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## Michigan top 10 state for children with health insurance

*Medicaid expansion one important factor in high rate of coverage*

Michigan ranks 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation for the share of children with health insurance, and second in the Midwest only to Illinois, a [report](#) prepared by the Georgetown University Health Policy Institute shows.

The number of Michigan children under 19 insured in 2017 (the most recent year for which complete [U.S. Census data](#) was available) ticked up to 97.0 from 96.9 percent in 2016. Private insurance covered 63.4 percent of state children (up from 63.2 percent in 2016) and public (Medicaid primarily) covered 38.4 percent (down from 38.7 percent in 2016).

Nationally, the number of insured children dropped from 95.3 percent to 95.0 percent, the first decrease since 2008. The Census data showed nationally 39.0 percent of children were insured by public programs in 2017.

The state with the highest percentage of insured children was Massachusetts, at 98.5 percent. The state with the lowest percentage was Texas, at 89.3 percent. In the Midwest, Indiana had the lowest percentage of children covered, at 93.7 percent. Neither Texas nor Indiana participate in Medicaid expansion provided under the Affordable Care Act.

“We are pleased that Michigan is a leader in providing health insurance for our most valuable resource, our children,” said Dominick Pallone, executive director of Michigan Association of Health Plans. “As with all of the leading states, one critical factor has been our willingness to embrace the Healthy Michigan Plan and ensure that children in families that fall just above the poverty line have access to health care. Our members who participate in the state’s managed Medicaid program are proud to engage in outreach efforts to help achieve this high mark. [We encourage Governor Whitmer and the Legislature to protect the Healthy Michigan program.](#)”

Statewide, only about 5.2 percent of Michiganders were without health insurance in 2017, down from 5.4 percent in 2016. That compared to 8.7 percent nationally. The share of Michigan residents receiving public insurance dropped from 38.7 in 2016 to 38.6 percent in 2017.

*The Michigan Association of Health Plans (MAHP) is an industry voice for 13 health care plans, covering over 3.1 million Michigan residents, and over 50 businesses affiliated with the health care industry. MAHP facilitates communication among members, government, and the industry regarding health care issues of*

*common concern. The mission of the Michigan Association of Health Plans is to provide leadership for the promotion and advocacy of high quality, affordable, accessible health care for the citizens of Michigan.*