

2006 Health Insurance Coverage Status for Tennessee Counties

Median Percent Uninsured = 15.7%



The Census Bureau has partnered with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to create estimates of the percentage of the population covered by health insurance for every county in the nation. The Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (SAHIE) are model-based with inputs from the Annual Social and Economic Supplement to the Current Population Survey, population estimates, decennial census, County Business Patterns, administrative record sources such as income tax return data, Medicaid and CHIP participation data, and SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly the Food Stamp Program) participation data. There are models to estimate coverage for all persons under 65 years of age as well as models to look at coverage for various income groups. (Persons over 65 years of age are fully covered by Medicare.)

Viewed in light of the nation as a whole ([Click here for .pdf map](#)), Tennessee is positioned fairly close to the middle for health insurance coverage. Individual counties in Tennessee exhibit uninsured populations as high as 22%. However drastic that may seem, there are some counties in Texas, for example, with uninsured rates double that. It is worth noting that the two counties in Tennessee with the highest rates of uninsured population also have the highest margins of error—raising the possibility that the rates are not as extreme as they first appear. Of the many potential reasons for the variability of the estimates, a large cohort of migrant workers is certainly conceivable.

Additional data on the coverage of various subgroups of the population, most notably those persons in or near poverty are available on the Census Bureau's SAHIE website: <http://www.census.gov/did/www/sahie/index.html>

2006 Health Insurance Coverage for All Income Groups by Tennessee County

County	2006 Health Insurance Coverage for All Income Groups by Tennessee County				County	2006 Health Insurance Coverage for All Income Groups by Tennessee County			
	Number Uninsured	MOE for Number Uninsured	Total in Demographic Group	Percent Uninsured		Number Uninsured	MOE for Number Uninsured	Total in Demographic Group	Percent Uninsured
Anderson	8,185	1,421	61,615	13.3	Lake	582	106	4,149	14.0
Bedford	8,284	1,301	39,212	21.1	Lauderdale	2,401	457	20,904	11.5
Benton	2,083	368	13,127	15.9	Lawrence	5,329	944	34,738	15.3
Bledsoe	1,940	331	10,392	18.7	Lewis	1,476	263	9,913	14.9
Blount	13,893	2,234	101,854	13.6	Lincoln	4,280	741	27,613	15.5
Bradley	13,360	2,249	81,932	16.3	Loudon	5,775	937	36,690	15.7
Campbell	4,322	808	34,076	12.7	McMinn	6,660	1,166	44,288	15.0
Cannon	2,108	348	11,508	18.3	McNairy	2,984	520	21,310	14.0
Carrroll	3,813	591	23,557	16.2	Macon	3,205	570	18,988	16.9
Carter	7,061	1,280	47,892	14.7	Madison	12,474	2,083	82,802	15.1
Cheatham	4,702	789	35,333	13.3	Marion	3,343	593	24,169	13.8
Chester	2,037	360	13,177	15.5	Marshall	3,813	668	25,733	14.8
Claiborne	3,434	640	26,734	12.8	Mauzy	10,481	1,791	70,331	14.9
Clay	1,257	215	6,684	18.8	Meigs	1,636	288	10,221	16.0
Cocke	4,223	717	30,105	14.0	Monroe	5,994	1,062	38,295	15.7
Coffee	7,025	1,181	43,736	16.1	Montgomery	21,249	2,944	139,580	15.2
Crockett	2,672	403	12,158	22.0	Moore	947	151	5,122	18.5
Cumberland	7,404	1,095	40,683	18.2	Morgan	2,515	443	16,254	15.5
Davidson	97,262	10,059	536,139	18.1	Obion	3,833	675	26,570	14.4
Decatur	1,781	291	9,320	19.1	Overton	2,697	456	17,678	15.3
DeKalb	2,719	463	15,873	17.1	Perry	1,078	193	6,401	16.8
Dickson	5,881	1,041	41,643	14.1	Pickett	836	138	3,843	21.8
Dyer	4,163	772	32,496	12.8	Polk	2,365	403	13,285	17.8
Fayette	6,195	1,000	32,644	19.0	Putnam	11,190	1,603	58,503	19.1
Fentress	3,001	418	14,939	20.1	Rhea	3,489	640	25,487	13.7
Franklin	5,339	822	33,496	15.9	Roane	6,420	1,106	44,557	14.4
Gibson	6,691	973	40,387	16.6	Robertson	9,464	1,456	56,779	16.7
Giles	3,569	637	24,536	14.5	Rutherford	32,403	4,562	220,052	14.7
Grainger	3,454	592	19,534	17.7	Scott	2,617	481	19,317	13.5
Greene	8,575	1,342	54,715	15.7	Sequatchie	2,036	349	11,640	17.5
Grundy	2,110	360	12,150	17.4	Sevier	13,266	2,016	71,834	18.5
Hamblen	9,845	1,365	53,070	18.6	Shelby	131,599	12,528	814,029	16.2
Hamilton	44,487	5,668	279,779	15.9	Smith	2,405	417	16,567	14.5
Hancock	805	154	5,602	14.4	Stewart	2,132	322	11,278	18.9
Hardeman	2,800	509	20,748	13.5	Sullivan	19,160	2,866	127,069	15.1
Hardin	3,198	568	21,691	14.7	Sumner	18,491	2,856	135,703	13.6
Hawkins	6,542	1,187	48,710	13.4	Tipton	7,853	1,315	51,280	15.3
Haywood	2,280	418	16,597	13.7	Trousdale	1,196	203	6,671	17.9
Henderson	3,301	589	23,042	14.3	Unicoi	2,086	350	14,447	14.4
Henry	4,124	716	25,712	16.0	Union	2,640	468	16,664	15.8
Hickman	3,475	600	19,641	17.7	Van Buren	755	137	4,682	16.1
Houston	1,314	192	6,712	19.6	Warren	6,542	1,065	34,074	19.2
Humphreys	2,377	409	15,344	15.5	Washington	15,569	2,381	97,808	15.9
Jackson	1,777	302	9,175	19.4	Wayne	2,162	375	12,232	17.7
Jefferson	6,707	1,148	42,151	15.9	Weakley	4,941	795	27,040	18.3
Johnson	2,067	390	13,634	15.2	White	3,294	557	21,002	15.7
Knox	57,219	7,399	363,900	15.7	Williamson	20,408	3,056	152,827	13.4
					Wilson	13,401	2,096	95,282	14.1

Source: US Census Bureau, SAHIE

Notes: MOE = Margin of Error at the 90% Confidence Level; Demographic Group Totals from Poverty Universe (American Community Survey)