

HOUSTON HEALTH HIGHLIGHTS

WHO ARE THE UNINSURED IN THE HOUSTON AREA? **ISSUE 15** Sept 2019

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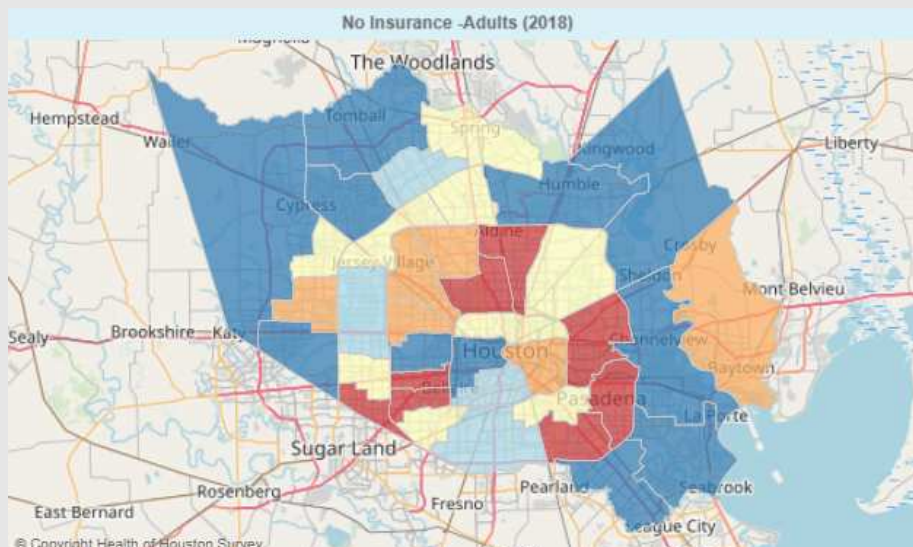
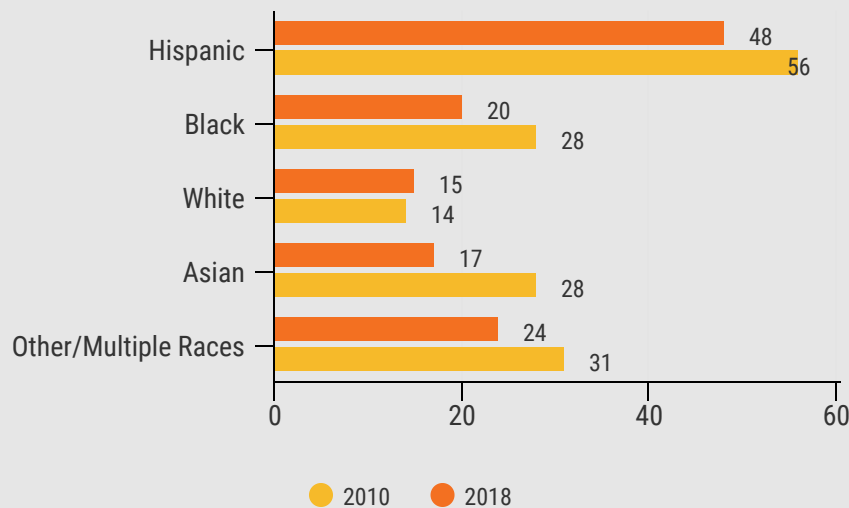
- cost of insurance
- Ineligibility due to work status

Lack of insurance caused delays in seeing a medical provider and in filling prescriptions resulting in exacerbation of health issues.

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of the Houston area Hispanic population remains uninsured.

Uninsured by race/ethnicity in 2010 and 2018



The largest proportion of uninsured adults reside in the areas shaded red in the map, followed by the areas shaded orange, according to the Health of Houston Survey, 2018.

Source: Health of Houston Survey 2018; <https://sph.uth.edu/research/centers/ihp/health-of-houston-survey-2010/>

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The biggest barrier to getting insurance was cost of insurance. Ineligibility due to work status was also mentioned as another reason. Lack of insurance caused delays in seeing a medical provider and in filling prescriptions.

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