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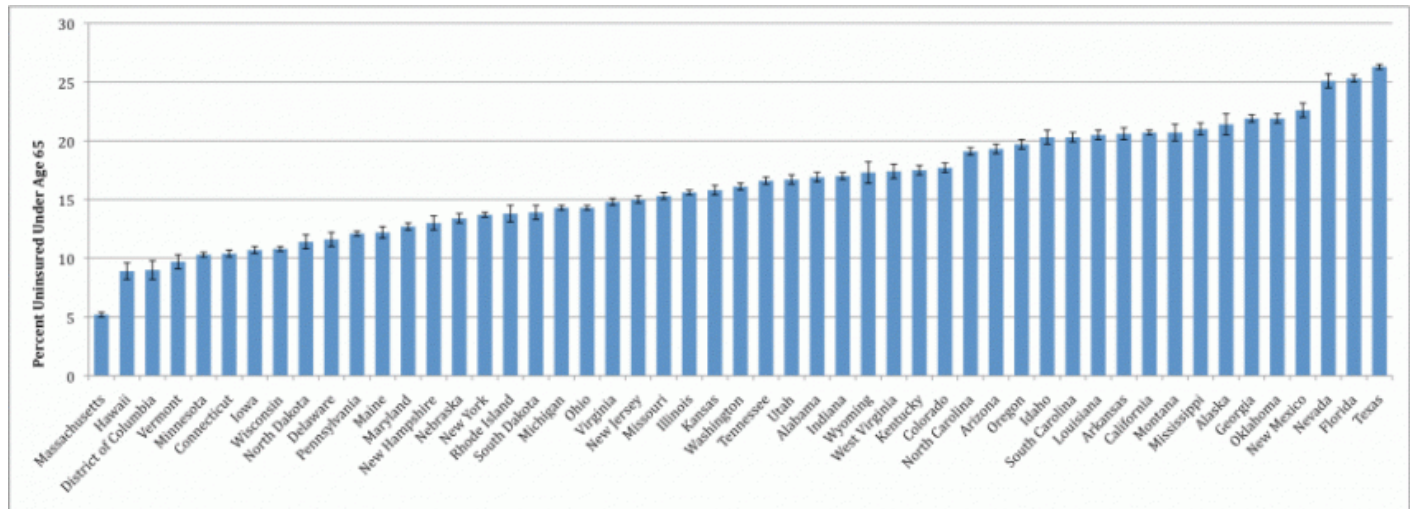
# Oregon's Health Insurance Coverage Holds Steady, but the State's Uninsured Rate Remains High

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Data released in August 2012 from the U.S. Census Bureau's Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (SAHIE) program show that Oregon continues to have one of highest rates of uninsured residents in the U.S. According to Census estimates, 639,710 or 19.7 percent[1] of Oregonians under age 65 were without health insurance coverage in 2010. For the under-65 population, Oregon's uninsured rate ranks as the 15<sup>th</sup> highest rate in the country (Figure 1).

**Figure 1: Percentage of Americans Under Age 65 Without Health Insurance by U.S. State (2010)**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau's Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (SAHIE), 2010

Compared to 2009, the 2010 data show no statistically significant change in the overall uninsured rate for Oregon[2]. Similarly, there were no statistically significant changes for Oregon between 2009 and 2010 by race/ethnicity or by income (Table 1). The highest rate of uninsured continue to be observed for Hispanic persons at 34.3 percent ( /- 1.3 percent) and for Oregonians earning 138% of the poverty level or less (34.7 percent [ /- 1.0 percent]).

**Table 1: Percentage of Oregonians Under Age 65 Without Health Insurance by Race/Ethnicity and Income, 2010**

	Percent Uninsured, 2010	Margin of Error (MOE) (+/-), 2010
<b>Oregon</b>	<b>19.7%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>
White alone, not Hispanic	17.2%	0.5%
Black alone, not Hispanic	21.5%	1.8%
Hispanic (any race)	34.3%	1.3%
At or below 400% of poverty	26.2%	0.6%
At or below 250% of poverty	31.3%	0.7%
At or below 200% of poverty	33.2%	0.8%
At or below 138% of poverty	34.7%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau's Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (SAHIE), 2010

## Oregon Counties

In 2010, counties in Oregon with the highest rates of uninsured individuals included: Jefferson (27.7 percent [ /- 2.1 percent]) and Malheur (26.6 percent [ /- 1.9 percent]); the lowest rates of uninsured individuals were in Clackamas (15.5 percent [ /- 1.0 percent]) and Columbia (16.4 percent [ /- 1.4 percent]) counties.

The 2009 and 2010 SAHIE data for Oregon counties are summarized in Table 2. Three counties Und vergessen Sie nicht, dass Sie bei 888casino immer die Möglichkeit haben, Roulette Online kostenlos zu spielen, bevor Sie sich an Spiele um echtes Geld heran wagen. in the state—Baker, Marion, and Wheeler—experienced statistically significant decreases in the rate of uninsured individuals from the previous year, while Multnomah and Benton counties experienced statistically significant increases in the percentage of residents under age 65 without health insurance. Rates for all other Oregon counties were not statistically different from 2009.

In the Portland metro area, Multnomah County continues to experience higher rates of uninsured (20.3 percent [ /- 0.9 percent]) than Clackamas and Washington counties (15.5 percent [ /- 1.0 percent] and 17.2 percent [ /- 1.0 percent], respectively).

**Table 2: Percentage Under Age 65 Without Health Insurance in Oregon, by County**

	Percent Uninsured, 2009	Margin of Error (MOE) (+/-), 2009	Percent Uninsured, 2010	Margin of Error (MOE) (+/-), 2010	Statistically Significant Change?
<b>METRO</b>					
Clackamas	15.5%	1.0%	15.5%	1.0%	
Washington	16.5%	0.9%	17.2%	1.0%	
Multnomah	18.9%	0.9%	20.3%	0.9%	Increase
<b>CENTRAL</b>					
Deschutes	20.2%	1.4%	19.9%	1.5%	
Crook	21.8%	1.8%	21.6%	1.9%	
Jefferson	26.2%	2.0%	27.7%	2.1%	
<b>EASTERN</b>					
Baker	22.9%	1.8%	20.2%	1.9%	Decrease
Gilliam	18.1%	1.6%	19.7%	2.0%	
Grant	22.3%	1.8%	21.6%	2.1%	
Harney	24.5%	2.0%	23.7%	2.2%	
Hood River	23.9%	1.8%	23.8%	2.0%	
Klamath	23.2%	1.7%	22.2%	1.7%	
Lake	24.3%	1.9%	23.6%	2.2%	
Malheur	28.5%	2.0%	26.6%	1.9%	
Morrow	23.2%	1.9%	24.6%	2.0%	
Sherman	22.8%	1.8%	20.4%	2.0%	
Umatilla	23.6%	1.7%	22.5%	1.7%	
Union	19.5%	1.6%	18.9%	1.8%	
Wallowa	21.2%	1.8%	22.3%	2.1%	
Wasco	21.8%	1.7%	24.3%	1.9%	
Wheeler	31.9%	2.7%	26.3%	2.6%	Decrease
<b>NORTHWEST</b>					
Clatsop	21.3%	1.6%	21.2%	1.8%	
Columbia	16.0%	1.3%	16.4%	1.4%	
Lincoln	22.4%	1.6%	23.2%	1.8%	
Tillamook	22.0%	1.7%	21.7%	1.8%	
<b>SOUTHERN</b>					
Coos	21.3%	1.6%	19.3%	1.7%	
Curry	22.8%	1.8%	21.2%	1.9%	
Douglas	19.9%	1.4%	19.4%	1.5%	
Jackson	21.3%	1.4%	22.3%	1.5%	
Josephine	20.4%	1.5%	20.4%	1.7%	
<b>VALLEY</b>					
Benton	15.3%	1.4%	17.6%	1.8%	Increase
Lane	19.8%	1.2%	21.4%	1.3%	
Linn	18.9%	1.4%	19.3%	1.5%	
Marion	23.9%	1.3%	21.8%	1.3%	Decrease
Polk	18.5%	1.5%	17.1%	1.5%	
Yamhill	19.3%	1.4%	20.1%	1.5%	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau's Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (SAHIE), 2010

[1] The corresponding margin of error (MOE) estimates are +/- 13,880 or +/- 0.4 percent

[2] All comparisons and margins of error are reported at the 90% confidence level

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