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Survey studies issues faced by city's homeless

Uninsured Baltimoreans continue to have trouble getting access to medical care, and build up substantial debts when they do, according to a survey released yesterday by Open Society Institute-Baltimore.

In its second survey of clients at health clinics, soup kitchens and other "safety net" institutions, the group found that 47 percent were uninsured, but 82 percent reported being without health coverage at some point in the past few years.

Conducted this month and last month by medical students, the survey interviewed 297 Baltimore residents, about half of whom were homeless. The Census Bureau estimates about 11 percent of Marylanders, about 580,000 people, are uninsured.

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