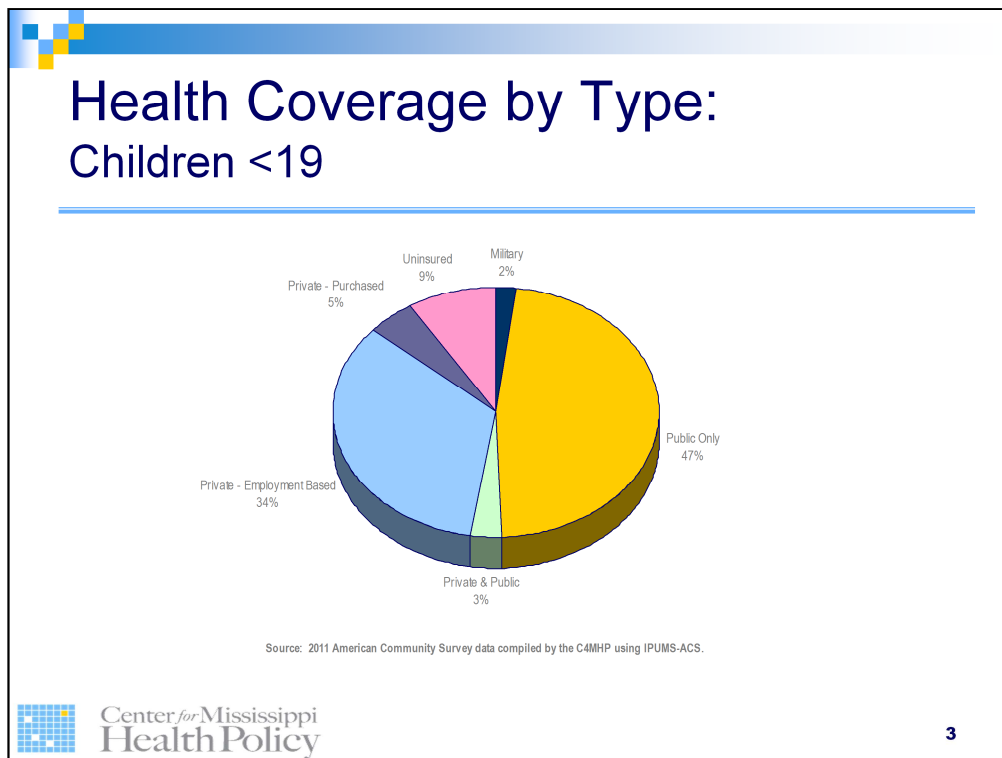
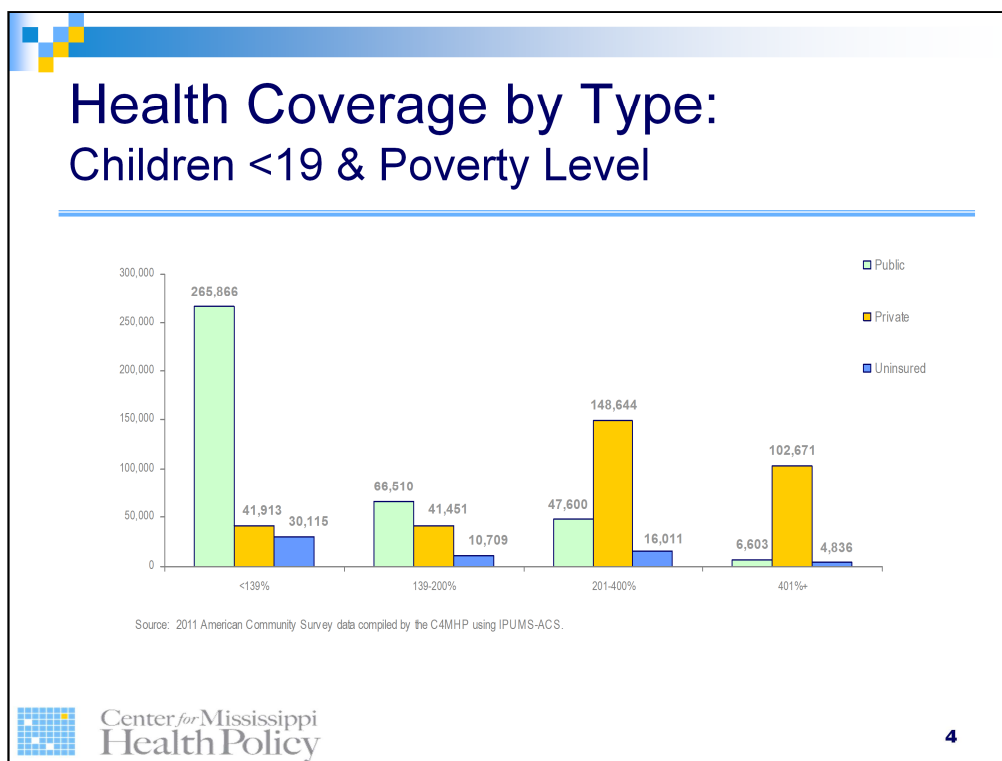


Mississippi's children under 19 years of age experience the same level of uninsurance rates compared to the nation at 8%. Mississippi children have significantly higher rates ($p < .001$) of coverage under public programs such as Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and lower rates of private, employer-based health insurance than national rates ($p < .001$).

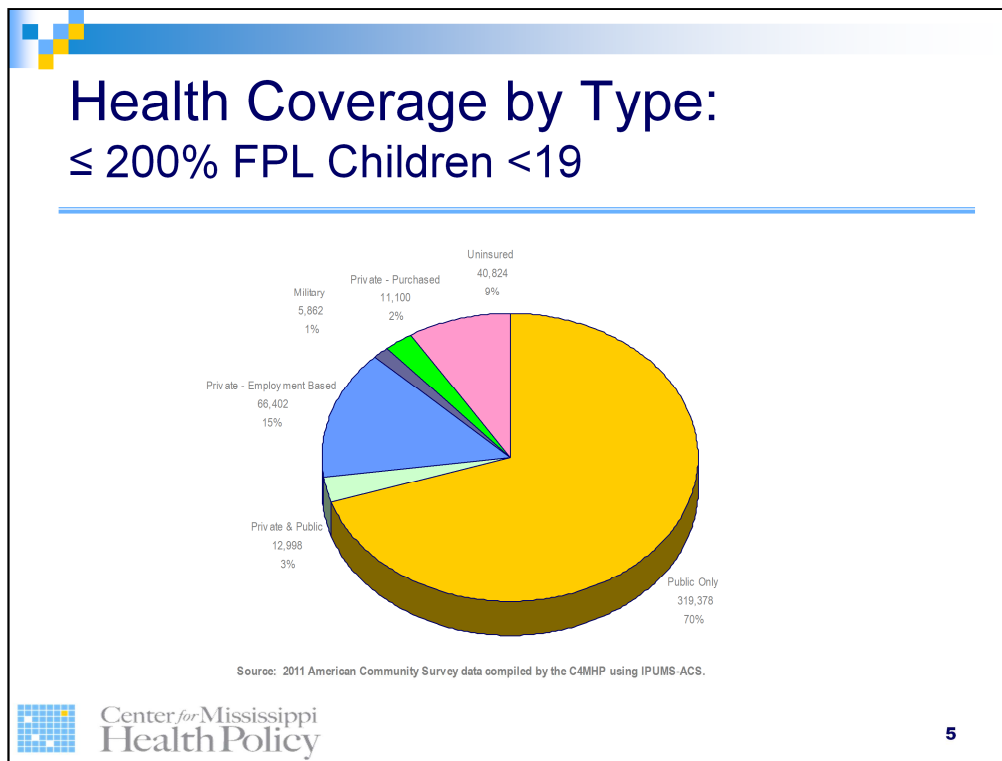


Two out of five (41%) Mississippi children have private health coverage, with 35% being private insurance accessed solely through employment-based plans. About 1 out of 13 (8%) children lacks any health insurance coverage in Mississippi.

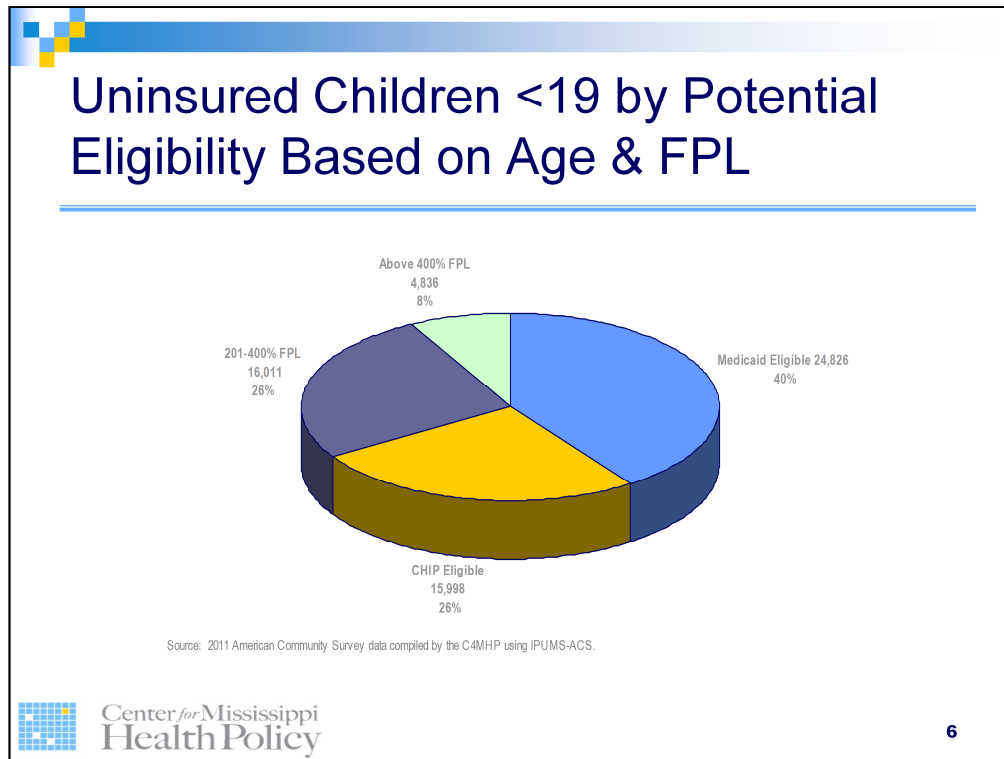
Public programs provide coverage for half of Mississippi children. Children in families with household incomes at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level may qualify for public programs such as Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).



Children in Mississippi exhibit increased private health insurance coverage as poverty status rises above the Federal Poverty Level. Conversely, public coverage declines as poverty status progresses above the Federal Poverty Level, mainly attributable to eligibility requirements regarding family income limits. More uninsured children tend to live in households with lower income levels.

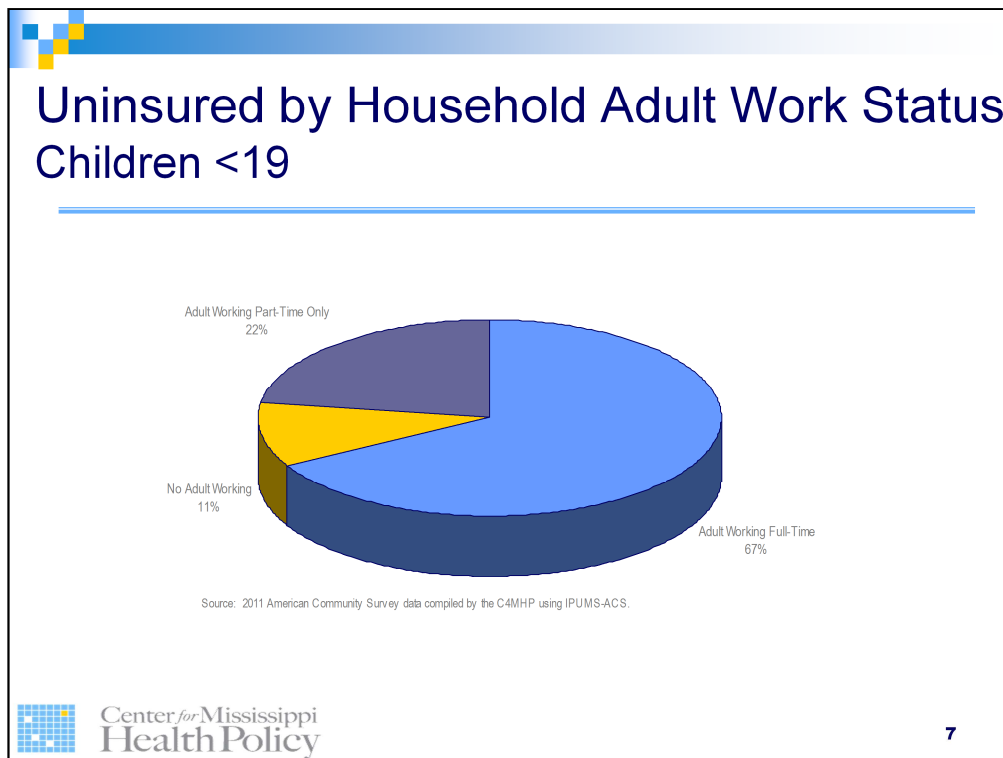


Public health insurance covers more than two-thirds (70%) of low income children and 1 out of 11 (9%) lacks any health insurance. Children under 19 years of age at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) are income-eligible for public health insurance coverage.

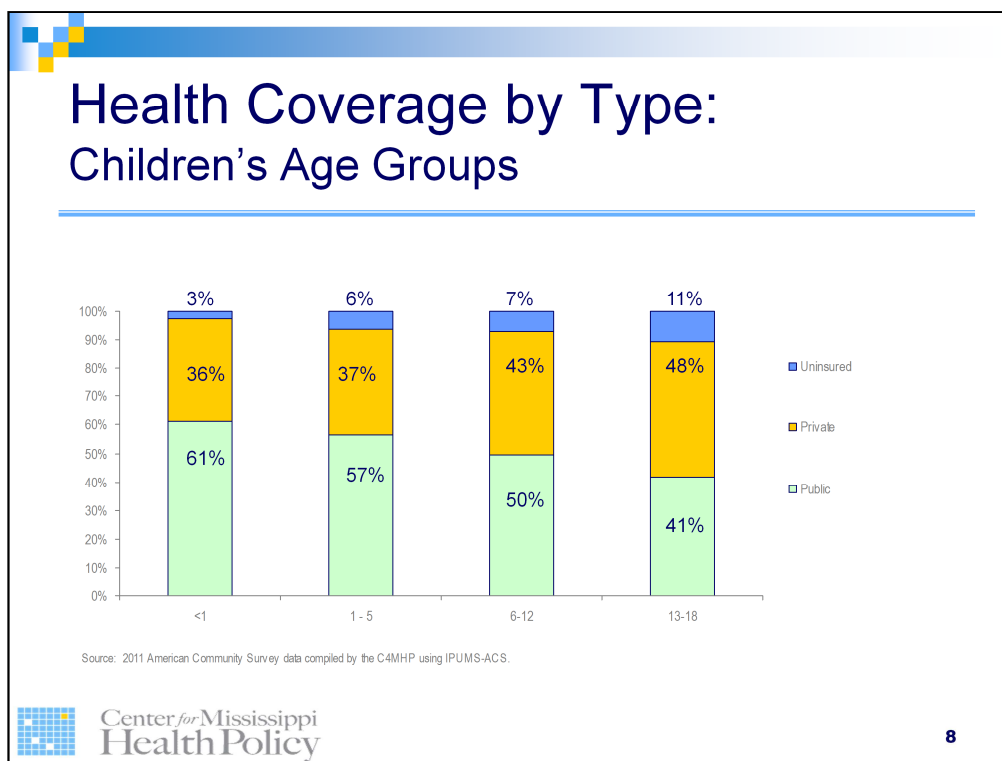


Two out of three uninsured children in Mississippi, approximately 40,824, are eligible for public insurance coverage either from Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) based on Federal income level eligibility limits.

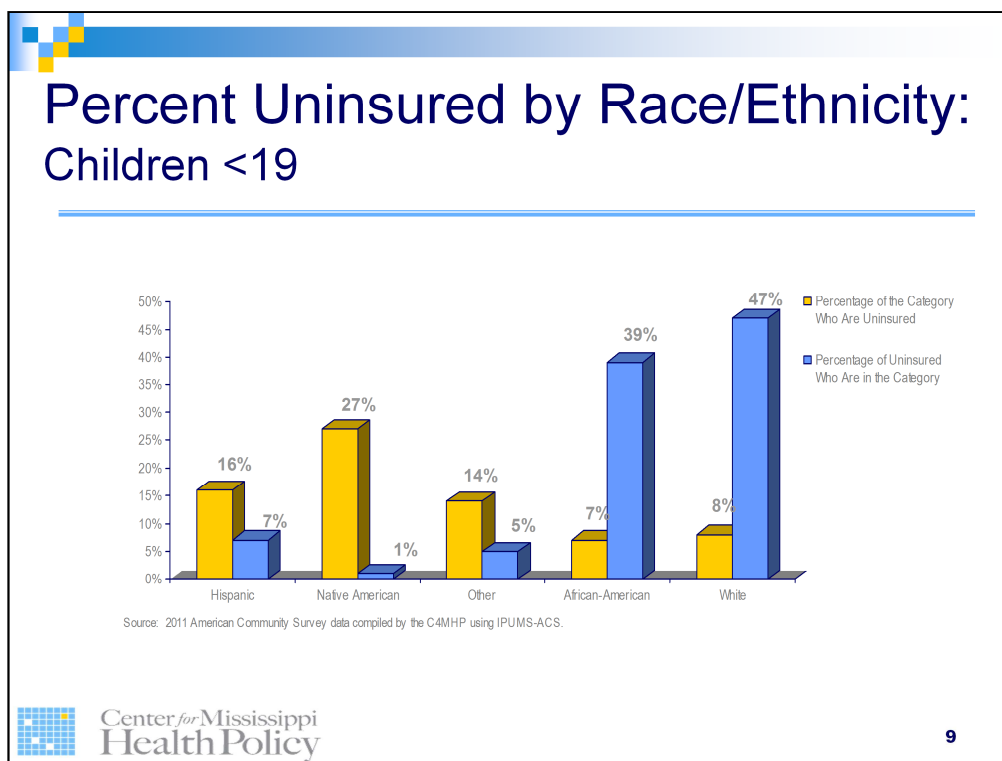
Children under 19 years and up to 100% FPL are Medicaid eligible. Younger age groups (1 to 5 years) are eligible for Medicaid at up to 133% FPL. Infants are Medicaid eligible up to 185% FPL. Children not eligible for Medicaid up to 200% FPL are eligible for CHIP.



Nine out of ten uninsured children <19 years of age are living in families where at least one adult is working, and two-thirds are in families where an adult is working full-time.



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



Comparing children's uninsurance rates by race and ethnicity, the uninsured rate is highest for Hispanic and Native American children. However, the numeric count for uninsurance is highest for white and African-American children in Mississippi.

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