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State Estimates

The ACS, which has a much larger sample size than the CPS, is also a useful source for estimating and identifying changes in the uninsured population at the state level. During 2013, the state with the lowest percentage of people without health insurance was Massachusetts (3.7 percent), while the highest uninsured rate was for Texas (22.1 percent) (Figure 3 and Table A-1). Five states (Massachusetts, Hawaii, Vermont, Iowa, and Minnesota) and the District of Columbia had an uninsured rate of less than or equal to 9.0 percent.ⁱⁱⁱ Three states, Florida, Nevada, and Texas, had an uninsured rate of greater than or equal to 19.1 percent.^{iv}

Between 2012 and 2013, 13 states showed a decrease in the rate of people without health insurance coverage and 2 states (Maine and New Jersey) showed an increase in the uninsured rate (Appendix Table A-1).^v

ⁱ The reference period for the health insurance estimate depends on the survey. The CPS provides estimates of the population without insurance for the entire previous calendar year, while the ACS estimates are the average of responses collected throughout the year, with respondents providing their health insurance coverage status as of the date of their interview.

ⁱⁱ The uninsured rate for the CPS in 2009 was not statistically different from the uninsured rate for the CPS in 2010. For more information, see "CPS and ACS Health Insurance Estimates: Consistent Trends From 2009–2012" at <www.census.gov/hhes/www/hlthins/publications/working.html>.

ⁱⁱⁱ Three states, Wisconsin, Delaware, and Connecticut, had an uninsured rate that was not statistically different from 9.0 percent.

^{iv} Three states, Georgia, New Mexico, and Alaska, had an uninsured rate that was not statistically different from 19.1 percent.

^v States that had a decrease in the uninsured rate between 2012 and 2013 include Alaska, California, Colorado, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Texas, and Wyoming.

Figure 3.
Population Without Health Insurance Coverage by State Using the American Community Survey: 2013

