

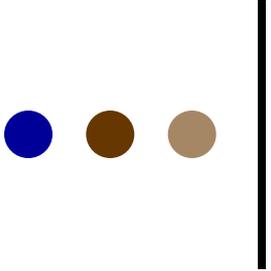
Update on the Uninsured

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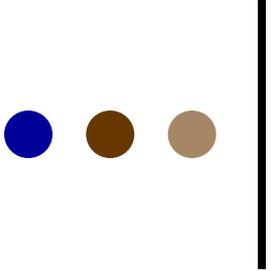
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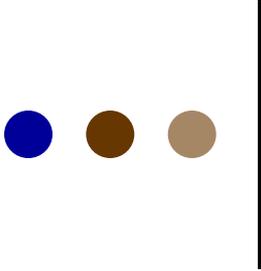
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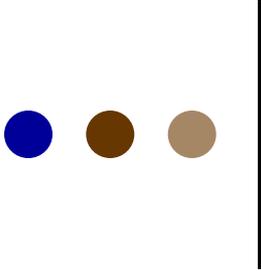
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Review of ACA Coverage Provisions

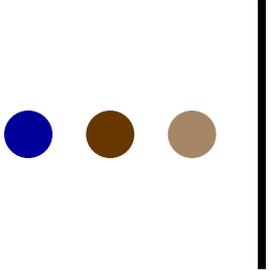
- ACA will be expanded to cover all uninsured *adults* with incomes <138% FPL*
- Children continue to be eligible for Medicaid or NC Health Choice with incomes up to 200% FPL
- Other individuals may be eligible for premium and cost sharing subsidies to purchase coverage through the Health Benefits Exchange if their income <400% FPL, if:
 - They do not have access to affordable employer based coverage
 - They are not eligible for public coverage

*ACA does not expand Medicaid coverage to undocumented immigrants or to legal immigrants during the first five years in the US. Also, ACA expands Medicaid to 133% FPL, but includes a 5% income disregard. Effectively, adults can qualify for Medicaid with modified adjusted gross income <138% FPL.



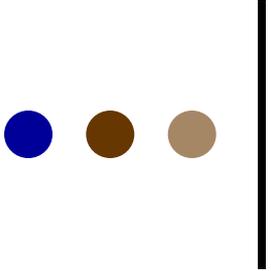
Review of ACA Coverage Provisions

- Health benefits exchange will be created to provide access to more affordable individual and small group plans (2014).
 - Individuals must purchase coverage through HBE to receive premium or cost sharing subsidies
 - Initially, HBE open to small businesses with 100 or fewer employees (states can limit HBE to small businesses with 50 or fewer employees until 2016)
 - Small businesses must purchase coverage through HBE to receive tax credit
 - In 2017, states can expand HBE to cover employers with more employees



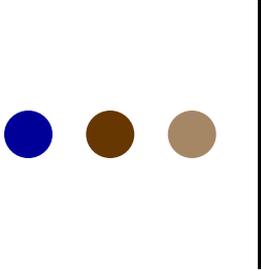
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Data on the NC Uninsured

- Focus on non-elderly population below age 65
 - Medicare nearly universal in 65 and older population
- Most statistics come from Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement (U.S. Census)
 - Approximately 4,000 North Carolinians asked about coverage in prior year
- Most recent data released September 16, 2010
 - Includes data from March 2010 survey, which asks questions about insurance coverage in 2009



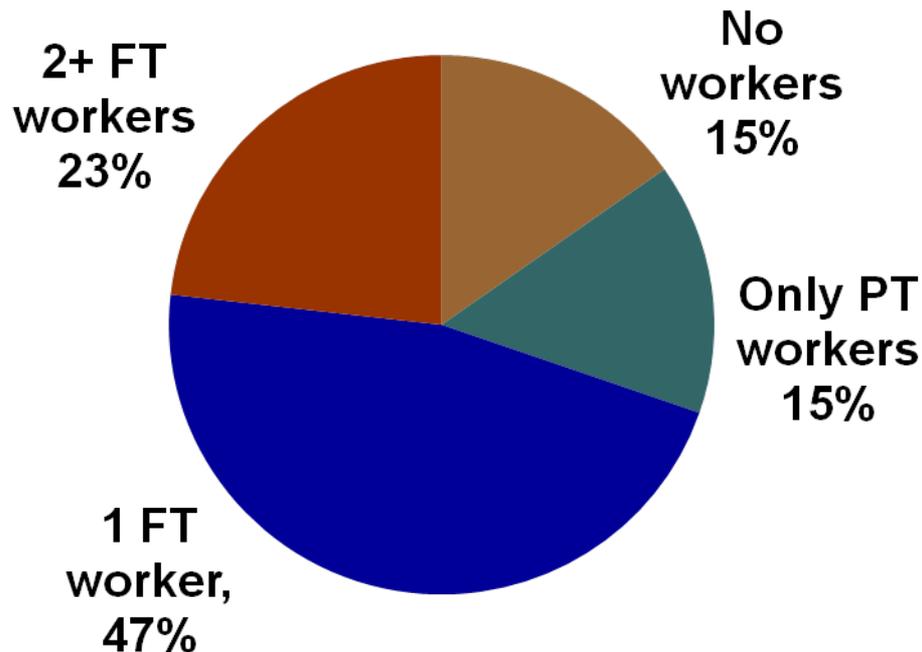
Potential HBE Eligibles: Uninsured (0-64 years old)

- Most recent Census data showed that there were ~1.7 million North Carolinians who were uninsured in 2009 (20.4% of the non-elderly population)
- However, to produce more solid estimates, we combined two years of data
 - In 2008-2009, there were approximately 1.6 million non-elderly North Carolinians who were uninsured (19.7% of the non-elderly population).

Source: Yorkery B, Holmes M. Analysis of the Current Population Survey, 2009 and 2010 Annual Social Economic Supplement (reflecting insurance coverage in 2008-2009). US Census. Health Historical Tables. Table 6.

Most Uninsured Connected to Workforce (NC 2008-2009)

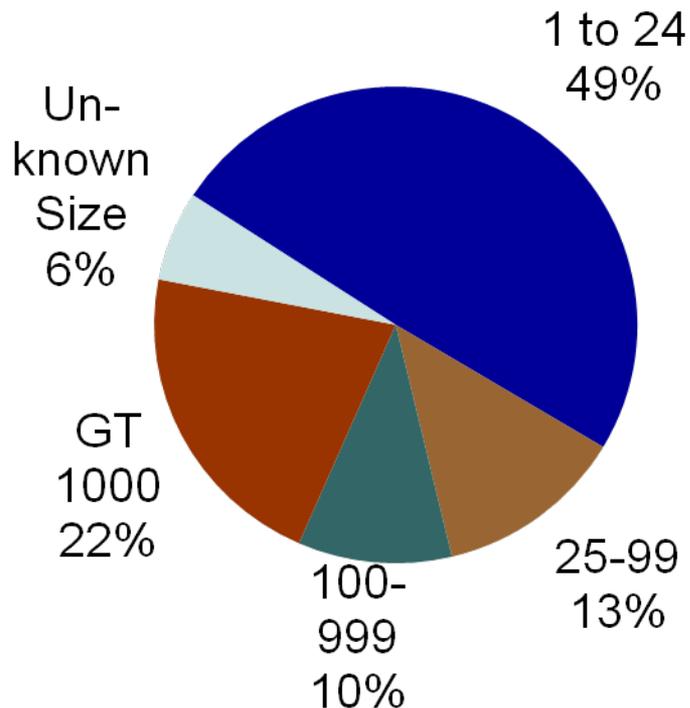
Uninsured: Family Connection to Workforce



- Two thirds of NC uninsured have someone in the family working full-time

Uninsured Workers More Likely To Work in Small Firms (NC, 2008-2009)

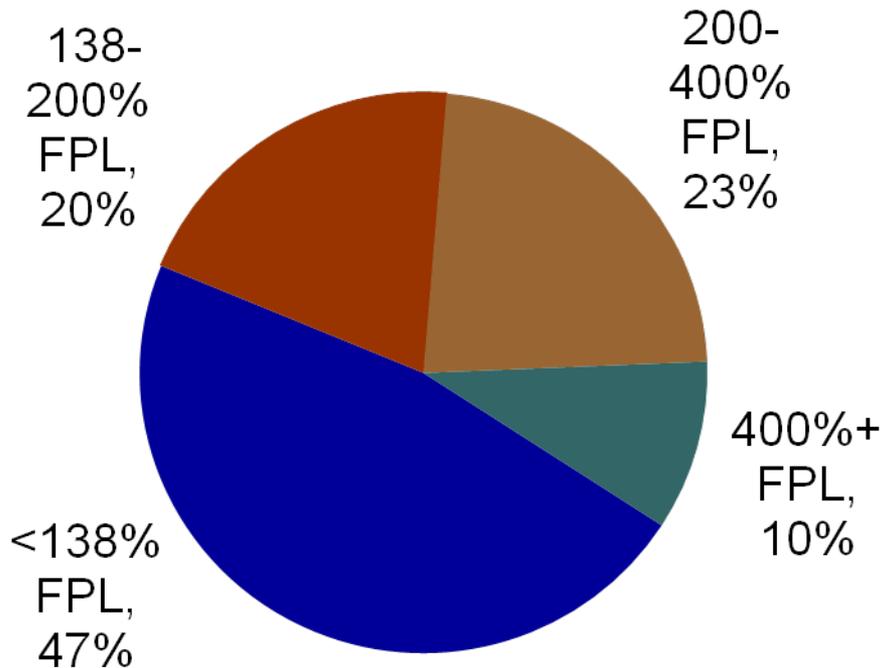
Uninsured Workers: Firm Size



- Most uninsured workers (62%) work for firms with fewer than 100 employees
- **Many uninsured workers in small firms will be eligible for insurance through Health Benefit Exchange**

Most Uninsured Have Low Incomes (NC, 2008-2009)

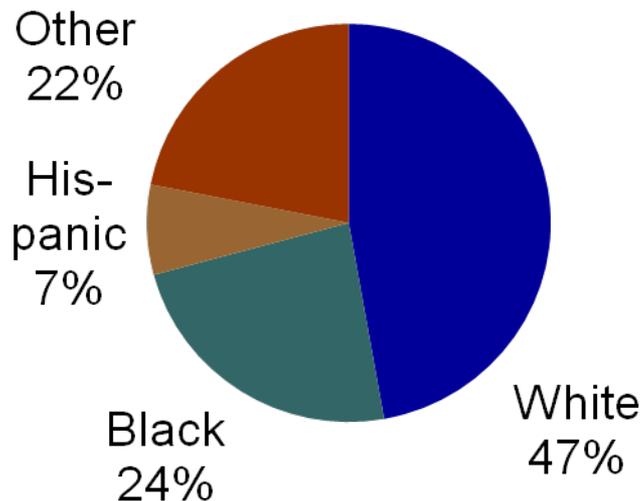
Uninsured: Income (FPL)



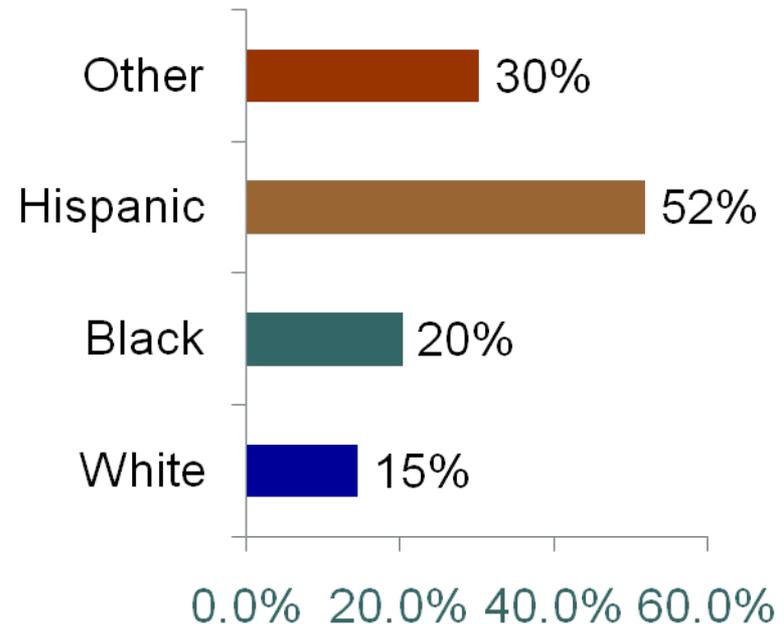
- Most individuals <138% FPL eligible for Medicaid
- Most children with incomes 138-200% FPL eligible for NC Health Choice
- Two-thirds of the uninsured have incomes below 200% FPL

Minorities Have Greater Likelihood of Being Uninsured (NC, 2008-2009)

Uninsured:
Race/Ethnicity



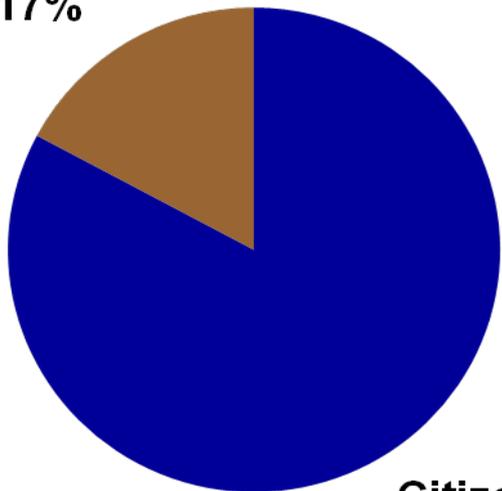
Likelihood of Being Uninsured



Majority of Uninsured in NC are Citizens (NC, 2008-2009)

Uninsured: Citizenship

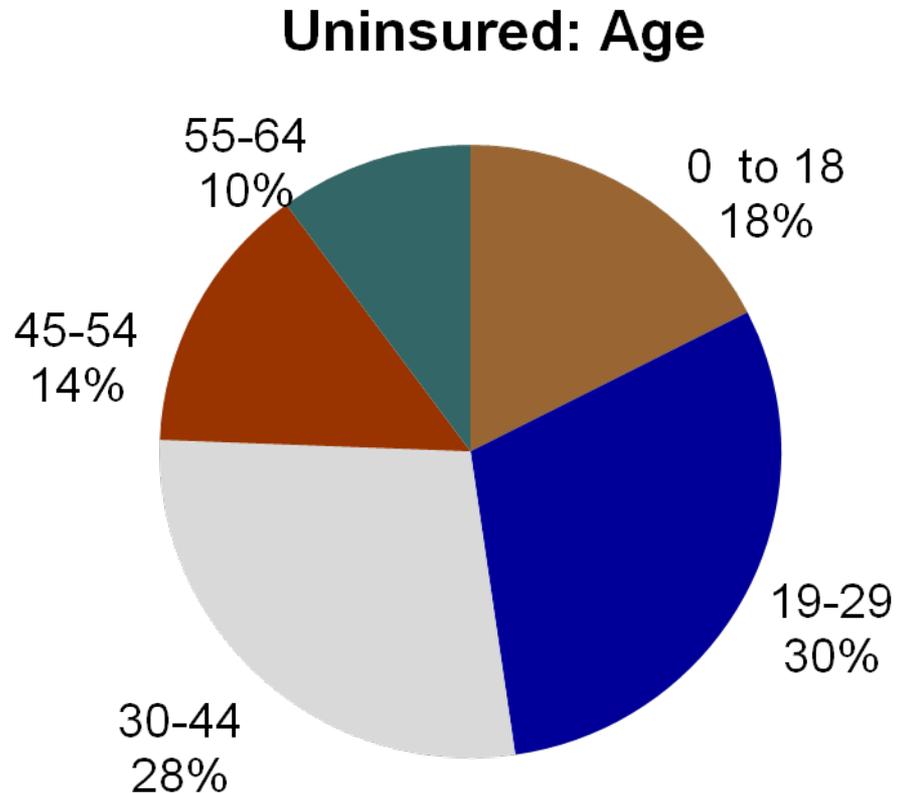
Non-citizen
17%



Citizen
83%

- The overwhelming majority of North Carolinians who lack insurance coverage are citizens
- Many of the non-citizens are lawfully present in the US and would be eligible for public or private health insurance through the ACA
- **Undocumented immigrants are not eligible for coverage through ACA**

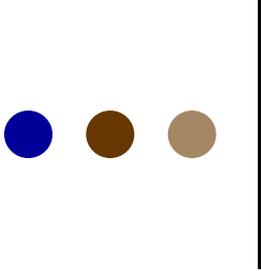
Age of Uninsured (NC, 2008-2009)



- Almost half of the uninsured are children or young adults
- **Children 0-18 may be eligible for CHIP or Medicaid**
- **Young adults 18-30 may be eligible for catastrophic coverage**

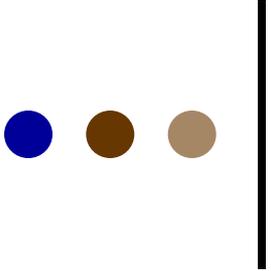
Uninsured Adults (19-64 years old)

- Approximately 23% of the non-elderly adults (19-64) were uninsured in 2008-2009 (~1.3 million people)
 - ~599,000 (45% of uninsured) have incomes <138% FPL—**many will be eligible for Medicaid**
 - ~260,000 (20% of uninsured) have incomes between 138-200% FPL—**These adults could be covered by a basic health plan or may be eligible for HBE if they do not have affordable employer sponsored insurance (ESI)**
 - 328,000 (25%) have incomes 138-400% FPG—**some will be eligible for subsidies in the HBE, if they do not have access to affordable ESI**
 - ~139,000 (11%) have incomes >400% FPG



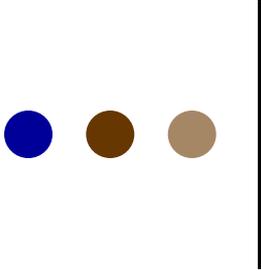
Uninsured Children (<19 years old)

- Approximately 12% of the children (0-18) were *uninsured* in 2008-2009 (~282,000 million children)
 - Family income
 - ~ 214,000 (76% of uninsured children) were in families with incomes <200% FPG—***most eligible for Medicaid or NC Health Choice***
 - ~ 50,000 (18%) were in families with incomes between 200-400% FPG—***some will be eligible for subsidies in HBE***
 - ~ 18,000 (6%) were in families with incomes >400% FPG



County-Level Estimates

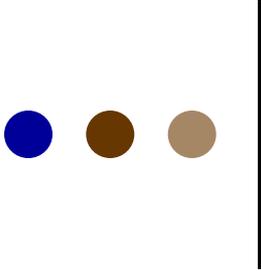
- NCIOM staff developed county-level estimates of the uninsured
- Developed a model which used state level estimates of the uninsured and adjusted to the county level based on:
 - Unemployment rates
 - Race/ethnicity
 - Age composition
 - Percent of population in poverty
 - Industry information (firm size, percent of county residents employed by different employment sectors)



County-Level Estimates: Data Source

- Data sources:

- Uninsured: US Census, Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement (state level)
- Age, gender, race/ethnicity, poverty, unemployment, firm size: US Census (county level)
- Industries and firm size: Employment Security Commission (county level)



County Level Estimates: Children (<age 19)

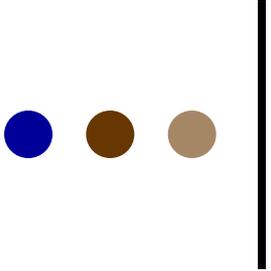
- Percent of uninsured children ranged from:
 - Low: Camden County (9.1% uninsured)
 - High: Duplin County (16.4% uninsured)
- Number of uninsured children
 - Low: Tyrrell County (106 uninsured)
 - High: Mecklenburg County (29,694 uninsured)
- *Caveat:* These are estimates of numbers and percentage of uninsured. The differences among counties are small and may not reflect real differences in the numbers or percentage of uninsured

County Level Estimates: Nonelderly Adults (19-64)

- Percent of uninsured nonelderly adults ranged from:
 - Low: Stokes County (19.3% uninsured)
 - High: Tyrrell County (33.5% uninsured)
- Number of uninsured nonelderly adults
 - Low: Tyrrell County (884 uninsured)
 - High: Mecklenburg County (137,826 uninsured)
- Same caveat applies

County Level Estimates: Total Nonelderly

- Percent of total nonelderly uninsured ranged from:
 - Low: Stokes County (16.6% uninsured)
 - High: Tyrrell County (28.8% uninsured)
- Number of uninsured nonelderly adults
 - Low: Tyrrell County (990 uninsured)
 - High: Mecklenburg County (167,520 uninsured)
- Same caveat applies



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Potential HBE Eligibles: Small Group Coverage (2008-2009, MEPS)

	Less than 50 employees	50-99 Ees	<100 Ees
Number of private sector establishments (Table II.A.1)	139,286	6,161	145,447
Number of private sector employees (Table II.B.1)	908,267	208,328	1,116,595
Number of private sector employees <u>enrolled</u> in health insurance through their job: <i>Some small employers may offer coverage through HBE</i>	284,055	113,497	397,552
Number of private sector employees working for small firms who are <u>NOT</u> enrolled in health insurance through their job: <i>Many will be eligible for subsidies or coverage through HBE</i>	624,212	94,831	719,043

Potential HBE Eligibles: Background Data on Small Group Coverage (2008-2009, MEPS)

	Less than 50 employees	50-99 Ees	<100 Ees
Percent of private sector employees in establishments that offer health insurance (Table II.B.2)	55.5%	80.1%	60.1%
Percent of private sector employees eligible for health insurance in establishments that offer health insurance (Table II.b.2.a)	77.4%	84.6%	79.2%
Percent of private sector employees eligible for health insurance that are enrolled in health insurance in establishments that offer (Table II.B.2.a.1)	72.8%	80.4%	74.8%
Percent of private sector employees that are enrolled in health insurance at establishments that offer health insurance (Table II.B.2.b)*	56.3%	68.1%	59.2%

Source: Schiro S. Analysis of the Medical Expenditure Survey Data. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. 2008-2009. * Percent private sector employees enrolled in the combination of those eligible, and those enrolled. For example, $77.4\% \times 72.8\% = 56.3\%$ of <50 employees.