



**The Crisis in Healthcare and
its Impact on You in 2009**



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A Texas Perspective

How are we doing?

- **26% of Texans are uninsured (#1 nationally)**
- **30% of Harris County is uninsured**
- **26% of state spending is for healthcare for the poor**
- **Small businesses dominate the economy, but only 31% of those with 50 or fewer employees offer insurance in Texas, compared with 43% nationally. As a result, 48% of Texans are covered by employers, compared with 53% nationally.**

How are we doing?

- **Biggest problem in Texas is a surging population: about 23.5 million in 2006, up 12.7% from 2000, fueled by immigrants who cross the nation's longest border with Mexico.**
- **55% of the births in Texas are covered by Medicaid (income less than \$30,710/yr)**

Where do the uninsured go for healthcare?

- **ER visits increased by 18%**
- **ER visits increased by 33% in Texas**
- **ER visits in Harris County increased by 50%**
- **Half of the ER visits in Houston are primary care visits (non-emergency)**

Who pays for the uninsured?

- **State & federal spending \$20 billion/yr in Texas**
- **County government (8% for indigent care)**
- **Public hospitals through tax levies/not for profit hospitals**
- **Cost shift to the insured**

Quantifying the Financial Impact of Cost Shift:

- **Average increase in family insurance premiums to pay for health costs of the uninsured estimated for 2008**
 - **\$1,502/year national average**
 - **\$2,786/year in Texas**

Who are the uninsured in Texas?

- **29% Anglo**
- **11% Black**
- **57% Hispanic**

Who are the Medicaid recipients in Texas?

- **25% Anglo**
- **18% Black**
- **52% Hispanic**

Changing Demographics of Texas:

- **Percent of population growth by race/ethnicity from 2000-2014**
 - **4% Anglo**
 - **5% Black**
 - **78% Hispanic**

Who are the Medicaid recipients in Texas?

- **Income limits to qualify for federal-state health insurance program for the poor and disabled are among the lowest in the nation.**
- **Texas has no subsidized health insurance program for childless adults; 19 states and the District of Columbia offer some coverage.**

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