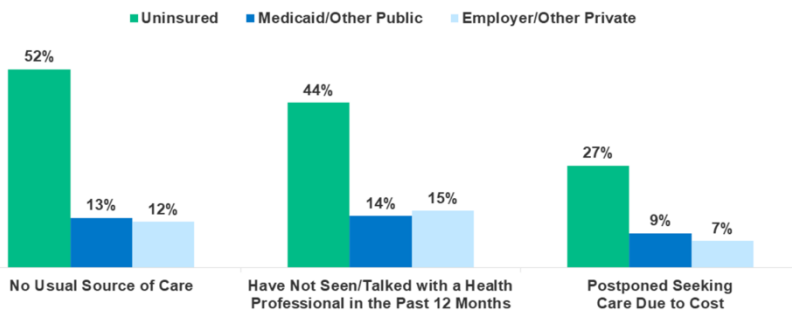


Close the Access Gaps to Stop COVID-19

Healthcare Barriers among Nonelderly Adults by Insurance Status (2018)¹



Occupations with Largest Numbers of Uninsured Workers (2018)¹

Occupation	Number of Uninsured Workers
Construction laborers	695,000
Cooks	618,000
Driver/sales workers and truck drivers	578,000
Cashiers	491,000
Waiters and waitresses	459,000
Janitors and building cleaners	444,000
Maids and housekeeping cleaners	441,000
Carpenters	432,000
Landscaping and groundskeeping workers	392,000
Retail salespersons	379,000

North Carolina Worker's Dilemma - Increased exposure risk, unemployment & loss of insurance

- >105K NC residents lost employer sponsored health insurance in 3/2020²
- >800K NC residents have filed for unemployment insurance benefits as of 5/12/20³
- Hardworking NC laborers have high rates of no insurance & are unable to work from home⁴

Support These Measures in the Upcoming Relief Package

Farmworkers

- Backbone of \$70B industry in NC needed to feed Americans, yet 85% are uninsured⁵
- ➡ Support Medicaid coverage for H-2A workers for upholding this critical NC industry

Essential Non-Healthcare Workers

- Not receiving adequate training, PPE & sanitization supplies for protection; do not have paid leave, job security
- ➡ Enforce OSHA work safety protections, guarantee healthcare access

Persons Experiencing Homelessness

- Increased risk of rapid transmission due to unstable housing, lack of access to testing & healthcare
- ➡ Support Emergency Rental Assistance Voucher Program & early testing of this population

Nursing Homes

- Bulk of NC COVID-19 cases with disproportionately high mortality rates; 1/3 cases are facility staff (many uninsured)
- ➡ Fund facilities for PPE, provide access to care for COVID-19 for all staff as essential frontline workers

Disparities Among Racial & Ethnic Minorities

- Disproportionately experiencing economic strife, hospitalizations & deaths from COVID-19 (e.g. Navajo Nation has highest cases per capita)^{4,6,7}
- ➡ Expand funding to the Indian Health Service, FQHCs to provide testing, triage and care for COVID-19

Incarcerated Individuals

- NC correctional facility outbreaks put the whole community at risk⁸
- ➡ Support Medicaid eligibility & selective release, funding to facilities for PPE

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