

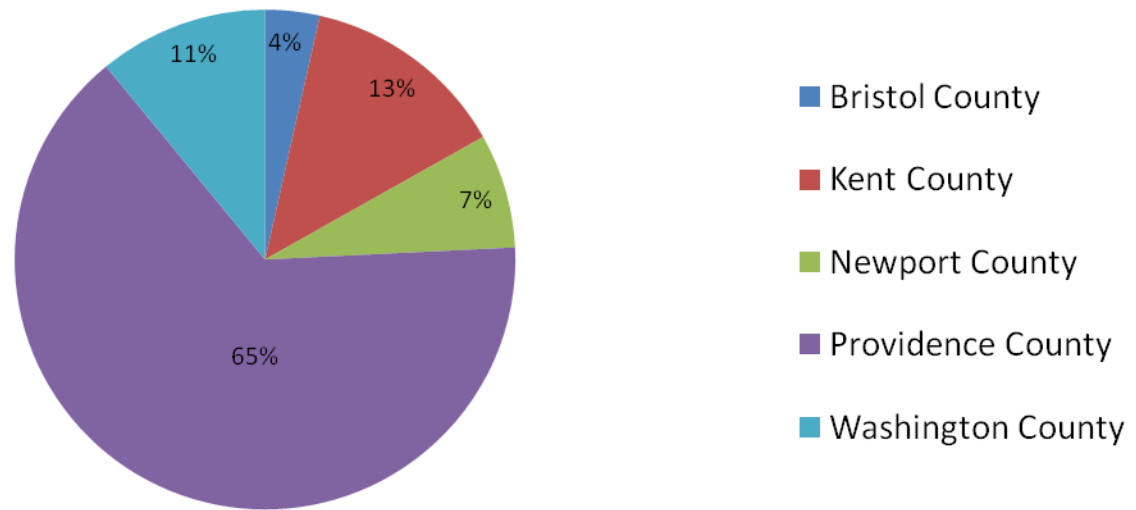
The uninsured in Rhode Island today

The Uninsured In Rhode Island: A Growing Crisis

- RI has 140,000 people under 65 (16% of total population) uninsured in any given month of 2010 (Mathematica)
- More than double ten years ago (7% in 2000)
- 89,000 (64% of the uninsured) are adults without dependent children, meaning they do not qualify for RIte Care
- The number of children who are uninsured has almost doubled, to 38,000 (7.7%) since 2002, (Rhode Island KIDS COUNT)

Our Neighbors In Every Community

Uninsured in Rhode Island*



*Estimates of Uninsured in Rhode Island, Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island, October 2010.

Contributing Factors Include

- **Economic Recession**
 - RI hit harder than most states
 - Unemployment at 11.5%
- **Health Care Cost Are Skyrocketing**
- **Employer Sponsored Insurance Is Eroding**
 - Employer premiums rose: 49% of RI businesses saw premiums rise at least 20% per year from 2002-2005
 - 67% of RI jobs offer coverage, down from 73% in 2001
 - Employers asking employees to share more of cost – employee share of coverage rose 69% between 2001-2007, while wages rose only 30%
- **Public Programs Facing Pressures**
 - State budget difficulties

Who Are the Uninsured?

- Many in working poor families
- 28,600 uninsured children live below 250% FPL
- 23,000 uninsured adults live below 200% FPL
- Uninsured adults are likely to be less healthy, have delayed medical care, and experience higher rates of behavioral health and substance abuse issues

Community Health Centers

Serving the Uninsured

- Rhode Island's **10 CHCs** (27 sites) serve as the dedicated, high quality, public primary care delivery system in the State of Rhode Island
- Provide over **120,000 residents** (more than 500,000 total annual visits) with culturally competent primary and preventive care as well as dental, behavioral health and other services
- Uninsured patients receive services on a sliding fee scale
- **Federally Qualified Health Centers** receive some support in the form of federal “330” grants to help provide care for the uninsured.
- CHCs receive a small amount of funding from the State of Rhode Island.

Community Health Centers

Serving the Uninsured, Resources Stretched Thin

- In 2009, CHCs provided more than **\$15 million** in uncompensated care, and saw **36,000** uninsured patients, a number that grew **26 percent** in the last two years.
- At several CHCs, uninsured patients accounted for over one-third of the total patient population, and over **70 percent of the uninsured they see are adults**
- WellOne, serving the West Bay and northwest Rhode Island, saw the number of uninsured patients grow **88 percent** between 2008 and 2009.

Rhode Island: Fragmented Care for the Uninsured

- **Hospitals**
 - Provided \$131 million in uncompensated care in 2008 (combined charity care and bad debt)
 - 14.4% of all ED patients uninsured
 - Receive some state and federal support to see uninsured
- **Public Health Programs at DOH include**
 - Childhood Immunization Program; the Women's Cancer Screening program; family planning services; HIV testing and counseling; school nurse teachers and more
- **Private Social Service Agencies**
 - RI Community Mental Health Centers serve nearly 70,000 adults and children
 - Other agencies offer wellness clinics, health literacy classes, health care for the homeless, condition specific help, referral services and more.
- **Free Health Care**
 - Rhode Island Free Clinic (South Providence) 4,000 patients in 2009, 45% working
 - Clinica Esperanza (Olneyville) 500 patients in 2010
 - Private Offices, some medical providers offer free care to small number of their patients