Latinos are more likely to be uninsured than any other racial or ethnic group in the U.S. However, Hispanic families’ access to health insurance varies by state (see Figure 1). In Vermont:

- Latinos have inadequate access to the current health coverage system. In 2008, about two-thirds (67.6%) of all Latinos living in Vermont had employer-sponsored health insurance, and one-fifth (21.6%) were covered by Medicaid or the Children’s Health Insurance Program.²

- As a result, Latino families are at risk for unemployment. That year, 6.5% of Latinos in Vermont were uninsured, including 3.1% of Latino children under age 18 with no form of health coverage.³

- Latinos are a small but critical share of the uninsured. Hispanics made up 1.5% of the total state population in 2008 and represented 1% of Vermont’s uninsured.⁴

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Figure 1: Hispanic Uninsurance Rate by State, 2008

The terms "Hispanic" and "Latino" are used interchangeably by the U.S. Census Bureau and throughout this document to refer to persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central and South American, Dominican, Spanish, and other Hispanic descent; they may be of any race. Furthermore, unless otherwise noted, estimates in this document do not include the 3.9 million residents of Puerto Rico.


Ibid.

Ibid.