

# **Health Reform in New Jersey**

Covering New Jersey Kids and Families in the Era of Healthcare Reform New Jersey Hospital Association, HRET of NJ

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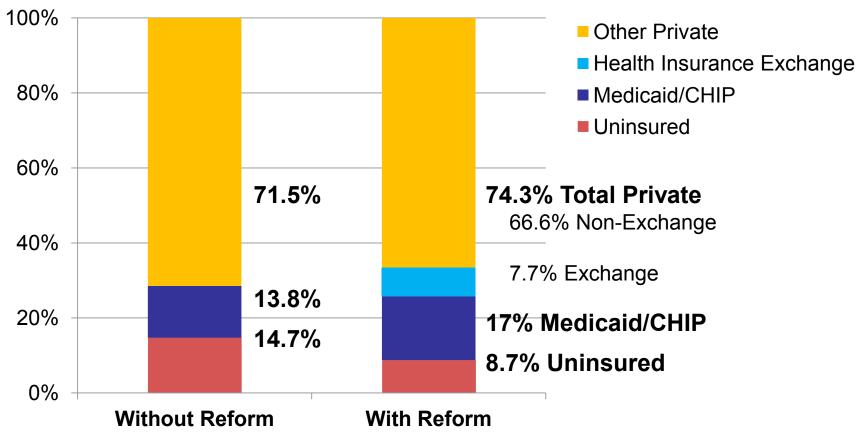


## Questions

- How will the ACA affect coverage in New Jersey?
- Who is uninsured in New Jersey?
- Who will be hardest to reach?

#### Change in Coverage in New Jersey Under the ACA

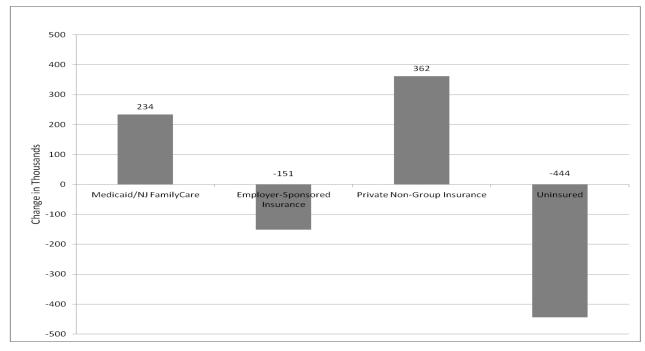
Non-Elderly, based on 2009 ACS



Source: Cantor, Gaboda, Nova, Lloyd, August 2011

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## Change in Health Insurance Coverage after Implementation of the ACA, 0-64

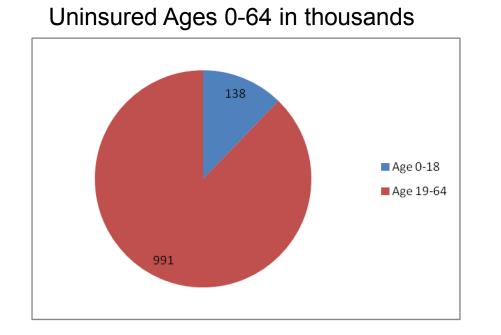


•Non-group health insurance will increase from 2.8% to 7.6% of the nonelderly after implementation of a health exchange

•Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare will increase from 13.6% to 16.7% of the nonelderly

•65,000-75,000 would be eligible for a NJ Basic Health Plan (BHP)

# Who are the New Jersey uninsured eligible for coverage under the ACA?



#### •There are fewer uninsured children than in 2009, but 69,000 more uninsured ages 19-64.

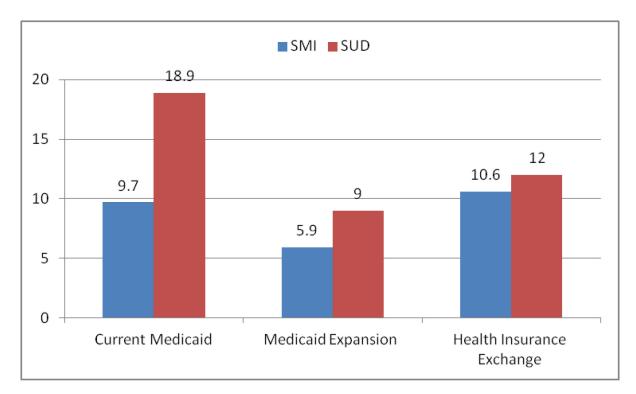
•6.3% of those 0-18 and 18.4% of those 19-64 are uninsured.

•Out of these, 80,000 children and 629,000 adults are below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guideline.

Source: State Health Access Data Assistance Center. 2012, State-Level Health insurance Coverage Estimates from the 2010 American Community Survey. Brief #28. Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota



# Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) among NJ Adults 18-64



SAMHSA estimates of individuals with SMI and SUD, based on 2008-2010 National Survey of Drug Use and Health and 2010 American Community Survey

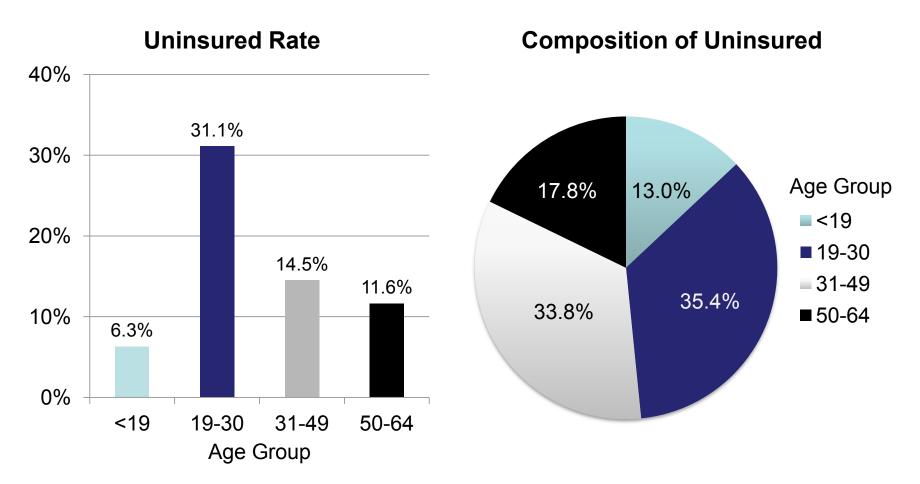
# Who is Likely to Remain Uninsured?

- Eligible for Medicaid but choose not to enroll, mostly non-parent adults
- Unauthorized immigrants not eligible
- Affordability (premium over 9.5% of income) and other exemptions
- Pay penalty rather than buy coverage

Source: Hall and Buettgens, RWJF/Wake Forrest University/Urban Institute, March 2011

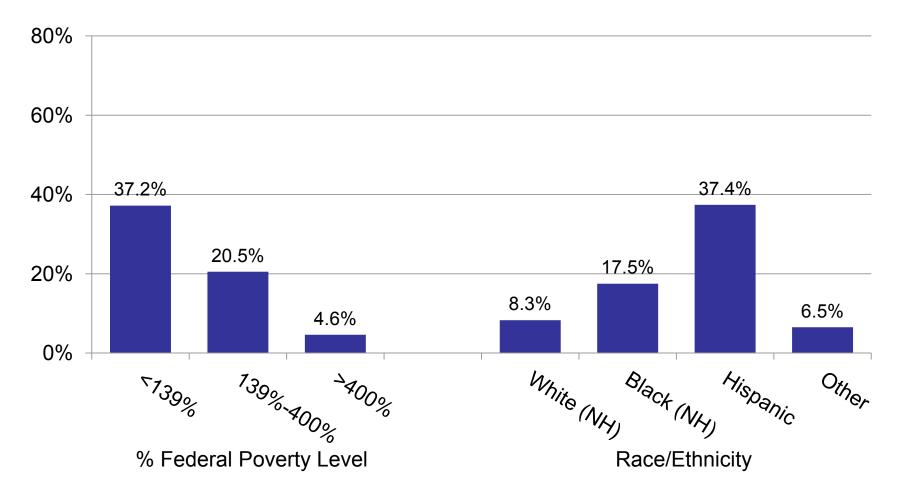
#### New Jersey Uninsured by Age Group

Non-Elderly, 2009 New Jersey Family Health Survey



#### **Uninsured Rate by Income and Race/Ethnicity**

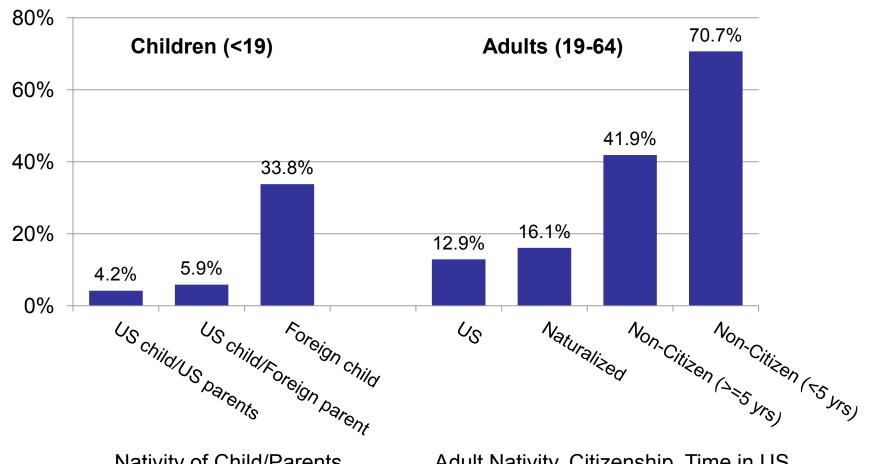
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#### **Uninsured Rate by Nativity and Citizenship**

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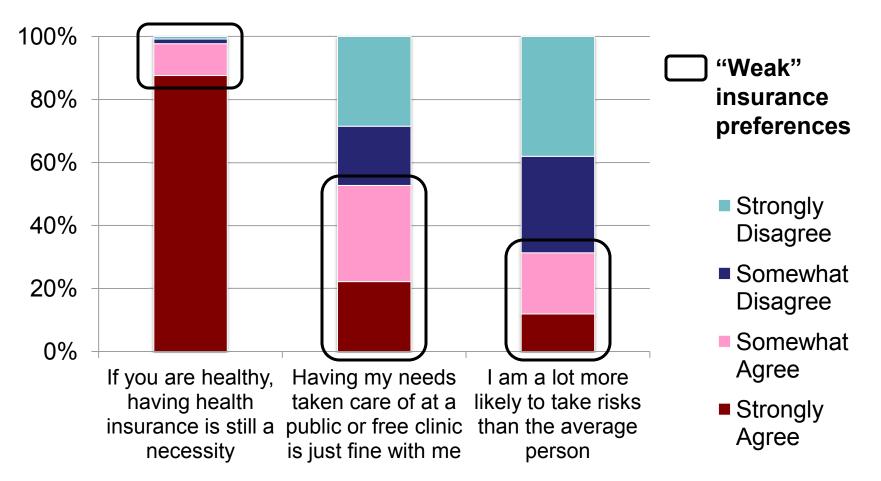


Nativity of Child/Parents

Adult Nativity, Citizenship, Time in US

#### **Coverage-Related Attitudes**

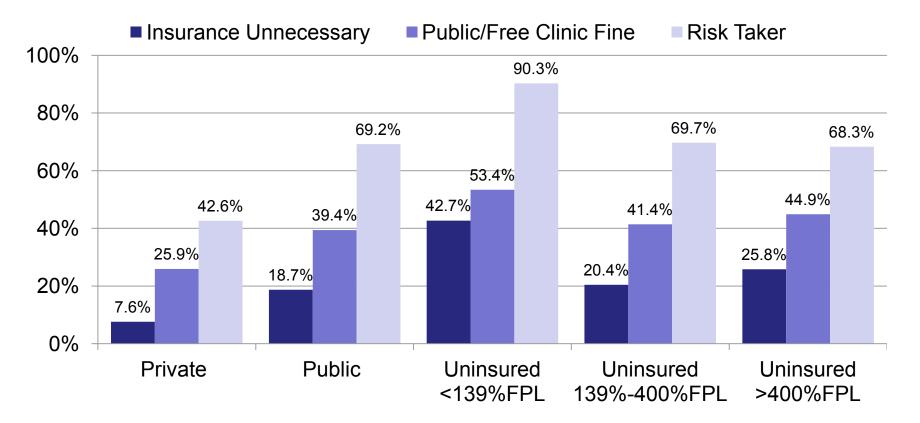
Non-Elderly Adults, 2009 New Jersey Family Health Survey



\*Asked of household respondent only, applied to all household members

#### Percent with "Weak" Preferences by Coverage and Income

Non-Elderly, 2009 New Jersey Family Health Survey

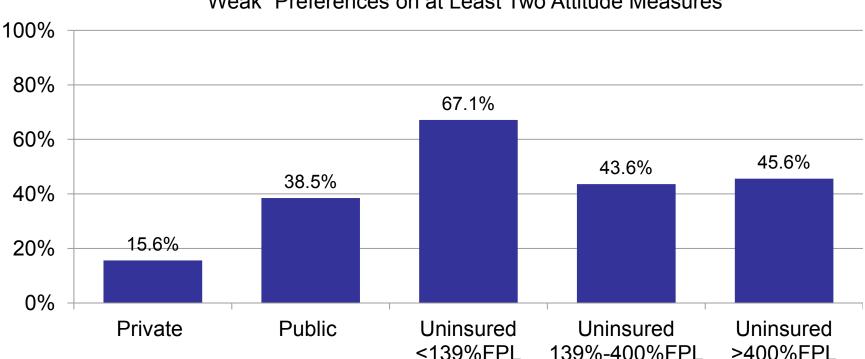


#### Insurance Coverage and Federal Poverty Level of Uninsured

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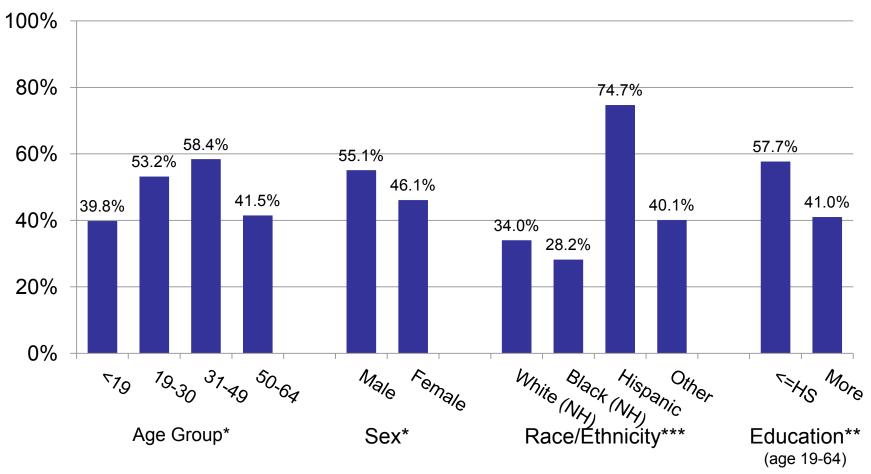
"Weak" Preferences on at Least Two Attitude Measures

Insurance Coverage and Federal Poverty Level of Uninsured\*

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#### Percent with "Weak" Preferences by Demographics

Non-Elderly Uninsured, 2009 New Jersey Family Health Survey

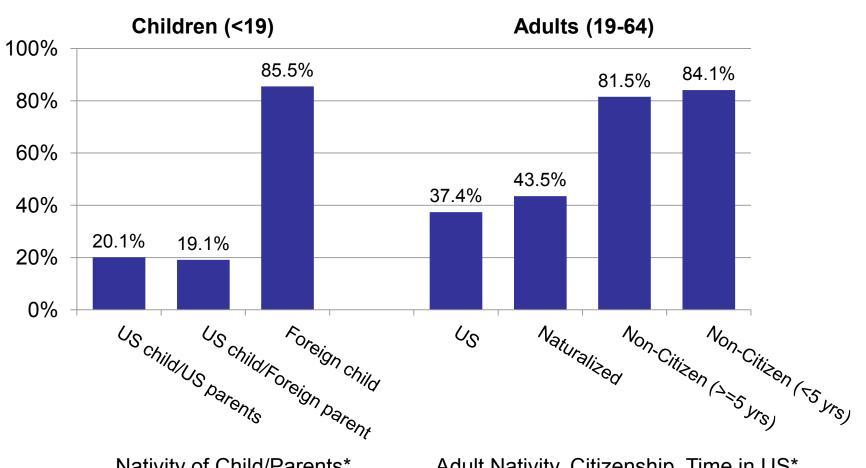


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Percent of Uninsured with "Weak" Preferences by Nativity/Citizenship 2009 New Jersey Family Health Survey



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# Who will be most challenging to reach?

- Most likely to be uninsured
  - Young adults in their 20s
  - Low-income
  - Hispanic
  - New immigrants
- Weak preferences for coverage or lack of experience with health insurance
  - Low-income uninsured
  - Young adults (<30) and early middle aged (30s & 40s)</li>
  - Hispanic!
  - Less education
  - Non-citizen adults, foreign born children

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# How does the ACA support public outreach?

- Health Insurance Exchanges
  - Consumer-friendly web portal
  - Toll-free assistance hotline
  - Federally fundable through 2014
- Exchange should conduct
  - "...aggressive and multi-faceted outreach to inform the public of their services and coverage options" (HHS guidance)
- Navigator programs must
  - "[C]onduct public education activities"
  - Provide "fair and impartial information"
  - In a "culturally and linguistically appropriate manner" (ACA language)
  - Not federally fundable

## Considerations for Outreach and Enrollment...

- What will be the standards for selecting Navigators?
- What are plans for outreach and education?
- How will eligibility determination and enrollment be coordinated between Medicaid and the Exchange?
- How will information be provided to help individuals select plans?
- Will providers be available for newly-covered individuals and families?

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# NJ Health Reform Resources

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- New Jersey health reform web site <u>http://www.state.nj.us/dobi/division\_consumers/insurance/ppaca.html</u>
- CSHP health reform resources, <u>www.cshp.rutgers.edu</u>
  - Stakeholder views on Design of the NJ Exchange
  - Governance of the NJ Health Insurance Exchange
  - The Basic Health Plan Option in New Jersey
  - Helping New Jersey Families Coordinate Transitions and Maintain Coverage
  - Incorporating Quality Measures in Health Insurance Exchange Ratings of Health Plans
  - The Health Insurance Exchange, the Medicaid Program, and the Apportionment of Responsibility for Determining Eligibility and Effectuating Enrollment in New Jersey