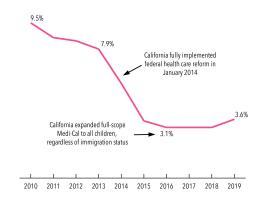
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After Reaching the Lowest Child Uninsured Rate in California History, Children Are Losing Health Coverage

Percentage of Children in California Without Health Coverage, 2010 to 2019



Note: Estimates are based on survey respondents' health care coverage status at the time of the interview. The change in the rate from 2018 to 2019 is statistically different from zero at the 90% confidence level.

Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey

- In California, an estimated 334,000 children (3.6%) lacked health coverage in 2019 up from a low of 3.1% in 2016. Uninsured rates are highest among American Indian/ Alaskan Native children (6.9%) and Latinx children (4.4%).
- Children with health coverage are more likely to be healthy, both in the short term and later in life. They are also more likely to perform better in school and achieve economic stability.
- Trump Administration policies, such as public charge and efforts to undermine the Affordable Care Act, have contributed to a decline in health coverage. Federal and state policymakers must ensure that all children have access to comprehensive health coverage to break down barriers blocking children and their families from thriving as well as to support community well-being.

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