How Many Eligible Children Are Covered under Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program?

• Since 2008, Medicaid/CHIP participation rates have risen by 5.5 percentage points increasing from 81.7 percent in 2008 to 87.2 percent in 2011.
• Overall, the number of eligible-but-uninsured children declined by 18 percent between 2008 and 2011.
• Thirty-six percent of all eligible-but-uninsured children live in just one of three states—California, Florida, and Texas.

Source: Analysis of the Urban Institute Health Policy Center’s ACS Medicaid/CHIP Eligibility Simulation Model based on data from the Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS) from 2008 to 2011.

Notes: Estimates reflect adjustments for possible misreporting of coverage on the ACS.