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Uninsured Children: Facts and Figures

WASHINGTON—How many children under age 18 in the United States do not have health insurance?

The October 2007 *EBRI Issue Brief* provides the following information about the insurance status of children in 2006:

- **Number of uninsured:** 8.7 million children.
- **Percentage of children uninsured:** 11 percent.
- **Income status:** More than 61 percent of all uninsured children were in families with income below 200 percent of the federal poverty level.
- **Employed family head:** Most uninsured children (68.4 percent) were in families whose family head was employed full-time and full-year.
- **Unemployed family head:** 20 percent of children whose family head did not work were uninsured.
- **Employed part time:** In families where the family head worked part time or experienced some unemployment, the probability of children being uninsured was 11.7 percent, higher than the average.

The October 2007 *EBRI Issue Brief*, published by the nonpartisan Employee Benefit Research Institute (EBRI), is based on the latest U.S. Census Bureau data. It contains complete details of the sources and characteristics of health insurance coverage in the United States, including state-by-state coverage numbers, and is available at www.ebri.org

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