

# **Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (SAHIE) Tracking Trends and Differences**

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# SAHIE Overview

- Model-based area-level model.
- Combines indirect estimate with the direct estimate from the ACS.
- Allows increased precision and single-year coverage for detailed domains and areas.
- ACS is a vital input – 40% improvement in precision from prior CPS-based estimates.

# ACS and SAHIE

- American Community Survey
  - Health insurance question added for 2008.
  - Five-year period estimates will be available for every county, starting in Fall 2013.
- Small Area Health Insurance Estimates
  - Combines ACS 1-year sample, with other single-year sources.
  - Single-year estimates for 65 income and demographic domains per county.
  - 245 domains per state.

# What is 'Uninsured'

- The ACS insurance question asks "Is this person currently covered by <specifically stated> health insurance or health coverage plans?"
- The CPS insurance question asks "Has this person been covered at any time during the past calendar year?"

# Data Inputs

- The American Community Survey (ACS)
- Demographic population estimates;
- Aggregated federal tax returns;
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;
- County Business Patterns;
- Medicaid & Children's Health Insurance Program participation records; and
- Decennial Census (2000 and 2010)

# State-Level Estimates

- Ages 0-18, 0-64, 18-64, 40-64, and 50-64;
- Female, male, and both sexes;
- All incomes and less than or equal to 138, 200, 250, or 400 percent of poverty;
- All races, White alone, Black alone, and Hispanic;
- Measures of uncertainty.

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# SAHIE and ACS Comparison

- Washington DC-MD-VA-WV Metro  
Margin of Error for Un-insured Rates  
for Ages 0-18, < 138% of poverty  
Average SAHIE Un-insured Rate = 13.6%

Pop Size	# of counties	Domain Size Average	SAHIE MOE Average	ACS MOE Average
> 200k	8	22,550	3.1%	7.5%
65 – 200k	6	4,117	3.6%	14.9%
< 65k	8	1,505	4.2%	17.2%

# Data Uses

- Comparison across counties or states.
- Comparisons across time.
- Comparisons across demographic groups.
- Benchmark for program evaluations and outreach efforts.
- Linkage to other data sources.

# Data Uses: CDC

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program.
- Sponsors the inclusion of low-income women in the SAHIE program.
- Uses counts of un-insured women as a denominator for state screening rates.
- Many state grantees of the program also utilize for county evaluation and outreach.

# Data Uses: State and County Reports

- State Health Access Data Assistance Center (SHADAC) advertises the usefulness of SAHIE program estimates.
- Over 45 federal, state and other institutional reports and web-sites have been identified as including SAHIE data.

# www.AidsVu.org

Display  for 2009

2009 Rate of adults/adolescents living with an HIV diagnosis per 100,000 population

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Overall / Race / Age / Sex

Social Determinants of Health

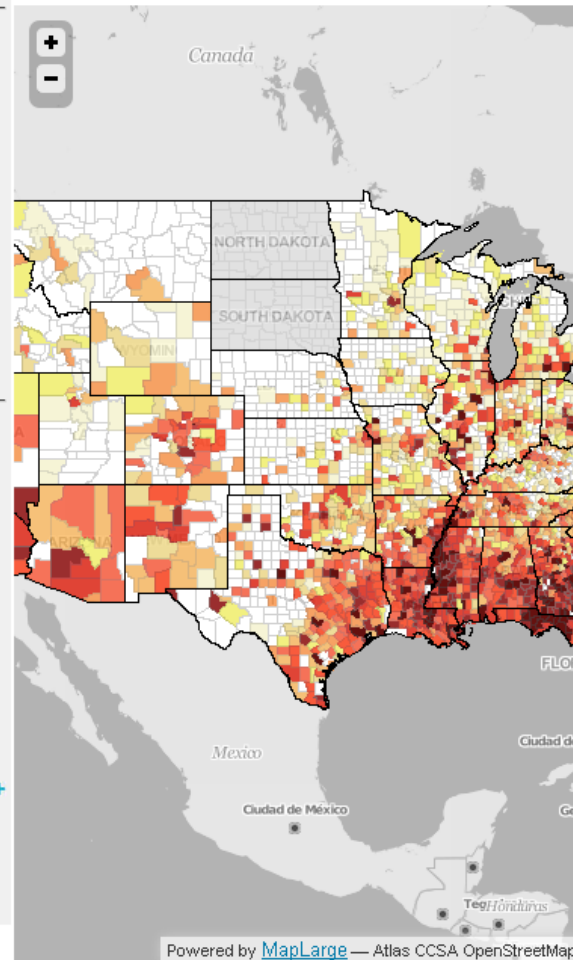
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HIV Testing, Prevention, and Treatment Sites

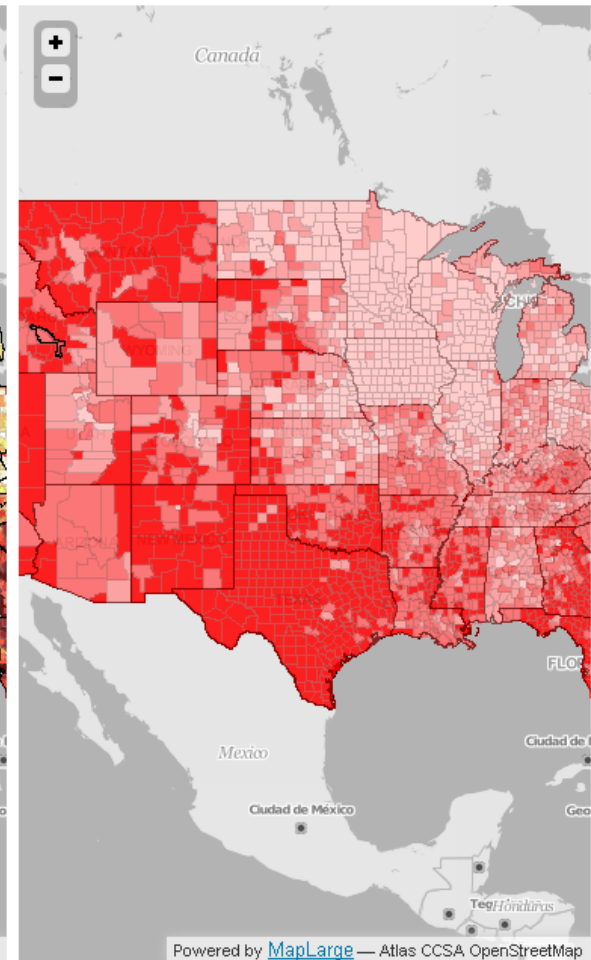
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Persons Living with an HIV Diagnosis, 2009



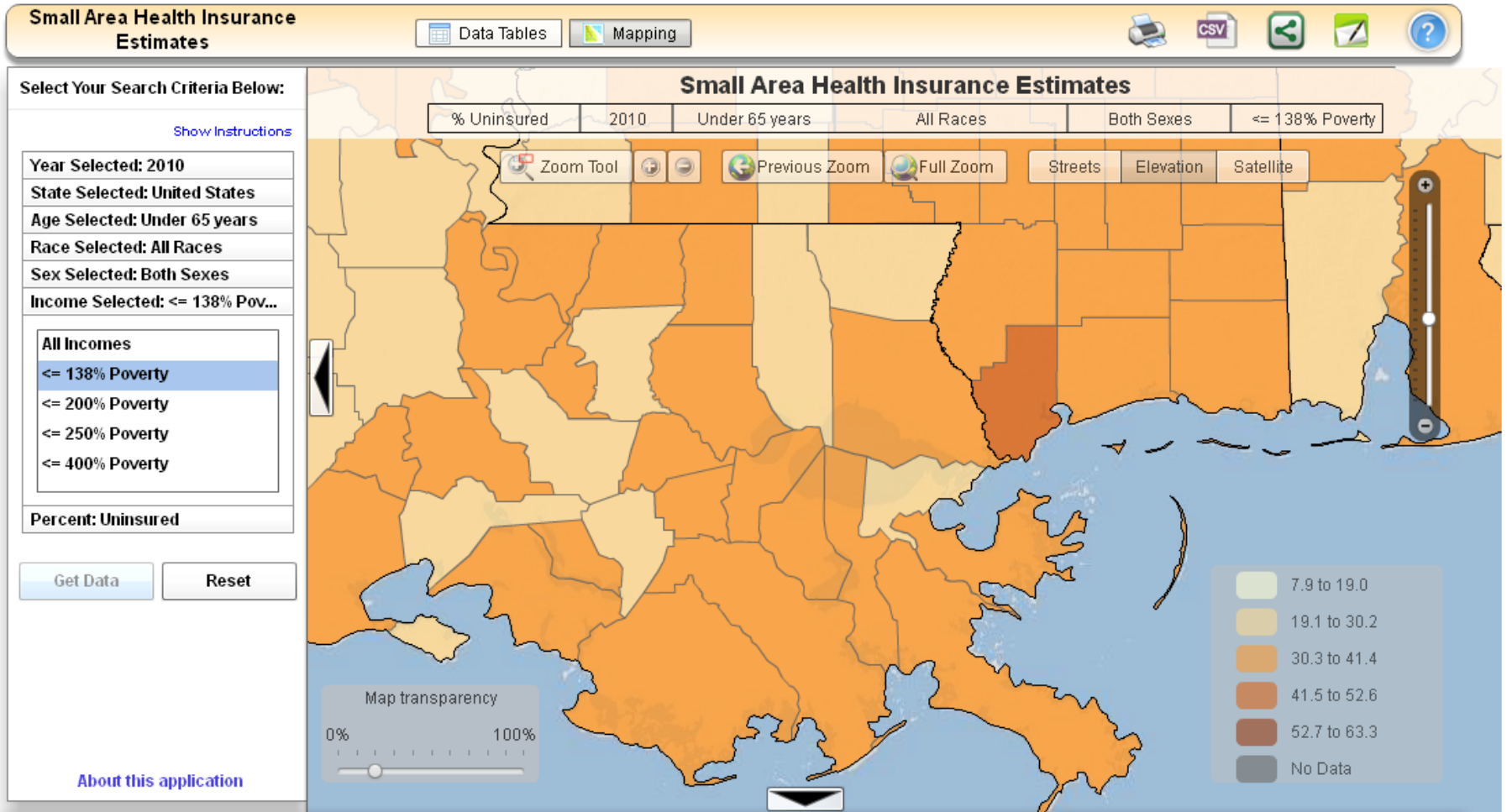
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# SAHIE Interactive Data Tool



# For more information

- Small Area Health Insurance Estimates  
<http://www.census.gov/did/www/sahie/>

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