

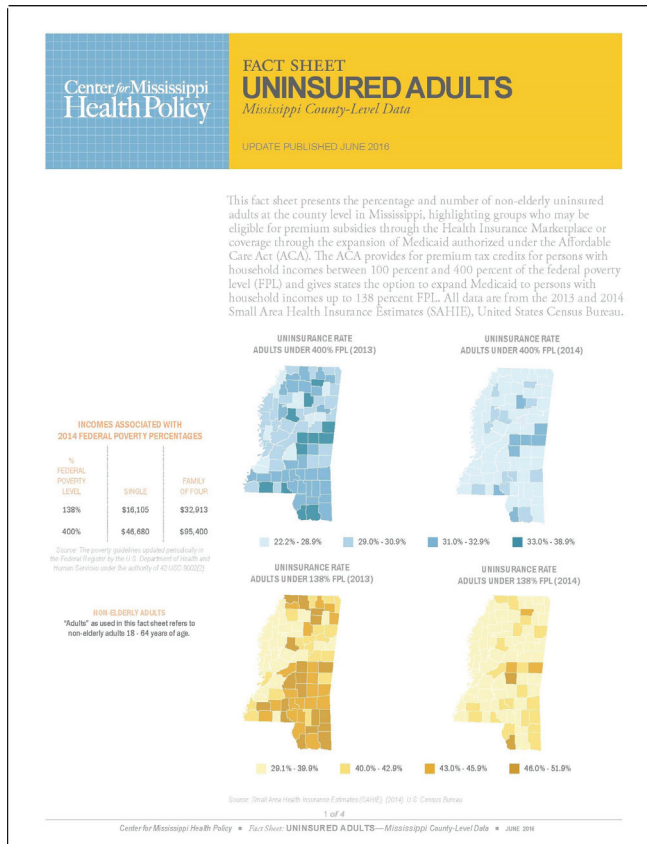
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CHART BOOK:

**A PROFILE OF HEALTH
COVERAGE FOR
MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN**

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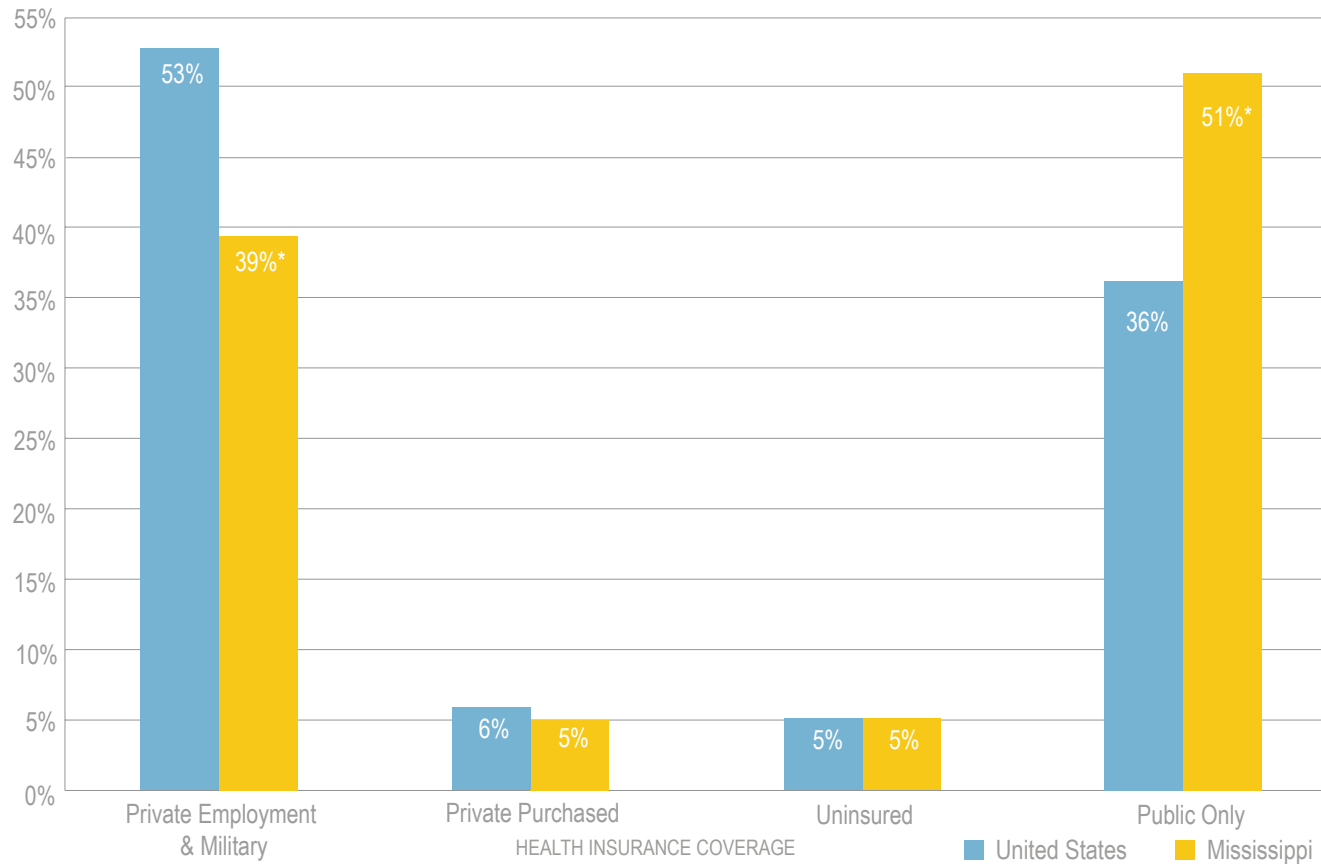
Overview



At the request of the Center for Mississippi Health Policy, researchers with the State Health Access Data Assistance Center (SHADAC) at the University of Minnesota compiled Mississippi data from the 2015 American Community Survey (ACS), which asked a sample of households about their health insurance coverage. This chartbook summarizes the responses given by households for children 0 to 18 years of age.

A separate chartbook summarizes the responses to the survey given by persons 19 to 64 years of age. A related fact sheet (see adjacent photo) presenting the estimated percentage and number of uninsured adults 19 to 64 years of age living in each county of the state, as well as the adult chartbook, can be found at www.mshealthpolicy.com.

Children 0-18 Years of Age Health Coverage by Type in the United States and Mississippi, 2015

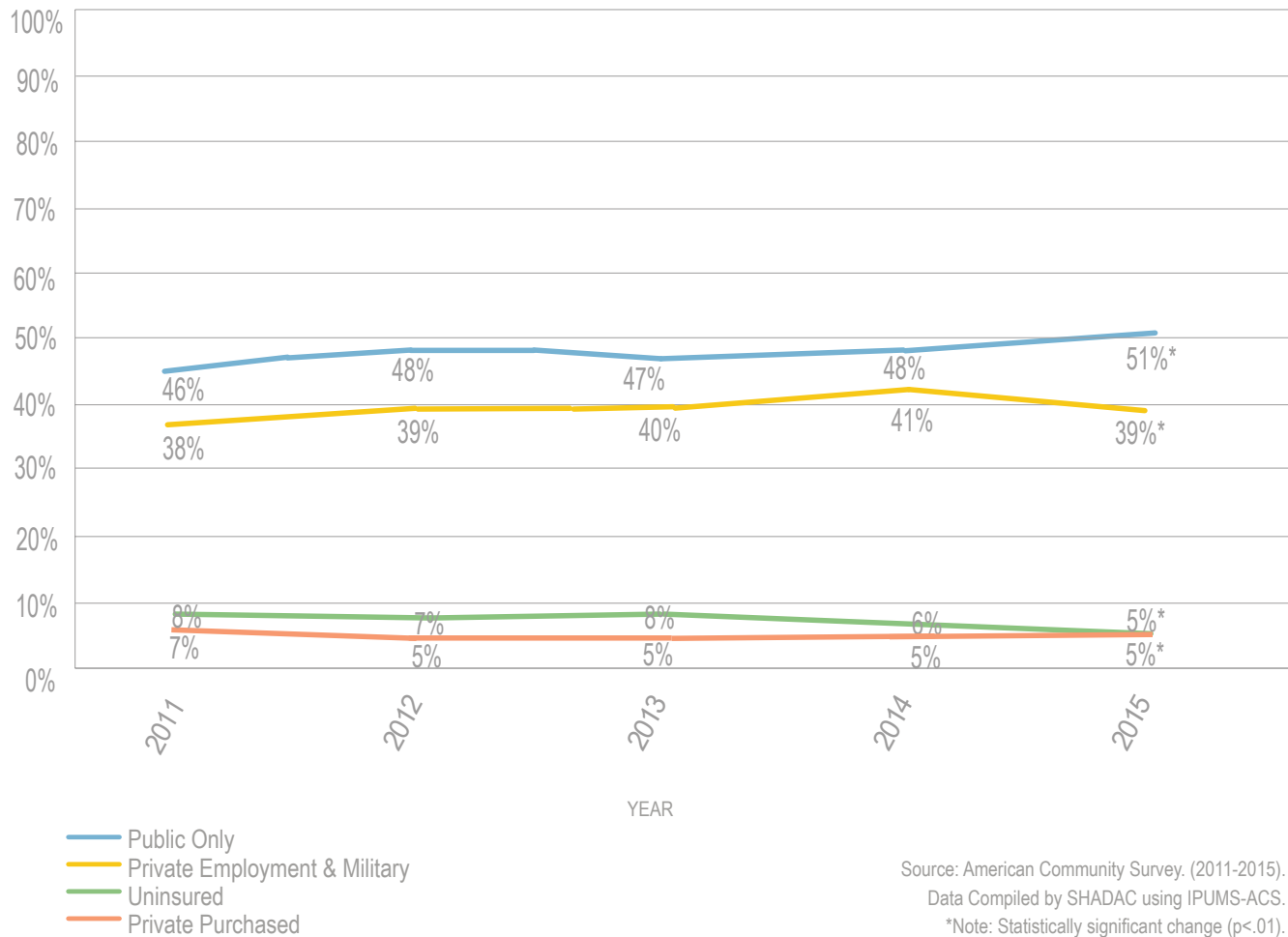


Mississippi children under 19 years of age have identical uninsurance levels as U.S. children at 5 percent.

Mississippi children have significantly higher rates ($p < .01$) of health insurance coverage under public programs such as Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and significantly ($p < .01$) lower rates of private, employer-based health insurance coverage than the national rate.

Source: American Community Survey. (2016). Health Insurance Coverage in 2015.
Data Compiled by SHADAC using IPUMS-ACS.
*Note: Statistically significant difference ($p < .01$).

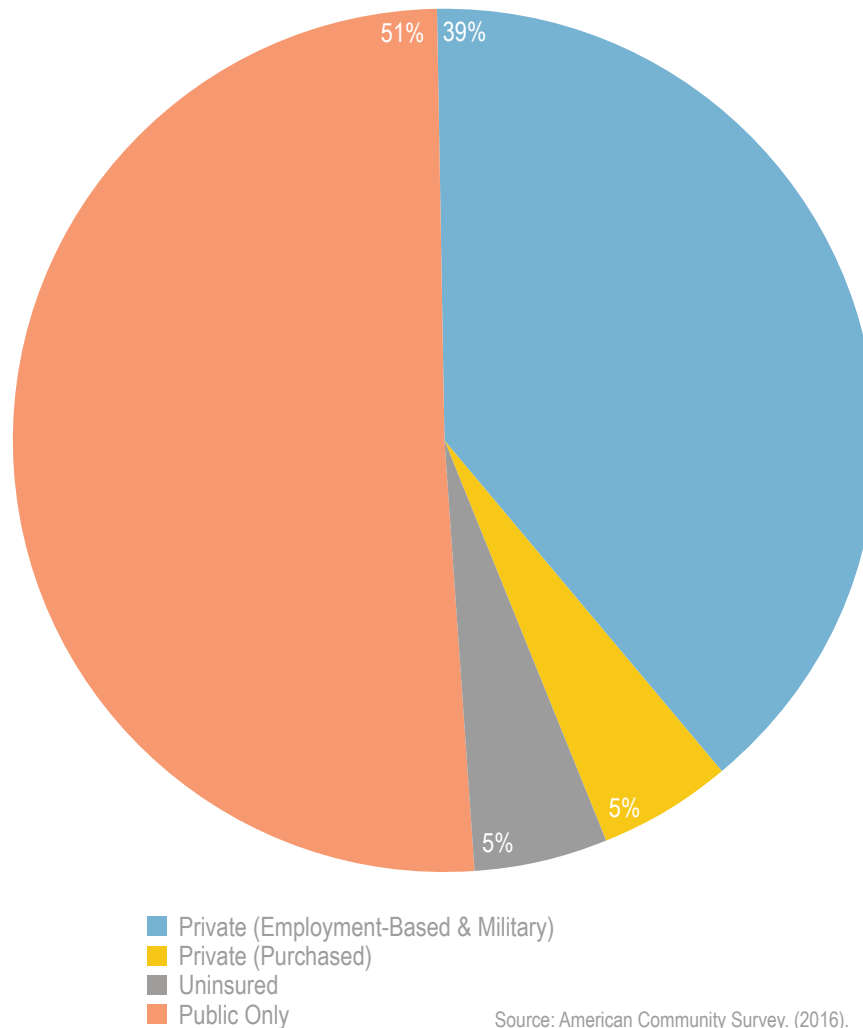
Children 0-18 Years of Age Trends in Rates of Health Coverage by Type in Mississippi, 2011 - 2015



Examining trends in health coverage rates from 2011 to 2015, Mississippi children with employment-based and military coverage increased significantly ($p < .01$) as did those with public coverage.

In contrast, there were significant ($p < .01$) declines in the rates of private purchased insurance and uninsurance over the same period.

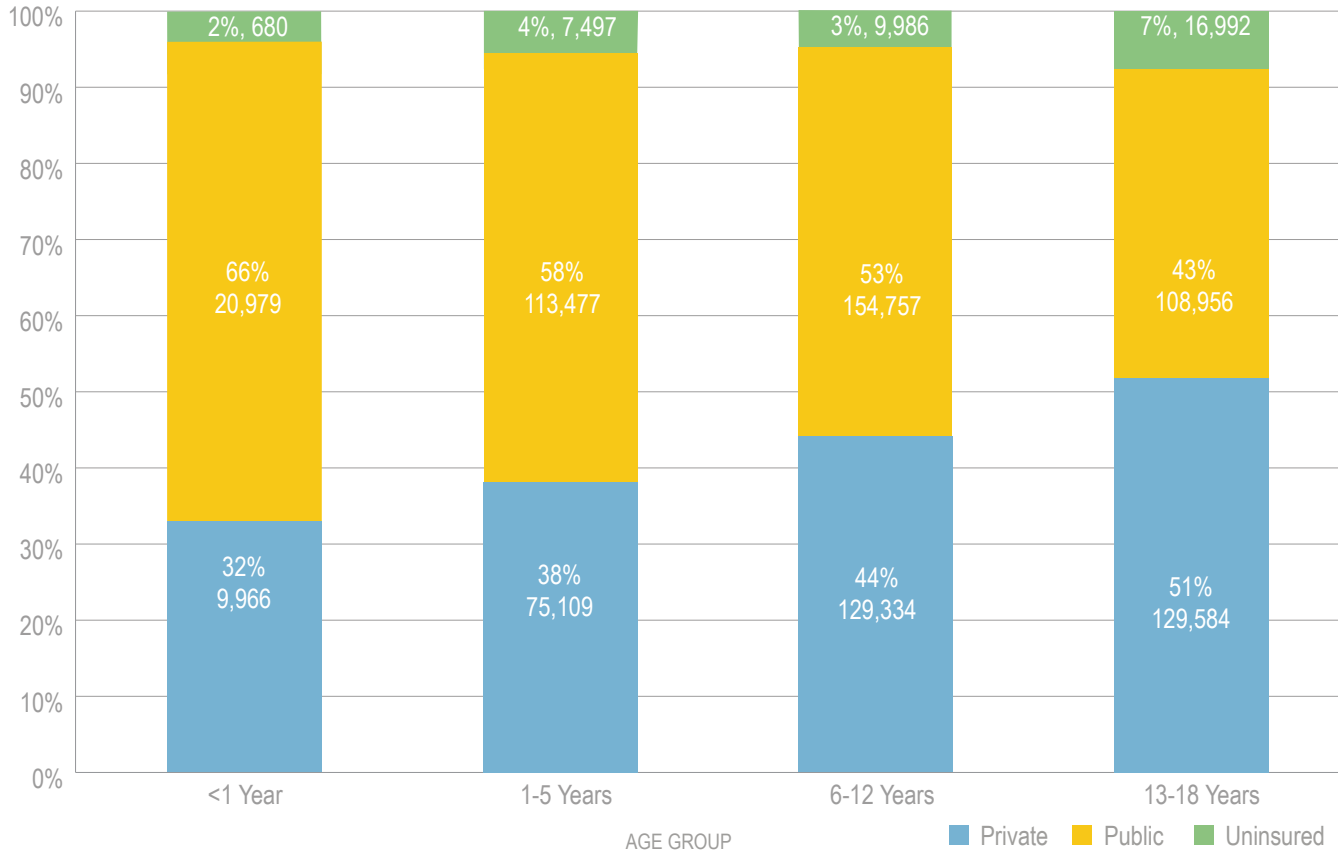
Mississippi Children 0-18 Years of Age Distribution by Type of Coverage, 2015



Over one-third (39%) of Mississippi children have private health coverage, primarily through their parents' employer-based health plans. About 1 out of 20 (5%) children lacks health insurance coverage in Mississippi. Public programs provide coverage for more than half (51%) of Mississippi's children.

Source: American Community Survey. (2016).
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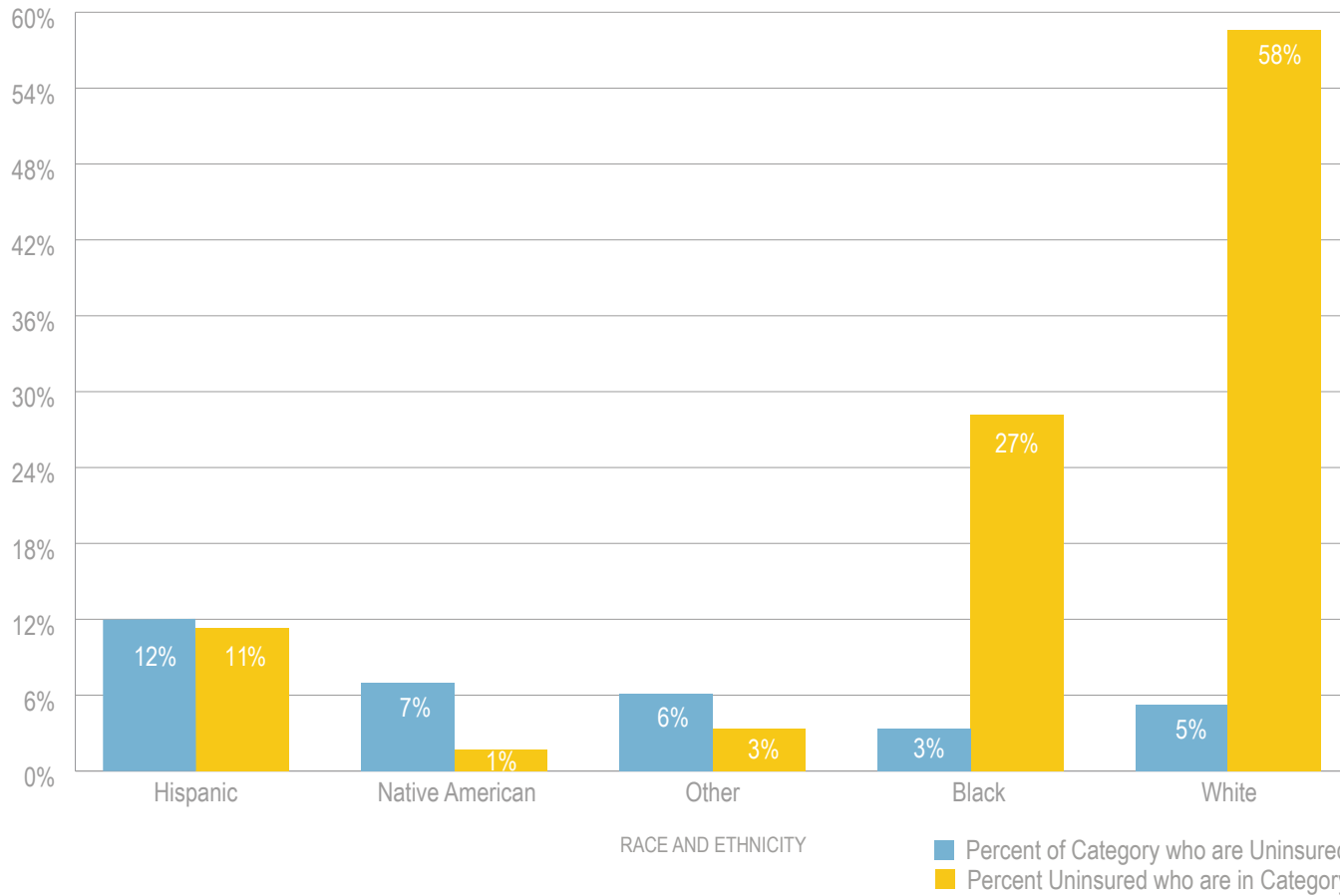
Mississippi Children 0-18 Years of Age Type of Coverage by Age Group, 2015



Rates of public coverage decline as children progress in age. In contrast, private coverage and uninsured rates rise as children's age increases.

Source: American Community Survey. (2016). Health Insurance Coverage in 2015.
 Due to rounding, all categories may not add to 100 percent.
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Mississippi Children 0-18 Years of Age Uninsurance by Race and Ethnicity, 2015

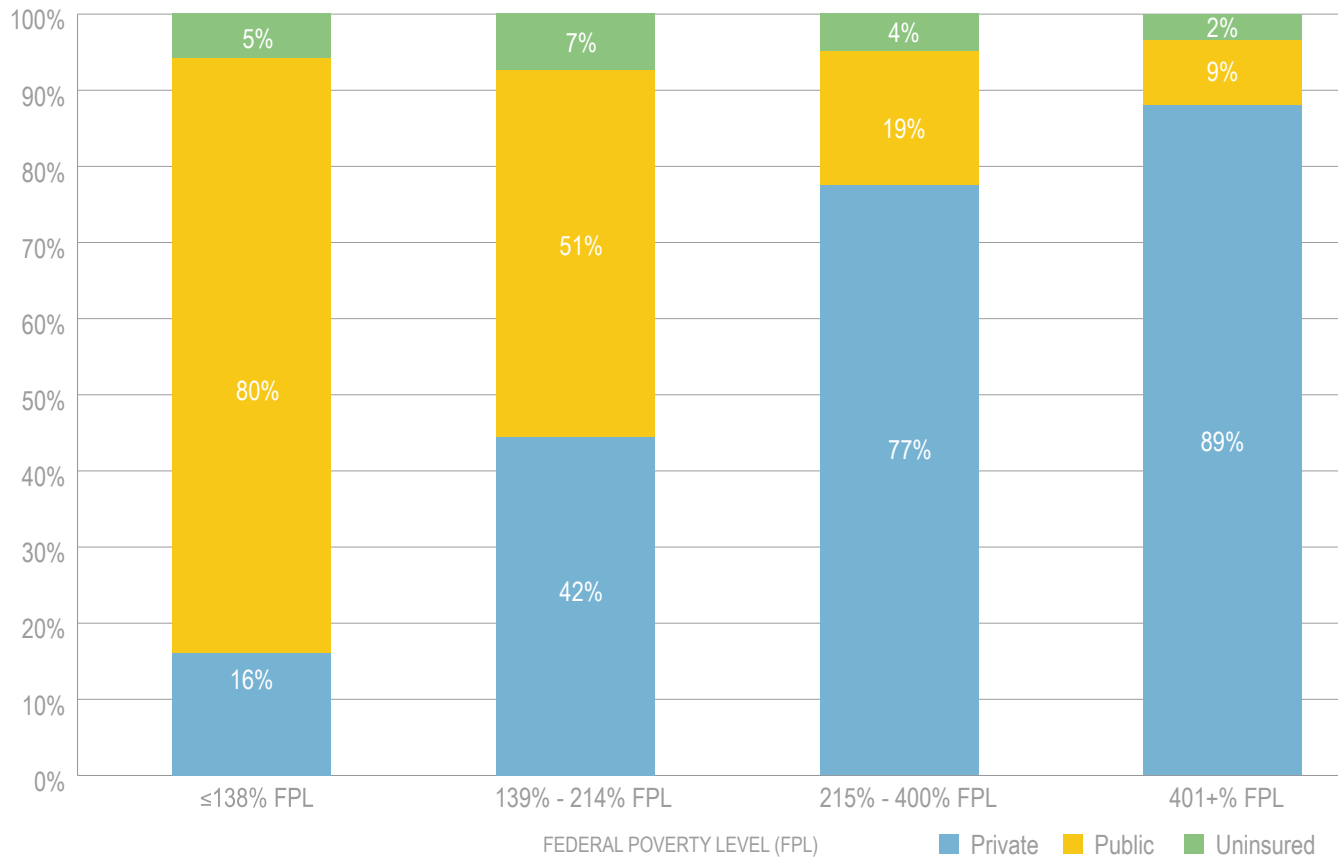


Uninsurance rates are highest for Hispanic and Native American children. About one out of eight (12%) of Mississippi Hispanic children and one out of fourteen (7%) Native American children are uninsured, compared to 5 percent of White children and 3 percent of Black children.

Due to the smaller numbers of Mississippi children who are Hispanic or Native American, these children represent a small percentage, eleven and one percent respectively, of the uninsured children in Mississippi. More than half (58%) of the uninsured children are White and over one-quarter (27%) of the uninsured children are Black.

Source: American Community Survey. (2016). Health Insurance Coverage in 2015.
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Mississippi Children 0-18 Years of Age Distribution of Coverage by Federal Poverty Level, 2015



Rates of public coverage and uninsurance decline as family income rises. In contrast, private coverage rates rise as children's family income increases.

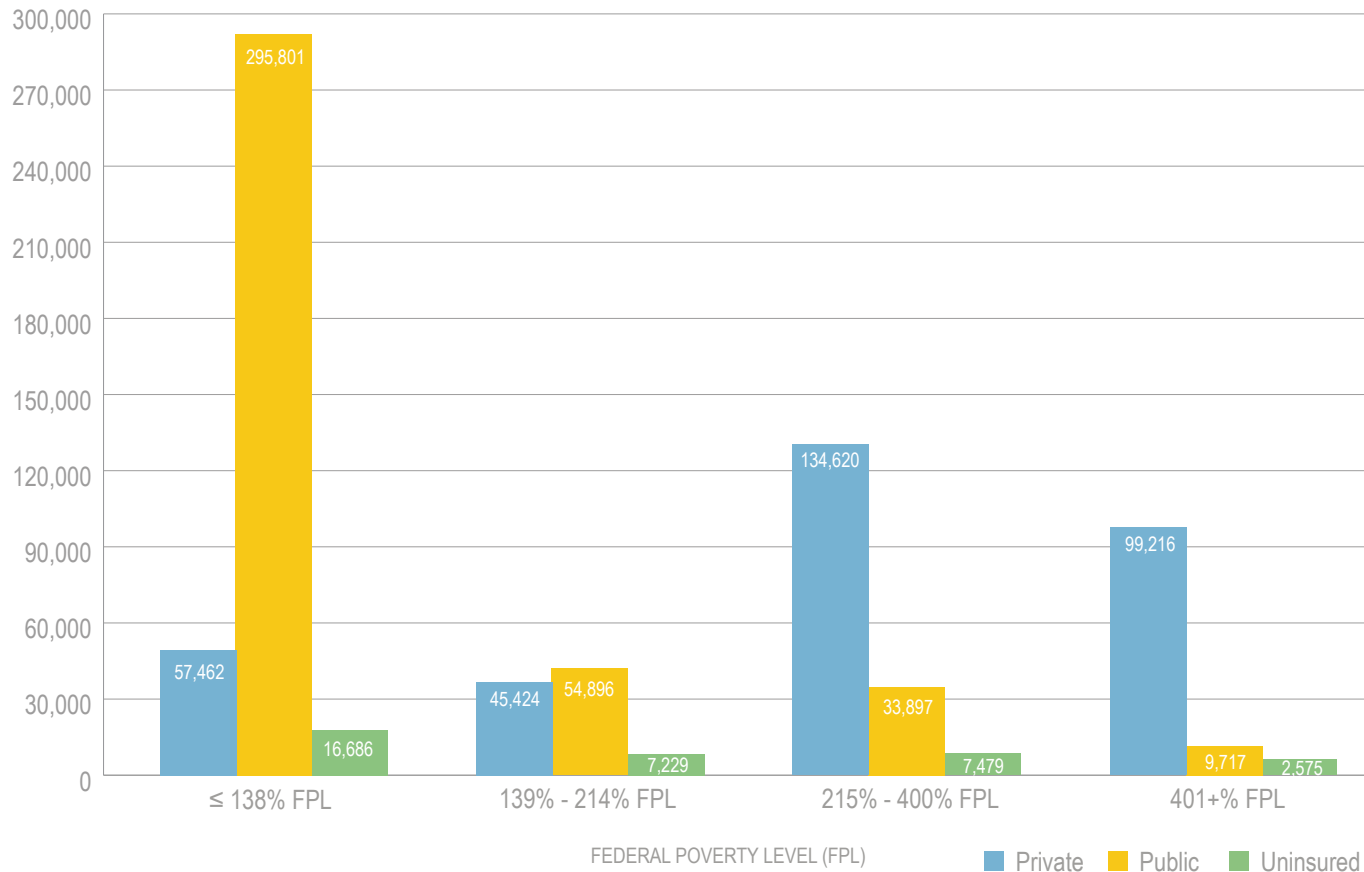
Income limit for children to qualify for Medicaid in Mississippi is 133 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and for CHIP, it is 209 percent FPL. As Federal law provides for a 5 percent "income disregard" concerning family income limits for eligibility in Medicaid and CHIP, the effective limit is 138 percent FPL for Medicaid and 214 percent FPL for CHIP.

Source: American Community Survey. (2016). Health Insurance Coverage in 2015.

Due to rounding, all categories may not add to 100 percent.

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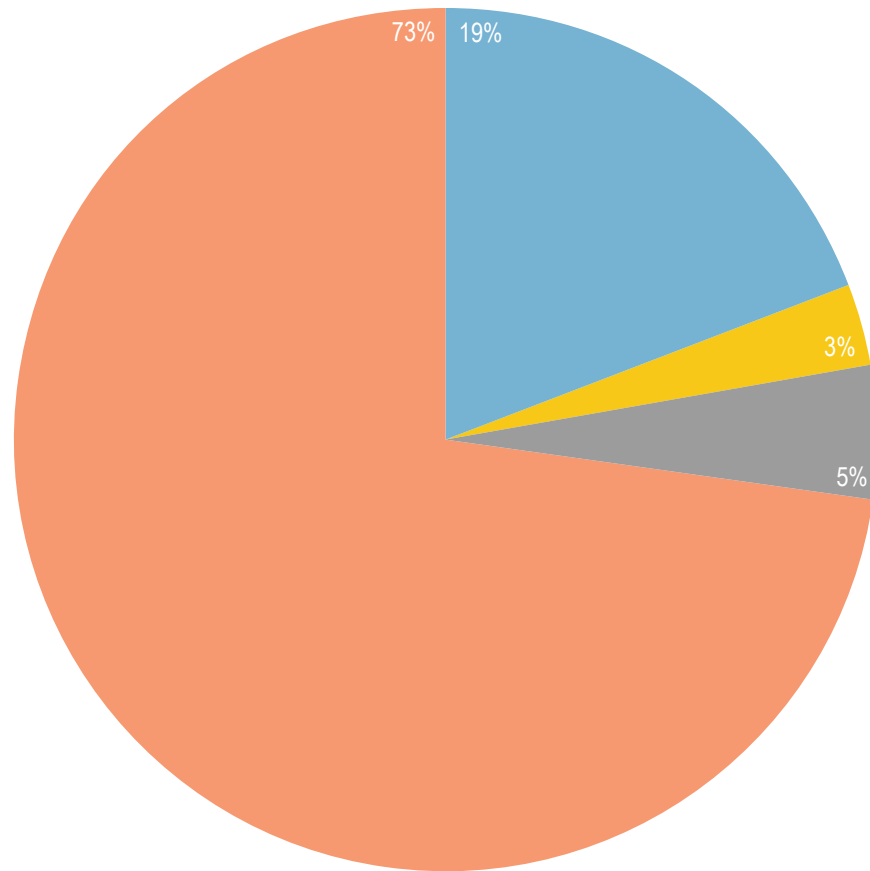


Approximately 23,915 uninsured children in families with incomes at or below 214 percent of the Federal Poverty Level are likely income-eligible for Medicaid or CHIP.

Over 7,400 uninsured children have family income levels that may qualify them for subsidized coverage through the Federal Health Insurance Marketplace.

Source: American Community Survey. (2016). Health Insurance Coverage in 2015.
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Mississippi Children 0-18 Years of Age At or Below 214% Federal Poverty Level Distribution by Type of Coverage, 2015

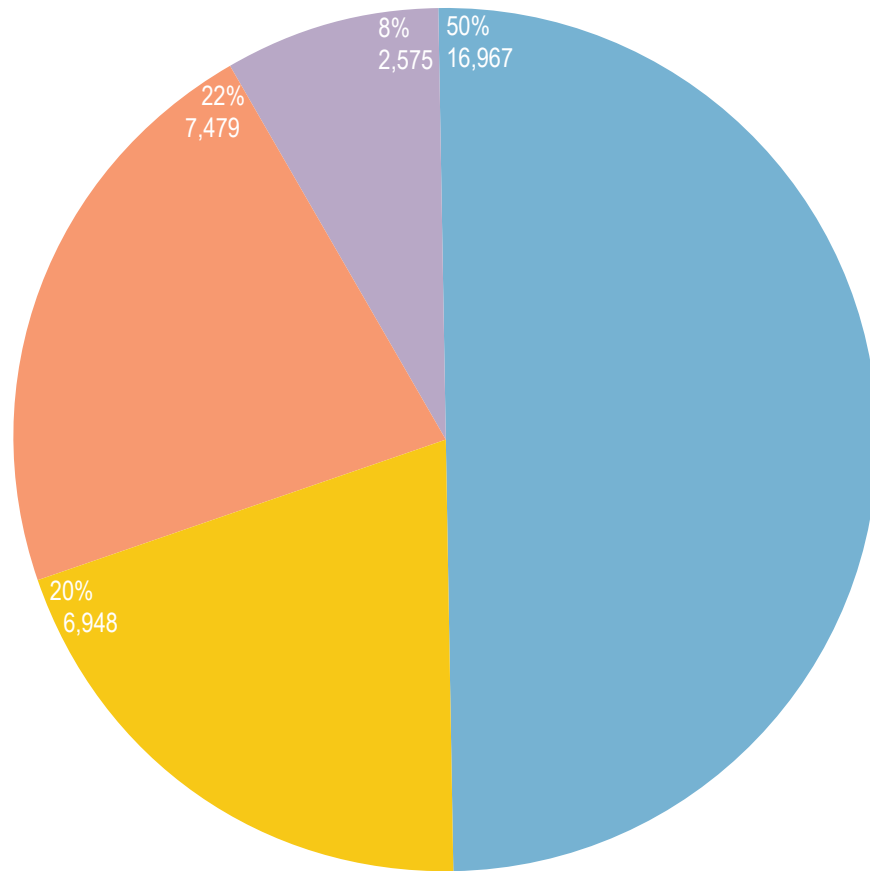


Public health insurance covers almost three-quarters (73%) of low income children in Mississippi, while 1 out of 20 (5%) children living in this income group lacks health insurance coverage.

- Private (Employment-Based & Military)
- Private (Purchased)
- Uninsured
- Public Only

Source: American Community Survey. (2016).
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Uninsured Mississippi Children 0-18 Years of Age Distribution by Potential Coverage Eligibility Based on Federal Poverty Level, 2015



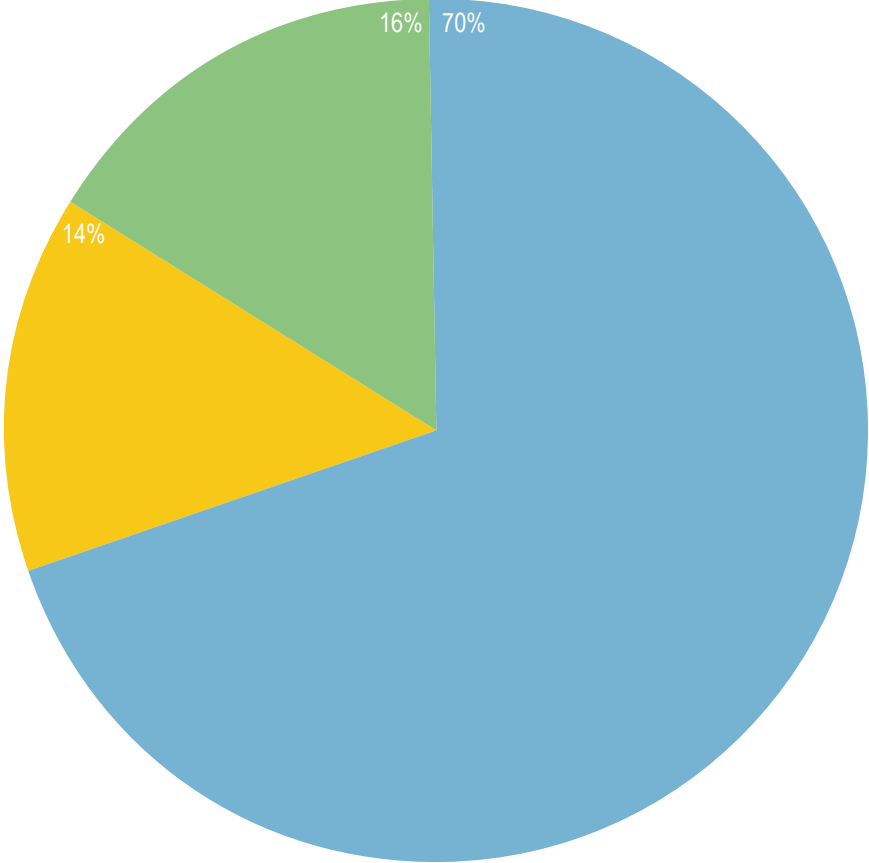
- Medicaid Eligible
- CHIP Eligible
- Marketplace Subsidy Eligible
- Over 400% FPL (Ineligible for Marketplace Subsidy)

Source: American Community Survey. (2016).
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Nearly three-quarters of uninsured children (70%) in Mississippi, approximately 23,915, are likely eligible for public insurance coverage either through the Medicaid or the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) based on Federal income level eligibility limits. Uninsured children (22%) not eligible for Medicaid or CHIP in households with incomes up to 400 percent FPL may be eligible for private health insurance subsidies if purchased through the Federal Health Insurance Marketplace.

Families with children living above 400 percent FPL are eligible to purchase insurance through the Marketplace, but are not eligible for subsidies to assist with premium costs.

Uninsured Mississippi Children 0-18 Years of Age Distribution by Family Work Status, 2015



Over eight out of ten (84%) uninsured children live in families where at least one adult works, and more than two-thirds (70%) live in families where an adult works full-time.

- Adult in Family Working Full-Time
- Adult in Family Working Part-Time
- No Adult in Family Working

Source: American Community Survey, (2016).
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