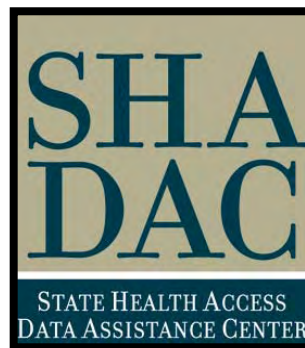


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**FAIRFAX COUNTY ANALYSES**

**2004 Virginia Health Care  
Insurance and Access Survey**

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## **Overview**

This report presents analyses conducted by the State Health Access Data Assistance Center (SHADAC) using Fairfax County data from the 2004 Virginia Health Care Insurance and Access Survey. The survey was conducted by the Virginia Department of Health with a grant from the HRSA State Planning Grants program. The results of the statewide survey are presented in a formal report entitled “2004 Virginia Health Care Insurance and Access Survey: Selected Results” that may be obtained from the Office of Health Policy and Planning, Virginia Department of Health.

There are 9 tables included in this report. The first set of tables describes rates of health insurance coverage at the county-level, the demographics of the uninsured, and the characteristics of the working uninsured in Fairfax County. The second set of tables presents the availability of private and public coverage, and the stability and adequacy of health coverage in Fairfax County. The last set of tables is devoted to an analysis of health care utilization among privately insured, publicly insured and uninsured individuals in Fairfax County.

## Overall Level of Health Insurance Coverage in Fairfax County

Table 1. Type of Health Insurance Coverage Among Children and Adults in Fairfax County, 2004

Type of Coverage	Under 19 years		19-64 years	
	Rate	Standard Error	Rate	Standard Error
Group	83.5%	(4.39)	77.8%	(2.63)
Individual	2.9%	(1.79)	7.3%	(1.54)
Public	9.1%	(3.57)	5.3%	(1.38)
Uninsured	4.6%	(2.32)	9.6%	(1.99)
Total	100.0%		100.0%	

Source: Virginia Health Care Insurance and Access Survey, 2004.

## Characteristics of the Uninsured in Fairfax County

Table 2. Fairfax County's Uninsurance Rates by Selected Population Groups, 2004

	Rate	Standard Error
<b>Overall Level of Uninsurance</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	<b>(1.46)</b>
<b>Sex</b>		
Male	9.3%	(2.41)
Female	6.1%	(1.67)
<b>Age</b>		
0-5 years	2.7%	(2.25)
6-18 years	5.6%	(3.30)
19-24 years	18.9%	(9.43)
25-34 years	16.1%	(5.78)
35-54 years	7.9%	(2.61)
55-64 years	4.1%	(1.93)
65+ years	1.7%	(1.66)
0-18 years	4.6%	(2.32)
19-64 years	9.6%	(1.99)
65+ years	1.7%	(1.66)
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b>		
White Only	3.1%	(0.97)
Black Only	3.9%	(2.15)
Hispanic	32.6%	(7.98)
Asian	6.4%	(4.12)
American Indian	*	*
Mixed	10.2%	(5.54)
<b>Income</b>		
<=100% FPL	33.2%	(8.94)
101-133% FPL	40.3%	(17.92)
134-150% FPL	*	*
151-200% FPL	13.4%	(8.35)
201-250% FPL	17.3%	(8.13)
251-300% FPL	27.3%	(14.54)
301+ FPL	0.9%	(0.47)

Table 2. Fairfax County's Uninsurance Rates by Selected Population Groups, 2004 (continued)

	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Standard Error</b>
<b>Family Composition</b>		
Married	4.7%	(1.51)
Living with Partner	1.7%	(0.73)
Widowed	3.8%	(2.95)
Divorced	9.9%	(5.10)
Separated	47.6%	(23.63)
Never Married	18.8%	(5.27)
<b>Education Level</b>		
Less than HS	59.3%	(14.73)
HS grad	13.3%	(4.89)
Some College	11.5%	(4.60)
College grad	2.0%	(0.83)
Post Graduate	1.5%	(0.68)
<b>Health Status</b>		
Excellent	3.1%	(1.48)
Very Good	3.7%	(1.33)
Good	14.6%	(4.50)
Fair	17.7%	(8.31)
Poor	30.5%	(16.31)

Source: Virginia Health Care Insurance and Access Survey, 2004.

\*Estimates are not provided due to subgroup having less than 50 observations.

## Characteristics of the Working Uninsured in Fairfax County

Table 3. Fairfax County's Uninsurance Rates by Employment Characteristics, 2004

	Rate	Standard Error
<b>Employment Status</b>		
Employed	7.2%	(1.97)
Not Employed	17.0%	(5.22)
<b>Employment Sector</b>		
Government	2.5%	(2.36)
Private Company	8.5%	(3.03)
Non-Profit	0.3%	(0.21)
Self Employed	19.8%	(9.14)
Unpaid Worker	*	*
<b>Hours Worked per Week</b>		
<20 hours	*	*
20-34 hours	24.1%	(11.15)
35+ hours	4.6%	(1.66)
<b>Type of Job</b>		
Permanent	22.8%	(12.95)
Temporary/Seasonal	6.1%	(1.87)
<b>Size of Employer</b>		
<11	16.7%	(6.71)
11-50	3.5%	(1.91)
51-100	8.5%	(7.14)
101+	1.2%	(1.05)

Source: Virginia Health Care Insurance and Access Survey, 2004.

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## Availability of Private Coverage

Table 4. Employed Survey Respondents Offered Employer-Sponsored Health Insurance by Employment Characteristics, Fairfax County, 2004

	Offer Rate	Standard Error
<b>Size of Employer</b>		
<11	29.1%	(7.62)
11-50	57.4%	(9.45)
51+	87.9%	(2.45)
<b>Income</b>		
<=100% FPL	59.4%	(10.74)
101-133% FPL	59.2%	(22.49)
134-150% FPL	*	*
151-200% FPL	85.5%	(6.84)
201-250% FPL	60.1%	(15.69)
251-300% FPL	43.7%	(16.63)
301+ FPL	79.4%	(2.83)
<b>Industry Sector</b>		
Entertainment	*	*
Banking	93.8%	(3.63)
Social service	*	*
Manufacturing	*	*
Transportation	85.3%	(8.40)
Health Care	77.2%	(10.59)
Other	*	*
Professional	75.3%	(6.13)
Education	76.7%	(8.33)
Government	74.9%	(5.49)
Business	*	*
Construction	45.5%	(15.70)
Personal Services	58.7%	(16.42)
Retail	60.1%	(11.40)
Agriculture	*	*
<b>Type of Job</b>		
Temporary/Seasonal	57.6%	(11.31)
Permanent	76.6%	(2.74)
<b>Hours Worked per Week</b>		
<20 hours	*	*
20-34 hours	60.0%	(13.85)
35+ hours	57.6%	(10.08)
<b>Employment Sector</b>		
Government	75.2%	(5.27)
Private Company	82.9%	(3.07)
Non-Profit	80.7%	(10.84)
Self Employed	31.1%	(9.89)
Unpaid Worker	*	*

Source: Virginia Health Care Insurance and Access Survey, 2004.

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Table 5. Percent of Adults (ages 19-64) Enrolled in Private Coverage by Type, Fairfax County, 2004

	Rate	Standard Error
<b>Group Coverage</b>		
Individual	31.4%	(3.25)
Family	68.6%	(3.25)
<b>Individual Coverage</b>		
Individual	56.3%	(10.44)
Family	43.7%	(10.44)

Source: Virginia Health Care Insurance and Access Survey, 2004.

### Availability of Public Coverage

Table 6. Health Insurance Status of Individuals Who Are Potentially Eligible for Public Programs, Fairfax County, 2004

Eligibility Categories*	Private	Public	Uninsured
<b>FAMIS PLUS – MEDICAID</b>			
Children Under 19 Years in Households with Income <=133% FPL (Standard error)	29.0% (12.98)	59.7% (15.32)	11.3% (6.43)
<b>MEDICAID</b>			
Individuals Who Live in Low-income** Families with Dependent Children (Standard error)	19.4% (9.88)	30.5% (14.47)	50.1% (15.56)
<b>FAMIS – CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM</b>			
Children Under 19 Years in Households with Income <=200% FPL (Standard error)	* *	* *	* *

Source: Virginia Health Care Insurance and Access Survey, 2004.

\*Eligibility categories are not mutually exclusive.

\*\*Low-income families with dependent children (LIFC) are eligible for Medicaid based on 185% of the Standards of Need requirements defined by geographic region by the Virginia Department of Health.



Table 7. Knowledge of and Interest in Public Programs Among the Uninsured, Fairfax County, 2004

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Have Requested or Received Information about Public Programs (Standard error)	22.8% (9.18)	77.2% (9.18)
Willing to Enroll (Standard error)	79.5% (11.30)	20.5% (11.30)

Source: Virginia Health Care Insurance and Access Survey, 2004.

### Stability and Adequacy of Health Coverage

Table 8. Reports of the Stability and Adequacy of Health Coverage Among the Insured, Fairfax County 2004

	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Standard Error</b>
<b>Stability of Coverage (Reported Being Somewhat or Very Worried About...)</b>		
Affording Prescription Drugs	31.6%	(2.58)
Affording Health Care	27.3%	(2.42)
Affording Health Coverage	43.4%	(2.69)
Current Health Benefits Will Be Cut	47.4%	(2.68)
Will Lose Coverage	24.2%	(2.33)
Could Not Leave Current Job	15.8%	(2.04)
<b>Adequacy of Coverage (Reported Having...)</b>		
Dental Coverage	76.2%	(2.29)
Mental Health Coverage	85.2%	(2.07)
Prescription Drug Coverage	93.1%	(1.57)

Source: Virginia Health Care Insurance and Access Survey, 2004.

## Health Care Utilization

Table 9. Utilization of Health Care by Type of Health Insurance Coverage, Fairfax County, 2004

	Private		Public		Uninsured	
	Rate	Standard Error	Rate	Standard Error	Rate	Standard Error
<b>Usual Source of Care</b>						
Yes	89.0%	(1.70)	82.9%	(5.43)	46.8%	(10.22)
No	11.0%	(1.70)	17.1%	(5.43)	53.2%	(10.22)
<b>Type of Care Center</b>						
Emergency Room	*	*	*	*	*	*
Doctor's Office	8.2%	(1.74)	18.0%	(6.29)	21.9%	(9.20)
Clinic	80.6%	(2.47)	69.9%	(7.32)	67.9%	(10.95)
Military Base/Hospital	8.7%	(1.71)	4.2%	(2.88)	0.5%	(0.40)
Some Place Else	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hospital	*	*	*	*	*	*
Medical Center	*	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Number of Visits to a Doctor in the Last 3 Months</b>						
0	19.0%	(2.66)	5.2%	(2.36)	55.9%	(16.72)
1	39.4%	(3.30)	30.8%	(7.47)	31.1%	(15.55)
2	17.8%	(2.56)	20.2%	(6.16)	10.1%	(7.36)
3+	23.9%	(2.86)	43.9%	(8.15)	3.0%	(1.32)

Source: Virginia Health Care Insurance and Access Survey, 2004.

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