



**Health Care Issues**

**in the Election**



# What's At Stake?

## Healthcare Spending

Category	1970	1980	1990	2000	2006
Population (millions)	201.2	230.4	253.8	282.6	299.7
National Health Expenditure per capita	\$356	\$1100	\$2813	\$4790	\$7026
National Health Expenditure as % of GDP	7.2%	9.1%	12.3%	13.8%	16.0%
Real National Health Expenditure, in billions of dollars (2000 year dollars)	\$272	\$469	\$875	\$1354	\$1806

Source: Catlin A, Cowan C, Hartman M, & Heffler S. (2008). National Health Spending in 2006. *Health Affairs*, 27(1): 14-29.

## Uninsured Americans

**43 million**

Number of Americans under 65 reporting no health insurance (2007). That's 16.4% of the population!

**66.8%**

Percentage of American population under 65 reporting private insurance (2007)

**8.9%**

Percentage of American children under 18 without insurance (2007)

**32.7%**

Percentage of American children under 18 using a form of publicly-sponsored health insurance (2007)

Source: National Health Interview Survey, <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/hinsure.htm>

## Don't Forget The Local Stuff

There will be at least two propositions on the California ballot relating to health care.

<b>Prop 3</b>	Authorizes \$980 million in general obligation bonds for construction, expansion, remodeling, renovation, furnishing, and equipping of eligible children's hospitals. Fiscal Impact: State cost of about \$2 billion over 30 years to pay off both the principal (\$980 million) and interest (\$933 million) costs of the bonds. Payments of about \$64 million per year.
<b>Prop 4</b>	Changes the California Constitution to prohibit abortion for an unemancipated minor until 48 hours after a physician notifies the minor's parent, legal guardian, or, in limited cases, substitute adult relative. Provides an exception for medical emergency or parental waiver. Fiscal Impact: Potential unknown net state costs of several million dollars annually for health and social services programs, court administration, and state health agency administration combined.

Source: <http://www.healthvote.org>

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