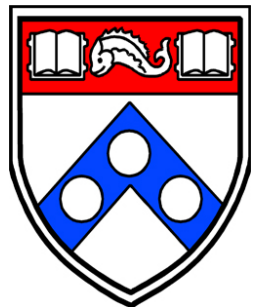
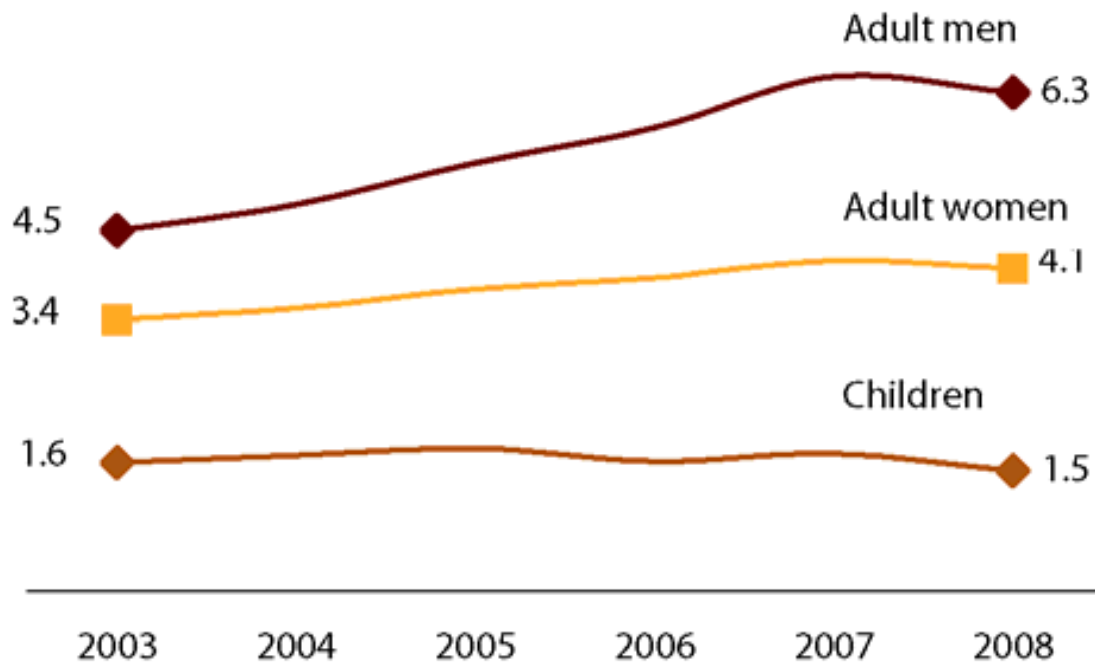


Breaking Barriers: Caring for an immigrant population

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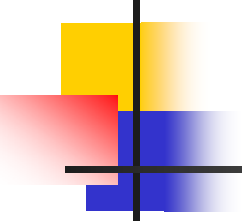


Unauthorized Immigrant Population, by Gender and Age, 2003-08 *(millions)*



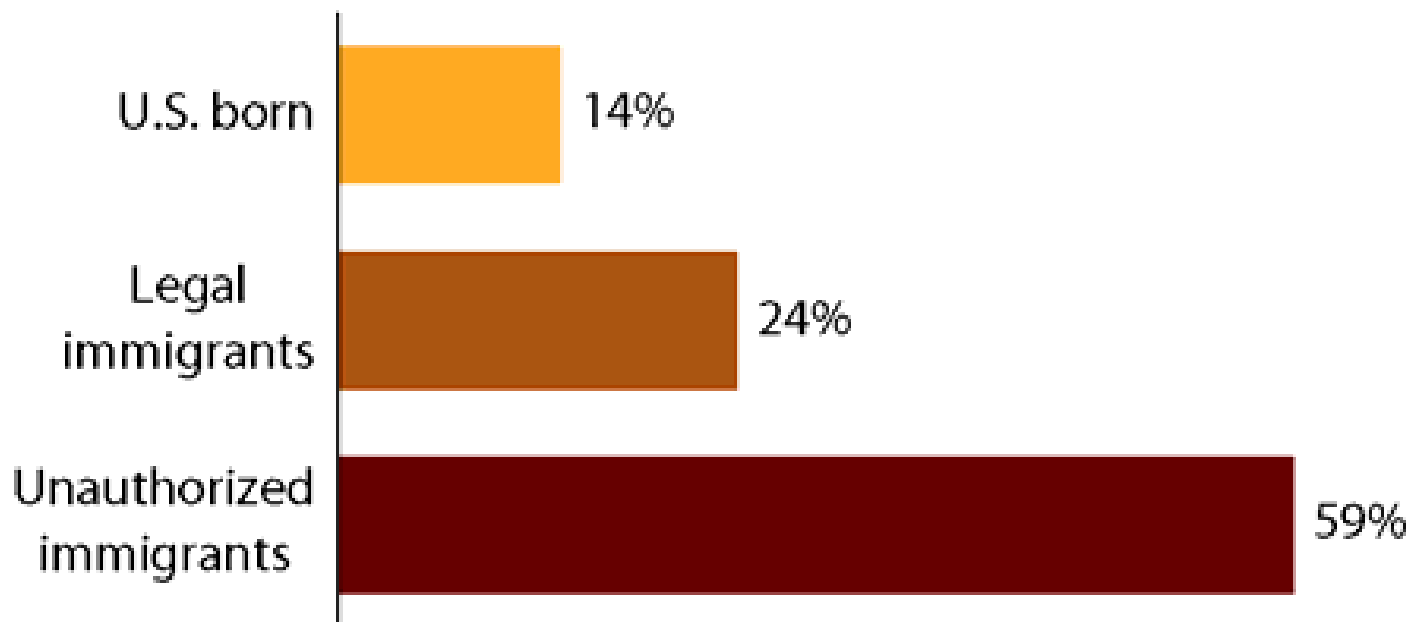
Note: Adults are ages 18 and older.

Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations from augmented March Current Population Surveys. See text for details.



Share of Adults Without Health Insurance, by Status, 2008

(% of adults in status group without health insurance in previous year)



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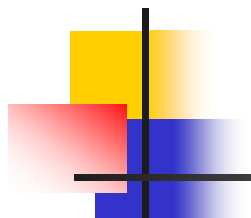


Immigrants and Health Care

- 12 million illegal
- 17 % of 46 million uninsured
- 1996 welfare reform



Impact of No Public Funding of Prenatal Care

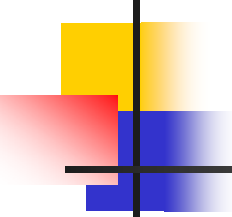


No Prenatal care	Yes Prenatal care	RR; 95% CI
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Low birthweight infant	18.5%	6.1%	3.8 [2.03-7.05]
Prematurity	34.8%	7.5%	7.4 [4.35-12.5]
Neonatal cost	\$5588 more		

Elimination of public funding of prenatal care for undocumented immigrants in California: A cost/benefit analysis. Lu et al 2000. Am J Obstet Gynecol

NPHHI: Uninsured

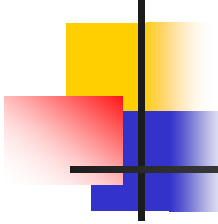
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- ◆ **10%** inadequate prenatal care
 - ◆ **9%** low birth weight infants compared to 7.7% in the general USA population
 - ◆ Only **19%** took vitamins (folate) during periconceptional period
 - ◆ Most common barriers to prenatal care:
 - ◆ Lack of insurance
 - ◆ Lack of transportation
 - ◆ Language barriers

Barriers to Prenatal Care: Findings from a survey of low-income and uninsured women. Regenstein et al 2005. National Public Hospital and Health Institute.



Suggested Policy Options

- **Extend coverage to all pregnant women**
- **Promote cultural competence in prenatal practices**
- **Address transportation barriers**
- **Target a public health initiative to women of childbearing age**



Mexican Immigrants in Philadelphia



Rapidly growing immigrant population from Mexico (Puebla) established in South Philadelphia.

2000: 6,200

2003: 12,000

2007: 15,000 – 18,000

Undocumented Pregnant Immigrants

City of
Philadelphia

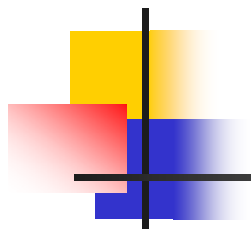
Total Deliveries

Undocumented
Deliveries (%)

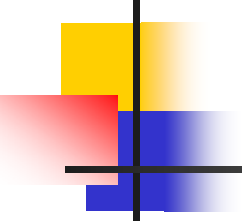
	Total Deliveries	Undocumented Deliveries (%)
2003	21,313	1028 (4.8%)
2004	21,585	1133 (5.3%)
2005	22,038	1324 (6.1%)
2006	21,987	1458 (6.6%)
2007	22,052	1587 (7.2%)

Undocumented Deliveries

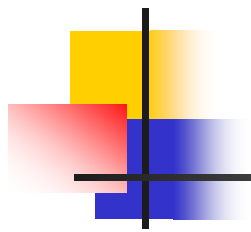
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	2003	2004	2005
Poor Prenatal care	25.2%	25.4%	25.5%
Preterm Del.	9.5%	10.1%	9.9%
Term Del.	90.5%	89.9%	90.1%



In 2008, 11% (572) deliveries at Pennsylvania Hospital were to uninsured undocumented pregnant women



Sylvia

**Health Care Special Issue: Foreign Bodies
Ben Crair, The New Republic; Nov 15, 2007**



The New Republic: Bloggers

“ Seriously, the answer doctor is to
compell illegal aliens to return to their
countries of origin by employer
sanctions and fines.....It is now
estimated there are more likely 30
million illegals sucking our taxpayers
benefits dry.
We need to take care of our own first,
doctor...”



Puentes de Salud

- ◆ Community partnership model derived from public health nursing.
- ◆ Health promotion and disease prevention is prioritized.
- ◆ Multiple partners including: Women's and Children's Health Services, Juntos, St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Univ of Penn, Mexican Consulate



Guiding Principles

- 1) Work collaboratively with communities and stakeholders**
- 2) Operate in multidisciplinary professional teams**
- 3) Address social determinants of health**

What are we doing to provide prenatal care?



- ◆ **Women and Children's Health Services: not for profit organization providing care to women from our community and indigent population.**
- ◆ **Latina Community Health Program established in September of 2008 (First Foundation Grant for 3 years)**
- ◆ **Care provided by volunteer physicians, nurse-practitioners, midwives, students. 70-100 pts a month**
- ◆ **Nurse coordinator liason between community and clinic. Close relationship with Puentes de Salud**
- ◆ **Ultrasounds and High Risk Obstetric consultations by dedicated staff. 600 scans per year**

Tuesdays with Jack



Working with family and community to improve prenatal care



Success!!! Triplets delivering at Term



Healthy babies going home with mom

» DIVULGAN INFORMACIÓN Y DAN SERVICIOS DE SALUD Y PLANIFICACIÓN FAMILIAR A INMIGRANTES.

Una ayuda para dar vida

Servicios de Salud para la Mujer Latina en el centro de la ciudad ayuda a mujeres inmigrantes de bajos recursos durante todo su embarazo.

ADRIANA ARVIZO
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"Cuando me enteré que estaba embarazada, en mi mente sólo era ¿Cómo voy a pagar?. Me habían dicho que aquí las cuentas de hospital eran muy caras y yo de dónde iba a sacar 'tantísimo' dinero", dijo Susana Galicia.

Fue un jueves por la tarde cuando esta mujer originaria de México acudió a The Children's Hospital a una consulta gratuita en donde le dijeron que estaba embarazada de su primera hija.

"Me dijeron que le tenía que dar seguimiento a mi embarazo y me recomendaron ir a un centro de salud ubicado en las calles Washington y 8",

dijo. "Pero ya casi al final de mi embarazo me enteré del programa de Servicios de Salud para la Mujer Latina ubicado en las calles 8 y Spruce y me gustó mucho más", agregó.

Este programa dirigido por el doctor de origen peruano Jack Lufmir y la enfermera Róbeca Bixby tiene el propósito de proveer servicios de planificación familiar y cuidado prenatal a mujeres que no tienen seguro social.

