

Local Data on Poverty Status and Health Insurance Coverage in Wisconsin La Crosse County, 2004-2006

	Estimated Number	95% Confidence Interval	Estimated Percent	95% Confidence Interval
La Crosse County Total	104,000		100%	
Poverty Status				
Less than 100% of FPL	10,000	+/- 4,000	10%	+/- 4%
100%-199% of FPL	19,000	+/- 5,000	18%	+/- 4%
200% or more of FPL	71,000	+/- 10,000	68%	+/- 6%
Unknown	4,000	+/- 2,000	4%	+/- 2%
Insurance Status				
Insured all of the past year	93,000	+/- 12,000	89%	+/- 4%
Insured part of the past year	6,000	+/- 3,000	5%	+/- 3%
Uninsured all of the past year	3,000	+/- 2,000	3%	+/- 2%
Insurance Type				
Currently uninsured	5,000	+/- 3,000	5%	+/- 3%
Employer-sponsored	69,000	+/- 10,000	66%	+/- 6%
Private	6,000	+/- 3,000	6%	+/- 3%
Medicaid	12,000	+/- 4,000	11%	+/- 4%
Medicare	8,000	+/- 3,000	8%	+/- 3%
Others	1,000	+/- 1,000	1%	+/- 1%

Source: 2004-2006 Wisconsin Family Health Survey, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, Division of Public Health, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. Sample size for La Crosse County: 298.

Notes:

Estimated numbers have been rounded to nearest 1,000 to avoid unwarranted precision. Estimated percentages have been rounded to nearest whole percentage. A dash (--) indicates 0.5% or less, or fewer than 1,000 persons.

Poverty status is expressed as a percentage of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), and is based on responses to questions about household size and income.

Insured all of the past year, insured part of the past year or uninsured all year measures health insurance status during the 12 consecutive months prior to the survey interview.

Insurance type is a measure of persons insured and uninsured at one point in time. It is a “snapshot” of insurance coverage at the time of the survey interview. Some people have multiple types of insurance, but each person is counted only once in this table. Those with multiple types of insurance are tabulated according to the order of categories in the third panel of this table. For example, someone with both Medicare and private insurance would be counted in the private category. This substantially reduces the estimated number and percent with Medicare coverage, and also slightly reduces estimates of private and Medicaid coverage.

The Wisconsin Family Health Survey is a random-sample telephone survey conducted each year by DHFS. An adult in each sampled household answers the survey questions on behalf of all people living in that household. Survey data represent all household residents. Persons living in group quarters such as nursing homes, dormitories, and jails are not represented by survey results. More information about the survey is on the Web:

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/stats/healthinsurance.htm>

For more information:

Eleanor Cautley, Research Analyst, Bureau of Health Information and Policy, (608) 267-9545, or e-mail the Bureau of Health Information and Policy, bhip@dhfs.state.wi.us