

PUBLICLY INSURED CHILDREN BY PROGRAM

DEFINITION: Number of children (ages 0-18) who are enrolled in either Medicaid or LaCHIP.

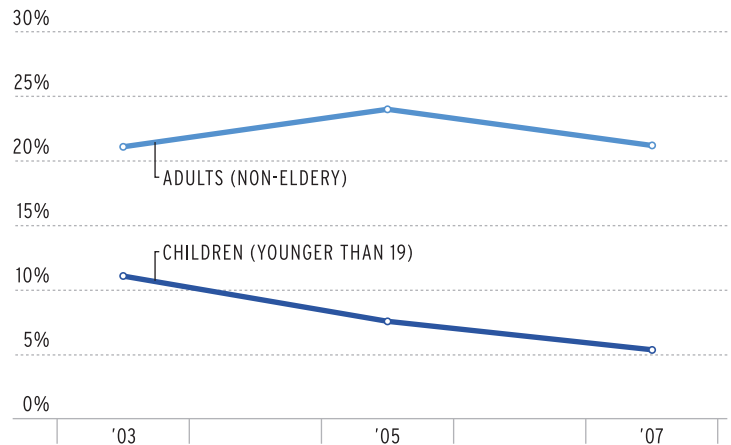
SIGNIFICANCE

Health insurance helps children get the health care they need to grow up healthy and strong. Louisiana's Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) operates several programs, including LaCHIP and Medicaid, which provide health insurance for Louisiana's low- and moderate-income children. Through LaCHIP and Medicaid, children receive coverage for physician's visits, hospitalizations, prescription coverage, vision and dental care, in addition to other services.

Uninsured children whose families earn up to 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) are eligible for free health insurance through either Medicaid or LaCHIP. This means that a family of four can earn up to about \$44,000 a year and still qualify for LaCHIP. Traditional Medicaid serves low-income children, while LaCHIP serves children whose families earn too much to qualify for Medicaid, but less than 200% FPL. DHH also offers the LaCHIP Affordable Plan, which serves children whose families earn too much to qualify for LaCHIP, but whose incomes are less than 250% FPL (about \$55,000 for a family of four). Unlike "traditional" LaCHIP and Medicaid, the LaCHIP Affordable Plan charges a monthly premium and copays for services.

Since the LaCHIP program began, over a decade ago, Louisiana has witnessed a dramatic decline in the percentage of children who lack health insurance. In 1997, the year that Congress created the State Child Health Insurance Program, an estimated 21% of Louisiana's children were uninsured.¹ In 2007, the Louisiana Health Insurance Survey estimated that just 5% of all Louisiana children under age 18 were uninsured, representing a 76% decline in the rate of uninsured children since 1997.² Louisiana's progress in reducing the number of children who are uninsured reflects Louisiana's success in getting (and keeping) eligible children enrolled in Medicaid and LaCHIP. Between 1999 and 2007, the number of publicly insured children in Louisiana increased by over 80%, rising from 350,000 to 633,504 children.³

PERCENTAGE OF UNINSURED CHILDREN AND ADULTS IN LOUISIANA 2003-2007



Medicaid and LaCHIP are funded through a combination of federal Medicaid and the State Child Health Insurance (SCHIP) dollars and state matching funds. In FFY 2008, Louisiana's federal match rate for Medicaid was 72%, meaning that the federal government paid for 72% of all Medicaid spending in Louisiana. The federal government provides an enhanced match rate for SCHIP, which was set at 81% for Louisiana in FFY 2008. This means that for every dollar Louisiana spent on LaCHIP in FFY 2008, the federal government spent \$4.⁴

In FFY 2006, Louisiana spent an average of \$1,003 per child enrolled in Medicaid (including both state and federal dollars), less than any other state. By comparison, the state spent an average of \$2,751 for each non-elderly adult enrolled in Medicaid and \$7,007 for each elderly Medicaid enrollee.⁵

CHART DATA SOURCE

Kirby Goidel and Dek Terrell, "Ten-Year Analysis of Louisiana's Uninsured Population," Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals, retrieved from <http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov> on 7/30/2009.

DATA SOURCE

Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Medicaid Office, by special request

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² Kirby Goidel and Dek Terrell, "Ten-Year Analysis of Louisiana's Uninsured Population," Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals, retrieved from <http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov> on 7/30/2009.

³ Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, "All Publicly Insured Children Graph," Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, retrieved from <http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov> on 7/30/2009.

⁴ The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, "Louisiana Federal Matching Rate (FMAR) for CHIP" and "Louisiana: Federal Matching Rate (FMAR) for Medicaid and Multiplier," State Health Facts, retrieved from www.statehealthfacts.org on 7/30/2009.

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2007 TOTALS

	MEDICAID		LaCHIP	
	No.	% of total enrollment	No.	% of total enrollment
LOUISIANA	520,984	82	112,520	18
Acadia	8,337	80	2,053	20
Allen	3,334	81	758	19
Ascension	8,467	79	2,269	21
Assumption	2,846	81	666	19
Avoyelles	6,395	82	1,444	18
Beauregard	3,541	77	1,048	23
Bienville	2,043	85	359	15
Bossier	9,949	82	2,125	18
Caddo	33,771	84	6,255	16
Calcasieu	21,280	80	5,234	20
Caldwell	1,351	80	344	20
Cameron	452	77	133	23
Catahoula	1,514	84	293	16
Claiborne	2,079	84	404	16
Concordia	3,299	85	590	15
De Soto	3,231	84	628	16
East Baton Rouge	53,162	84	9,805	16
East Carroll	1,983	90	215	10
East Feliciana	2,069	77	608	23
Evangeline	5,478	83	1,150	17
Franklin	3,629	85	644	15
Grant	2,467	79	653	21
Iberia	11,205	84	2,172	16
Iberville	4,641	83	976	17
Jackson	1,704	83	342	17
Jefferson	41,897	79	11,012	21
Jefferson Davis	3,889	78	1,080	22
Lafayette	20,121	82	4,516	18
Lafourche	9,905	80	2,466	20
La Salle	1,440	79	379	21
Lincoln	4,801	84	901	16
Livingston	11,691	78	3,304	22
Madison	2,614	89	338	11
Morehouse	5,019	84	944	16
Natchitoches	5,515	86	869	14
Orleans	36,068	87	5,611	13
Ouachita	21,422	86	3,615	14
Plaquemines	2,037	81	470	19
Pointe Coupee	2,957	80	741	20
Rapides	17,832	82	3,856	18
Red River	1,399	85	239	15
Richland	3,285	84	631	16
Sabine	2,683	85	483	15
St. Bernard	3,008	81	700	19
St. Charles	4,691	79	1,257	21
St. Helena	1,543	83	312	17
St. James	2,832	83	600	17
St. John the Baptist	6,605	80	1,604	20
St. Landry	14,214	82	3,189	18
St. Martin	6,713	80	1,648	20
St. Mary	8,081	82	1,824	18
St. Tammany	16,250	78	4,667	22
Tangipahoa	17,190	82	3,668	18
Tensas	1,044	86	167	14
Terrebonne	13,398	83	2,803	17
Union	2,931	83	599	17
Vermilion	6,271	83	1,307	17
Vernon	4,427	80	1,140	20
Washington	6,893	82	1,471	18
Webster	5,130	84	995	16
West Baton Rouge	2,379	80	613	20
West Carroll	1,686	77	501	23
West Feliciana	815	72	313	28
Winn	2,081	80	519	20