

Data brief

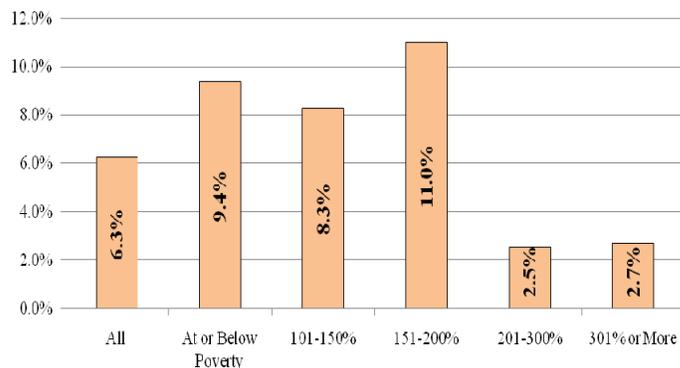
Oral Health Findings from the Ohio Family Health Survey, 2010

In 2010, 4.6% of Ohio's children were uninsured for medical care (127,000). During this same period, 19.0% of Ohio's children were without dental insurance (486,000). This equates to 359,000 Ohio children who have general health care coverage, but no dental coverage.

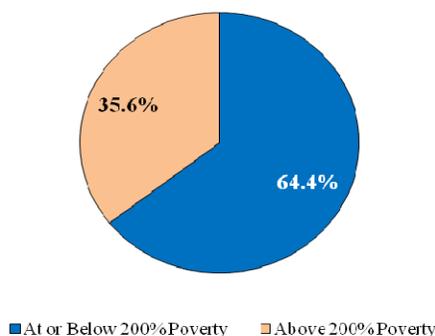
Dental care needs, children

Regardless of family income status, dental care was the number one unmet health care need for children, with 157,000 children having unmet dental needs — 126,000 of these children were \leq 200% Federal Poverty Level (FPL), 31,000 were \geq 201% of FPL.

Unmet Oral Health Care Needs of Ohio Children (under 18 years of age) According to Poverty Status, 2010



Ohio Children (under 18 years of age) Who Have Never Visited a Dentist by Income, 2010



Dental coverage, children

A lack of dental coverage was a problem for low-income and higher-income children, with 19.5% of children living in families earning 200% or less of FPL, or an annual income of \$44,100 or less, uninsured for dental care, and 18.6% of children in families earning 201% or more of FPL having no dental coverage. Impoverished children had a similar coverage rate due to Ohio's Medicaid Program — a state-sponsored insurance program for the impoverished that covers dental care.

Even though low-income children had higher rates of dental coverage, they were less likely to have a dental visit in the past 12 months. Eighty-five percent of low-income children (200% FPL or less) had a dental visit within the past 12 months, compared to 93.0% of higher-income children.

Dental care needs, adults

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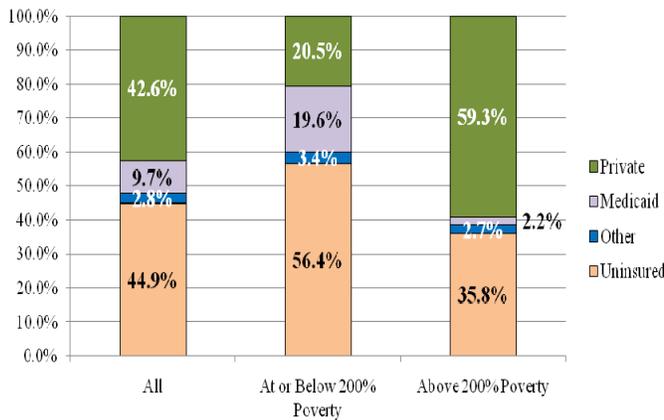
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Dental coverage, adults

In 2010, 1,378,000, or 15.6% of Ohio adults 18 years of age and older, reported being uninsured for medical care. For working-aged adults (18-64 years of age), 18.8% reported being uninsured for medical care.

Comparatively, in 2010, 3,967,000 or 44.9% of Ohio adults 18 years of age and older reported having no dental coverage, with 41.2% of working-aged adults having no dental coverage. This equates to 2,589,000 Ohio adults who had general health care coverage, but no dental coverage.

Dental Insurance Coverage Type for Ohio Adults (18 years and older) by Poverty Status, 2010



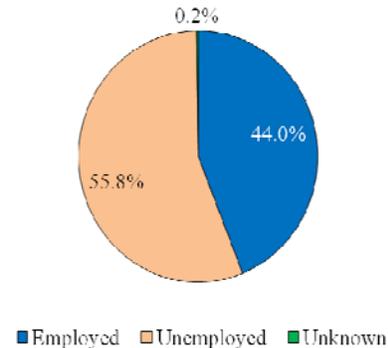
Family income and job status are associated with a lack of dental coverage. Fifty-six percent of those with an annual family income at 200% FPL or lower reported having no dental coverage. This compares to 35.8% of those with incomes at 201% FPL or above reporting no dental coverage.

For seniors, a lack of health care coverage is a pressing issue, with 62.4% of seniors (980,000) having no dental coverage in 2010.

Ohio Family Health Survey

The 2010 Ohio Family Health Survey consists of data gathered from a stratified random digital dial telephone survey of approximately 8,000 households. The project was managed by The Ohio State University's Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center and the Health Policy Institute of Ohio. Please visit <http://grc.osu.edu/ofhs/> for more information on the Ohio Family Health Survey.

Employment Status of Ohio Adults (18 years and older) Without Dental Coverage, 2010



The unemployed had higher rates of no dental insurance with 54.6% lacking dental coverage. For those working, 36.7% lacked dental coverage.

For working-aged adults, as one might expect, those with poor- to-fair health status reported higher rates of no dental coverage (54.8% or 788,000 adults), compared to adults reporting good-to- excellent health status (37.7% or 2,147,000 adults).

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