

## Report on Uninsured Children

The Campaign for Children Health Care Reform, a coalition of organizations representing health care providers, educators, and parents advocating to raise “public awareness about the plight of the uninsured children,” released a new report entitled “**No Shelter from the Storm: America’s Uninsured Children.**” The report was prepared by Families USA on behalf of the Campaign for Children’s Health Care.

Some key findings of the report:

- There were more than 9 million uninsured children in America, ages 0-18 in 2005 (one out of every nine children is uninsured);
- One out of every five uninsured persons is a child;
- The five states with the largest number of uninsured children are California (1,368,999), Texas (1,366,638), Florida (718,603), New York (441,434), and Illinois (376,332);
- The five states with the highest rates of uninsured children are Texas (20.4%), Florida (17.0%), New Mexico (16.7%), Nevada (16.4%), and Montana (16.2%);
- The majority of uninsured children--88.3%--come from families where at least one parent works;
- Hispanic and black, non-Hispanic children are disproportionately represented among the ranks of the uninsured. More than 22% of Hispanic children and about 13% of black, non-Hispanic children are uninsured, compared to 7.5% of white, non-Hispanic children;
- More than half of all uninsured children live in two-parent families;
- In more than half of all two-parent families with uninsured children, both parents work;
- The likelihood of not having seen a doctor in the past year is more than three times greater for uninsured children than it is for insured children;
- Less than half (46 percent) of uninsured children had a well-child visit in the last year, compared to nearly three-quarters of insured children;

To access the full report, charts, press release and key finds click on:

<http://www.childrenshealthcampaign.org/tools/reports/no-shelter-from-the-storm.html>.

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