# Milwaukee Coverage Report

August 2021





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## **BadgerCare Plus Enrollment – Highlights**

- Total Milwaukee County BadgerCare Plus enrollment reached 287,672 in June 2021, a 24.4% increase between March 2020 and June 2021
   – totaling 56,449 added BadgerCare Plus members.
  - Children increased 4.1%
  - Childless adults increased 47.6%
  - Parents/caretakers increased 21.1%
  - Income extensions increased 63.3%
- Note: As of March 18, 2020, no existing members of Medicaid or BadgerCare Plus are disenrolled or undergo eligibility redeterminations during the COVID-19 PHE. Reported increases in enrollment include members who have existing enrollment extended who would otherwise have been terminated. Any newly eligible entrants to the program account for an undetermined portion of the reported enrollment increases. However, it is likely that the members sustained in Medicaid coverage under the disenrollment freeze account for the majority of enrollment increases. Some portion of this "freeze" group would have been re-determined Medicaid eligible regardless of the freeze, as they would have lost earnings during the PHE. Others, who have increases in household income or returns to employment, may lose Medicaid enrollment at the end of the PHE, once they go through the eligibility re-determination process.

## **BadgerCare Enrollment**

Change with COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

Milwaukee County	Mar-20	Sep-20	Dec-20	June 2021	Change March 2020-June 2021	% Change, March 2020-March 2021
Children	110,852	116,862	115,657	115,343	4,491	4.1%
Income Extensions*	28,276	33,984	39,864	46,166	17,890	63.3%
Parents/Caretakers	36,443	42,949	43,098	44,123	7,680	21.1%
Childless Adults	50,567	64,138	68,543	74,6 <b>42</b>	24,075	47.6%
BadgerCare Plus Total (Other BadgerCare are included in this total)	231,223	264,275	273,940	287,672	56,449	24.4%

• This includes those members who remained enrolled under the Public Health Emergency disenrollment freeze.

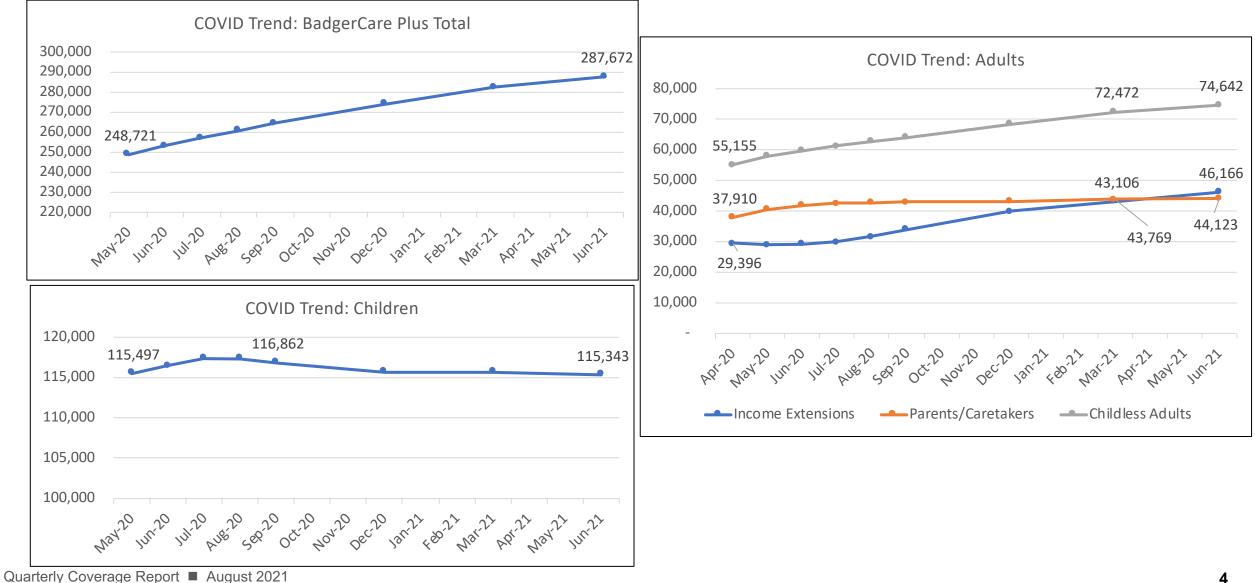
 Statewide, BadgerCare Plus enrollment increased 31.4% between March 2020 and June 2021, with 1,021,031 members counted for June 2021 enrollment (an increase of 242,719 since March 2020).

\*A BadgerCare Plus extension is a period of eligibility given to a person when the assistance group's income increases above 100 percent FPL either due to an increase in earned income and/or spousal support and otherwise meets the BadgerCare Plus eligibility criteria for people with incomes below 100 percent FPL.

Medicaid/BadgerCare Monthly Enrollment: https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/Content/Member/caseloads/enrollment/enrollment.htm.spage **3** 

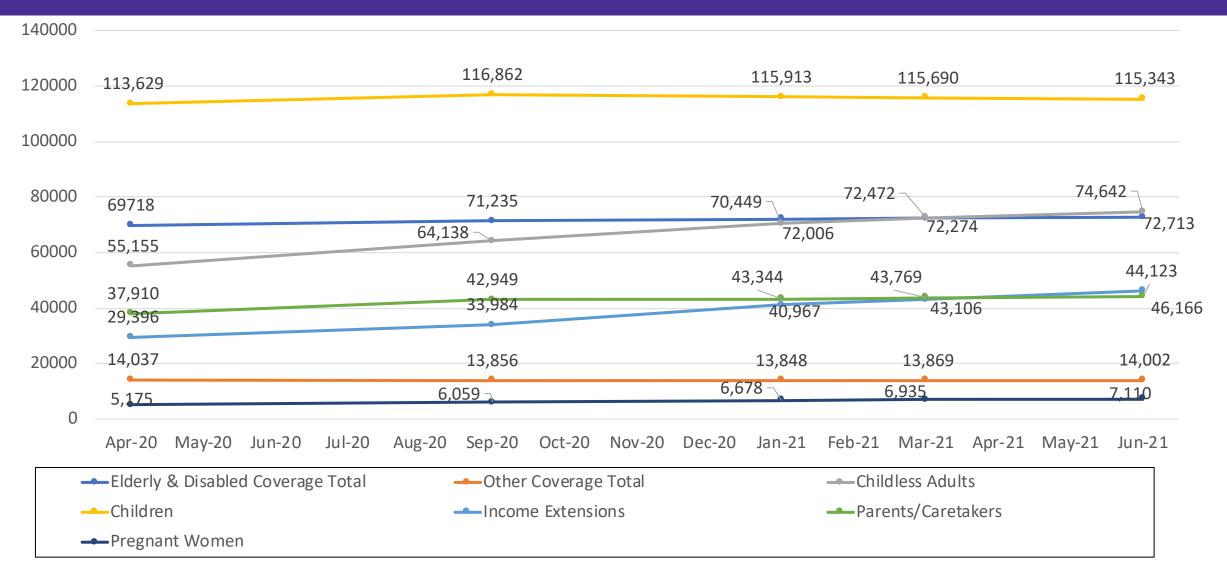
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## Medicaid / BadgerCare Trends

Milwaukee County, January 2020– June 2021

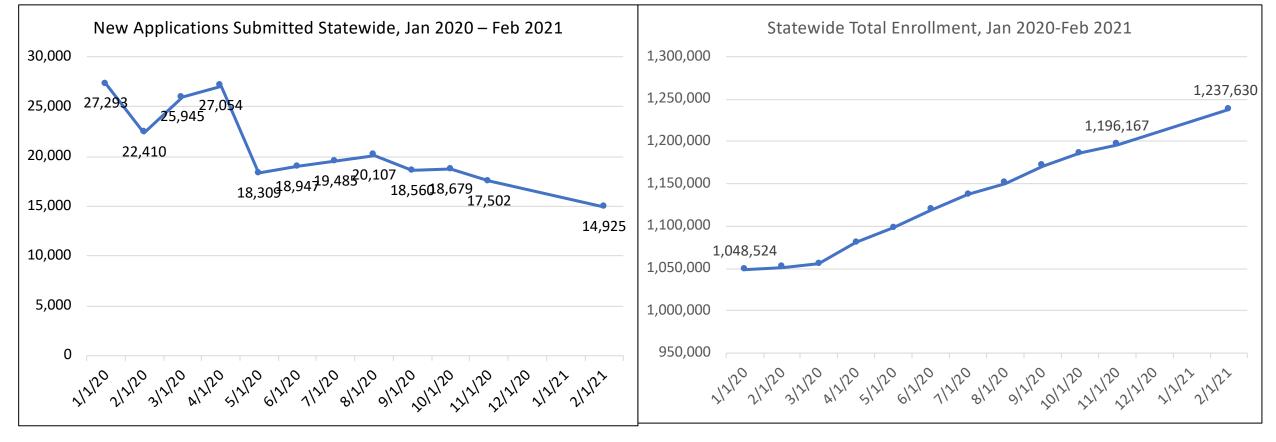


## Milwaukee County Unemployment Rate Trend



- The unemployment rate tripled at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Employment has steadily, but not fully recovered.
- Unemployment as of May 2021 remains 49% higher than pre-pandemic in the City of Milwaukee, and 35% higher than prepandemic in Milwaukee County.

- Accumulation of existing cases due to March 2020 disenrollment freeze rather than ongoing new applicants -accounts for most of the enrollment growth that has occurred since that time.
- Most increase in caseload since early 2020 will need to be re-assessed for eligibility at the end of the public health emergency (planned for end of CY2021); Many will lose eligibility and need to find other sources of coverage.



# Medicaid Enrollment

#### Milwaukee County compared to Wisconsin Statewide

- As of June 2021,
  - 40% of Milwaukee County residents (374,387 people) are enrolled in Medicaid
  - 26% of Wisconsin residents (1,470,378 people) are enrolled in Medicaid
  - Milwaukee County accounts for a quarter of Wisconsin's statewide Medicaid enrollments.

- American Community Survey 2019 data (most recent available):
  - 21% of Milwaukee County residents (192,495 people) had Medicaid alone as their health insurance
  - 12% of Wisconsin residents had Medicaid alone as their health insurance

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#### Medicaid / BadgerCare Enrollment Milwaukee County, as of March 2021

	# Covered in Milwaukee County	% of Milwaukee County Population	# Covered in Wisconsin	% of State Population
BadgerCare Children	115,343	48.5% (of all children)	422,699	31.4% (of all children)
BadgerCare Parents and Caretakers	44,123	7.7% (of all adults ages 18-64)	161,116	4.7% (of all adults ages 18-64)
BadgerCare Childless Adults	74,642	13.1% (of all adults ages 18-64)	244,672	7.2% (of all adults ages 18-64)
Other BadgerCare: Pregnant Women, Youths Exiting Foster Care, Income Extensions, Express Enroll	53,564		192,544	
Total BadgerCare	287,672	30.7% of total population	1,021,031	17.8% of total population
Elderly/Blind/Disabled	72,713		260,066	
Other Coverage	14,002		189.281	
Total Medicaid	374,387	40.0% of total population	1,470,378	25.6% of total population

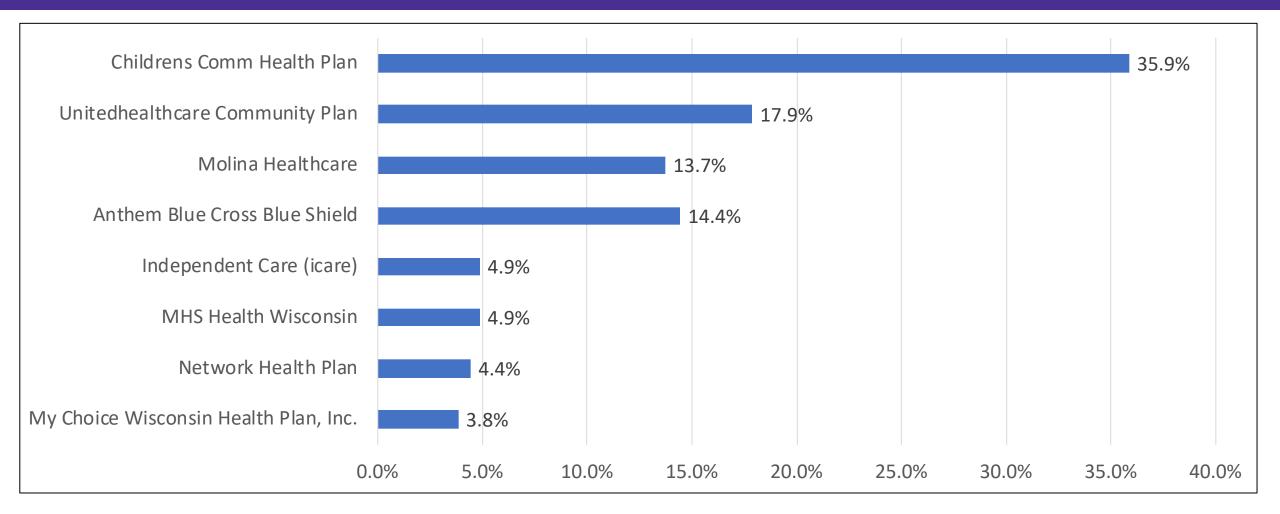
## **Medicaid HMO Enrollment**

#### Milwaukee County, June 2021

	BadgerCare		SSI		Family Care		All	
	# enrolled	% of all BC	# enrolled	% of all SSI	# enrolled	% of all Family Care	June 2021 Total	% of enrollments
Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield	40,082	14.4%	2,639	11.4%			42,721	13.7%
Childrens Comm Health Plan	99,595	35.9%					99,595	32.0%
Community Care Health Plan					3,764	35.5%	3,764	1.2%
Independent Care (icare)	13,889	4.9%	5,821	25.1%			19,710	6.3%
Managed Health Services	0		2,688	11.6%			2,688	0.9%
MHS Health Wisconsin	13,507	4.9%	-				13,507	4.3%
Molina Healthcare	38,120	13.7%	1,999	8.6%			40,119	12.9%
My Choice Wisconsin Health Plan, Inc.	10,656	3.8%			6,850	64.5%	17,506	5.6%
Network Health Plan	12,287	4.4%	1,488	6.4%			13,775	4.4%
Unitedhealthcare Community Plan	49,619	17.9%	8,573	36.9%			58,192	18.7%
Total	277,755	100%	23,208	100%	10,614	100%	311,577	100%

Note: Table omits plans with fewer than 100 enrolled Medicaid members

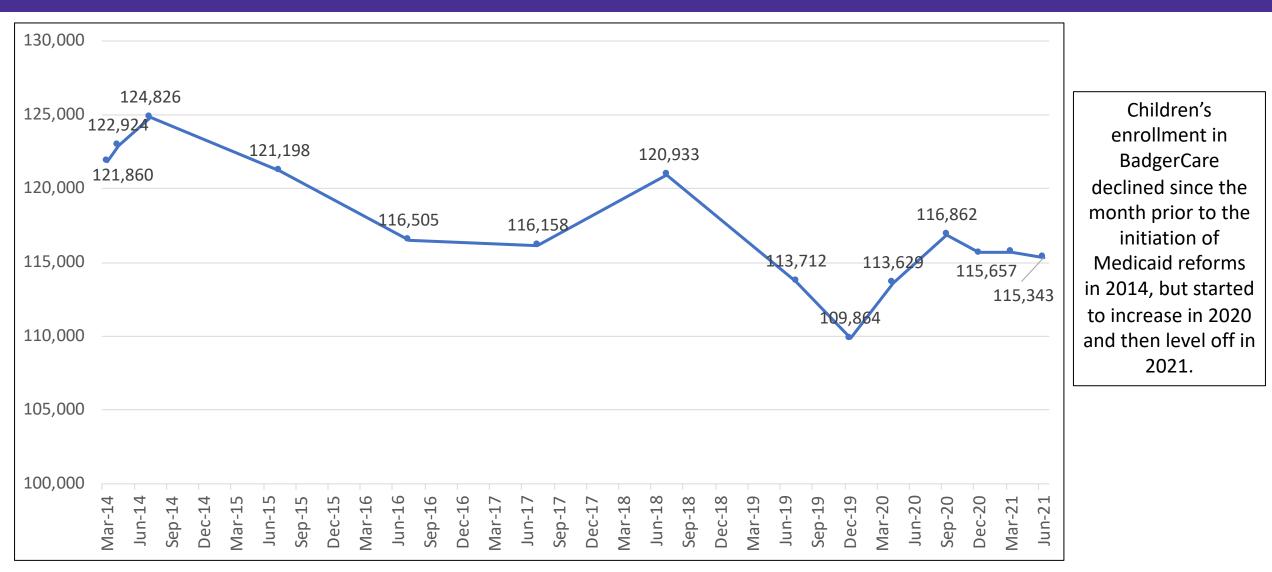
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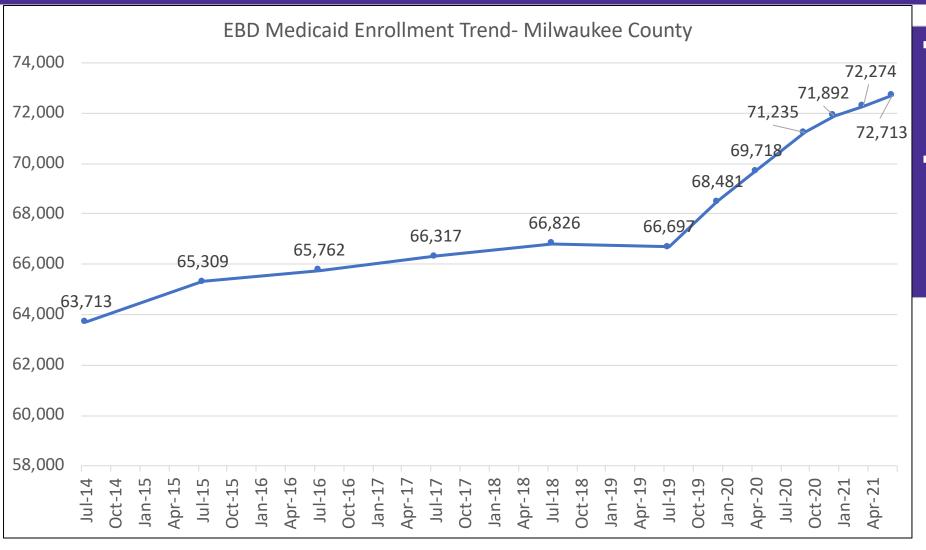
## Medicaid / BadgerCare Children Trends

Milwaukee County, March 2014 to June 2021



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#### Medicaid Elderly, Blind, and Disabled (EBD) Milwaukee County, March 2014 through June 2021



 EBD includes SSI, SSI-related, Institutionalized, Waiver, MAPP, Katie Beckett Program.

 EBD has been steadily increasing at a lower rate since 2013, and is increasing more substantially since mid-2019.

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## ACA Marketplace Enrollment – OE8 Highlights

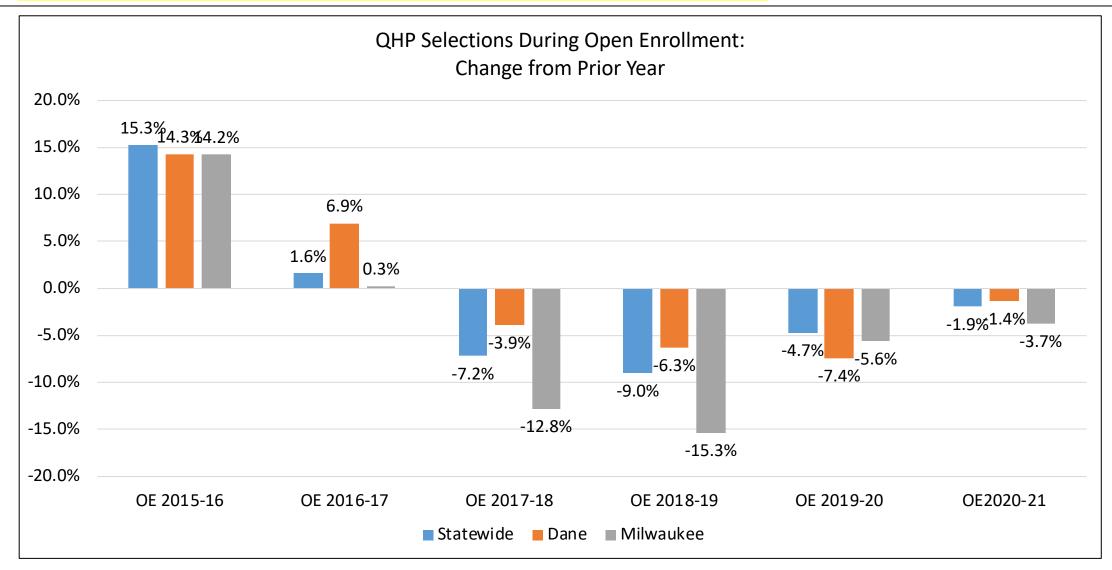
- A detailed Marketplace report from Open Enrollment (OE) 8 (Nov. 1 Dec 15, 2020), including county level data, was just released by CMS (slides 4-8).
- Nationally, enrollment through HealthCare.gov increased by about 6.6% compared to last year during OE8.
- The ACA OE8 in **Wisconsin** saw a **2% decline** from the previous year's open enrollment period.
- It is not yet clear what might have contributed to the decline in Wisconsin's Marketplace enrollments. It may relate to the substantial increase in Medicaid enrollment, and the suspension of Medicaid disenrollments and redeterminations, under the public health emergency continuous coverage policy.
- Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE), Marketplace enrollment re-opened from February 15 – August 15, 2021.

## **Marketplace Enrollment Data for OE8**

- Nationally, plan selections through HealthCare.gov increased by about 6.6% during Open Enrollment 8, compared to Open Enrollment 7.
- The ACA OE8 yielded 191,702 Marketplace Plan selections in WI. This amounted to a 2% decline from the previous year's open enrollment period.

Wisconsin	OE1 2013-2014	OE 2 2014-15	OE 3 2015-16	OE 4 2016-17	OE 5 2017-18	OE 6 2018-19	OE 7 2019-20	OE 8 2020-21
QHP Selections	158,048	207,349	239,034	242,863	225,435	205,118	195,498	191,702
Change from prior year		31.2%	15.3%	1.6%	-7.2%	-9.0%	-4.7%	-1.9%

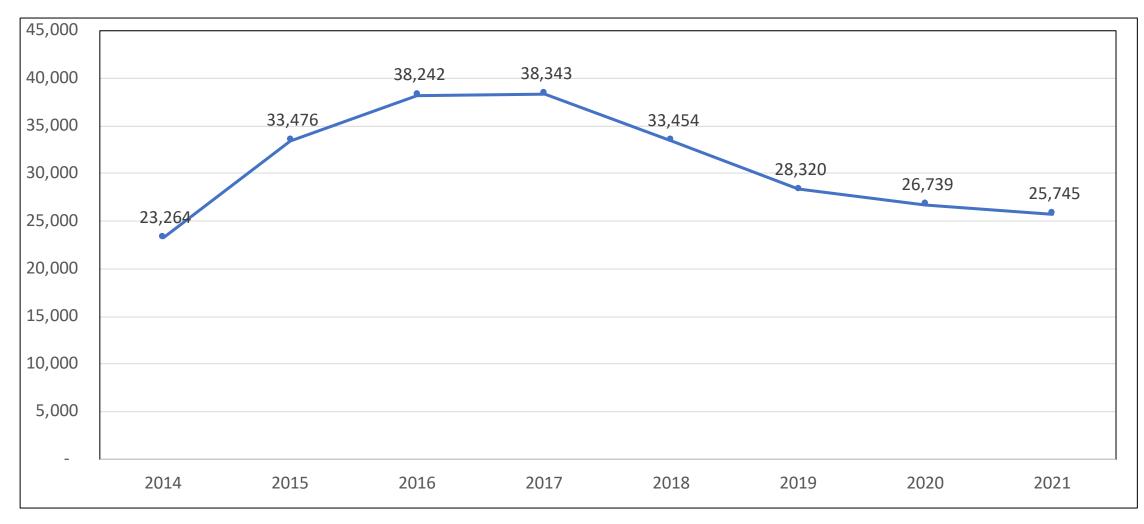
- ACA Plan Selections during open enrollment have decreased statewide and in the state's two largest counties.
- The decline in Dane County has generally been smaller than the statewide rate of decline.
- The decline in Milwaukee County has exceeded the rate of statewide decline.

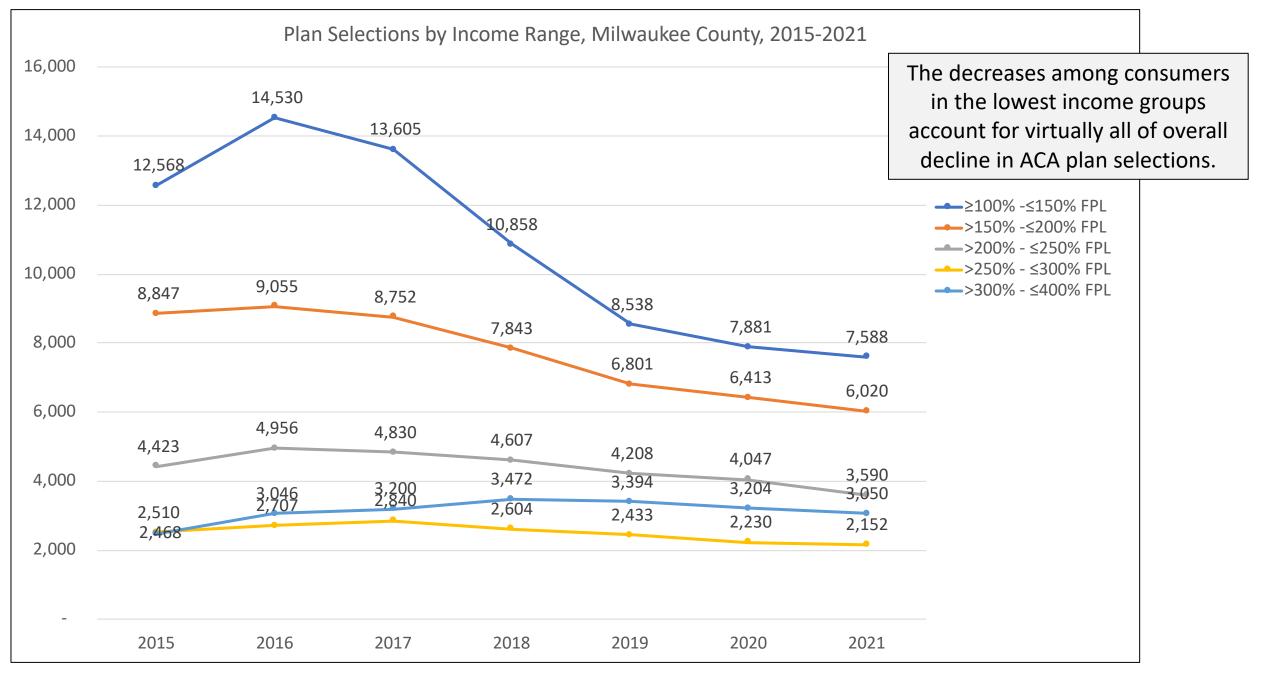


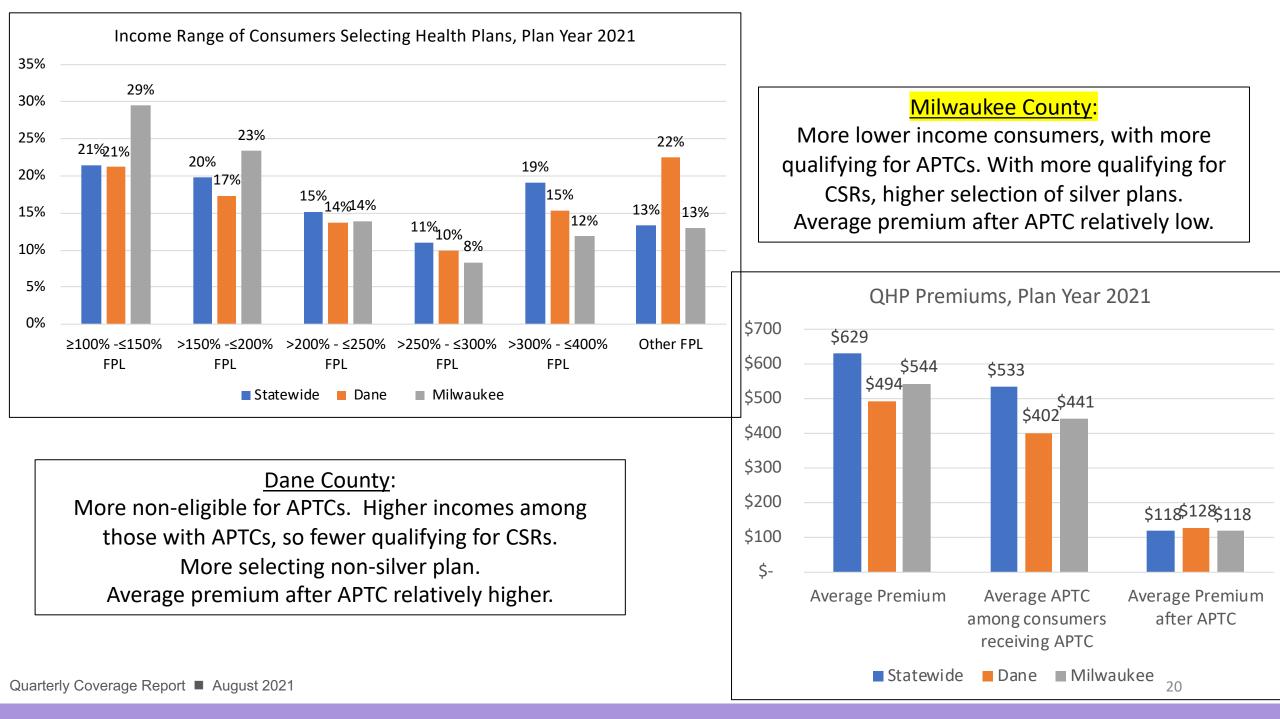
#### Milwaukee County ACA Plan Selections for Plan Year 2021 (Compared to Plan Year 2020 as of Open Enrollment end December 15)

	Plan Year 2021	Plan Year 2020	Note: Declines in
Total Consumers Selecting Plans	25,745	26,739	consumers receiving CSRs, along with
Consumers with APTC	21,474 (83%)	22,969 (86%)	decline in Average APTC, reflects
Consumers with CSRs	12,332 (48%)	14,339 (54%)	increase in consumers selecting
Average Premium before APTC	\$544	\$594	Bronze Plans
Average APTC	\$441	\$516	
Average Premium for Consumers receiving APTC	\$118	\$90	

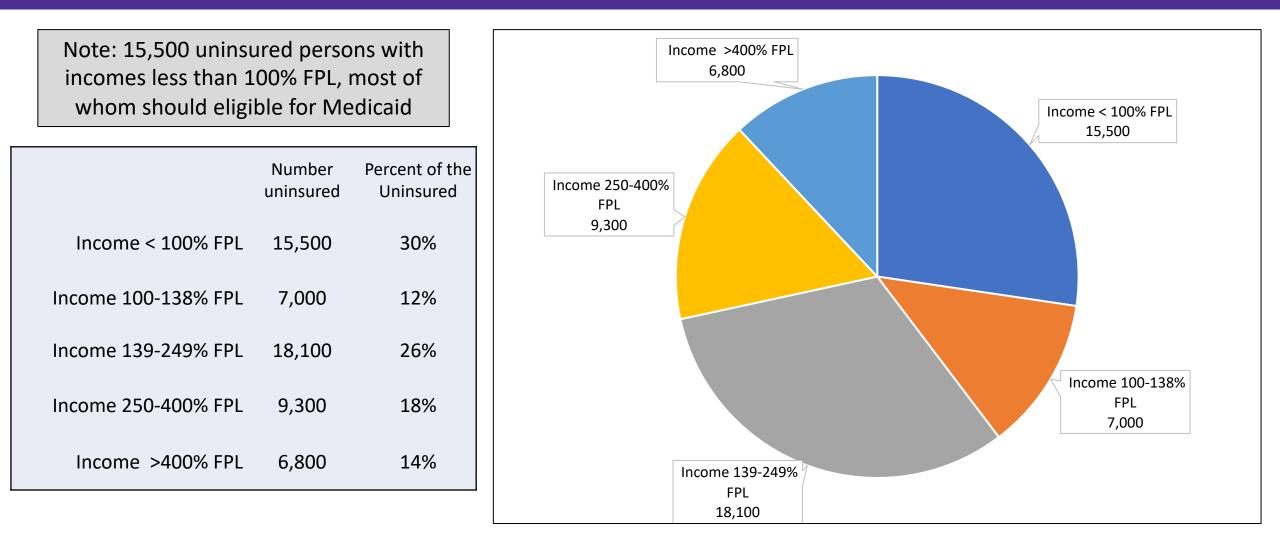
## Plan Selections for Milwaukee County, Trend 2014-2021







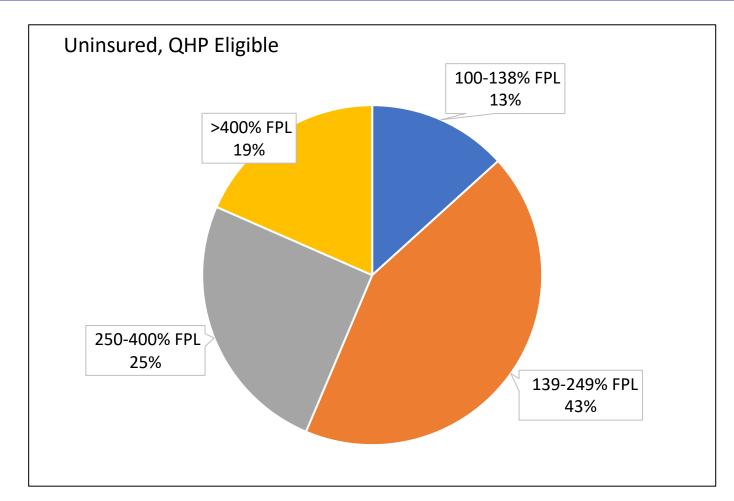
## New Uninsured Detail by Income Level Milwaukee County as of 2019



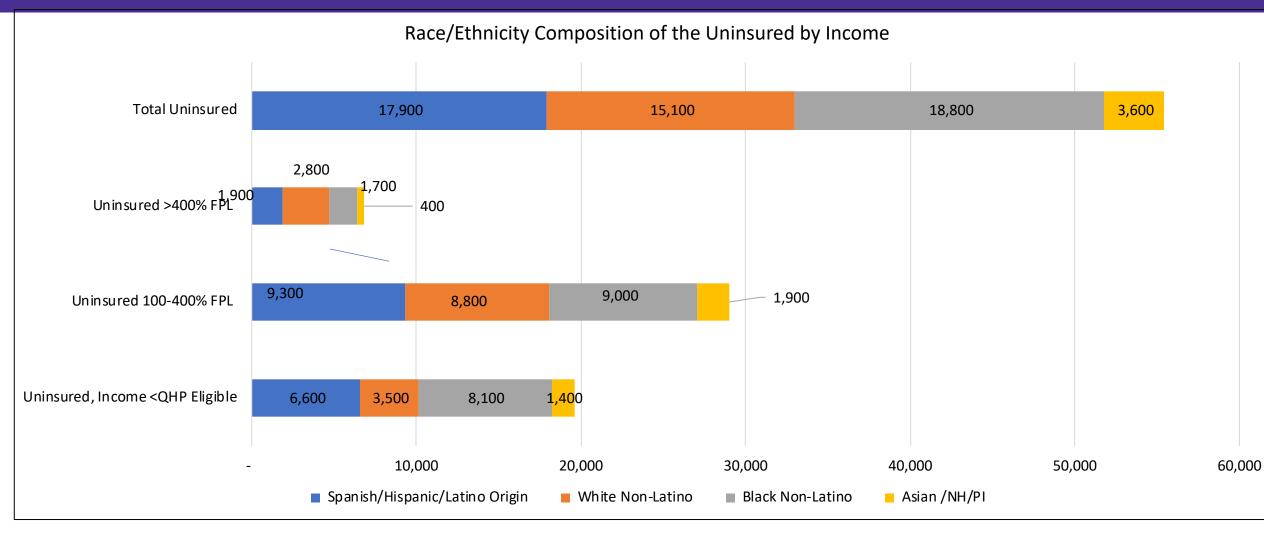
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Uninsured Persons with incomes that qualify them to purchase qualified health plans (QHPs) in the Marketplace, at various subsidy levels.

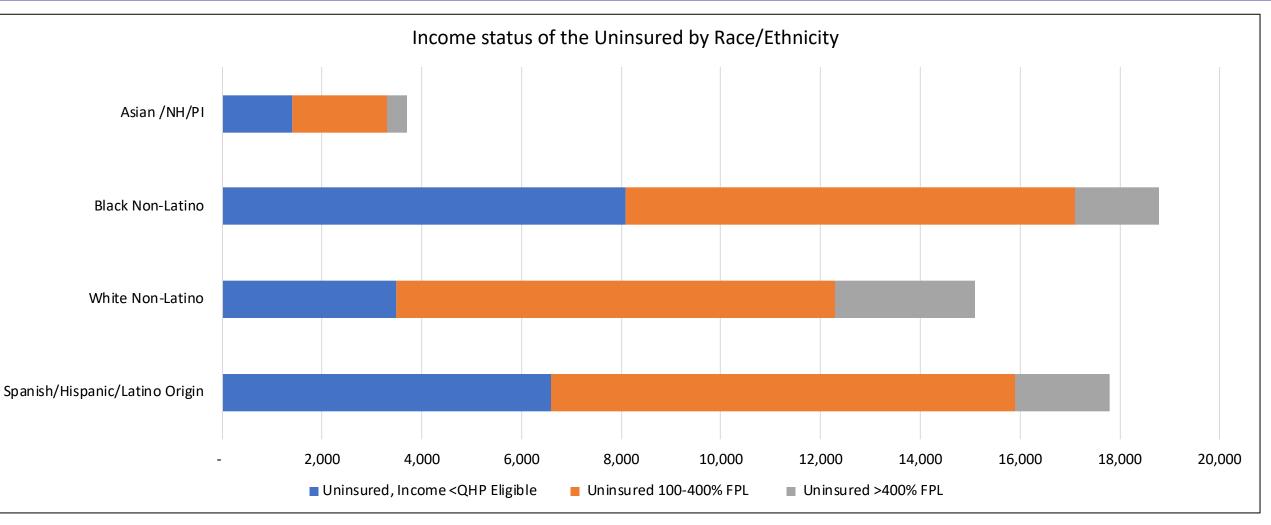
QHP Eligible Uninsured = 36,900	Number
100-138% FPL	4,900
139-249% FPL	15,900
250-400% FPL	9,300
>400% FPL	6,800



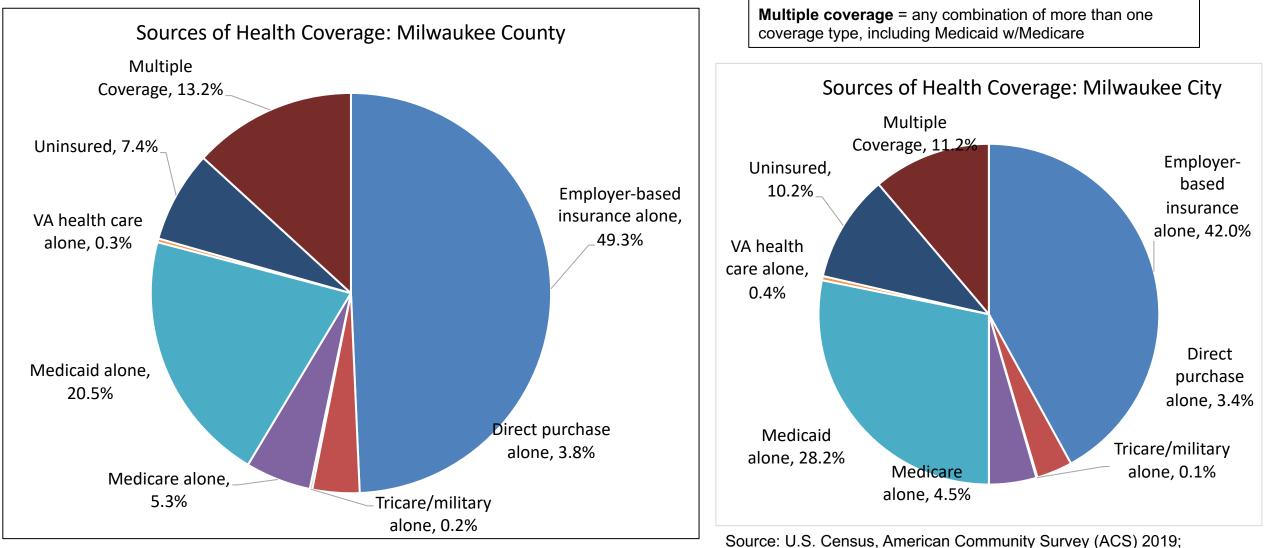
## New Uninsured Detail on Race/Ethnicity and Income Milwaukee County of as 2019



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## **Sources of Health Insurance - Detail** *Milwaukee County and City as of 2019*



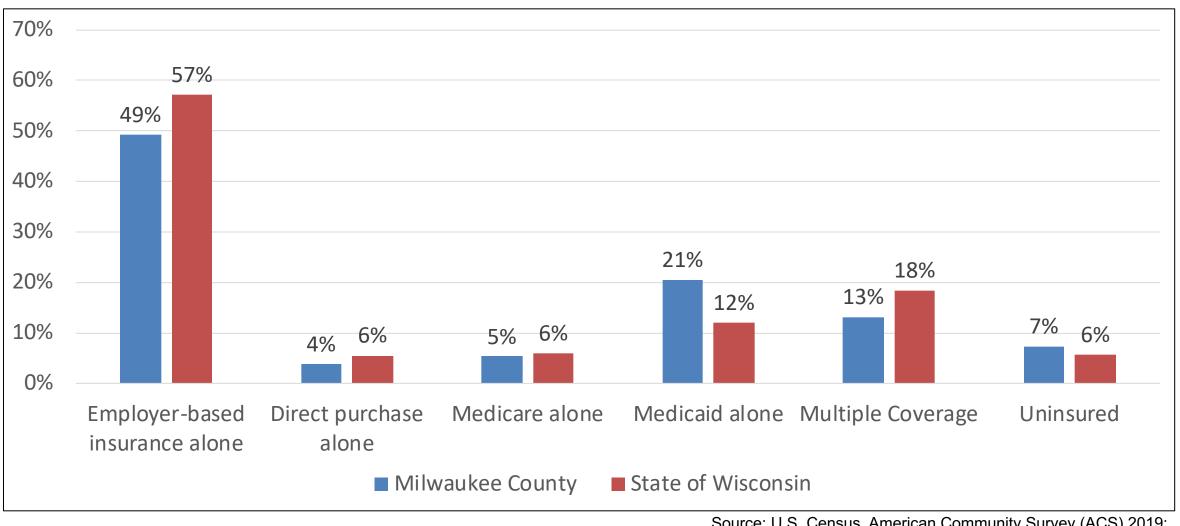
Most recently available data

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## **Sources of Health Insurance - Detail**

Milwaukee County Compared to Statewide 2019



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Source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey (ACS) 2019; Most recently available data

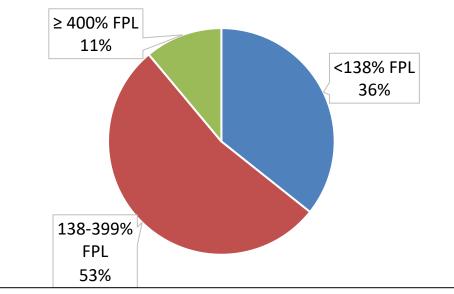
# **Uninsured in Milwaukee County - 2019**

	20	17	20	% change 2017-	
Detail Uninsured	Number Uninsured	Percent Uninsured	Number Uninsured	Percent Uninsured	2019
< 100% FPL	16,988	9.7	14,462	9.4%	-14.9%
<138% FPL	24,358	9.7	24,640	10.7%	1.2%
138-399% FPL	36,676	9.5	36,741	9.6%	0.2%
>400% FPL	6,773	2.3	7,645	2.4%	12.9%
Total Population	67,807	7.3	69,026	7.5%	1.8%

Milwaukee County residents with incomes above 400% FPL experienced a 13% increase in uninsured between 2017 to 2019, while the percentage of uninsured with incomes <100% FPL declined by 15%. Milwaukee County residents below 100% FPL account for 21% of the uninsured, with 14,462 uninsured in this income group. Most should qualify for

Medicaid/BadgerCare Plus.

Uninsured by Income Status, 2019



Source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey (ACS) 2017 and 2019, most recently available data

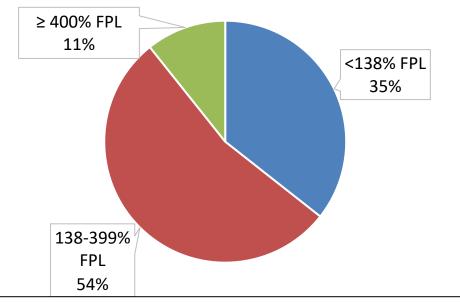
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# Uninsured in City of Milwaukee - 2019

	20	17	2019		% Change
Detail Uninsured	Number Uninsured	Percent Uninsured	Number Uninsured	Percent Uninsured	2017- 2019
< 100% FPL	14,526	10.0%	12,414	9.7%	-14.5%
<138% FPL	20,995	10.2%	21,122	11.1%	0.6%
138-399% FPL	27,859	11.1%	31,836	12.5%	14.3%
>400% FPL	3,670	3.0%	6,352	4.9%	73.1%
Total Population	52,524	9.1%	59,310	10.4%	12.9%

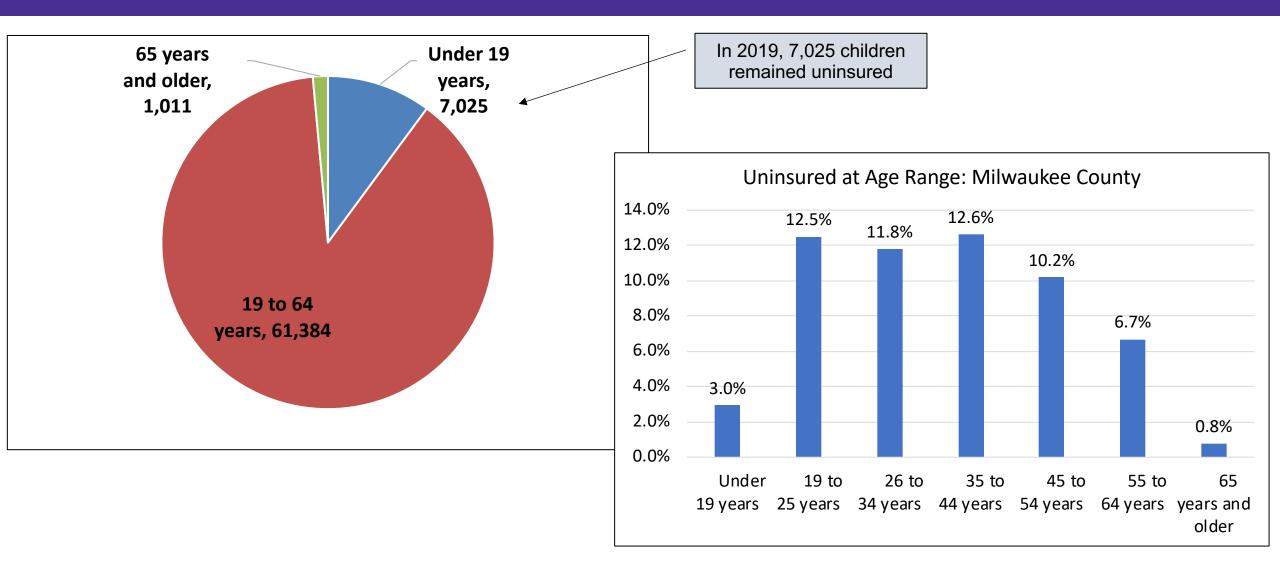
City of Milwaukee residents with incomes above 400% FPL experienced a 73% increase in uninsured between 2017 to 2019, while the percentage of uninsured with incomes <100% FPL declined by 15%. City of Milwaukee residents below 100% FPL account for 21% of the total uninsured, with 12,414 uninsured in this income group Most should qualify for Medicaid/BadgerCare Plus.

Uninsured by Income Status, 2019



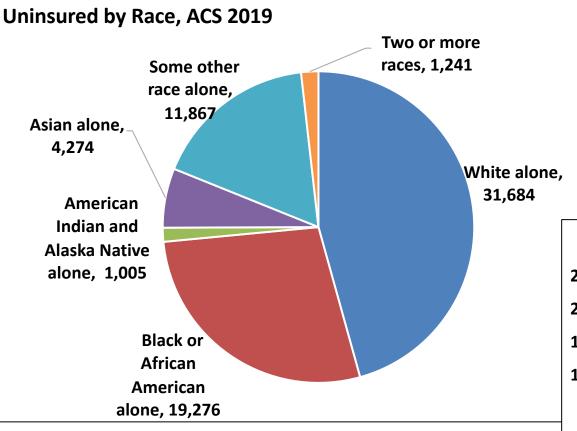
Source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey (ACS) 2017 and 2019, most recently available data

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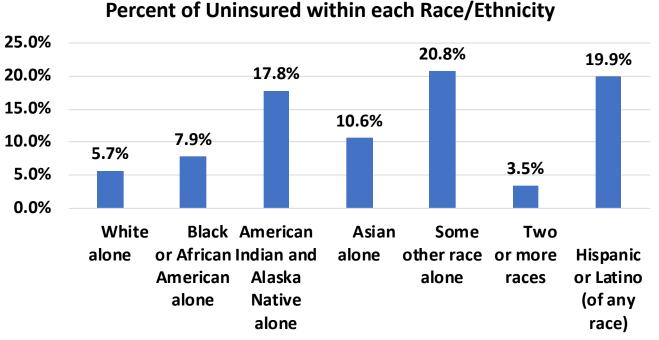
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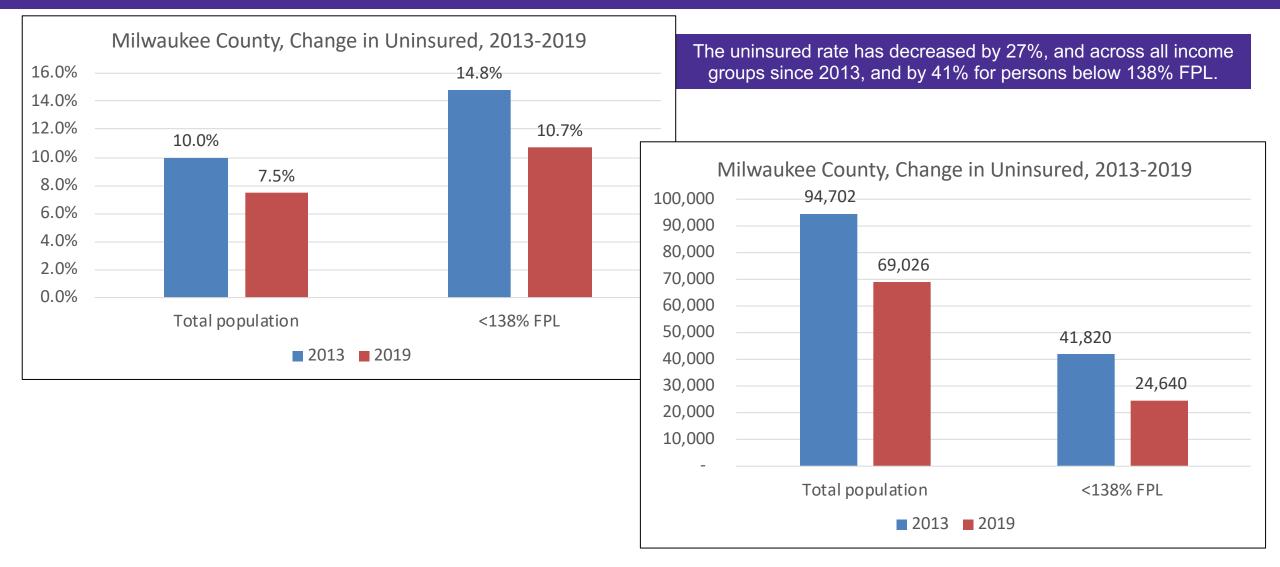
#### Percentage of Uninsured who are employed

<b>Uninsured</b> (non-institutionalized population)	61,384
Employed Uninsured	41,148
Uninsured who are employed	67%



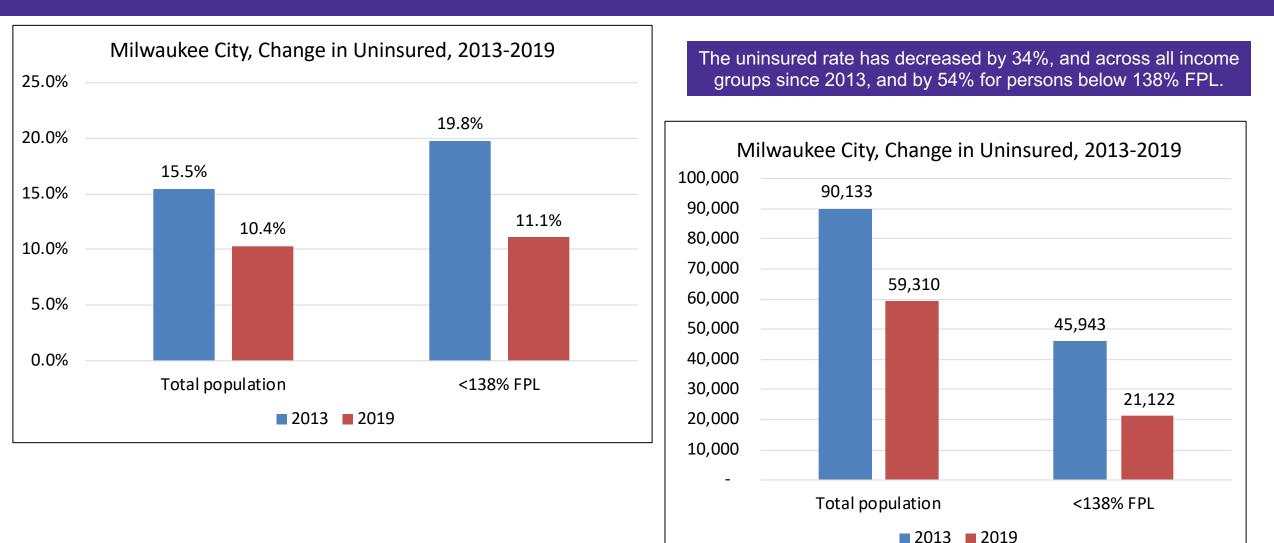
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#### Uninsured in Milwaukee County, 2013-2019



Source: U.S. Census, American Community Survey (ACS) 2013, 2019, most recently available data

#### Uninsured in City of Milwaukee , 2013-2019



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