

Public Health

Seattle & King County



Health protection functions include disease control, such as tuberculosis, HIV, communicable disease epidemiology and immunizations, and ensuring that the air is safe to breathe, and water and food are safe to consume.

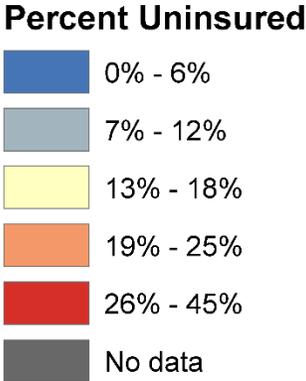
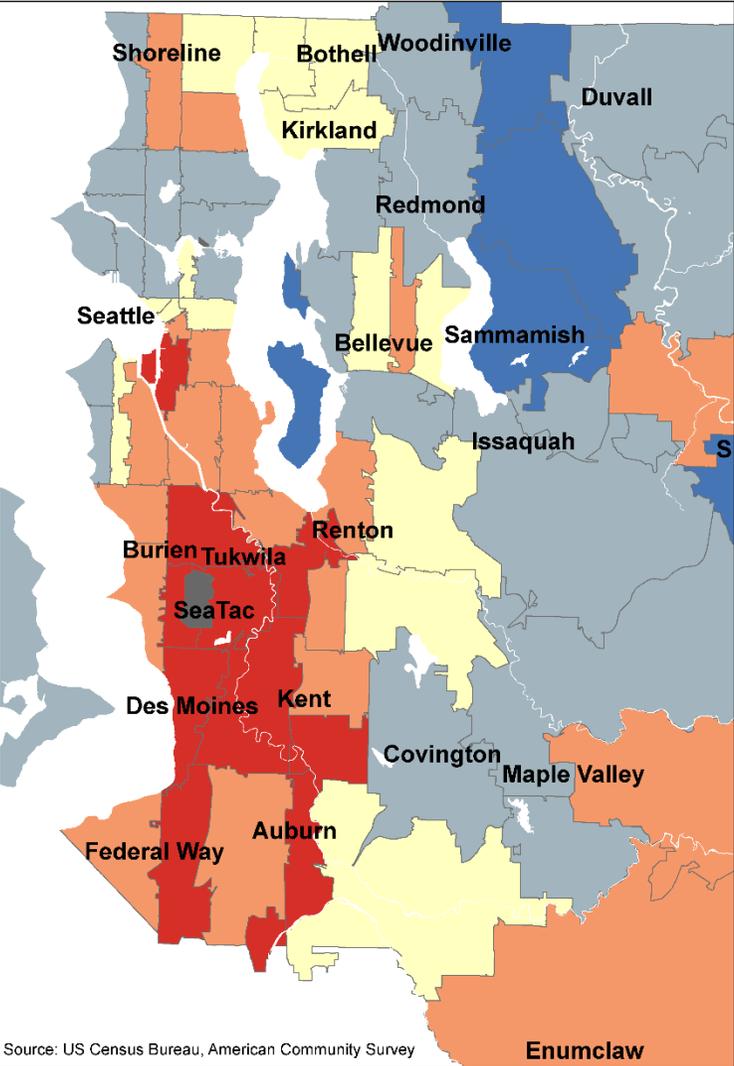
Health promotion functions include preventing behaviors that lead to disease, averting injuries and managing chronic health conditions.

Health provision functions include convening and leading system-wide efforts to improve access and quality, advocating for access to quality health care for all, forming partnerships with service providers and directly providing individual health services when there is a public health need.

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Before and after the ACA

2009-2013 Uninsured adults 18-64 by zip code



2017

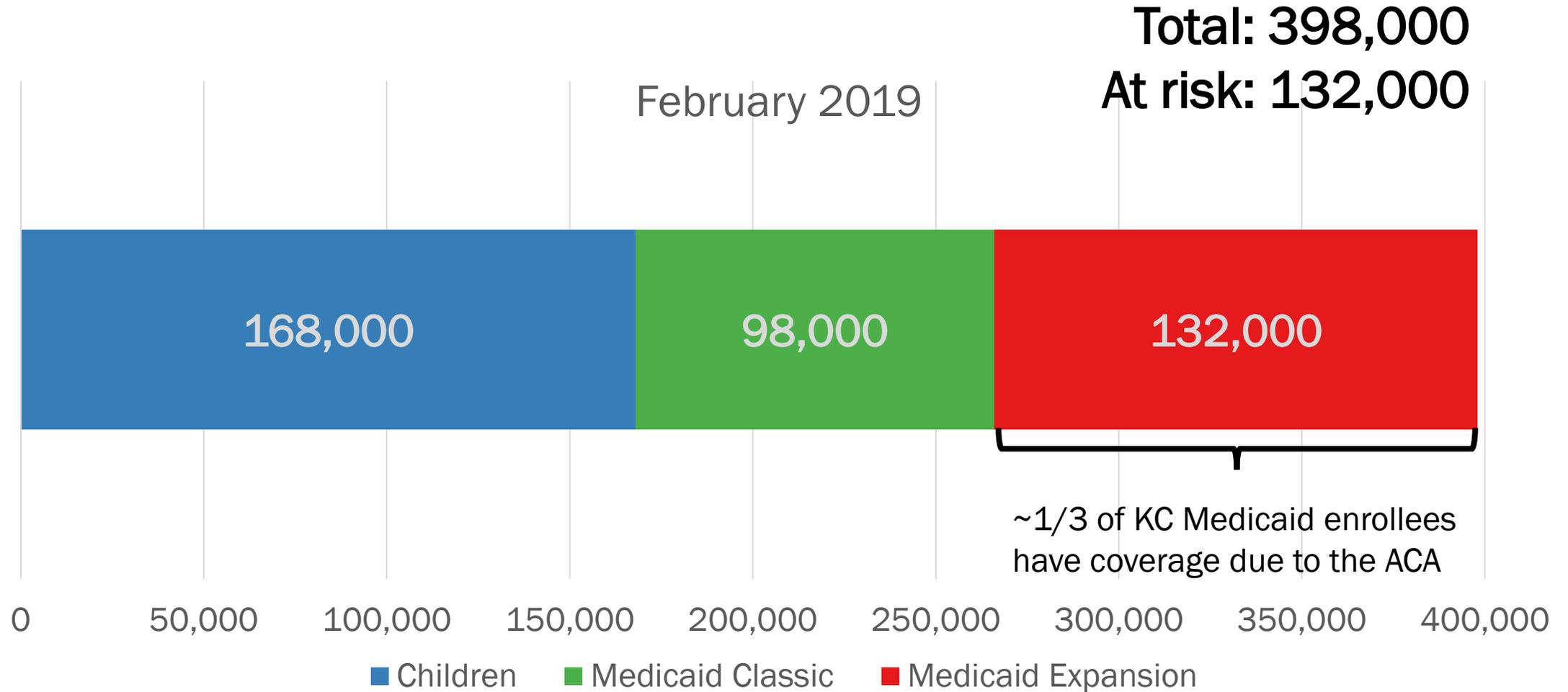


The Texas Lawsuit – Explained



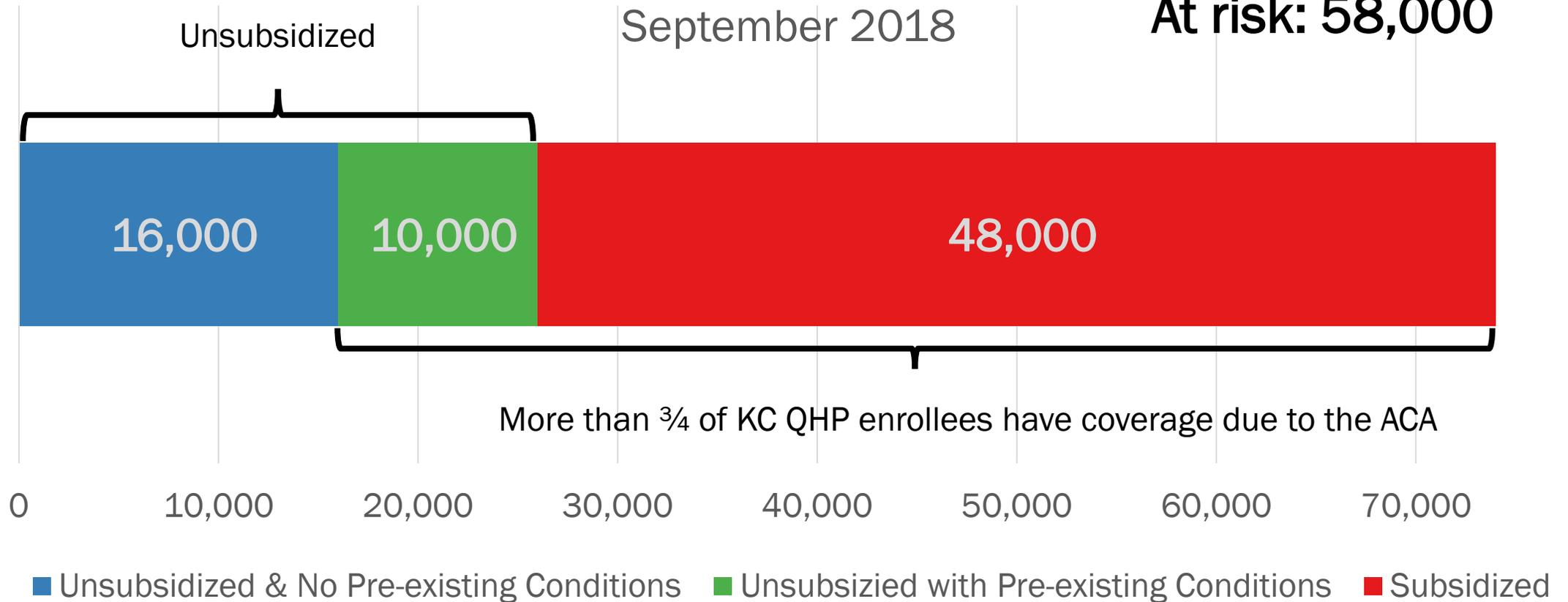
- **What is it?** A lawsuit, brought by Republican leaders in 20 states, which challenges the constitutionality of the ACA and if successful would result in the entire ACA being invalidated.
- **What is the argument?** In December, 2018 a District Court judge in Texas ruled that because Congress in 2017 voided the tax penalty for the individual mandate to buy insurance, the provision is no longer constitutional and that the rest of the law is “inseverable” from it and “therefore invalid.”
- **How will this be resolved?** This will slowly make its way through the courts, will heard in the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, and then if upheld, move to the Supreme Court.
- **What is at risk?** CBO estimates that if the ACA is overturned, 32 million Americans would lose coverage – producing 14 million more uninsured than before the ACA was enacted.

King County Medicaid Enrollment



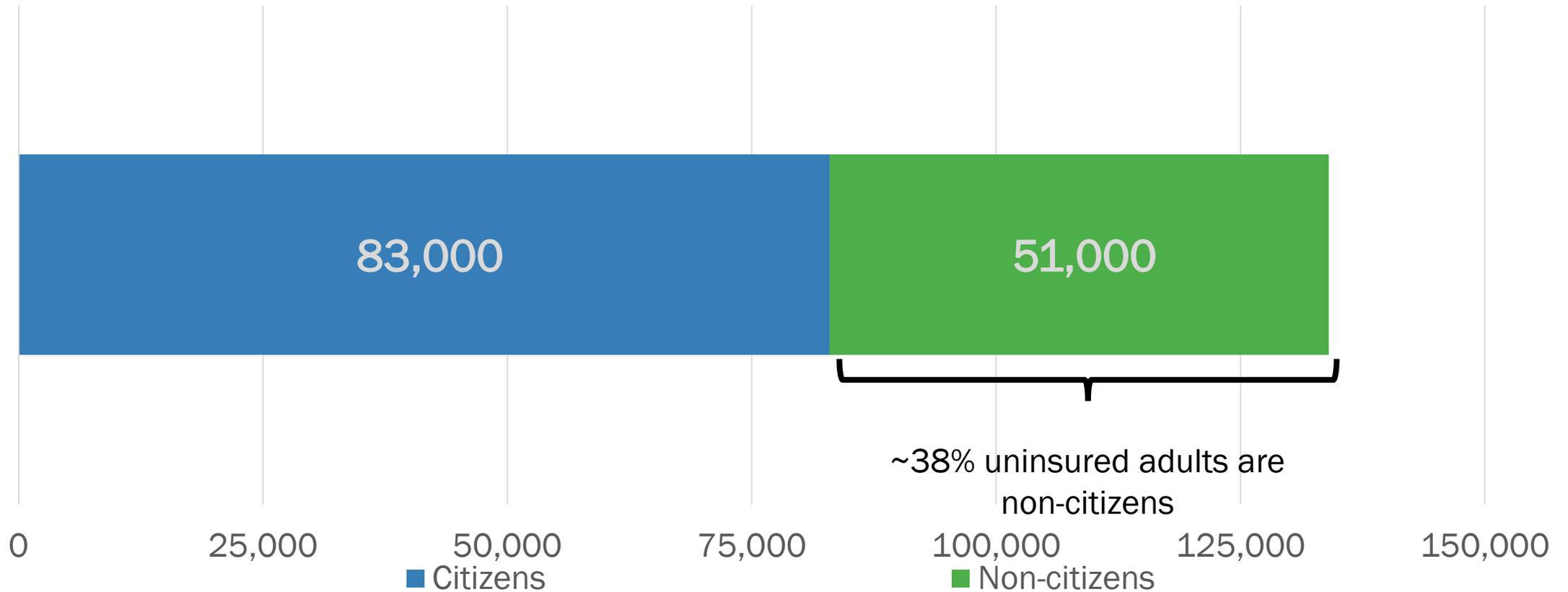
King County QHP Enrollment

Total: 74,000
At risk: 58,000

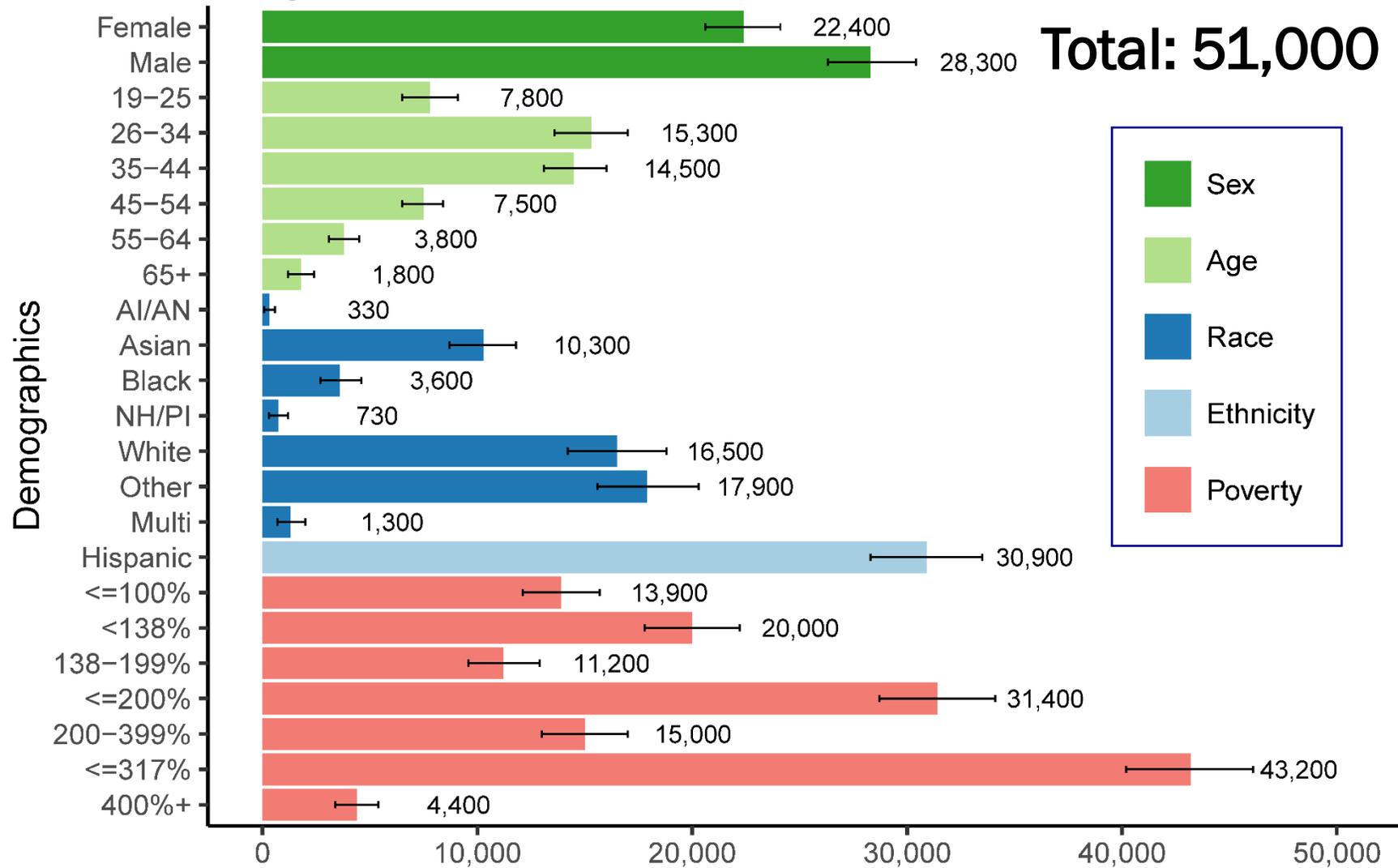


King County Uninsured Adults

Total: ~134,000



King County Uninsured Adult Non-citizens



Source: U.S. Census Bureau; American Community Survey (ACS), Five-Year Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS), 2013-2017.
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