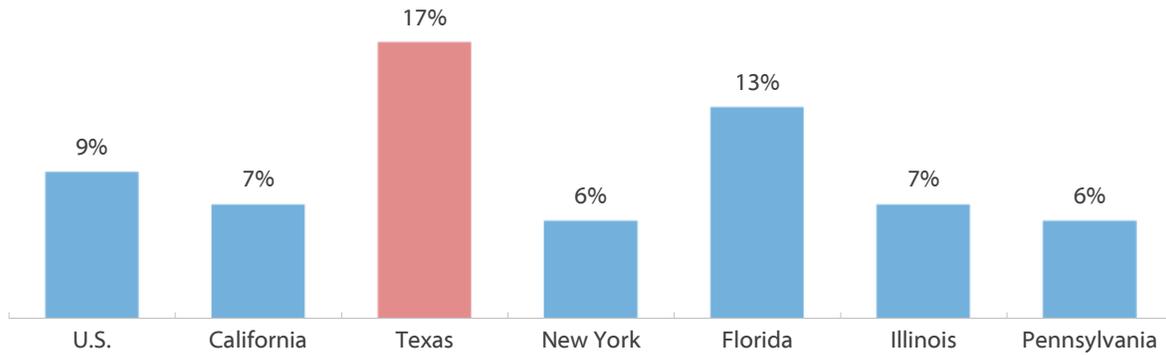# More Than One in Six Texans Lacks Health Insurance

People Without Health Insurance, by State (2016)

States shown in order by size of population

About nine percent of Americans lacked health insurance in 2016. The percentage is much higher in Texas. At 17 percent, Texas is almost twice the national average. It has the highest percentage of any state, with Alaska coming in second at 14 percent.

If a college student or family member were to become ill and did not have health insurance, it could be financially devastating and cause the student to drop out of college.

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