

THE UNINSURED: NO HEALTH INSURANCE



Access to Care Indicators for Thurston County

INDICATOR: Percentage of adults under age 65 with no health insurance coverage (uninsured).

Approximately 17% of Thurston County adults under age 65 have no health insurance coverage. This equates to an estimated 33,050 uninsured county adults between the ages of 18-64. Approximately 18% of Washington State adults under age 65 have no health insurance coverage (*BRFSS 2010*). Being uninsured makes it difficult to get medical care, which means health issues that could have been detected earlier are not and treatment gets delayed causing further health problems.

UNINSURED (NO HEALTH INSURANCE OF ANY KIND) IN 2010: THURSTON COUNTY ADULTS

U = Uninsured

^ Estimates for county adults age 18-64 (under age 65)

BY GENDER [^]	U IN 2010
Female	15%
Male	20%

BY HOUSEHOLD INCOME [^]	U IN 2010
Under \$34,999 (<i>poverty and low income</i>)	36%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	14%
\$50,000 and up	3%

BY AGE	U IN 2010
18 to 34	31%
35 to 49	9%
50 to 64	6%
65 and up	2%
18 and up (<i>all adults</i>)	15%

BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS [^]	U IN 2010
Employed	16%
Not Employed	19%

BY RACE/ETHNICITY [^]	U IN 2010
Non-White or Hispanic	24%
White Non-Hispanic	16%

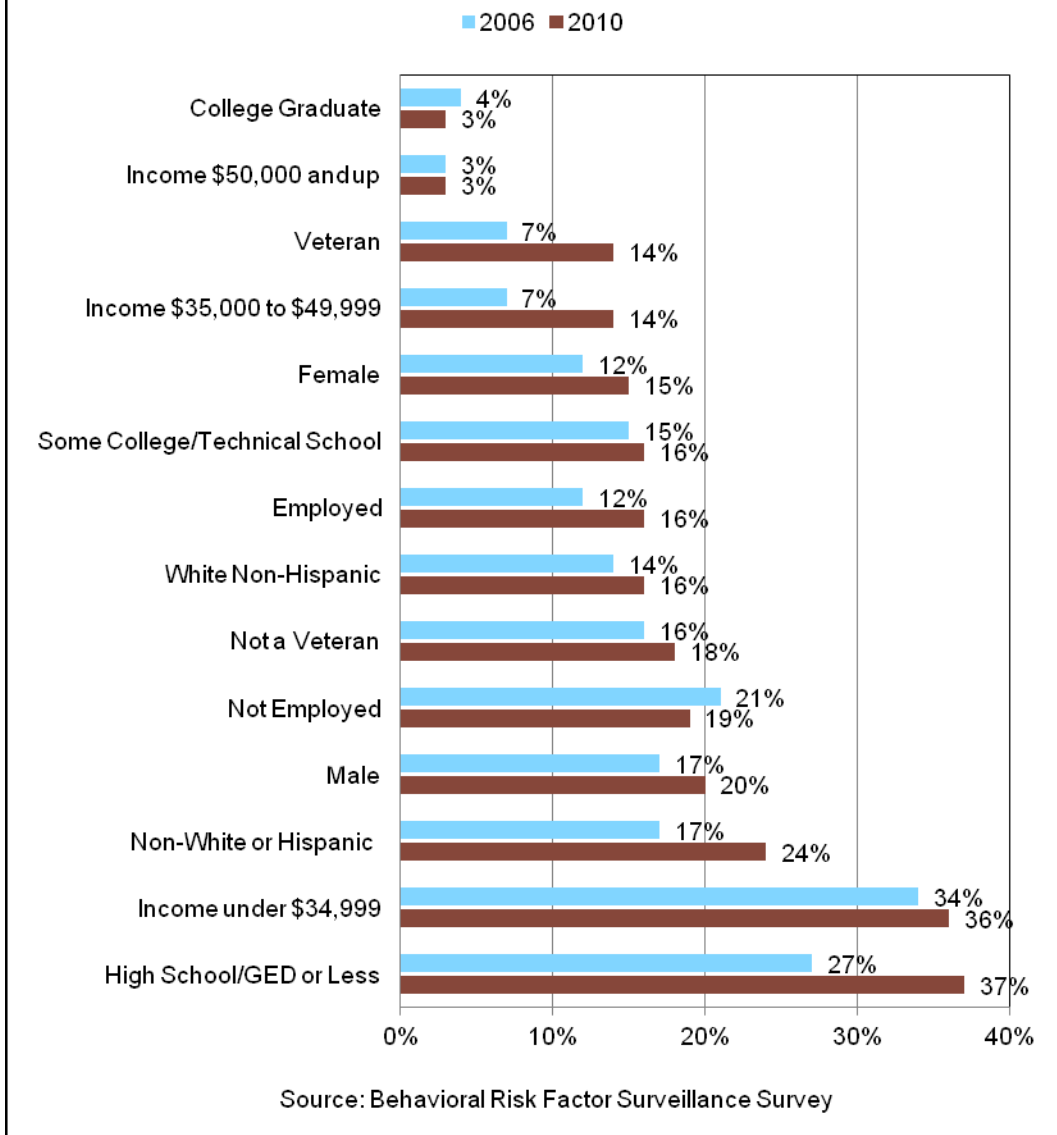
BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT [^]	U IN 2010
High School/GED or Less	37%
Some College/Technical School	16%
College Graduate	3%

BY MILITARY SERVICE [^]	U IN 2010
Veteran	14%
Not a Veteran	18%

In Thurston County (*BRFSS 2010*):

- An estimated 4% of county children age 0-17 are uninsured.
- Nearly 1 in 3 county adults between the ages of 18-34 are uninsured (31%).
- Adults between the ages of 18-64 are more likely to be uninsured if they are lower income or have a high school education or less.

Differences in having No Health Insurance of Any Kind for Adults age 18-64, Thurston County



DATA NOTES:

- The survey question used to determine health insurance coverage is "Do you have any kind of health care coverage, including health insurance, prepaid plans such as HMOs, or government plans such as Medicare?"
- Non-White = African-American/Black, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Pacific Islander and multiracial. Hispanic = of Central or South American, Puerto Rican, Cuban or another Hispanic origin or descent. Hispanic is not defined as a race.
- Income = Annual household income from all sources.
- Employed = Being employed for pay which includes wages, salary and self-employment. Not employed includes retired and disabled.
- Veteran = Serving in the Armed Forces on active duty at any time (e.g. Army, Air Force, National Guard).

DATA SOURCE:

- Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS). Prepared by the Thurston County Public Health & Social Services Department.
- Survey data is collected via telephone (landline and cell phone) from a random sample of adults, age 18 and up, who live at a private residence within the geographic boundaries of Thurston County (or Washington State for statewide figures). Data reflects the behaviors and experiences of the majority of adults, however, individuals living in institutions (e.g. dorms, group homes, assisted living, correctional facilities) are not surveyed.
- BRFSS is conducted throughout the calendar year. The survey is completed in English and Spanish.