



1 in 4 Kentucky adults 18-64 concerned about losing their health insurance

Since 2008 the **Kentucky Health Issues Poll (KHIP)**, sponsored by Interact for Health and the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky, has asked Kentucky adults about their health insurance coverage and their opinions on a variety of health topics.

This summary focuses on Kentucky adults ages 18 to 64 only. Nearly all Kentucky adults ages 65 and older are insured (96%).

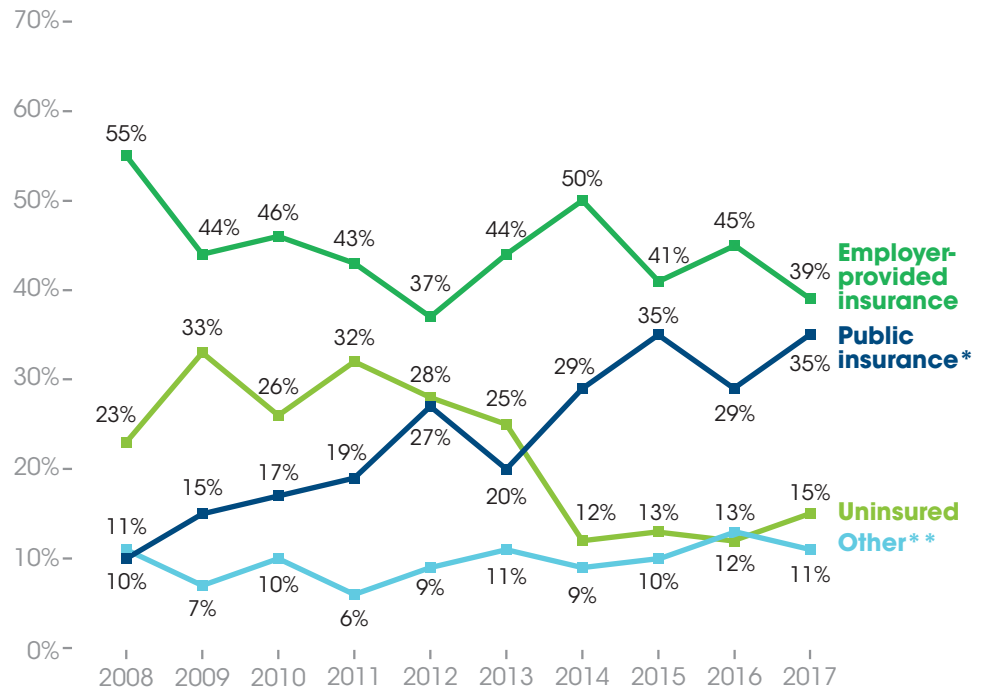
EMPLOYER-SPONSORED INSURANCE DECLINES

Employer-sponsored health insurance declined from 45% in 2016 to 39% in 2017. Since KHIP started tracking health insurance in 2008, the lowest reports of employer-based health insurance were in 2017 and 2012 (37%).

PUBLIC INSURANCE COVERAGE INCREASES

From 2014 to 2017, about 3 in 10 Kentucky adults received some type of public insurance. Public insurance coverage increased from 29% in 2016 to 35% in 2017. Public insurance includes Medicare, Medicaid and military benefits. In 2014, Kentucky expanded Medicaid eligibility for Kentuckians earning up to 138% of the Federal

Type of insurance coverage for Kentucky adults ages 18-64 (Percentages may not add to 100% because the response "don't know" is not included.)



* Medicare, Medicaid, military benefits and combinations of the three.

**2008-2014 this includes adults who purchased their own plan, had insurance from another source or didn't know their insurance source. 2015-2017 this also includes adults covered on a parent's health insurance plan.

SOURCE: 2017 Kentucky Health Issues Poll (released February 2018)



Poverty Guidelines (FPG). In 2016, 138% FPG was a maximum of \$33,534 for a family of four.

About 1 in 10 Kentucky adults in 2017 reported getting health insurance from other sources (11%). These sources included coverage on a parent's health plan or buying individual coverage.

UNINSURED AND UNSTABLE INSURANCE CONSISTENT

Reports of uninsured Kentucky adults and those with unstable health insurance coverage were consistent from 2015 to 2017. In total, 2 in 10 Kentucky adults (21%)

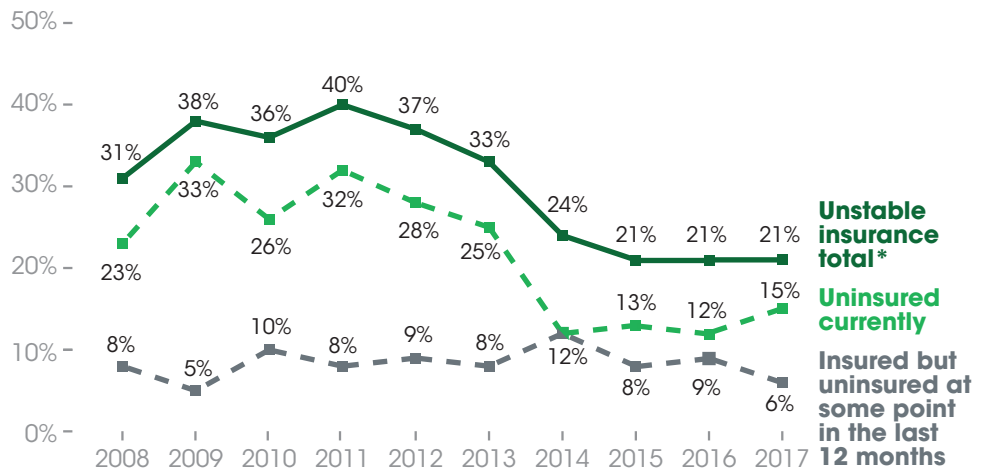
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had unstable health insurance in 2017. This includes more than 1 in 10 Kentucky adults who did not have health insurance at the time of the poll (15%), and fewer than 1 in 10 Kentucky adults (6%) who were insured at the time of KHIP but had been *uninsured* at some time in the prior 12 months. Nationally, 13% of adults ages 18 to 64 were uninsured in 2017.¹

KHIP also found that 1 in 4 insured Kentucky adults ages 18 to 64 (24%) reported being concerned about losing coverage within the next year.

¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Early Release of Selected Estimates Based on Data From the National Health Interview Survey, January–June 2017. Accessed Jan. 16, 2018, from https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhis/earlyrelease/earlyrelease201712_01.pdf.

Percentage of Kentucky adults ages 18-64 with unstable insurance*



* Unstable insurance is defined as lacking insurance any time in the last 12 months, including currently.

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Are you concerned that you may lose your (health insurance) coverage within the next 12 months? (Percentages do not add to 100% because the response "don't know" is not included.)



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