New York City Has a Higher Percentage of Uninsured than Does New York State or the Nation


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New York City Adults Are More Likely to Be Uninsured, on Medicaid, and Less Likely to Have Private Coverage

Adults Ages 18-64, New York City

- **Employer**: 44%
- **Medicaid**: 19%
- **Medicare**: 3%
- **Other private**: 6%
- **Uninsured**: 28%

Adults Ages 18-64, National

- **Employer**: 63%
- **Medicaid**: 8%
- **Medicare**: 3%
- **Other private**: 8%
- **Uninsured**: 19%

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New York City’s Uninsured Are Uninsured for Long Periods of Time

Uninsured Adults Ages 18-64

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Most Uninsured New Yorkers Have Low Incomes and Work

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Minorities Are More Likely to Be Uninsured

Adults Ages 18-64

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Working Increases the Risk of Being Uninsured for Adults in Low Wage Families

Below 100% of Poverty

Adults Ages 18-64

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Managed Care Is Becoming a Major Source of Care for New Yorkers

Percent enrolled in managed care

All Adults, by Primary Insurance Source

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The Uninsured Are Two to Three Times More Likely to Have Problems with Access to Health Care

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Uninsured New Yorkers Lack Primary Care

Percent of adults

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Adults Ages 18-64

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Older Uninsured Men and Women Are Less Likely to Receive Preventive Care

Adults Ages 50-64

- No mammogram: 33% Insured, 58% Uninsured
- No prostate exam: 41% Insured, 75% Uninsured

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Uninsured Adults Rate Access to Health Care Negatively

Percent rating access as “fair” or “poor”

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Minorities Are More Likely to Report Difficulty Getting Needed Health Care

Percent saying it is extremely, very, or somewhat difficult to get needed care

Adults Ages 18-64

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Minorities Are More Likely to Rate Health Care Negatively

Percent rating care as “fair” or “poor”

- White: 18%
- Black: 29%
- Hispanic: 28%
- Asian American: 24%
- Other*: 34%

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The Uninsured Have Problems Paying Medical Bills

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Adults Ages 18-64

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The Uninsured Are at Greater Risk for High Out-of-Pocket Costs

Percent with high out-of-pocket costs in the past year

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Adults Ages 18-64

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Uninsured New Yorkers Often Do Not Get the Care They Need and Have Problems Paying Bills

Percent who did not get needed care and/or had bill problems in past year

- Did not get needed care: Insured 7%, Uninsured 19%
- Had bill problems: Insured 13%, Uninsured 31%
- Did not get needed care or had bill problems: Insured 0%, Uninsured 38%

Adults Ages 18-64

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New Yorkers Living in Poverty Are at High Risk for Health Care Access and Cost Problems

Percent not getting needed care and/or having bill problems in past year

- **Below 100% of poverty**: 21% Insured, 44% Uninsured
- **100%-250% of poverty**: 25% Insured, 36% Uninsured
- **Above 250% of poverty**: 14% Insured, 34% Uninsured

Adults Ages 18-64

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Children Living in New York City Are at Greater Risk of Being Uninsured

Uninsured Children as a Percent of All Children, 1996


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Most Uninsured New York City Children Live in Working, Two-Parent Families

Percent of uninsured children

- Not working: 28%
- Working: 72%
- Single: 37%
- Two-parent: 62%

The Commonwealth Fund Survey of Health Care in New York City, 1997
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Uninsured Children Are at Nearly Three Times the Risk of Health Care Access Barriers

Percent of children

- No physician visit in the past 12 months: 11% insured, 30% uninsured
- No regular doctor: 10% insured, 40% uninsured
- Difficult to get care: 7% insured, 19% uninsured

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Uninsured Children Are Less Likely to Receive Preventive Care

Percent of children not receiving a check-up or immunization in the past year

- **Total Insured**: 13%
- **Private**: 19%
- **Medicaid**: 7%
- **Uninsured**: 29%

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New York City’s Uninsured Have Somewhat Better Health Care Access than the Nation’s Uninsured

Uninsured Adults Ages 18-

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Public Hospitals Are a Major Source of Care for the Uninsured

Percent of hospital patients admitted to public hospitals

- **Total**: 22%
- **Uninsured**: 48%
- **Medicaid**: 28%
- **Medicare**: 8%
- **Private**: 13%

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Emergency Rooms Serve Uninsured New Yorkers and the Medicaid Population

Percent using emergency room

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The Uninsured and Medicaid Beneficiaries Rely on Public Hospital Emergency Rooms

Percent using public emergency room

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Widespread Support for Public Hospitals Exists, Regardless of Insurance Coverage

Percent saying that selling or closing NYC public hospitals is a bad thing

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New York City Adults Age 18 or Older

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Medicaid Serves a Sicker Population

Self-Reported Health Status, Adults Ages 18-64

Medicaid

- Excellent: 23%
- Good: 35%
- Fair: 26%
- Poor: 15%

Private

- Excellent: 36%
- Good: 47%
- Fair: 15%
- Poor: 2%

The Commonwealth Fund Survey of Health Care in New York City, 1997
Louis Harris and Associates, Inc.
Medicaid Is a Critical Source of Insurance for Low Income Children

The Commonwealth Fund Survey of Health Care in New York City, 1997
Louis Harris and Associates, Inc.
Medicaid beneficiaries are more likely to rate access and care as fair or poor.

- Waiting time for appointment: 25% Medicaid, 37% Private
- Doctor overall: 12% Medicaid, 20% Private
- Access to care during off hours: 34% Medicaid, 41% Private

Adults Ages 18-64

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