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# Health Policy Research News

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## Decline in uninsured children; child care disparities found in two new Public Policy Center studies

The University of Iowa Public Policy Center announces the release on the web of two new reports regarding the health and well-being of children in Iowa. These reports are:

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## Statewide results of the 2005 Iowa Child and Family Household Health Survey

This report presents the statewide results from the 2005 Iowa HHS, with comparisons to 2000 when appropriate. Some of the principal findings include:

- There were fewer uninsured children in 2005 than in 2000 (3%, down from 6%) but the same proportion of uninsured parents (11%) as in 2000
  - Almost three-quarters of the uninsured children continue to be eligible for Medicaid or *hawk-i*
- Children were slightly less healthy than in 2000
  - There was significant disparity in health by income
- Parents of lower income children, including those with Medicaid and *hawk-i* coverage, rated their insurance better than higher income Iowans
- Access to care for Iowa children is generally good
  - There was some disparity in access to care by income
- There continues to be room for improvement regarding the proportion of children receiving preventive counseling (anticipatory guidance) at all ages

The full statewide report is available in PDF and HTML versions at:  
<http://ppc.uiowa.edu/health/ICHHS/iowachild2005/ichhs2005.htm>

## Early childhood results from the 2005 Iowa Child and Family Household Health Survey

Information about issues specific to young children ages 0-5, such as child care, anticipatory guidance, and parent-child interaction was collected as part of the Iowa Child and Family Household Health Survey.

Some of the principal findings included:

- Two-thirds of children age 0-5 were in child care from someone other than a parent in the previous week

- Although most parents were generally satisfied with their child care arrangements, lower income parents were less likely to be happy with many aspects of their child's primary child care setting.
- Parents of infants and lower income children were more likely to have trouble finding child care
- Over 90% of young children in Iowa were reported to be in excellent or very good health.
- Higher levels of parent mental health problems and parenting stress were found for parents of young children

The full early childhood report is available in PDF and HTML versions at:  
<http://ppc.uiowa.edu/health/ICHHS/iowachild2005/ichhs2005.htm>

The 2005 Iowa Child and Family Household Health Survey is the second population-based study of the dimensions influencing the health and well-being of children in the state. Over 3600 families in Iowa were called during the end of 2005 and early 2006. The survey included an oversample of minority families in the state.

The 2005 Iowa Child and Family Household Health Survey is a collaborative efforts of the University of Iowa Public Policy Center (PPC), the Iowa Department of Public Health, the Iowa Child Health Specialty Clinics and the University of Northern Iowa. It is sponsored by the Iowa Department of Public Health with support from the HRSA Maternal and Child Health Bureau.

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