

# CHIA Standard Statistics: Insurance Rate of Massachusetts Residents



Time Period/Data Year(s): 2008-2011, 2014, 2015, and 2017  
Governing Legislation: M.G.L. c. 12C, section 21

<b>Description</b>	Population insurance coverage rate is calculated using data from CHIA's Massachusetts Health Insurance Survey (MHIS). CHIA reports rate of insurance coverage at the time of the survey as well as rates during other time frames (e.g., insured at any time during the past 12 months, always insured in the past 12 months). Health Safety Net or Medical Hardship is not included as coverage in this survey.
<b>Frequency</b>	The survey was conducted annually through 2015; biennially after 2015.
<b>Statutory Definition</b>	CHIA is directed to "establish a continuing program of investigation and study of the <i>uninsured and underinsured in the commonwealth, including the health insurance needs of the residents of the geographically isolated or rural areas of the commonwealth</i> . Said continuing investigation and study shall examine the overall impact of programs developed by the center and the division of medical assistance on the uninsured, the underinsured and the role of employers in assisting their employees in affording health insurance (emphasis added)."
<b>Data Submitters</b>	CHIA collects data from a random sample of residents in Massachusetts using the MHIS survey instruments.
<b>Data Included</b>	Health insurance coverage, health care access, utilization and affordability
<b>Quality Assurance Process</b>	CHIA's survey vendor follows industrial best practices during the data collection phase to ensure respondent cooperation. During the analytic phase, CHIA's vendor uses a rigorous internal quality assurance (QA) process for post-survey data processing, weighting, and analysis. CHIA conducts an independent QA review to check consistency and to evaluate/validate results during the publication phase.
<b>Reports</b>	<a href="#">Findings from the 2017 Massachusetts Health Insurance Survey</a> (December 2017)
<b>Data Notes</b>	CHIA uses a multi-item approach to assess insurance coverage since 2008. This approach was recommended by the Urban Institute.

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<b>How to Obtain Data</b>	Current and historical MHIS survey databooks are available on CHIA's <a href="#">website</a> .
<b>Related CHIA Measures</b>	None
<b>Questions?</b>	Questions may be directed to Zi Zhang, Director of Research, Health System Performance at <a href="mailto:Zi.Zhang@state.ma.us">Zi.Zhang@state.ma.us</a> .