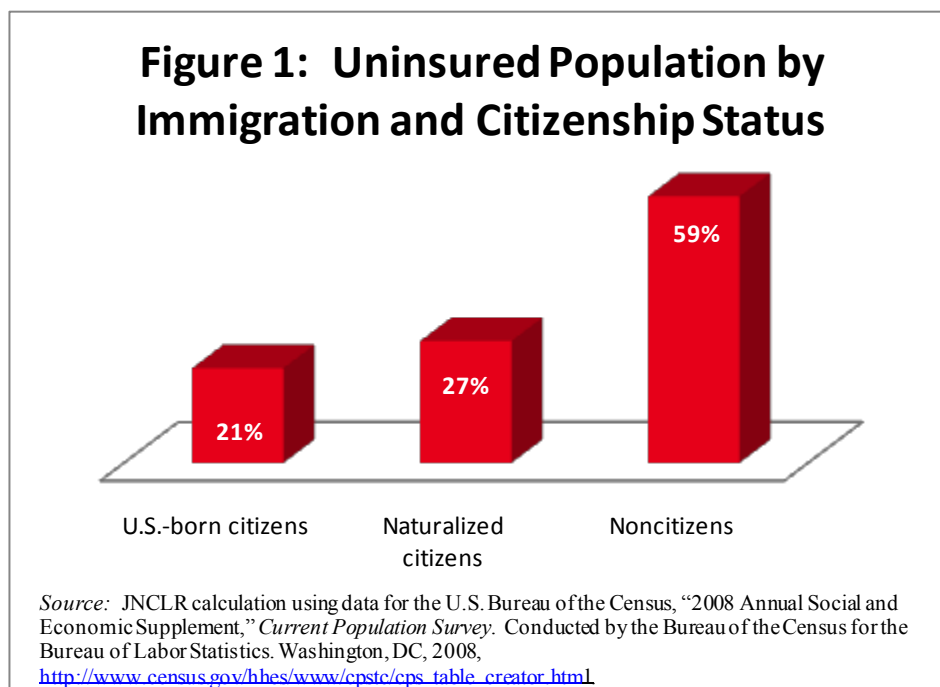


Latinos and Health Coverage: By the Numbers

Hispanics¹ are more likely to go uninsured than any other racial or ethnic group.

- Nearly 15 million Latinos are uninsured, making up about one-third (32%) of the nation's 46 million uninsured.² One in every three Latinos (32%) is not covered by any type of health plan.³
- About half (51%) of uninsured Hispanics are noncitizens. Of the remainder, 40% are U.S.-born and 9% are naturalized citizens.⁴
- Latino immigrants are more likely to lack health insurance than their citizen peers. Nearly three-fifths (58%) of noncitizen Latinos are uninsured (see Figure 1). In comparison, about one-quarter (27%) of Latinos who are naturalized citizens and one-fifth (21%) of Latinos who are U.S.-born have no health coverage.⁵



¹ The terms "Hispanic" and "Latino" are used interchangeably by the U.S. Census Bureau and throughout this document to refer to persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central and South American, Dominican, Spanish, and other Hispanic descent; they may be of any race. Estimates in this document do not include the 3.9 million residents of Puerto Rico.

² 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.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.