.6                  | 13                    | 12.0                  |
| Indiana              | 12.9                  | 13.1                  | 15                    | 15.4                  |
| Delaware             | 12.7                  | 13.9                  | 13.8                  | 15.1                  |
| Washington           | 12.5                  | 13.2                  | 14.7                  | 13.9                  |
| Rhode Island         | 12.2                  | 9.7                   | 13                    | 11.7                  |
| South Dakota         | 11.8                  | 13.7                  | 13.4                  | 12.8                  |
| New Hampshire        | 11.7                  | 13                    | 11                    | 11.4                  |
| North Dakota         | 11.3                  | 13.9                  | 12.6                  | 11.6                  |
| Pennsylvania         | 11.1                  | 11.4                  | 11.3                  | 12.7                  |
| Connecticut          | 10.7                  | 10.7                  | 12.5                  | 12.5                  |
| Iowa                 | 10.7                  | 12.1                  | 9.4                   | 10.4                  |
| District of Columbia | 10.5                  | 12.6                  | 14.4                  | 13.7                  |
| Maine                | 10.3                  | 10.8                  | 11.7                  | 10.3                  |
| Minnesota            | 9.3                   | 10.4                  | 9.1                   | 9.4                   |
| Wisconsin            | 9.3                   | 9.9                   | 10.7                  | 11.6                  |
| Hawaii               | 8.6                   | 9.9                   | 9.8                   | 9.5                   |
| Massachusetts        | 6                     | 11.8                  | 10.5                  | 12.6                  |
| <b>U.S. OVERALL</b>  | <b>17.1</b>           | <b>17.8</b>           | <b>17.2</b>           | <b>16.8</b>           |

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