Workers paid low wages are more likely to be uninsured and lack employer-sponsored health insurance coverage

The bars show the share of workers paid low wages (compared to all workers) covered by an by any form of health insurance, or uninsured.

employer-sponsored health insurance plan (either as the policy holder or as a dependent), covered Covered by employer-sponsored health insurance (self) Low-wage workers 31.9% All workers 54.2%

Covered by employer-sponsored health insurance (self or as dependent) 50.5% Low-wage workers

All workers 71.4%

Covered by any health insurance plan (includes Medi-Cal)

Low-wage workers 83.6%

All workers 91.2%

Uninsured 16.5% Low-wage workers

All workers 8.9%

In 2022, the value of the low-wage threshold is \$19.69. The sample includes workers who live in California, were employed last week but not self-employed, ages 16+, and with non-zero earnings last week.

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