

TABLE 3
COMPARISON OF UNINSURED RATES BETWEEN STATES USING 3-YEAR AVERAGES: 2007 TO 2009 (WORKER-FRIENDLY STATES ARE IN BOLD, ITALICS)

State	Uninsured rate (percent)	State	Uninsured rate (percent)	State	Uninsured rate (percent)
<i>Massachusetts</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>Ohio</i>	<i>12.5</i>	<i>Colorado</i>	<i>15.9</i>
<i>Hawaii</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>Indiana</i>	<i>12.6</i>	S. Carolina	16.4
<i>Minnesota</i>	<i>8.6</i>	Kansas	12.7	N. Carolina	16.6
<i>Wisconsin</i>	<i>9.1</i>	<i>Maryland</i>	<i>13.2</i>	Oklahoma	16.6
<i>Maine</i>	<i>9.8</i>	Virginia	13.4	<i>Oregon</i>	<i>16.9</i>
Iowa	10	<i>Missouri</i>	<i>13.5</i>	Arkansas	17.7
<i>Vermont</i>	<i>10.1</i>	Alabama	13.6	Mississippi	18.1
<i>Pennsylvania</i>	<i>10.3</i>	Utah	13.6	Louisiana	18.2
<i>New Hampshire</i>	<i>10.4</i>	<i>Illinois</i>	<i>13.7</i>	Georgia	18.6
<i>Connecticut</i>	<i>10.5</i>	<i>New York</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>Alaska</i>	<i>18.6</i>
N. Dakota	10.8	Wyoming	14.3	Nevada	18.9
<i>Rhode Island</i>	<i>11.6</i>	<i>West Virginia</i>	<i>14.4</i>	<i>California</i>	<i>18.9</i>
<i>Delaware</i>	<i>11.8</i>	Idaho	14.9	Arizona	19.1
S. Dakota	12	Tennessee	14.9	Florida	20.9
Nebraska	12.2	<i>New Jersey</i>	<i>15.2</i>	<i>New Mexico</i>	<i>22.6</i>
<i>Washington</i>	<i>12.2</i>	<i>Kentucky</i>	<i>15.3</i>	Texas	25.5
<i>Michigan</i>	<i>12.4</i>	<i>Montana</i>	<i>15.7</i>		

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

would have more of its citizens covered by basic health insurance, giving them access to preventative care and swift medical treatment. And, indeed, the data from the U.S. Census Bureau show that the worker-friendly states have a higher standard of living.¹⁵ Fully 11 of the 13 states with the lowest uninsured rates are worker-friendly states (see Table 3, above), while 11 of the 15 states with the high-