

FACT SHEET | OCTOBER 2021

UNINSURED ADULTS BY COUNTY

Mississippi County-Level 2019 Data

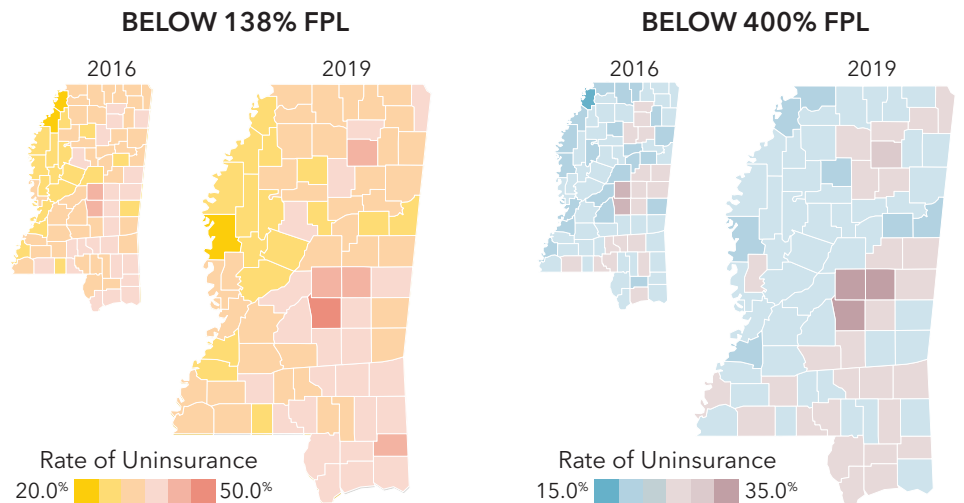
ALMOST ONE-FIFTH OF ADULTS IN THE STATE, BELOW 400% FPL, AGES 18-64, ARE UNINSURED.

This fact sheet provides the number and percentage of adults ages 18 - 64 without health insurance at the county level in Mississippi and compares rates for years 2016 and 2019, the most recent data.

Under the Affordable Care Act, Adults with household incomes below 138% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) would qualify for expanded Medicaid coverage currently not elected by the state. Adults from households with incomes below 400% FPL qualify for federal support (subsidies) to buy health insurance through a Health Insurance Exchange. Data is from the 2019 Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (SAHIE) calculated by the United States Census Bureau.

COMPARED TO U.S. ADULTS, ADULTS IN MISSISSIPPI HAVE HIGHER RATES OF UNINSURANCE AND LOWER PRIVATE INSURANCE RATES.

FIG. 1 PERCENTAGE RATE OF UNINSURED MS ADULTS COUNTY MAP



Top Five Counties in 2019 with Highest Uninsured Rating: Scott (46.1%); Pontotoc (42.6%); Leake (42.5%); Neshoba (42.0%); George (40.5%)

Top Five Counties in 2019 with Highest Uninsured Rating: Scott (33.1%); Neshoba (32.4%); Leake (32.0%); Pontotoc (28.8%); George (27.9%)

COMPARISON OF MISSISSIPPI RATE OF UNINSURED ADULTS TO THE NATIONAL RATE

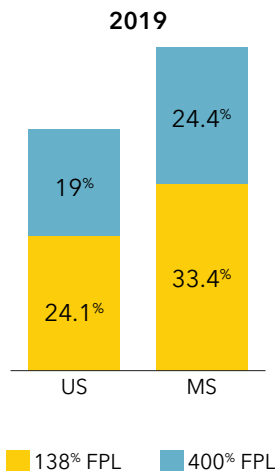
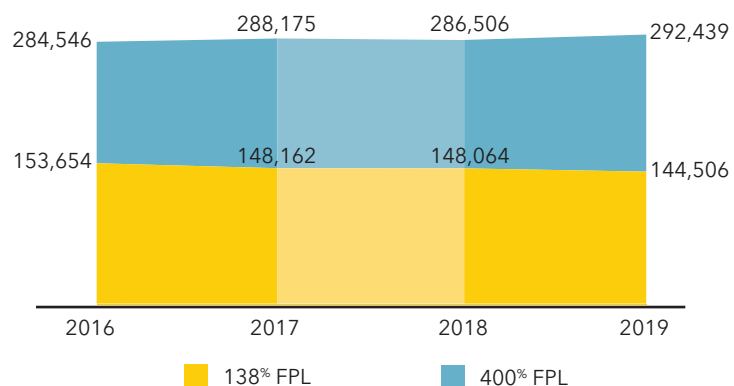


FIG.2 NUMBER OF UNINSURED MS ADULT TREND, 2016 - 2019

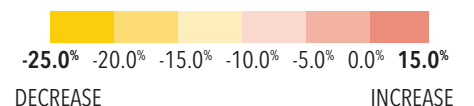
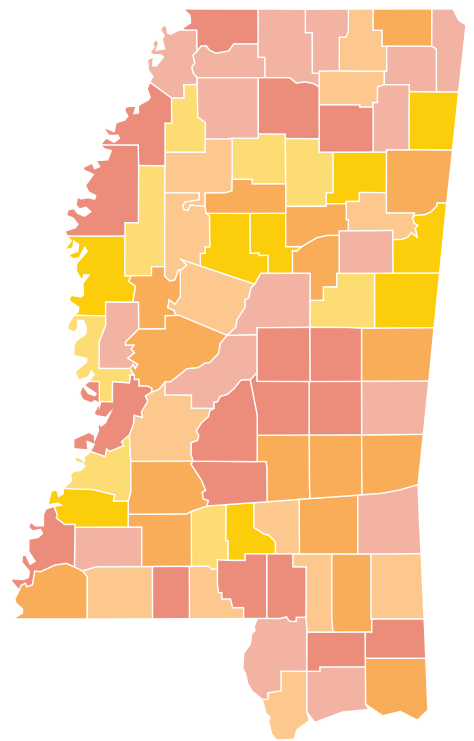


Source: Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (SAHIE). (2016 & 2019). U.S. Census Bureau.

■ UNINSURED ADULTS AT OR BELOW 138% FPL BY COUNTY

	Number (Rate%) of Uninsured	% Change in Number		Number (Rate%) of Uninsured	% Change in Number		Number (Rate%) of Uninsured	% Change in Number
	2019	2016 - 19		2019	2016 - 19		2019	2016 - 19
ADAMS	1,762 (32.3%)	+8.9%	LAFAYETTE	2,990 (34.4%)	+3.3%	TISHOMINGO	1,047 (35.8%)	-0.7%
ALCORN	1,832 (31.6%)	-8.9%	LAMAR	2,787 (34.1%)	+0.7%	TUNICA	579 (25.1%)	-2.6%
AMITE	615 (34.8%)	-13.7%	LAUDERDALE	3,304 (30.9%)	-4.1%	UNION	1,434 (38.0%)	-17.0%
ATTALA	928 (31.0%)	-4.2%	LAWRENCE	568 (32.7%)	-21.5%	WALTHALL	885 (35.1%)	-12.2%
BENTON	479 (33.2%)	-2.9%	LEAKE	1,611 (42.5%)	+5.5%	WARREN	2,182 (32.3%)	+0.1%
BOLIVAR	1,992 (29.1%)	+4.9%	LEE	3,586 (33.7%)	-4.9%	WASHINGTON	2,321 (24.8%)	-26.7%
CALHOUN	882 (36.1%)	-20.9%	LEFLORE	1,719 (27.2%)	-11.5%	WAYNE	1,105 (35.3%)	-4.0%
CARROLL	412 (35.4%)	-25.7%	LINCOLN	1,710 (36.3%)	-5.8%	WEBSTER	482 (32.7%)	-6.0%
CHICKASAW	894 (33.1%)	-27.6%	LOWNDES	2,528 (28.9%)	-25.6%	WILKINSON	456 (31.0%)	-9.4%
CHOCTAW	385 (31.2%)	-10.4%	MADISON	2,919 (38.0%)	-2.9%	WINSTON	893 (33.8%)	-21.3%
CLAIBORNE	464 (26.8%)	-18.3%	MARION	1,555 (36.5%)	+1.1%	YALOBUSHA	540 (29.2%)	-23.3%
CLARKE	776 (34.8%)	-6.8%	MARSHALL	1,661 (33.1%)	-4.4%	YAZOO	1,336 (29.0%)	-10.9%
CLAY	1,047 (30.9%)	-16.8%	MONROE	1,508 (32.1%)	-8.5%	Total Number of Uninsured	144,506	
COAHOMA	1,386 (26.8%)	+1.7%	MONTGOMERY	475 (29.9%)	-28.4%	Total Percent of Change	-6.0%	
COPIAH	1,513 (33.7%)	-5.4%	NESHOBA	2,042 (42.0%)	+11.5%			
COVINGTON	1,106 (37.3%)	-14.6%	NEWTON	1,181 (36.1%)	+0.4%			
DESOTO	5,369 (34.7%)	+0.1%	NOXUBEE	712 (33.6%)	-31.5%			
FORREST	4,274 (30.7%)	-14.6%	OKTIBBEHA	3,169 (26.2%)	-2.8%			
FRANKLIN	366 (34.3%)	-2.5%	PANOLA	1,926 (32.3%)	-3.0%			
GEORGE	1,185 (40.5%)	+9.9%	PEARL RIVER	2,559 (36.3%)	-3.4%			
GREENE	499 (38.0%)	-16.0%	PERRY	714 (36.9%)	-9.5%			
GRENADA	1,081 (31.2%)	-7.1%	PIKE	2,303 (29.5%)	+4.8%			
HANCOCK	2,249 (36.5%)	-13.8%	PONTOTOC	1,971 (42.6%)	+13.0%			
HARRISON	10,716 (36.1%)	-4.4%	PRENTISS	1,463 (34.0%)	-2.3%			
HINDS	11,378 (31.8%)	-14.3%	QUITMAN	465 (27.5%)	-21.3%			
HOLMES	1,152 (25.7%)	-17.4%	RANKIN	4,910 (39.0%)	+8.7%			
HUMPHREYS	547 (27.4%)	-8.4%	SCOTT	2,373 (46.1%)	+3.8%			
ISSAQUENA	59 (31.6%)	-23.7%	SHARKEY	282 (31.1%)	-4.6%			
ITAWAMBA	989 (34.3%)	-26.8%	SIMPSON	1,550 (34.9%)	+1.3%			
JACKSON	5,965 (35.6%)	-8.2%	SMITH	795 (39.8%)	-7.3%			
JASPER	934 (37.2%)	-8.9%	STONE	818 (35.6%)	+7.0%			
JEFFERSON	459 (29.4%)	-25.7%	SUNFLOWER	1,294 (26.8%)	-21.0%			
JEFFERSON DAVIS	685 (33.5%)	-25.3%	TALLAHATCHIE	725 (30.0%)	-14.2%			
JONES	3,700 (36.8%)	-5.7%	TATE	1,291 (34.3%)	-3.3%			
KEMPER	586 (35.4%)	-10.6%	TIPPAH	1,116 (32.6%)	-14.7%			

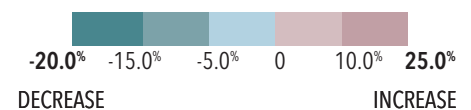
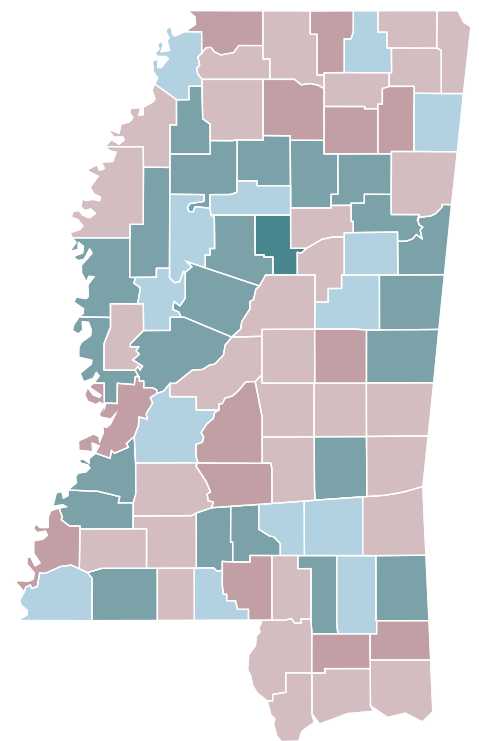
CHANGE IN PERCENTAGE OF UNINSURED ADULTS FROM 2016 TO 2019 (138% FPL)



■ UNINSURED ADULTS AT OR BELOW 400% FPL BY COUNTY

	Number (Rate%) of Uninsured		% Change in Number	Number (Rate%) of Uninsured		% Change in Number	Number (Rate%) of Uninsured		% Change in Number
	2019	2016 - 19		2019	2016 - 19		2019	2016 - 19	
ADAMS	3,236 (25.3%)	+16.7%	LAFAYETTE	5,289 (25.2%)	+10.8%	TISHOMINGO	2,097 (25.6%)	+6.4%	
ALCORN	3,723 (23.9%)	+3.7%	LAMAR	5,748 (24.4%)	+7.2%	TUNICA	895 (18.9%)	-0.2%	
AMITE	1,252 (25.9%)	-6.4%	LAUDERDALE	6,604 (23.1%)	+2.2%	UNION	3,241 (26.4%)	+0.3%	
ATTALA	1,872 (24.3%)	+9.1%	LAWRENCE	1,155 (22.5%)	-12.0%	WALTHALL	1,641 (26.2%)	-4.3%	
BENTON	953 (24.4%)	+12.2%	LEAKE	3,063 (32.0%)	+8.6%	WARREN	4,431 (24.2%)	+11.6%	
BOLIVAR	3,282 (24.6%)	+8.0%	LEE	8,396 (24.6%)	+10.7%	WASHINGTON	4,254 (21.0%)	-10.9%	
CALHOUN	1,708 (26.3%)	-9.4%	LEFLORE	2,836 (22.5%)	-2.4%	WAYNE	2,170 (25.8%)	+3.0%	
CARROLL	900 (24.4%)	-8.7%	LINCOLN	3,479 (26.0%)	+4.2%	WEBSTER	939 (22.8%)	+1.2%	
CHICKASAW	1,865 (25.4%)	-9.2%	LOWNDES	5,056 (21.4%)	-13.3%	WILKINSON	806 (23.7%)	-2.7%	
CHOCTAW	754 (22.4%)	+1.6%	MADISON	6,996 (23.3%)	+8.7%	WINSTON	1,866 (25.4%)	-4.1%	
CLAIBORNE	737 (20.0%)	-9.5%	MARION	2,895 (27.7%)	+10.0%	YALOBUSHA	1,078 (20.3%)	-7.7%	
CLARKE	1,553 (24.4%)	+1.0%	MARSHALL	3,412 (23.3%)	+3.4%	YAZOO	2,382 (23.5%)	-5.1%	
CLAY	1,981 (23.4%)	-5.9%	MONROE	3,313 (23.0%)	+1.3%	Total Number of Uninsured	292,439		
COAHOMA	2,278 (22.5%)	+2.6%	MONTGOMERY	899 (22.3%)	-16.9%	Total Percent of Change	2.8%		
COPIAH	2,975 (24.4%)	+4.0%	NESHOBA	4,026 (32.4%)	+16.7%				
COVINGTON	2,128 (25.4%)	-2.6%	NEWTON	2,315 (26.6%)	+3.0%				
DESOTO	13,885 (21.4%)	+11.6%	NOXUBEE	1,337 (26.5%)	-10.8%				
FORREST	7,835 (23.5%)	-6.2%	OKTIBBEHA	4,762 (21.0%)	-2.7%				
FRANKLIN	701 (23.1%)	0.0%	PANOLA	3,764 (24.4%)	+6.8%				
GEORGE	2,564 (27.9%)	+20.5%	PEARL RIVER	5,660 (25.9%)	+9.7%				
GREENE	1,059 (24.4%)	-5.8%	PERRY	1,363 (25.9%)	-4.0%				
GRENADA	2,097 (23.6%)	-3.8%	PIKE	4,064 (23.5%)	+4.2%				
HANCOCK	4,877 (25.5%)	+1.6%	PONTOTOC	4,019 (28.8%)	+14.3%				
HARRISON	22,526 (26.5%)	+3.7%	PRENTISS	2,732 (25.0%)	+1.8%				
HINDS	23,513 (23.7%)	-1.4%	QUITMAN	764 (22.5%)	-12.0%				
HOLMES	1,766 (21.8%)	-10.6%	RANKIN	12,564 (24.7%)	+24.9%				
HUMPHREYS	876 (23.1%)	-4.8%	SCOTT	4,083 (33.1%)	+4.8%				
ISSAQUENA	114 (23.9%)	-7.3%	SHARKEY	493 (25.6%)	+1.2%				
ITAWAMBA	2,335 (24.5%)	-3.6%	SIMPSON	2,984 (25.9%)	+12.1%				
JACKSON	13,278 (23.8%)	+0.7%	SMITH	1,695 (27.6%)	+8.7%				
JASPER	1,667 (24.9%)	-6.3%	STONE	1,898 (26.1%)	+23.1%				
JEFFERSON	747 (23.2%)	-13.5%	SUNFLOWER	2,246 (22.3%)	-10.3%				
JEFFERSON DAVIS	1,217 (24.3%)	-11.2%	TALLAHATCHIE	1,231 (23.4%)	-10.5%				
JONES	7,125 (26.3%)	-2.5%	TATE	2,722 (24.8%)	+2.0%				
KEMPER	1,056 (26.4%)	-9.0%	TIPPAH	2,341 (23.5%)	-1.5%				

CHANGE IN PERCENTAGE OF UNINSURED ADULTS FROM 2016 TO 2019 (400% FPL)



RATES OF UNINSURANCE INCREASED FROM 2016 TO 2019

State-level rates of uninsurance among Mississippi adults with incomes at or below 400% FPL increased from 2016 to 2019 but continued to fall for adults below 138% FPL (sidebar page 1). During the same period, 18 counties saw an increase in the number of uninsured adults at or below 138% FPL while the number of adults at or below 400% FPL rose in 43 counties. All Mississippi counties except for Tunica are estimated to have rates of adult uninsurance higher than the national average for households at 400% FPL while every county experienced higher than national rates for adults at 138% FPL (see sidebar).

After key policies in the Affordable Care Act went into effect, uninsurance rates decreased steadily state-wide from 2013. However, some counties have seen recent increases in the number of uninsured adults even though many are eligible for subsidies to buy private insurance from the federal Health Insurance Marketplace.

Overall, gains in insurance coverage for Mississippi adults since 2013 levels have been maintained at the county level. The number of adults without health coverage dropped by 30% in households with incomes below 400% FPL and by almost 36% in households at or below 138% FPL. Adults at the lowest income category have seen steady year after year declines in uninsurance with an estimated 3,500 adults gaining coverage between 2018 and 2019. The statewide trend for households (<400%FPL) has reversed since 2016 (see sidebar pg.1) with an increase of 7,900 more uninsured.

POVERTY IN REAL TERMS YEARLY INCOME

% *FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL	SINGLE PERSON	FAMILY OF FOUR
138%	\$17,236	\$ 35,535
400%	\$49,960	\$ 103,000

For more detail, see our interactive data table [here](#).

TOP TEN COUNTIES THAT EXPERIENCED THE HIGHEST INCREASE IN UNINSURED ADULTS AT OR BELOW 138% FPL, 2016 - 2019

COUNTY	UNINSURANCE RATE
Pontotoc	14.9%
Neshoba	13.0%
George	11.0%
Adams	9.7%
Rankin	9.5%
Stone	7.5%
Leake	5.8%
Bolivar	5.2%
Pike	5.1%
Scott	3.9%

TOP TEN COUNTIES THAT EXPERIENCED THE HIGHEST INCREASE IN UNINSURED ADULTS AT OR BELOW 400% FPL, 2016 - 2019

COUNTY	UNINSURANCE RATE
Rankin	24.9%
Stone	23.1%
George	20.5%
Adams	16.7%
Neshoba	16.7%
Pontotoc	14.3%
Benton	12.2%
Simpson	12.1%
DeSoto	11.6%
Warren	11.6%

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