



**2008 American Community Survey:
175,621 Montanans without Health Insurance Coverage**

Summary

Census Bureau data released today shows that 175,621 Montanans, or 18.5% of the population, lacked health insurance coverage in 2008. That number would be significantly higher without public insurance options such as Medicare, Medicaid, and Children’s Health Insurance. An additional 234,834 Montanans, or 24.7% of the population, are covered by public health insurance. The numbers for 2009 will likely be much worse because we are now deeper into the recession

Table

The table below shows numbers and rates for health insurance coverage in Montana and the five counties large enough to have local data provided by the Census.

	Montana	Cascade	Flathead	Gallatin	Missoula	Yellowstone
Total:	950,414	77,022	87,336	91,541	106,894	139,556
Under 65 years:	820,961	65,315	76,935	83,157	95,771	121,672
With health insurance coverage	646,530	53,319	59,236	68,075	77,670	102,915
With private health insurance coverage	560,651	46,957	50,718	65,738	68,453	91,525
With public health coverage	111,577	8,639	11,652	3,633	12,001	14,504
No health insurance coverage	174,431	11,996	17,699	15,082	18,101	18,757
65 years or over:	129,453	11,707	10,401	8,384	11,123	17,884
With health insurance coverage	128,263	11,707	10,147	8,384	10,984	17,884
With private health insurance coverage	93,560	9,202	6,816	6,152	7,443	13,548
With public health coverage	123,266	11,450	9,432	8,070	10,707	17,393
No health insurance coverage	1,190	0	254	0	139	0
Total no health insurance	175,621	11,996	17,953	15,082	18,240	18,757
% no health insurance	18.48%	15.57%	20.56%	16.48%	17.06%	13.44%
Total with public coverage	234,843	20,089	21,084	11,703	22,708	31,897
% with public coverage	24.71%	26.08%	24.14%	12.78%	21.24%	22.86%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey