14,000 Losing Coverage Each Day: A State-By-State Breakdown

Last month, the Center for American Progress released a <u>report</u> estimating that, because of the spiraling unemployment in the United States, approximately 14,000 workers lost their health insurance every day in December and January.

In the chart below, we've broken the number down by state according to each state's share of the increase in unemployment over November and December (the most recent available data). States with larger populations and those that have been disproportionately hit economically bear a larger share of the increase in the numbers of people losing their insurance from becoming unemployed.

These numbers are estimates. The experience of any individual state may diverge from these numbers based on the particular eligibility requirements for state safety-net programs and the pervasiveness of employer-provided health insurance.

This chart also shows the most recently measured unemployment rate and uninsured rate to give a broader picture of the economic and health insurance context in each state.

14,000 Americans lost their health insurance each day in December and January A state-by-state breakdown

	Estimated people losing health insurance per day in December/January	Unemployment rate (most recent measured)*	Uninsured rate (most recent measured)**
TOTAL	14,000	7.6%	15.3%
ALABAMA	180	6.7%	12.0%
ALASKA	20	7.5%	18.2%
ARIZONA	280	6.9%	18.3%
ARKANSAS	80	6.2%	16.1%
CALIFORNIA	2,190	9.3%	18.2%
COLORADO	100	6.1%	16.4%
CONNECTICUT	100	7.1%	9.4%
DELAWARE	30	6.2%	11.2%
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	40	8.8%	9.5%
FLORIDA	850	8.1%	20.2%
GEORGIA	430	8.1%	17.5%
HAWAII	50	5.5%	7.6%
DAHO	70	6.4%	13.9%
ILLINOIS	270	7.6%	13.4%
INDIANA	480	8.2%	11.5%
OWA	70	4.6%	9.3%
KANSAS	70	5.2%	12.7%
KENTUCKY	230	7.8%	13.6%
LOUISIANA	180	5.9%	18.5%
MAINE	70	7.0%	8.8%
MARYLAND	230	5.8%	13.7%
MASSACHUSETTS	430	6.9%	5.4%
VICHIGAN	620	10.6%	11.6%
MINNESOTA	190	6.9%	8.3%
MISSISSIPPI	130	8.0%	18.8%
MISSOURI	210	7.3%	12.6%
MONTANA	30	5.4%	15.6%
NEBRASKA	40	4.0%	13.2%
NEVADA	220	9.1%	17.2%
NEW HAMPSHIRE	30	4.6%	10.5%
NEW JERSEY	650	7.1%	15.8%
NEW MEXICO	80	4.9%	22.5%
NEW YORK	1,190	7.0%	13.2%
NORTH CAROLINA	510	8.7%	16.4%
NORTH DAKOTA	10	3.5%	10.0%
OHIO	390	7.8%	11.7%
OKLAHOMA	50	4.9%	17.8%
OREGON	270	9.0%	16.8%
PENNSYLVANIA	510	6.7%	9.6%
RHODE ISLAND	50	10.0%	10.9%
SOUTH CAROLINA	340	9.5%	16.4%
SOUTH DAKOTA	30	3.9%	10.1%
TENNESSEE	400	7.9%	14.4%
TEXAS	470	6.0%	25.2%
UTAH	120	4.3%	12.8%
VERMONT	30	6.4%	11.2%
VIRGINIA	330	5.4%	14.8%
WASHINGTON	390	7.1%	11.3%
WEST VIRGINIA	30	4.9%	14.2%
WISCONSIN	230	6.2%	8.2%
WYOMING	10	3.4%	13.6%

* From the Bureau of Labor Statistics; State rates from December 2008, national rate from January 2009.

**2007 Data; Published in 2008 by U.S. Census Bureau

Source: Based on a Center for American Progress Action Fund analysis of Bureau of Labor Statistics Data based on a methodology created by the Urban Institute.

Note: National figure based on Urban Institute methodology; state numbers based on state's share of job losses in December/January, number of uninsured in an individual state may diverge from estimate based on eligibility for state safety net programs and the prevelance of employer-based coverage; figures may not add due to rounding.