Access To Care: Latinos & The U.S. Economy

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Health Insurance *Yesterday & Today*

- **Europe**
  - Since 1911 all major European countries have had national health insurance.

- **United States**
  - Employer Based expanded due to War World II labor market issues.
  - Today, the U.S. is the only industrialized nation with employer based health insurance.
Health Care Costs
Americans Spend More Out-of-Pocket on Health Care Expenses, 2004

Total health care spending per capita

Out-of-pocket spending per capita

United States

Source: The Commonwealth Fund, calculated from OECD Health Data 2006.
Health Care Expenditure per Capita by Source of Funding in 2004

Health care economic links

- Uninsured go to emergency rooms for free federally-mandated care
- Hospitals have higher uncompensated care costs
- Hospitals increase charges to paying customers to offset uncompensated care costs
- Some employees or employers drop coverage due to high premiums
- More uninsured
- Insurance companies pay higher claims, passing cost to insured through higher health insurance premiums
Health Coverage & Ethnicity
Uninsured Rates Among Workers by Race/Ethnicity, 2005

NOTE: Workers includes all workers ages 18 to 64.
Coverage Trends among Latinos

Twelve Year Trends in Health Insurance among Latinos, Subgroup and Immigration Status, Health Affairs.

*2004 March CPS Supplement (data in %)
Insurance Coverage by Immigration Status

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Factors related to Insurance Coverage
Health Insurance Coverage of the Nonelderly Population by Race/Ethnicity

NOTE: Nonelderly includes individuals up to age 65. “Other Public” includes Medicare and military-related coverage; SCHIP is included in Medicaid.
Three-Quarters of Low-Income Hispanics Are Uninsured During the Year

Percent of adults ages 19–64

- **Insured now, time uninsured in past year**
- **Uninsured now**

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Employed, Low Income Hispanics Are Less Likely to Have Insurance

Percent uninsured by employment of head of household among low-income adults (19–64), 1996–1999

*Low-income defined as less than 200% of the federal poverty level.

Health Benefits by Business Size (%)

100 workers or more
- Access: 84%
- Participation: 62%

1 to 99 workers
- Access: 59%
- Participation: 42%

Deductibles Rise Sharply, Especially in Small Firms, Over 2000–2007

Mean deductible for single coverage (PPO, in-network)

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<td>Small firms, 3–199 employees</td>
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<td>Large firms, 200+ employees</td>
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PPO = preferred provider organization. PPOs covered 57 percent of workers enrolled in an employer-sponsored health insurance plan in 2007.

Health Care Benefits by Industry (by %)

Production
- Access: 78%
- Participation: 50%

Construction & Maintenance
- Access: 76%
- Participation: 61%

Sales & Office
- Access: 46%
- Participation: 28%

Management & Professional
- Access: 85%
- Participation: 67%

All Workers
- Access: 71%
- Participation: 52%

Native Born Hispanic Workforce By Top Five Employment Industries

Top Five Employment Industries of Native Born Hispanics (2006 & in thousands)

- Wholesale & Retail Trade, 1,438
- Construction, 691
- Hospital Services, 785
- Communication, 250
- Manufacturing (Durable Goods), 493

Latino Labor Report, 2006 Source Hispanic Pew Center (in thousands)
Foreign Born Hispanic Workforce By Top Five Employment Industries

Wholesale & Retail Sale, 1,275
Ag, Forestry, Fishing, Mining, 457
Educational Services, 352
Professional & Other Business, 1,250
Construction, 2,323

Top Five Employment Industries of Foreign Born Hispanics (2006 & in thousands)

Latino Labor Report, 2006 Source Hispanic Pew Center
Hispanic-Owned Businesses
Percent of All Firms in State: 2002

Source: US Census, Survey of Business Owners, 2002
The State & National Landscape
Distribution of U.S. Population by Race 2000, 2006, 2050*

Source: U.S. Census Data, American Fact Finder
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* Population values are decennial census counts for April 1 for 2000 and estimates for July 1 for 2006.

Source: Derived from U.S. Bureau of the Census Estimates for dates indicated by the Texas State Data Center, University of Texas at San Antonio.
Uninsured: 47 Million in the US
15.3 Million Hispanics
Hispanic Population in 2005

Snapshot:
Texas: 3.7 Million
Hispanics: 1.4 Million (38%)
Poverty In Texas

Snapshot:
Texas: 16.9% of Individuals
National Average: 13.3%
Uninsured in Texas

Snapshot:
Texas: 24% (5.5 M)
Hispanics: 55% of Uninsured
National Average: 15%

Source: Texas State Data Center, 2005 Uninsured Rates by County
Texas Counties with 50 Percent or More of Their Total Population That is Hispanic in 2000 and Projected for 2040 Under Alternative Projection
Total Uninsured in Texas (2000)
Total Uninsured in Texas (2040)
Percentage of Adults Who Visited the Dentist or Dental Clinic within the Past Year, 2004

Source: Kaiser State Facts
Percentage of Hispanic Adults Reporting Poor Mental Health by Race/Ethnicity, 2004

Source: Kaiser State Facts
Obesity Trends* Among U.S. Adults
(*BMI ≥30, or about 30 lbs. overweight for 5’4” person)
Growth in National Health Expenditures
PCI 1980–2011*

10,000
9,000
8,000
7,000
6,000
5,000
4,000
3,000
2,000
1,000
0

1980 1998 2003 2011*

1,067
4,177
5,400
9,216

How it Impacts You
The Business Owner

- Premiums continue to increase and impact their bottom line and employee benefits.
- Less than 50% of small business employees have health insurance.
- Contributes $7-$8K to employee health plan.
- Cut benefits and shift cost to employees
Skilled Worker
(teacher aid and hospitality)

- Hourly wages.
- Has benefit package but is too expensive and does not accept employer coverage and does not qualify for State benefits.
- Has a child on CHIP and a wife on Maternal Medicaid.
- Contributes to American economy but does not benefit.
The Professional

- Pays $2,247 on average a month for family coverage.
- Salary has increased by 2-3% yet premium will double that.
- Is about to switch jobs and will not have coverage for 6 months.
- Pays $1,000 more in premiums to cover the uninsured.
Low Income Adult (under 200% of poverty)

- Under 65 years old
- Has not worked consistently for the past 2 years.
- Has gone to the ER two times in the past year for colds.
- Was denied Medicaid benefits because income was too high
- Uninsured.
Immigrant

- Working as a day laborer.
- Only speaks Spanish.
- Sends earnings to his family in Mexico.
- Is trying to find another job.
- Does not qualify for any benefits.
Child

- Has asthma.
- Has been on the CHIP program for a year.
- Makes good grades at school.
- Hispanic children make up one-fifth (20.5%) of all U.S. children, but two-fifths (38%) of uninsured children.
Conclusion