

WHERE TO GET COUNTY-LEVEL UNINSURED RATES: (January 2012)

The Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) does not analyze or maintain any data sets with county-level information.

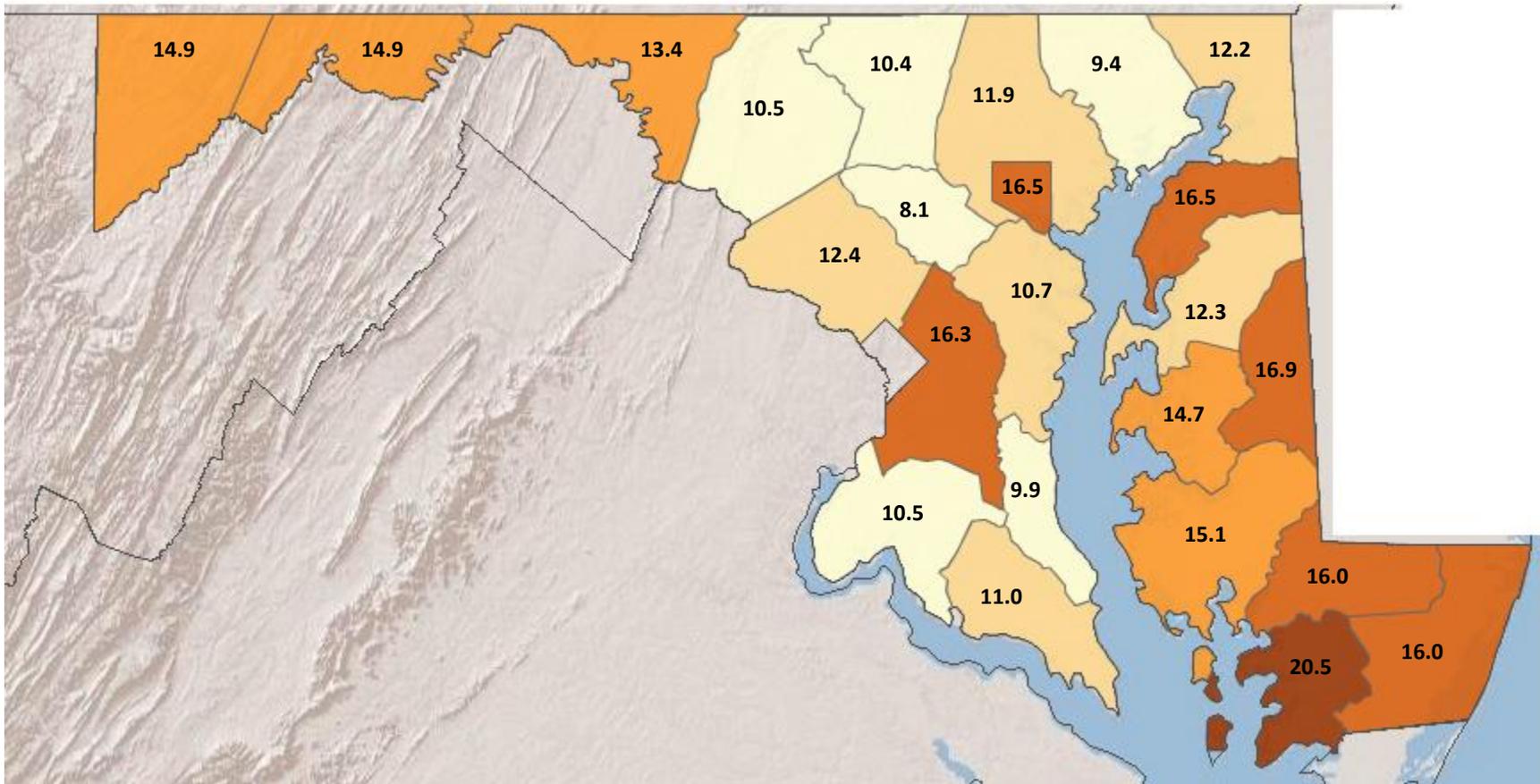
Coverage information for the State's jurisdictions is available from two different Census Bureau programs.

- 1) The **Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (SAHIE)** program has estimates of health insurance coverage for every county in 2009, based on data from several sources including the American Community Survey. It has numbers and rates, with margin of error (MOE) information, for uninsured or insured (no coverage types) for residents under age 65, < 19, 18-64, and 40-64 (the elderly are excluded, since they are almost all insured by Medicare). It also has information by gender and for several different poverty levels. <<http://www.census.gov//did/www/sahie/>>.
- 2) The **American Community Survey (ACS)** has 2010 coverage estimates for the State's 16 largest jurisdictions (>= 65,000 residents) <<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/hlthins/data/acs/aff-2010.html>>. The summary table, *Table S2701. Health Insurance Coverage Status*, shows the population numbers and coverage rates (with MOEs) for the total civilian non-institutionalized population (includes elderly), and for selected age groups, sex, different income levels (but not poverty levels), etc. There are a variety of X2701X insurance-related tables in the list that are more detailed, but the user has to calculate the percentage (and associated margin of error) by hand from the numbers.

The **Maryland Department of Planning** has some ACS information on 2010 uninsured, private coverage, and public coverage rates in the 16 jurisdictions on its website. The health insurance information is on the Economic Characteristics spreadsheet. It lists population numbers and coverage rates, including MOEs, for all ages combined; it lists only uninsured information for ages <18 and 18-64. <http://planning.maryland.gov/msdc/American_Community_Survey/2010ACS.shtml>

Because the MHCC does not work with ACS data, the Office of Health Policy and Planning, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, has agreed to assist persons needing help obtaining or interpreting ACS estimates for Maryland jurisdictions. You can email your request for assistance to the Office of Health Policy and Planning, OHPP@dhmh.state.md.us with 'insurance estimates' in the subject line.

SMALL AREA HEALTH INSURANCE ESTIMATES: Percent Uninsured, 2009 – Under 65 years.



Source: Maryland Health Care Commission from interactive maps produced by the U.S. Census Bureau | Small Area Health Insurance Estimates | Last Revised: October 13, 2011 | <<http://www.census.gov/did/www/sahie/>>. The Census Bureau's Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (SAHIE) program produces estimates of health insurance coverage for states and all counties. In July 2005, SAHIE released the first nation-wide set of county-level estimates on the number of people without health insurance coverage for all ages and those under 19 years old. In October 2011, SAHIE released 2008 and 2009 estimates of health insurance coverage by age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, and income categories at the state-level and by age, sex, and income categories at the county-level.

NOTE: There is a *Margin of Error (MOE)* associated with each estimate; it ranges from 0.6% (Montgomery County) to 2.1% (Somerset County). The *MOE* is larger for counties that have smaller sample sizes and/or have large variation in their data.