



INTERVENTIONS

Insurance Coverage in Children

INDICATOR

Percent of children in Wisconsin covered by any type of insurance.

Numerator	Number of 0-18 year olds with employer-sponsored, individual, Medicaid, or other public insurance
Denominator	Children aged 0 to 18

DESCRIPTION

This measure indicates the percentage of 0-18 year olds who are covered by any type of insurance, including employer-sponsored, individual, Medicaid, or other public insurance. In Wisconsin, this includes coverage by BadgerCare Plus or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Social Security, and others. Insurance coverage refers to comprehensive coverage (that is, not just dental, vision, life, or disability insurance), at the time of the survey.

IMPORTANCE

Insurance coverage is a precursor to ensuring that all children have access to health care, including early intervention, prevention and check-ups, along with mental health services such as therapy, medication, or hospitalizations. Though the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act mandated insurance for all Americans (officially beginning in 2014), there remain uninsured children in Wisconsin, necessitating the tracking of basic insurance coverage.

LIMITATIONS

- Insurance coverage is for a specific point in the year, and not necessarily for the full year.
- This metric does not reflect quality, accessibility, or service delivery model of the insurance company, such as within or outside of a medical home, nor what type of insurance they have, such as whether it is private, public, within an HMO, or fee-for-service.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSES

Wisconsin Analyses

Race/Ethnicity	% Children Insured
No data available.	

National Analyses

Race/Ethnicity	% Children Insured (Artiga, 2016)
American Indian/Alaska Native	85%
Asian	94%
Black	95%
Hispanic	90%
White, non-Hispanic	95%
Other races, non-Hispanic	51.8%

SOURCE

Artiga, Samantha et al. (2016). Key Facts on Health and Health Care by Race and Ethnicity. Kaiser Family Foundation. Retrieved from <https://www.kff.org/report-section/key-facts-on-health-and-health-care-by-race-and-ethnicity-section-4-health-coverage>
 US Census Bureau. (2016). Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement [Data query]. Retrieved from <http://www.census.gov/cps/data/cpstablecreator.html>. Additional details about the types of insurance coverage included are available at www.census.gov/

YEAR:

2016

WI	US	Best	Worst
95%	95%	99%	87%
		CT	AZ

PAST YEAR:

2015

WI	US
94%	95%