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The Realities of the Uninsured

Welcome to the Health Freedom Minute. This is Twila Brase, president of Citizens’ Council for Health Freedom.

Let’s talk about the uninsured. Keep these numbers in mind when you’re having a debate.

The U.S. Census reports 49.9 million people are uninsured, nearly 1 million more than in 2009. However, 18.3 million earn from $50,000 dollars to more than $75,000 dollars. Most of these probably choose to be uninsured. Another 9.7 million are noncitizens, legal and illegal. And 16 million earn less than $25,000 dollars but do not to sign up for government programs.

That leaves 5.8 million who may or may not be uninsured. After all, not everyone answers these Census questions. The uninsured rate is 16.3 percent -- essentially the same as the 16.2 percent unemployed rate. Coincidence? Probably not.

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