

Percent of children in each racial/ethnic group without health insurance coverage

Health impacts every aspect of a child's life. For optimal health, children need access to health coverage that allows them to receive high-quality care addressing their physical, behavioral, oral, and vision health needs. Children of color are more likely to live in low-income families that are unable to afford private health insurance, making Medicaid and CHIP particularly important for their access to health care. Although the provision of employer-sponsored health insurance is declining, and most parents with low-wage or part-time work lack coverage through their employer, public health insurance has largely closed the coverage gaps between Kentucky's non-Hispanic children. However, coverage gaps remain for Kentucky's Hispanic children. This could be due, in part, to Hispanic parents being less likely to work for employers who offer private health insurance plans. Families with eligible children may be less likely to access public coverage for them due to a lack of awareness of Medicaid and CHIP or misunderstanding of the eligibility criteria, language barriers, or fear of repercussions against an undocumented family member.

2014-2018

	African American	Asian	Hispanic	Two or more races	White (non-Hispanic)
Kentucky	3%	5%	9%	3%	4%
Fayette			13%	4%	3%
Jefferson	2%	7%	8%	2%	2%

2013-2017

	African American	Asian	Hispanic	Two or more races	White (non-Hispanic)
Kentucky	3%	6%	10%	4%	4%
Fayette			14%	5%	3%
Jefferson	2%	7%	7%	2%	2%
Warren			14%		2%

2012-2016

	African American	Asian	Hispanic	Two or more races	White (non-Hispanic)
Kentucky	3%	6%	10%	4%	4%
Fayette			15%		3%
Jefferson	3%		6%	2%	3%

2011-2015

	African American	Asian	Hispanic	Two or more races	White (non-Hispanic)
Kentucky	4%	9%	11%	4%	5%
Fayette	3%		17%		4%
Jefferson	4%	7%	6%	2%	3%
Warren			19%		5%

2010-2014

	African American	Asian	Hispanic	Two or more races	White (non-Hispanic)
Kentucky	4%	9%	12%	4%	5%

Christian	7%				12%
Fayette			19%		4%
Jefferson	5%		9%	2%	4%
Warren			20%		5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates, deriving from Tables C27001B, C27001D, C27001G, C27001H, and C27001I.

Data notes: Only geographies that had more than one racial group with reliable data are presented in this analysis. Blank cells reflect data suppression due to low reliability. Racial/ethnic categories reflect those used by the data source. The data for all racial groups, except White, may include individuals who also identify as Hispanic.