

## FACT SHEET: THE UNINSURED IN VERMONT

More than 90 percent of Vermont residents are currently insured, and 95 percent of Vermont children are insured. To help you target outreach throughout the state, here is an overview of the uninsured in Vermont and where they live (Note: the following figures are estimates, based on the *2005 Vermont Household Health Insurance Survey*).

### Overview

- More than 65,000 (10%) of Vermonters are uninsured including about 7,000 (5%) of Vermont children.
- Most have incomes less than 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).
- The top five counties by *number of uninsured by percentage* are Chittenden (17%), Orleans and Essex (10%), Rutland (9%), Windham (9%), Franklin and Grand Isle (9%).
- The top five counties with the highest *percentage* of uninsured residents are Orleans and Essex (18%), Lamoille (15%), Caledonia (14%), Windham (13%) and Orange (11%).
- The length of time for uninsured Vermonters varies:
  - 35 percent have been uninsured for 5 or more years
  - 30 percent have been uninsured for 1 to 5 years

### Uninsured Vermont Children

- More than 60 percent of uninsured children are male.
- 60 percent of uninsured children are between the ages of 11 and 17.
- 55 percent of uninsured children are in households making less than 200 percent of the FPL.
- 40 percent of uninsured children have been uninsured for 12 months or less.
- 64 percent of parents are very interested in enrolling their children in health insurance.
- 79 percent of children are eligible for Dr. Dynasaur (66%) or Medicaid (13%).
- 55 percent of parents do not think they are eligible for Medicaid.
- 70 percent of uninsured children have other family members who are uninsured.

### Uninsured Vermont Adults

- 60 percent of uninsured adult Vermonters are male.
- 50 percent of uninsured adults have a high school degree; 21 percent have some college education.
- 20 percent of uninsured adults are at or above 300 percent of the FPL.
- Four of five are employed (60 percent are in the service sector).
- 77 percent of uninsured adults cite cost as the top reason for being uninsured.
- 66 percent of uninsured adults are very interested in Medicaid.
- 50 percent of uninsured adults are Medicaid eligible (57 percent of those eligible don't know it).

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

