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1 in 9 Iowans Uninsured; Less Job-Based Coverage

- *New Census Data Sets Stage for Health Reform Law*
- *National Poverty Spike Carries Implications for Iowa Families, Recovery Efforts*

About the numbers

The data released today by the Census Bureau are from the Current Population Survey (CPS), one of two surveys that are commonly cited about poverty and income in the United States. On Sept. 28, Census will release data from the American Community Survey (ACS), which covers a larger portion of U.S. households. Census recommends use of ACS data for state-level estimates of poverty and income. As a result, the Iowa-specific poverty and income observations drawn from CPS data today are considered preliminary findings, pending release of the ACS.

For the health coverage numbers cited here, Census averages two years of survey data in order to improve the reliability at the state level, due to the size of the sample.

Poverty: The official poverty threshold for 2009 for a family of four was \$21,954.

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Extra weeks of unemployment benefits for the long-term unemployed (expire November 30)

Expanded Child Tax Credit for working families (expires Dec. 31)