

# Fast Facts: Latinos and Health Care

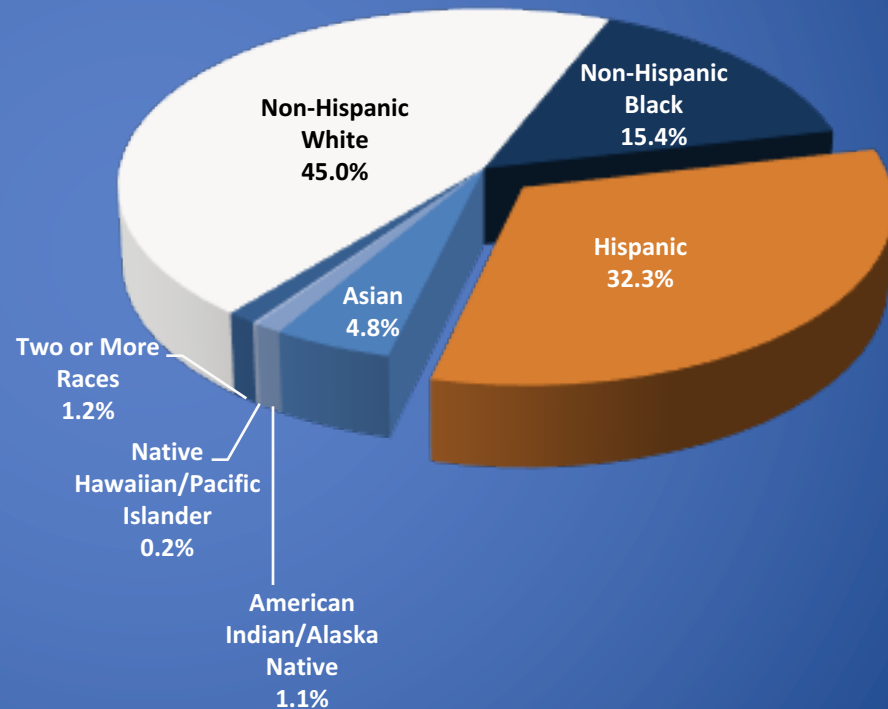
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**One in three (32%)**  
uninsured people in the  
U.S. is Hispanic.

## U.S. Uninsured Population by Race/Ethnicity, 2007



Source: NCLR calculation using data for the U.S. Bureau of the Census, "2008 Annual Social and Economic Supplement," *Current Population Survey*. Conducted by the Bureau of the Census for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Washington, DC, 2008, [http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/cpstc/cps\\_table\\_creator.html](http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/cpstc/cps_table_creator.html).

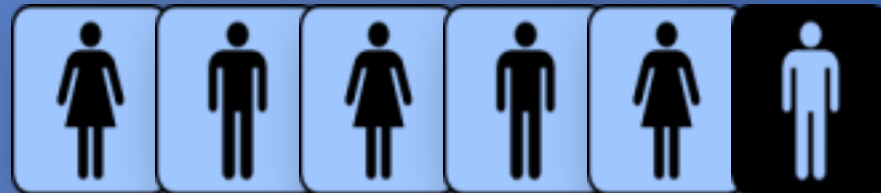
## People Without Health Coverage by Race/Ethnicity, 2007



One in three  
Hispanics (32.1%)



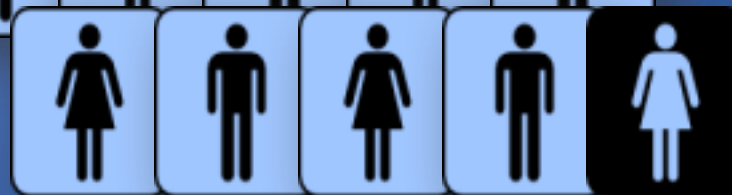
One in five  
Non-Hispanic  
Blacks (19.3%)



One in six  
Asians  
(16.7%)



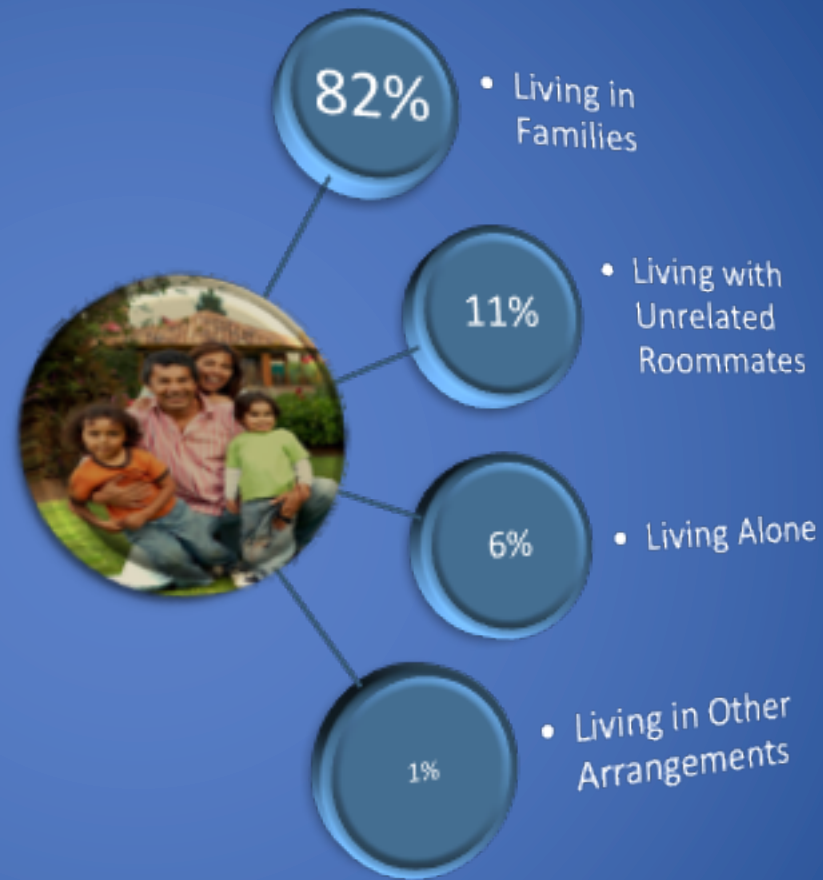
One in ten  
Non-Hispanic  
Whites (10.4%)



Hispanics are much more likely to be **uninsured** than non-Hispanics.

The vast majority of uninsured Latinos (82%) live in **families**.

## Uninsured Latinos by Family Type, 2007

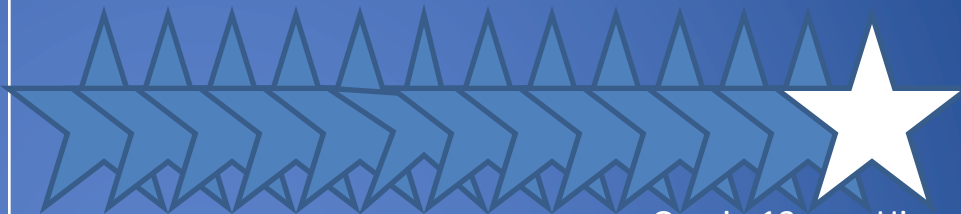


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## Children Under Age 18 Without Health Coverage by Race/Ethnicity, 2007



One in five Hispanic children (20%)



One in 13 non-Hispanic White children (7.3%)



One in eight non-Hispanic Black children (12.4%)



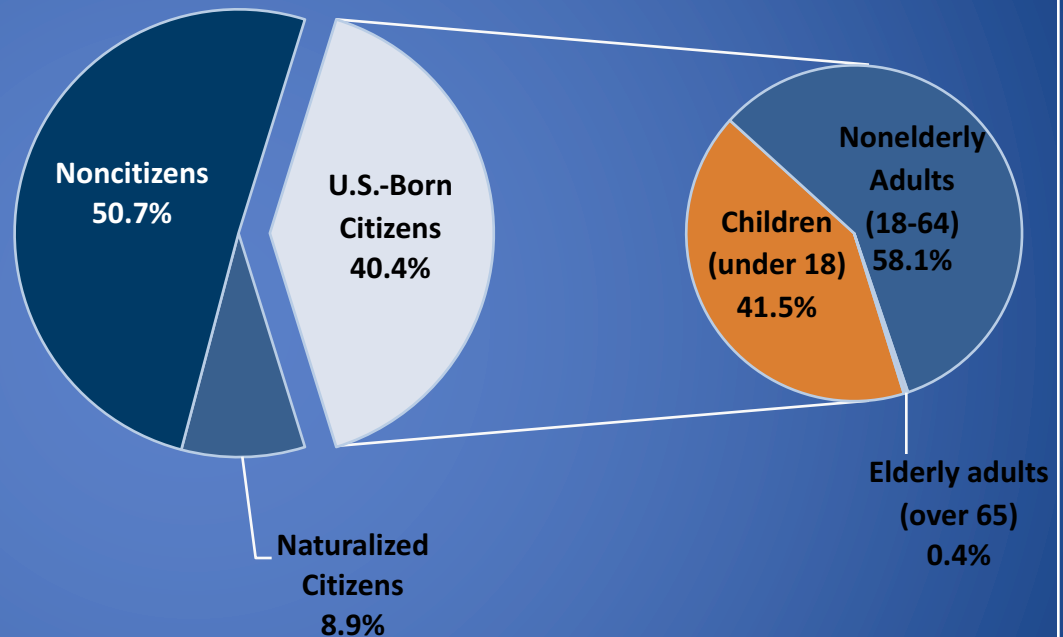
One in nine Asian children (11.5%)

**Latino children** are more likely than children of any other racial or ethnic group to be uninsured.

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## Uninsured Hispanics by Nativity, Citizenship Status, and Age, 2007

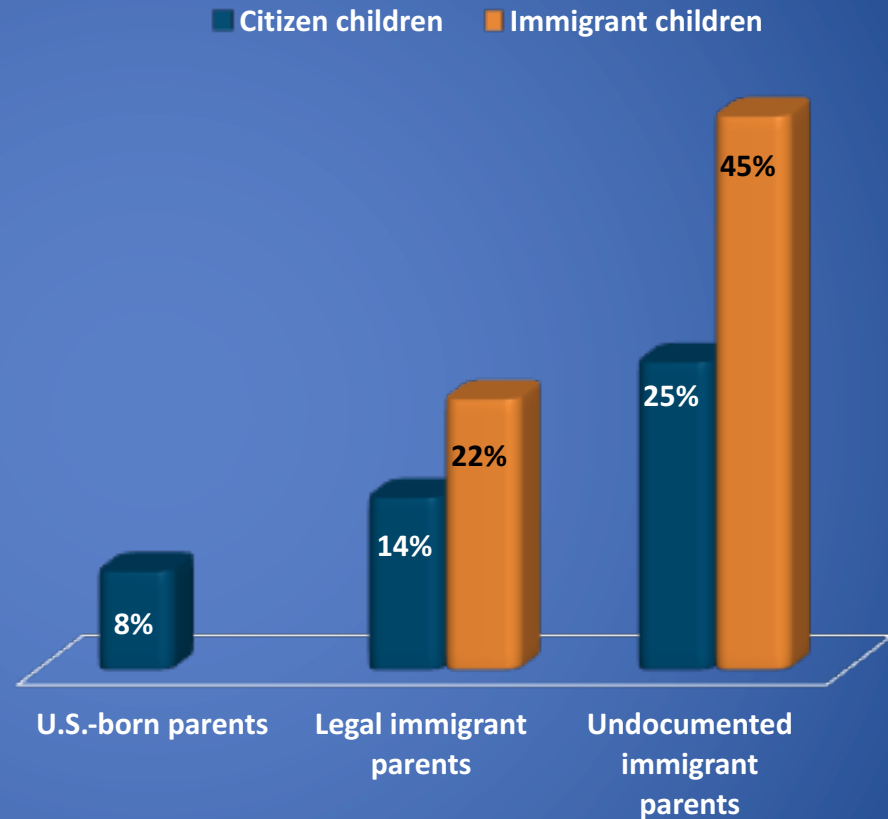
Children make up more than **two of every five** (42%) U.S.-born Latinos with no health coverage.



Source: NCLR calculation using data for the U.S. Bureau of the Census, "2008 Annual Social and Economic Supplement," *Current Population Survey*. Conducted by the Bureau of the Census for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Washington, DC, 2008, [http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/cpstc/cps\\_table\\_creator.html](http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/cpstc/cps_table_creator.html).

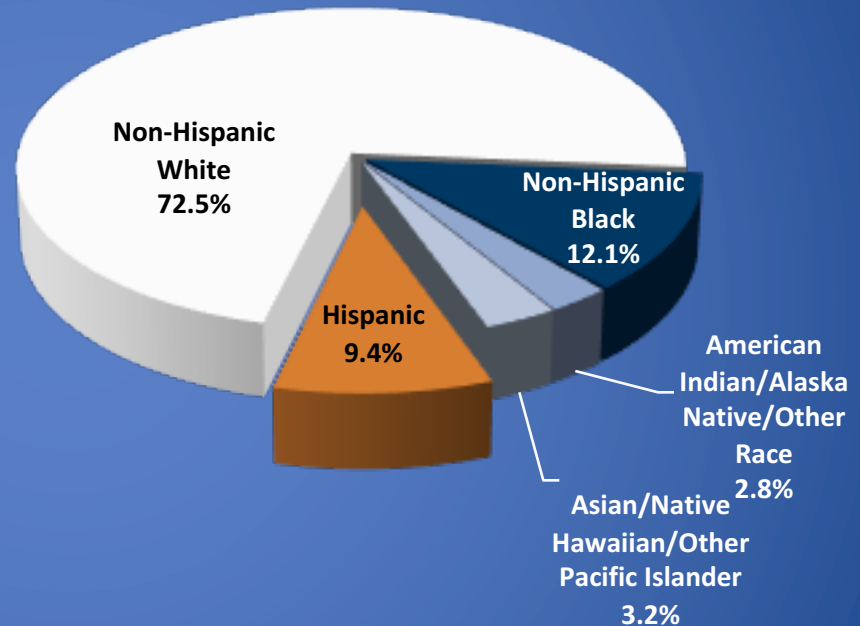
Citizen children in **mixed-status families**—where at least one parent is an immigrant—are vulnerable to uninsurance.

## Uninsured Children by Nativity and Parents' Immigration Status, 2008



Source: Jeffrey S. Passel and D'Vera Cohn, *A Portrait of Unauthorized Immigrants in the United States* (Washington, DC: Pew Hispanic Center, 2009), <http://pewhispanic.org/files/reports/107.pdf> (accessed June 2009).

## Total U.S. Health Care Expenditures for Nonelderly by Race/Ethnicity, 2006



Source: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, "Table 1: Total Health Services—Median and Mean Expenses per Person with Expense and Distribution of Expenses by Source of Payment: United States, 2006."

Hispanics make up nearly one-sixth (16%) of people under age 65 but **less than one-tenth** (9%) of the nation's total health care costs.



Compared to insured Latinos, low-income, uninsured Latinos incur fewer health care expenses but **pay more total dollars** out of pocket.

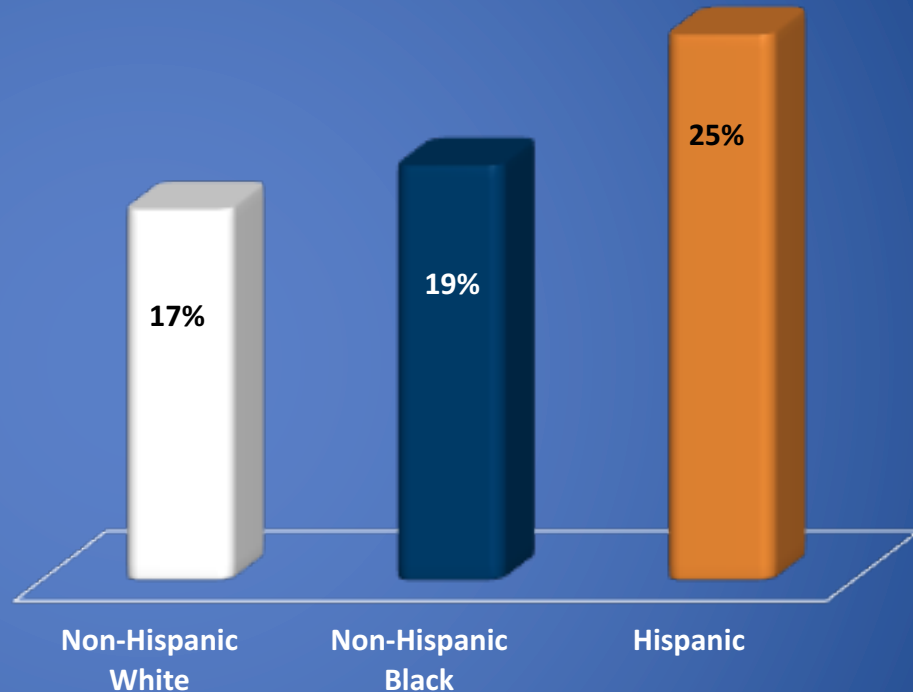
### Out-of-Pocket Health Care Costs for Low-Income, Nonelderly Latinos by Insurance Status, 2006

Insurance Status	Total Expenses (in millions)	Percentage Paid Out of Pocket	Total Paid Out of Pocket (in millions)
Private Health Coverage	\$4,544	16.2%	\$736
Public Health Coverage	\$4,443	9.8%	\$435
<b>Uninsured</b>	<b>\$1,432</b>	<b>59.7%</b>	<b>\$855</b>

*Source:* Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, "Table 1: Total Health Services—Median and Mean Expenses per Person with Expense and Distribution of Expenses by Source of Payment: United States, 2006."

One in four (25%)  
Hispanics reports  
withdrawing money from  
savings to pay for health  
care costs.

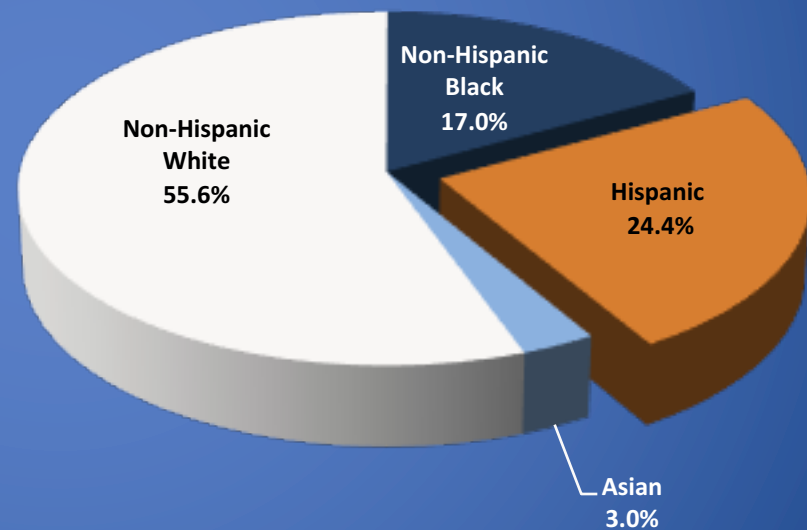
## People Who Report Taking Money Out of Personal or Retirement Savings in the Previous Year to Pay for Health Care by Race/Ethnicity, 2007



Source: The Rockefeller Foundation, *American Worker Survey: Complete Results* (New York: The Rockefeller Foundation, 2008), [http://www.rockfound.org/initiatives/amer\\_workers/american\\_worker\\_survey.pdf](http://www.rockfound.org/initiatives/amer_workers/american_worker_survey.pdf).

Despite a higher uninsured rate and lower income level than Whites, Hispanics do not make up the majority of people receiving **uncompensated care**.

## Distribution of People Receiving Uncompensated Care\* by Race/Ethnicity, 2004



\* Uncompensated care is health care that is delivered but not paid for by the patient or third party (such as an insurer).

Source: Sarah Axeen and Elizabeth Carpenter, *Who Receives Uncompensated Care?* (Washington, DC: New America Foundation, 2008), [http://www.newamerica.net/files/Who\\_Receive\\_Uncompensated\\_Care.pdf](http://www.newamerica.net/files/Who_Receive_Uncompensated_Care.pdf).