

FACT SHEET: UNINSURED VERMONTERS

Overview¹

- More than 65,000 (10 percent) of Vermont residents are uninsured, including about 7,000 (5 percent) of Vermont children.
- Nearly 30,000 Vermonters between the ages of 18 and 34 are uninsured.
- Most of the uninsured have incomes of less than \$41,300 for a family of four.
- The length of time for uninsured Vermonters varies:
 - Thirty percent have been uninsured for one to five years.
 - Thirty-five percent have been uninsured for five or more years.
- More than half (51 percent) of the uninsured are eligible for Medicaid, Dr. Dynasaur or VHAP but not enrolled.

Consequences of Being Uninsured²

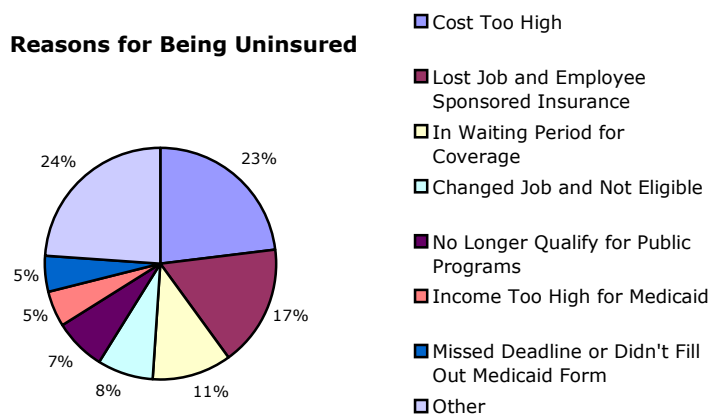
- Thirty percent of uninsured children and 40 percent of uninsured adults did not see a health care professional in the past year.
- Forty-five percent of uninsured children did not see a physician for routine care (compared to 7 percent of insured children).
- The uninsured are more likely to delay needed medical care due to cost compared to those who have health coverage.
 - Two percent of the insured delayed medical care compared to 21 percent of the uninsured.

Health Coverage Trends in Vermont

- More than 90 percent of Vermonters are currently insured, and 95 percent of Vermont children are insured.³
- Vermont ranks 11th in the country for the percentage of the population that has health insurance.⁴

Estimated Uninsured Vermonters by Age, 2007		
Age	Number Uninsured	Percent Uninsured
0-9	2,643	4%
10 to 17	4,793	7%
18 to 24	12,721	20%
25 to 34	14,915	23%
35 to 49	19,579	30%
50 to 64	10,328	16%
65 and older	436	<1%
Total (0 to 64)	65,416	100%

Reasons for Being Uninsured



¹ Estimates based on the 2005 Vermont Household Health Insurance Survey.

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ U. S. Census, "Income, Poverty and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2006." http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/hlthins/hlthin06/p60no233_table8.pdf