

# Health Insurance

**Table 1. Health Insurance Coverage Status of Franklin County Residents, 2008**

		Estimate of Percent with Insurance Coverage	Estimate of Percent Uninsured
<b>Age Group</b>	under age 18	95.5%	4.5%
	18-64 years	81.1%	18.9%
	64 years and older	n/a	n/a
<b>Minority</b>	under age 18	71.3%	28.7%
	18-64 years	69.7%	30.3%
	64 years and older	71.3%	28.7%
<b>Percent of Poverty Level (18+ years)</b>	200% of poverty and below	73.6%	18.2%
	Above 200% of poverty	92.6%	7.4%
<b>Total Franklin County Adults (18-64 years) Population</b>		81.1%	18.9%
<b>Total Franklin County Children (under age 18) Population</b>		95.5%	4.5%

- The 2008 Ohio Family Health Survey estimated that 18.9% of Franklin County adults and 4.5% of children lack health insurance. The percentage of Franklin County children under age 18 without health insurance was 11.8% (31,571 persons) in 1998 and 7.3% (20,137 persons) in 2004.
- The 2008 Ohio Family Health Survey reported that Ohio's child uninsured rate was 4.0% in 2008, down from 5.4% in 2004. For Ohio adults ages 18-64, the uninsured rate had increased from 15.0% in 2004 to 17.0% in 2008.
- For adults, the rate of health insurance coverage increases with increasing age. Nearly all Franklin County adults aged 65 or older have health insurance coverage according to the 2008 Ohio Family Health Survey.
- The 2008 Ohio Family Health Survey reported that blacks have a lower rate of insurance coverage than whites. Hispanics (of any race) have the lowest coverage rate; more than half of all Franklin County Hispanics lack health insurance.
- According to the 2008 Ohio Family Health Survey, 84.2% of uninsured adults ages 18-64 had incomes below 300% of poverty and 88.0% of uninsured children lived in households with incomes 300% of poverty.

## About the Data

### Data Sources:

- Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Family Health Survey, Ohioans Without Health Insurance, 2004; Franklin County Board of Health

### Definitions:

- **Health coverage:** Health coverage includes health insurance, prepaid plans such as HMOs, and government plans such as Medicare.

### Explanations and Caveats:

- The 2008 Ohio Family Health Survey was developed to obtain baseline statewide data on health insurance coverage, health status, health risk behaviors, access to care, health care utilization, health care costs, satisfaction with care, and unmet health needs. The survey data for all three iterations (1998, 2004, and 2008) are not fully comparable due to changes in design and questions to improve quality of the results. Conducted from August 2008 through January 2009, the 2008 survey obtained responses from over 51,000 adults and gathered information on more than 13,000 children.

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