

TRUTH vs. Myth

about uninsured Texans



Truth:
A majority of
uninsured Texans
are employed:

Myth:
Uninsured
people don't
have jobs.

2.9
million



Myth: The
uninsured
are mostly
undocumented
immigrants.

Truth:
71% of uninsured Texans are
U.S. Citizens.

Myth: Only the very
poor are uninsured.

Truth:
69%

of the uninsured in Texas
have household incomes
above the poverty level.

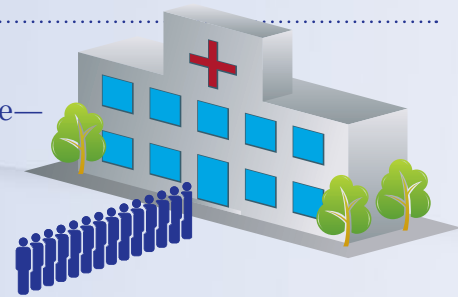


Myth: I have insurance—
this is not my problem.

Truth:
Insured Texans
pay an average

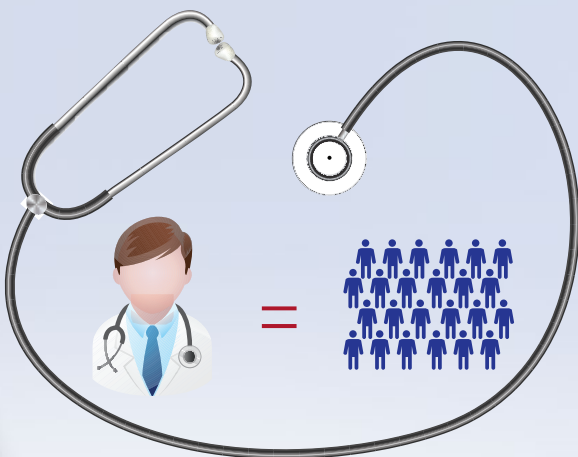
\$1,000

more in premiums per household and
experience more ER delays due to the
high number of uninsured citizens.



Myth: If everyone has access to affordable health
care, there won't be enough physicians to go around.

Truth: **79%+** of adults visited the ER from
Jan - June 2011 due to lack of access to other providers.
Expanding access to health care equals **healthier**
populations utilizing fewer ERs and specialized care.



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