



# Ohio MCH Fact Sheet

## Early Childhood Insurance Status

### MCH Block Grant Needs Assessment Information

#### Key Data Summary – Ohio 2003

- At the time of the survey, 59.8 percent of children aged 0 to 5 years in Ohio had private health insurance, 34.7 percent had public health insurance and 5.4 percent were uninsured, as shown in the first graph.
- White children were more likely to have private health insurance than black or Hispanic children, as shown in the second graph.
- While 5.4 percent of children aged 0 to 5 years were uninsured at the time of the survey, 10 percent of children aged 0 to 5 years had experienced periods of no insurance during the past 12 months, as shown in the third graph.

#### Healthy People 2010 Objective 1-1

- Increase the proportion of persons with health insurance to 100 percent.

#### U.S./Ohio Comparison – 2003

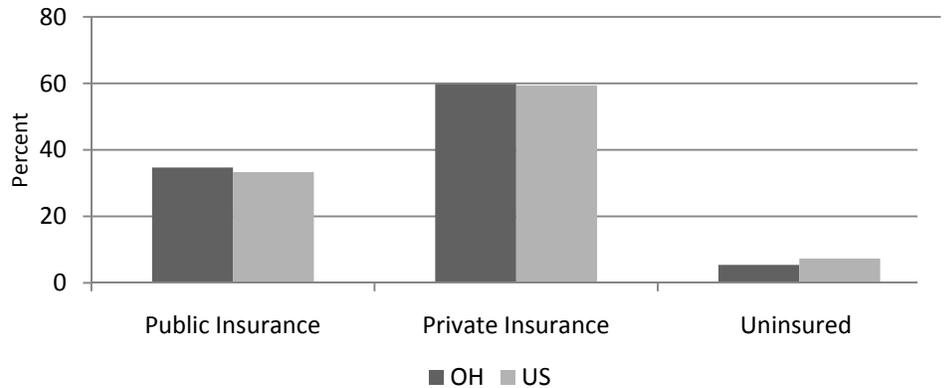
- There was a higher rate of uninsured children aged 0 to 5 years at the time of the survey in the U.S. (7.3 percent) than in Ohio (5.4 percent).
- Insurance status by race/ethnicity was similar for Ohio and the nation (U.S. data not shown).

#### Additional Information

- Children without health insurance are more likely than others to receive late or no care for health problems, putting them at greater risk for hospitalization. In addition to less access to health care, a lack of health insurance can also negatively influence children's school attendance and participation in extracurricular activities, and has been found to increase parental financial and emotional stress.

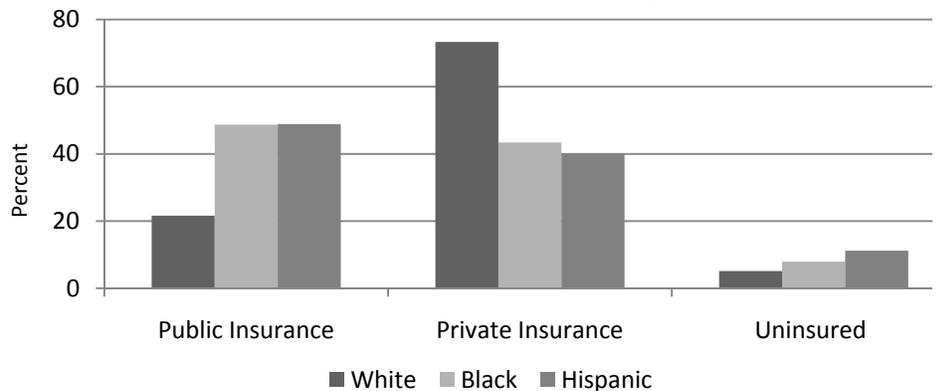
Source: Child Trend Data Bank

Insurance Status\* of Children 0-5 Years, 2003



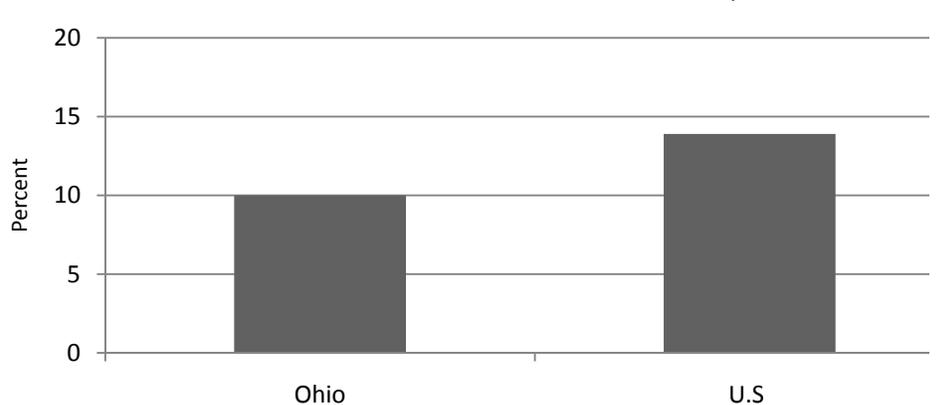
Source: National Survey of Children's Health

Insurance Status\* of Children 0-17 Years, by Race, Ohio, 2003



Source: National Survey of Children's Health

Children 0-5 Years Who Were Uninsured\* or Had Periods of No Insurance in the Past 12 Months, 2003



Source: National Survey of Children's Health

\* Insurance status at time of survey

**Public Insurance** is defined as Medicaid or State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

**Private Insurance** is defined as any type of health insurance including HMOs besides public insurance programs.