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## Uninsurance in California

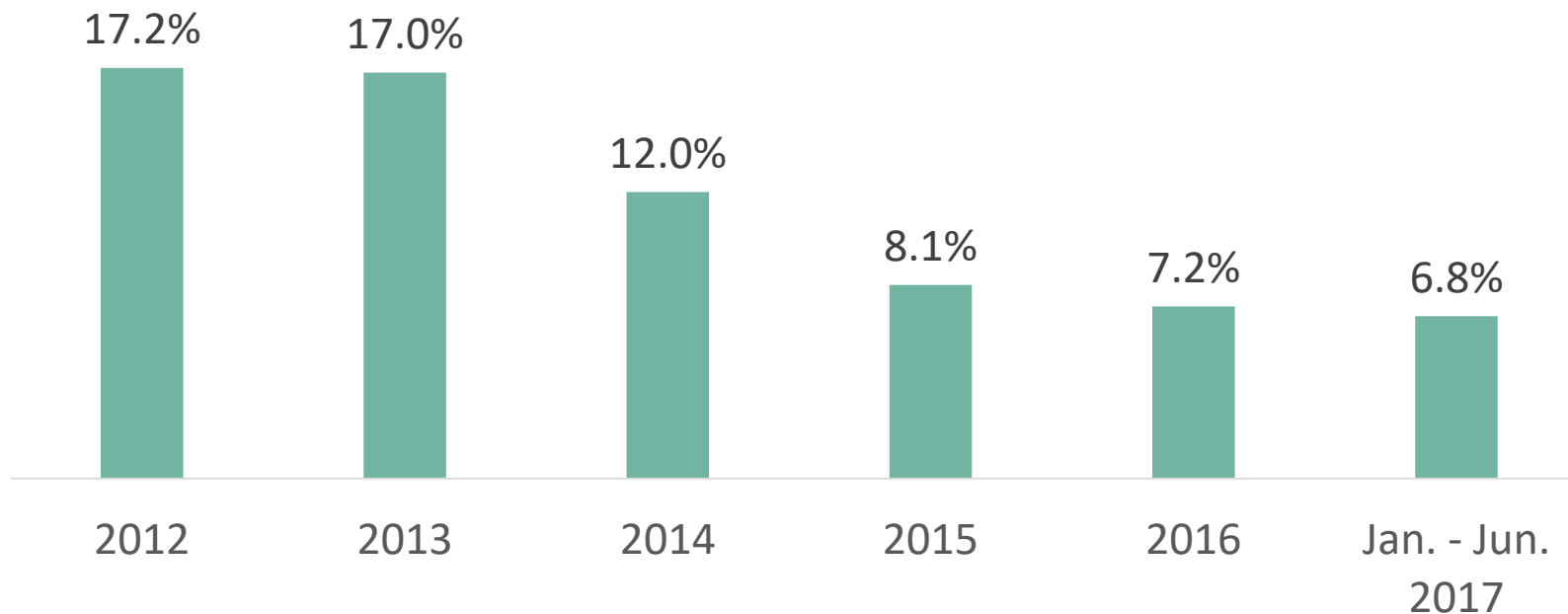
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# Historic drop in uninsurance under ACA

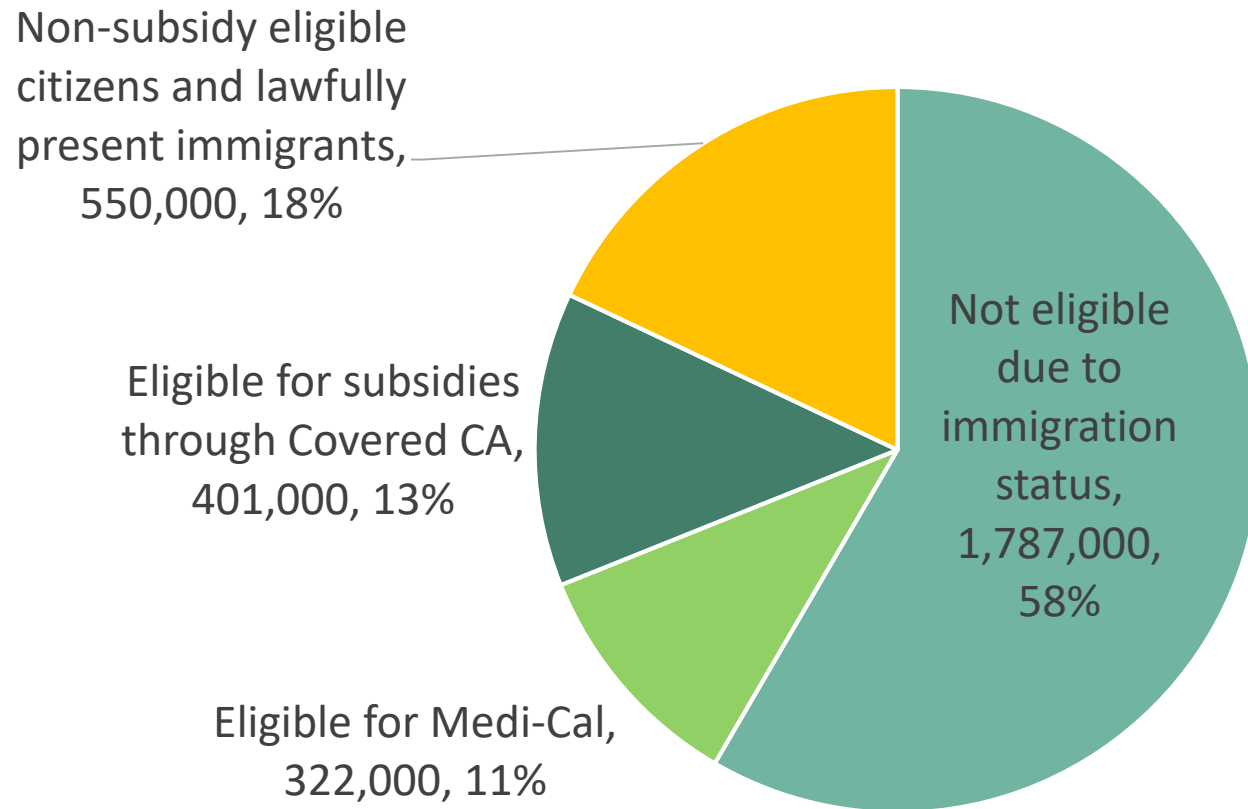
Percentage of Californians lacking health insurance



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Health Interview Survey

# At least 3 million Californians remain uninsured

California Projected Uninsured Ages 0-64, 2017



Source: Dietz M, Graham-Squire D, Becker T, Chen X, Lucia L, and Jacobs K, [Preliminary CalSIM v. 2.0 Regional Remaining Uninsured Projections](#), UC Berkeley Labor Center and UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, August 2016.

# Undocumented Californians

- More than 200,000 undocumented low-income children are enrolled in full-scope Medi-Cal under state expansion that began in 2016
- An estimated 1.2 – 1.3 million undocumented adults have income at or below 138% of the Federal Poverty Level, including nearly 1 million enrolled in restricted scope Medi-Cal which covers emergency- and pregnancy-related services only

# Affordability remains a barrier to individual market enrollment

- Cost is the top reason for lacking insurance among the uninsured eligible for Covered California
- Even with ACA subsidies, combined premium and out-of-pocket spending can exceed 10% of income for some individuals with median health use and can reach 20-30% for some with very high medical use
- Bronze premiums are unaffordable for some individuals not eligible for subsidies, using ACA individual mandate exemption standard

Sources: California Health Interview Survey 2016; UC Berkeley analysis of Covered California rates and out-of-pocket spending projections; Blumberg LJ, Holahan J, and Buettgens M (Urban Institute), How Much do Marketplace and Other Nongroup Enrollees Spend on Health Care Relative to Their Incomes? December 2015.

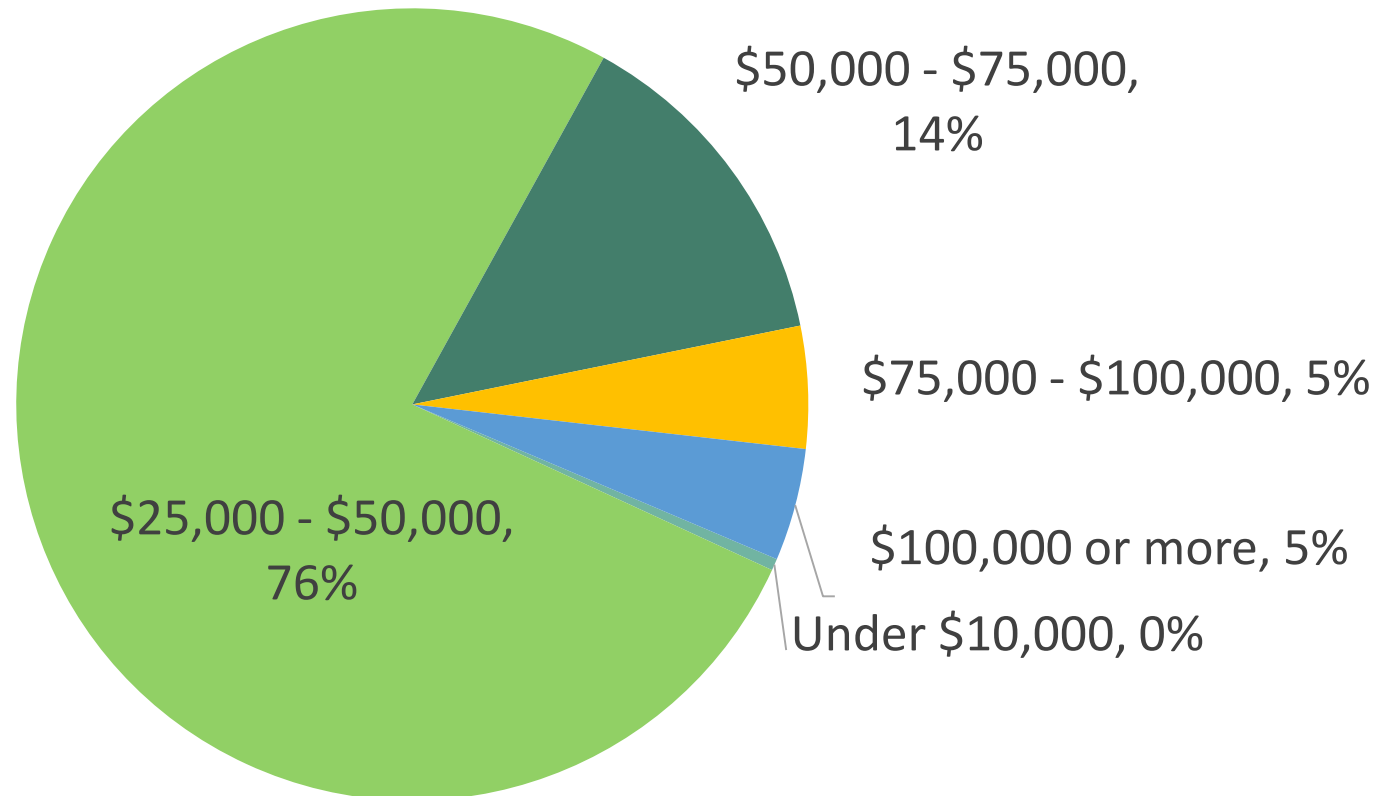
# High out-of-pocket costs can be a barrier to care

- More than one-third of Covered CA enrollees with income 200% - 400% FPL are in Bronze plans with \$6,300 deductible
- Approximately two-thirds of U.S. households in subsidy-eligible income range lack liquid assets sufficient to cover this deductible level
- Underinsured individuals are more likely to not see a doctor when they have a medical problem, not fill a prescription, and skip a medical test, treatment, or follow-up recommended by a doctor

Sources: Covered California Active Member Profile June 2017; Rae M, Claxton G, and Levitt L (Kaiser Family Foundation), Do Health Plan Enrollees Have Enough Money to Pay Cost Sharing? November 3, 2017; Collins SR, Gunja MZ, and Doty MM (Commonwealth Fund), How Well Does Insurance Coverage Protect Consumers from Health Care Costs? October 2017.

# At least 3/4 of CA households paying penalty in 2015 were in subsidy-eligible income range

780,000 California tax households paying ACA individual mandate penalty, distribution by adjusted gross income, 2015



Source: IRS, California Individual Income Tax Returns: Selected Income and Tax Items by State, County, and Size of Adjusted Gross Income, Tax Year 2015