

Rising Number of Uninsured in Oregon

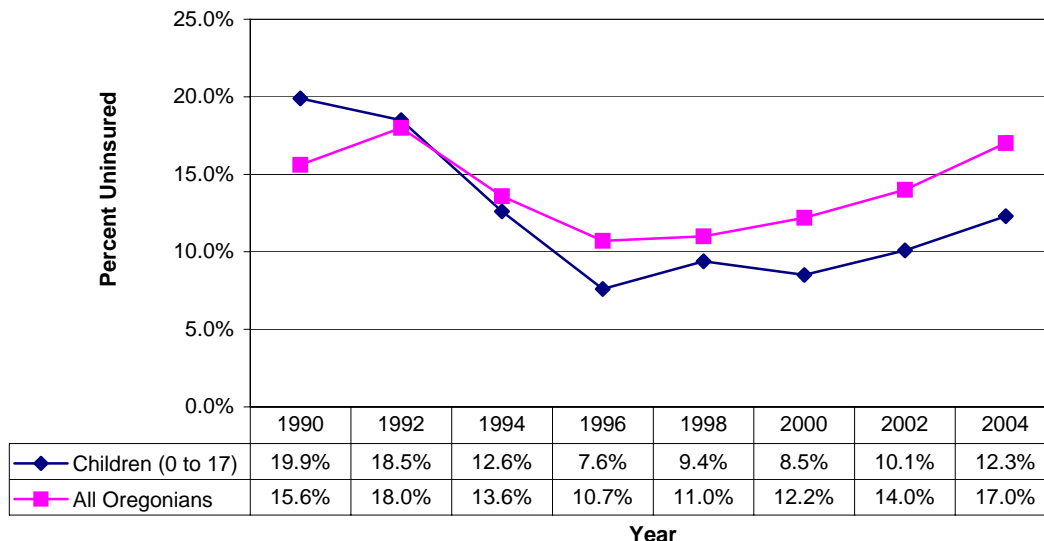
The 2004 Oregon Population Survey (OPS) shows a rising number of uninsured in Oregon, increasing from 14% in 2002 to 17% in 2004.

The OPS is a statewide telephone survey of Oregon households conducted every other year since 1990, last conducted in 2002. The survey’s primary objective is to track numerous health, social and economic “benchmarks”, including measures of Oregonian’s health insurance status. The 2004 survey included 4,508 households.

- The percentage of Oregonians without health insurance coverage increased from 14% in 2002 to 17% in 2004.
 - This represents an estimated 609,000 Oregonians who were without health insurance at the time the Oregon Population survey was fielded (July/August 2004).
- For children under the age of 18, uninsurance increased from 10.1% in 2002 to 12.3% in 2004.
 - Of the 609,000 uninsured Oregonians, 105,000 are children under the age of 18.
 - 117, 750 children under the age of 19 are uninsured, of those, approximately 62,000 are below 200% of the federal poverty level and potentially eligible for the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).
 - 72.3% of uninsured Oregonians have incomes above the federal poverty level and 27.7% have incomes below the federal poverty level. The 2004 federal poverty level is an annual income of \$18,850 for a family of four.
- 18.2% of employed Oregonians report that they are without health insurance coverage.

Percent Without Health Insurance in Oregon, 1990 to 2004*

(Source: Oregon Population Survey)



*Historical trends for children’s health insurance status are presented for children under age 18.

Health Insurance Status by Region

Health Insurance Status by Region, 2004 (Oregon Population Survey, 2004)				
Region	Percent without health insurance coverage			
	All Oregonians		Children (0 to 18)	
	Percent	Number	Percent	Number
One (Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln, Tillamook)	17.8%	26,690	14.6%	5,239
Two (Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington, Yamhill)	16.5%	261,032	11.2%	45,575
Three (Benton, Lane, Linn, Marion, Polk)	18.4%	159,716	14.4%	32,019
Four (Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine)	13.5%	60,493	11.0%	12,266
Five (Gilliam, Hood River, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Wasco, Wheeler)	18.1%	23,933	15.2%	5,582
Six (Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson)	18.4%	32,173	15.5%	6,914
Seven (Grant, Harney, Klamath, Lake)	18.3%	15,730	18.0%	4,202
Eight (Baker, Malheur, Union, Wallowa)	24.6%	19,997	28.7%	5,928