# Figure 1.1. Percent of persons of all ages without health insurance coverage: United States, 1997-2003 



NOTES: A person was defined as uninsured if he or she did not have any private health insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), State-sponsored or other government-sponsored health plan, or military plan at the time of the interview. A person was also defined as uninsured if he or she had only Indian Health Service coverage or had only a private plan that paid for one type of service such as accidents or dental care. The analysis excluded persons with unknown health insurance status (about $1 \%$ of respondents each year). The data on health insurance status were edited using an automated system based on logic checks and keyword searches. For comparability, the estimates for all years were created using these same procedures. The resulting estimates of persons without health insurance coverage are generally 0.1-0.2 percentage points lower than those based on the editing procedures used for the final data files. CI is confidence interval. Beginning with the 2003 data, the National Health Interview Survey transitioned to weights derived from the 2000 census. This Early Release also recalculated the estimates using weights derived from the 2000 census for the 2000-2002 National Health Interview Surveys. See appendix tables in this release for more details.

DATA SOURCE: Family Core component of the 1997-2003 National Health Interview Surveys. The estimate for 2003 was based on data collected from January through March.

In early 2003, the percent of uninsured persons was $14.4 \%$ ( $95 \% \mathrm{CI}=13.6 \%$ 15.3\%), which was slightly lower than but not statistically different from the 2002 estimate of $14.7 \%$.

- The annual percent of uninsured persons was $15.4 \%$ in 1997, $14.6 \%$ in 1998, $14.2 \%$ in 1999, $14.9 \%$ in 2000, $14.3 \%$ in 2001, and $14.7 \%$ in 2002.


## Table 1.1. Number and percent of persons without health insurance coverage, by age group: United States, 1997-2003

| Age group | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | $\begin{gathered} 2003 \\ \text { quarter } 1 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of uninsured ${ }^{\mathbf{1}}$ in millions |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages | 41.0 | 39.3 | 38.7 | 41.3 | 40.2 | 41.5 | 41.1 |
| Under 65 years | 40.7 | 39.0 | 38.3 | 40.8 | 39.8 | 41.1 | 40.7 |
| 18-64 years | 30.8 | 30.0 | 29.8 | 32.0 | 31.9 | 33.5 | 34.0 |
| Under 18 years | 9.9 | 9.1 | 8.5 | 8.9 | 7.9 | 7.6 | 6.7 |
| Percent uninsured ${ }^{\mathbf{1}}$ (95\% confidence interval) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| All ages | $\begin{gathered} 15.4 \\ (15.0-15.8) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 14.6 \\ (14.1-15.1) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 14.2 \\ (13.8-14.6) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 14.9 \\ (14.5-15.3) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 14.3 \\ (13.8-14.8) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 14.7 \\ (14.3-15.1) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 14.4 \\ (13.6-15.3) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| Under 65 years Crude <br> Age adjusted | $\begin{gathered} 17.4 \\ (16.9-17.9) \\ 17.2 \\ (16.8-17.7) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 16.5 \\ (16.0-17.0) \\ 16.4 \\ (15.9-16.9) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 16.0 \\ (15.5-16.5) \\ 16.0 \\ (15.5-16.5) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 16.8 \\ (16.3-17.2) \\ 16.8 \\ (16.3-17.3) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 16.2 \\ (15.7-16.7) \\ 16.2 \\ (15.7-16.7) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 16.5 \\ (16.0-16.9) \\ 16.6 \\ (16.1-17.1) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 16.2 \\ (15.3-17.2) \\ 16.3 \\ (15.4-18.6) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| 18-64 years | $\begin{gathered} 18.9 \\ (18.4-19.4) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 18.2 \\ (17.7-18.7) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 17.8 \\ (17.3-18.3) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 18.7 \\ (18.1-19.2) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 18.3 \\ (17.8-18.8) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 19.1 \\ (18.6-19.6) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 19.1 \\ (18.1-20.2) \end{gathered}$ |
| Under 18 years | $\begin{gathered} 13.9 \\ (13.2-14.6) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 12.7 \\ (12.0-13.4) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 11.8 \\ (11.2-12.4) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 12.3 \\ (11.7-12.9) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 11.0 \\ (10.3-11.7) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 10.5 \\ (9.9-11.1) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 9.1 \\ (7.9-10.3) \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{1}$ A person was defined as uninsured if he or she did not have any private health insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), State-sponsored or other government-sponsored health plan, or military plan at the time of the interview. A person was also defined as uninsured if he or she had only Indian Health Service coverage or had only a private plan that paid for one type of service such as accidents or dental care. The analysis excluded persons with unknown health insurance status (about $1 \%$ of respondents). The data on health insurance status were edited using an automated system based on logic checks and keyword searches. For comparability, the estimates for all years were created using these same procedures. The resulting estimates of persons without health insurance coverage are generally 0.1-0.2 percentage points lower than those based on the editing procedures used for the final data files. The number of uninsured was calculated as the percent of uninsured multiplied by the total weighted population including persons with unknown coverage. The age-specific numbers of uninsured may not add to their respective totals due to rounding error. Age-adjusted estimates for persons under 65 years old for this Healthy People 2010 leading health indicator are adjusted to the year 2000 projected U.S. standard population using three age groups: under 18 years, 18-44 years, and 45-64 years.

NOTES: Beginning with the 2003 data, the National Health Interview Survey transitioned to weights derived from the 2000 census. This Early Release also recalculated the estimates using weights derived from the 2000 census for the 2000-2002 National Health Interview Surveys. See appendix tables in this release for more details.

DATA SOURCE: Family Core component of the 1997-2003 National Health Interview Surveys. The estimate for 2003 was based on data collected from January through March.

In early 2003, the percent of uninsured persons was 16.2\% ( 40.7 million) for persons under age 65 years, $19.1 \%$ (34.0 million) for persons aged 18-64 years, and $9.1 \%$ ( 6.7 million) for children under age 18 years.

For adults aged 18-64 years, the percent uninsured increased from $18.3 \%$ in 2001 to $19.1 \%$ in 2002 and early 2003,
although the differences were not statistically significant.

For children under age 18 years, the percent uninsured continued to decrease from $13.9 \%$ in 1997 to $9.1 \%$ in early 2003 (with an insignificant increase in 2000).

## Table 1.2. Percent of persons under age 65 years with public health plan and private health insurance coverage, by age group: United States, 1997-2003

| Type of coverage ${ }^{1}$ and age group | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | $\begin{gathered} 2003 \\ \text { quarter } 1 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent (95\% confidence interval) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public <br> Under 65 years | $\begin{gathered} 13.6 \\ (13.1-14.1) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 12.7 \\ (12.2-13.2) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 12.4 \\ (12.0-12.9) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 12.9 \\ (12.4-13.4) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 13.6 \\ (13.1-14.1) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 15.2 \\ (14.6-15.8) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 15.4 \\ (14.4-16.4) \end{gathered}$ |
| 18-64 years | $\begin{gathered} 10.2 \\ (9.8-10.6) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 9.5 \\ (9.1-9.9) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 9.0 \\ (8.6-9.3) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 9.1 \\ (8.7-9.4) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 9.4 \\ (9.0-9.8) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 10.3 \\ (9.9-10.7) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 10.2 \\ (9.5-11.0) \end{gathered}$ |
| Under 18 years | $\begin{gathered} 21.5 \\ (20.5-22.4) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20.0 \\ (19.0-20.9) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 20.5 \\ (19.5-21.4) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 22.0 \\ (21.0-23.0) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 23.6 \\ (22.6-24.5) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 27.1 \\ (26.0-28.2) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 28.0 \\ (25.9-30.0) \end{gathered}$ |
| Private <br> Under 65 years | $\begin{gathered} 70.8 \\ (70.1-71.5) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 72.0 \\ (71.3-72.7) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 73.1 \\ (72.3-73.8) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 71.8 \\ (71.1-72.5) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 71.6 \\ (70.9-72.3) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 69.8 \\ (69.0-70.6) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 69.9 \\ (68.4-71.3) \end{gathered}$ |
| 18-64 years | $\begin{gathered} 72.8 \\ (72.2-73.4) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 73.5 \\ (72.9-74.1) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 74.8 \\ (74.1-75.4) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 73.8 \\ (73.2-74.4) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 73.7 \\ (73.1-74.4) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 72.3 \\ (71.6-72.9) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 72.2 \\ (70.9-73.5) \end{gathered}$ |
| Under 18 years | $\begin{gathered} 66.2 \\ (65.1-67.3) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 68.5 \\ (67.4-69.5) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 69.1 \\ (68.0-70.2) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 67.1 \\ (66.1-68.2) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 66.7 \\ (66.4-68.6) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 63.9 \\ (62.7-65.1) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 64.2 \\ (61.9-66.4) \end{gathered}$ |

${ }^{1}$ The category "public health plan coverage" includes Medicare (disability), Medicaid, State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), State-sponsored or other government-sponsored health plan, and military plans. The category "private health insurance" excludes plans that paid for only one type of service such as accidents or dental care. A small number of persons were covered by both public and private plans and were included in both categories. The analysis excluded persons with unknown health insurance status (about $1 \%$ of respondents). The data on type of coverage were edited using an automated system based on logic checks and keyword searches. For comparability, the estimates for all years were created using these same procedures. The resulting estimates of persons having public or private coverage are within 0.1 percentage point of those based on the editing procedures used for the final data files.

NOTES: Beginning with the 2003 data, the National Health Interview Survey transitioned to weights derived from the 2000 census. This Early Release also recalculated the estimates using weights derived from the 2000 census for the 2000-2002 National Health Interview Surveys. See appendix tables in this release for more details.

DATA SOURCE: Family Core component of the 1997-2003 National Health Interview Surveys. The estimate for 2003 was based on data collected from January through March.

In early 2003, $15.4 \%$ of persons under age 65 years were covered by public plans, and $69.9 \%$ were covered by private health insurance plans.

From 1999 through early 2003, the percent of persons under age 65 years covered by public health plans increased from $12.4 \%$ to $15.4 \%$, whereas the percent covered by private health insurance decreased from 73.1\% to 69.9\%.

- For children under age 18 years, the percent of those with public coverage significantly increased from $20.5 \%$ in 1999 to $28.0 \%$ in early 2003. In contrast, the percent of children covered by private health insurance decreased from 69.1\% in 1999 to 64.2\% in early 2003.


## Table 1.3. Percent uninsured for persons under age 65 years, by age group and poverty status: United States, 1997-2003

| Age group and poverty status ${ }^{1}$ | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | $\begin{gathered} 2003 \\ \text { quarter } 1 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent (standard error) uninsured ${ }^{\mathbf{2}}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 65 years |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 17.4 (0.24) | 16.5 (0.26) | 16.0 (0.25) | 16.8 (0.24) | 16.2 (0.26) | 16.5 (0.24) | 16.2 (0.49) |
| Poor | 32.7 (0.80) | 32.7 (0.84) | 32.1 (0.93) | 32.7 (0.89) | 31.0 (0.99) | 28.6 (0.80) | 29.9 (1.65) |
| Near poor | 30.4 (0.70) | 30.8 (0.79) | 30.7 (0.73) | 31.3 (0.69) | 28.6 (0.69) | 28.3 (0.70) | 30.0 (1.40) |
| Not poor | 8.9 (0.22) | 8.0 (0.21) | 7.8 (0.20) | 8.7 (0.22) | 8.4 (0.21) | 9.5 (0.24) | 8.4 (0.44) |
| Unknown | 21.6 (0.59) | 20.7 (0.53) | 20.1 (0.48) | 19.7 (0.51) | 20.3 (0.53) | 20.7 (0.55) | 19.5 (0.95) |
| Under 18 years |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 13.9 (0.36) | 12.7 (0.34) | 11.8 (0.32) | 12.3 (0.32) | 11.0 (0.34) | 10.5 (0.32) | 9.1 (0.62) |
| Poor | 22.4 (0.99) | 21.6 (1.02) | 21.4 (1.13) | 20.6 (1.04) | 18.8 (1.24) | 15.9 (0.97) | 14.3 (2.14) |
| Near poor | 22.8 (0.96) | 22.5 (0.97) | 21.6 (0.92) | 21.4 (0.93) | 17.0 (0.85) | 15.7 (0.84) | 14.3 (1.63) |
| Not poor | 6.1 (0.33) | 4.9 (0.29) | 4.4 (0.29) | 5.3 (0.30) | 4.4 (0.26) | 5.3 (0.36) | 4.6 (0.56) |
| Unknown | 18.3 (0.90) | 16.5 (0.75) | 14.9 (0.69) | 15.0 (0.72) | 15.5 (0.84) | 14.1 (0.76) | 11.7 (1.32) |
| 18-64 years |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 18.9 (0.23) | 18.2 (0.27) | 17.8 (0.26) | 18.7 (0.27) | 18.3 (0.27) | 19.1 (0.26) | 19.1 (0.53) |
| Poor | 40.2 (0.88) | 40.8 (1.02) | 39.9 (1.11) | 41.1 (1.05) | 39.5 (1.19) | 37.0 (1.09) | 39.7 (2.03) |
| Near poor | 34.9 (0.71) | 36.0 (0.83) | 36.3 (0.81) | 37.4 (0.77) | 35.6 (0.78) | 36.2 (0.77) | 39.3 (1.64) |
| Not poor | 9.9 (0.22) | 9.2 (0.23) | 9.0 (0.20) | 10.0 (0.24) | 9.9 (0.22) | 11.0 (0.25) | 9.8 (0.49) |
| Unknown | 22.9 (0.58) | 22.2 (0.60) | 22.2 (0.50) | 21.5 (0.53) | 22.1 (0.52) | 23.2 (0.56) | 22.5 (1.02) |

[^0]NOTES: Beginning with the 2003 data, the National Health Interview Survey transitioned to weights derived from the 2000 census. This Early Release also recalculated the estimates using weights derived from the 2000 census for the 2000-2002 National Health Interview Surveys. See appendix tables in this release for more details.

DATA SOURCE: Family Core component of the 1997-2003 National Health Interview Survey. The estimate for 2003 was based on data collected from January through March.

In early 2003, 14.3\% of poor children and $14.3 \%$ of near poor children did not have health insurance coverage at the time of interview.

From 1997 through early 2003, the percent uninsured decreased over time among poor and near poor children, but it remained stable among children who were not poor.

From 1997 through early 2003, the percent uninsured remained stable for poor and not poor adults aged 18-64 years. However, the estimate significantly increased from $35.6 \%$ in 2001 to $39.3 \%$ in early 2003 for those who were near poor.

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## Table 1.4. Percent of persons under age 65 years with public plan coverage, by age group and poverty status: United States, 1997-2003

| Age group and poverty status ${ }^{1}$ | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | $\begin{gathered} 2003 \\ \text { quarter } 1 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent (standard error) of persons with public coverage ${ }^{\mathbf{2}}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 65 years |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 13.6 (0.25) | 12.7 (0.26) | 12.4 (0.24) | 12.9 (0.26) | 13.6 (0.26) | 15.2 (0.29) | 15.4 (0.51) |
| Poor | 46.1 (1.01) | 44.7 (1.05) | 43.4 (1.04) | 43.7 (1.11) | 45.0 (1.14) | 47.0 (1.07) | 49.6 (2.05) |
| Near poor | 18.2 (0.56) | 17.5 (0.57) | 20.5 (0.63) | 21.7 (0.62) | 25.0 (0.69) | 27.5 (0.72) | 27.3 (1.32) |
| Not poor | 5.3 (0.19) | 5.1 (0.23) | 4.8 (0.18) | 5.3 (0.21) | 5.7 (0.21) | 6.1 (0.24) | 6.5 (0.46) |
| Unknown | 13.2 (0.49) | 13.4 (0.45) | 13.2 (0.43) | 12.8 (0.42) | 13.1 (0.42) | 16.6 (0.45) | 15.2 (0.78) |
| Under 18 years |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 21.4 (0.48) | 20.0 (0.49) | 20.4 (0.46) | 22.0 (0.50) | 23.6 (0.50) | 27.1 (0.54) | 28.0 (1.04) |
| Poor | 62.1 (1.31) | 61.1 (1.34) | 60.7 (1.37) | 61.8 (1.48) | 65.2 (1.47) | 69.0 (1.33) | 74.0 (2.53) |
| Near poor | 24.3 (0.93) | 22.9 (0.95) | 28.7 (1.15) | 32.4 (1.13) | 37.0 (1.23) | 42.2 (1.18) | 45.5 (2.47) |
| Not poor | 6.3 (0.32) | 6.0 (0.39) | 6.0 (0.32) | 7.4 (0.39) | 8.1 (0.39) | 8.9 (0.45) | 9.9 (0.97) |
| Unknown | 21.4 (0.97) | 22.1 (0.95) | 22.2 (0.88) | 22.1 (0.85) | 23.1 (0.94) | 30.7 (0.99) | 28.1 (1.77) |
| 18-64 years |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 10.2 (0.20) | 9.5 (0.21) | 9.0 (0.19) | 9.1 (0.19) | 9.4 (0.21) | 10.3 (0.23) | 10.2 (0.39) |
| Poor | 34.3 (0.93) | 32.9 (1.08) | 30.8 (0.98) | 31.1 (1.00) | 30.8 (1.10) | 32.5 (1.10) | 34.2 (2.15) |
| Near poor | 14.6 (0.51) | 14.1 (0.53) | 15.4 (0.52) | 15.2 (0.54) | 17.8 (0.62) | 18.3 (0.66) | 16.6 (1.13) |
| Not poor | 5.0 (0.18) | 4.8 (0.21) | 4.4 (0.17) | 4.5 (0.19) | 4.8 (0.20) | 5.1 (0.22) | 5.2 (0.37) |
| Unknown | 10.1 (0.41) | 10.0 (0.34) | 9.6 (0.33) | 9.1 (0.33) | 9.4 (0.33) | 11.2 (0.35) | 10.4 (0.61) |

${ }^{1}$ Poverty status is based on family income and family size using the U.S. Census Bureau's poverty thresholds. "Poor" persons are defined as those below the poverty threshold. "Near poor" persons have incomes of $100 \%$ to less than $200 \%$ of the poverty threshold. "Not poor" persons have incomes of $200 \%$ of the poverty threshold or greater. The estimates for those respondents with unknown poverty status ( $19.1 \%$ in $1997,23.6 \%$ in $1998,26.4 \%$ in $1999,27.0 \%$ in $2000,27.1 \%$ in $2001,28.1 \%$ in 2002 , and $29.0 \%$ in the first quarter 2003) are not shown in the table. Please visit www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis.htm for more information on the unknown income and poverty status categories.
${ }^{2}$ The category "public health plan coverage" includes Medicaid, State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), Statesponsored or other government-sponsored health plan, Medicare (disability), and military plan. A small number of persons were covered by both public and private plans, and thus were included in both categories. The analysis excluded persons with unknown health insurance status (about $1 \%$ of respondents). The data on health insurance status were edited using an automated system based on logic checks and keyword searches. For comparability, the estimates for all years were created using these same procedures. The resulting estimates of health insurance coverage are generally within 0.1 percentage point of those based on the editing procedures used for the final data files.

NOTES: Beginning with the 2003 data, the National Health Interview Survey transitioned to weights derived from the 2000 census. This Early Release also recalculated the estimates using weights derived from the 2000 census for the 2000-2002 National Health Interview Surveys. See appendix tables in this release for more details.

DATA SOURCE: Family Core component of the 1997-2003 National Health Interview Survey. The estimate for 2003 was based on data collected from January through March.

In early 2003, $74.0 \%$ of poor children and $45.5 \%$ of near poor children were covered by a public health plan at the time of interview.

- The estimates of public coverage increased over time from 1999 through early 2003 among children under age 18 years who were poor, near poor, or not poor.

From 1999 through early 2003, the estimates of public coverage increased slightly but significantly among adults who were not poor. Although the estimates also increased slightly among adults who were poor, the differences were not significant.

## Table 1.5. Percent of persons under age 65 years with private insurance coverage, by age group and poverty status: United States, 1997-2003

| Age group and poverty status ${ }^{1}$ | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | $\begin{gathered} 2003 \\ \text { quarter } 1 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percent (standard error) of persons with private coverage ${ }^{\mathbf{2}}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Under 65 years |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 70.8 (0.35) | 72.0 (0.36) | 73.1 (0.36) | 71.8 (0.34) | 71.6 (0.37) | 69.8 (0.39) | 69.9 (0.72) |
| Poor | 22.9 (0.93) | 23.1 (1.02) | 26.1 (1.12) | 25.2 (1.00) | 25.5 (1.13) | 26.0 (1.14) | 22.5 (2.04) |
| Near poor | 53.5 (0.80) | 53.0 (0.92) | 50.9 (0.86) | 49.1 (0.87) | 48.4 (0.85) | 46.5 (0.89) | 44.4 (1.78) |
| Not poor | 87.6 (0.27) | 88.1 (0.29) | 88.9 (0.24) | 87.4 (0.28) | 87.2 (0.27) | 86.0 (0.33) | 86.6 (0.60) |
| Unknown | 66.7 (0.71) | 67.1 (0.71) | 68.0 (0.65) | 68.8 (0.63) | 67.8 (0.69) | 63.9 (0.71) | 66.6 (1.26) |
| Under 18 years |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 66.2 (0.57) | 68.5 (0.55) | 69.1 (0.55) | 67.1 (0.53) | 66.7 (0.57) | 63.9 (0.61) | 64.2 (1.15) |
| Poor | 17.5 (1.09) | 19.3 (1.17) | 20.2 (1.16) | 19.5 (1.21) | 18.1 (1.12) | 17.2 (1.08) | 14.9 (2.31) |
| Near poor | 55.0 (1.15) | 56.3 (1.22) | 52.1 (1.23) | 48.8 (1.23) | 48.4 (1.23) | 44.9 (1.29) | 41.9 (2.57) |
| Not poor | 88.9 (0.43) | 89.9 (0.48) | 90.6 (0.39) | 88.4 (0.47) | 88.4 (0.40) | 86.9 (0.54) | 86.5 (1.07) |
| Unknown | 61.7 (1.18) | 62.1 (1.13) | 63.8 (1.02) | 64.2 (0.99) | 62.2 (1.16) | 56.3 (1.19) | 61.0 (2.02) |
| 18-64 years |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 72.8 (0.30) | 73.5 (0.32) | 74.7 (0.33) | 73.8 (0.32) | 73.7 (0.33) | 72.3 (0.35) | 72.2 (0.64) |
| Poor | 26.8 (1.09) | 25.8 (1.17) | 30.4 (1.39) | 29.2 (1.16) | 31.7 (1.41) | 31.8 (1.50) | 27.2 (2.48) |
| Near poor | 52.6 (0.76) | 50.9 (0.90) | 50.2 (0.85) | 49.3 (0.83) | 48.4 (0.82) | 47.5 (0.85) | 45.9 (1.72) |
| Not poor | 87.1 (0.26) | 87.4 (0.27) | 88.2 (0.24) | 87.1 (0.27) | 86.8 (0.28) | 85.7 (0.30) | 86.6 (0.56) |
| Unknown | 68.6 (0.65) | 69.1 (0.66) | 69.7 (0.60) | 70.6 (0.61) | 69.9 (0.61) | 66.9 (0.62) | 68.7 (1.17) |

${ }^{1}$ Poverty status is based on family income and family size using the U.S. Census Bureau's poverty thresholds. "Poor" persons are defined as those below the poverty threshold. "Near poor" persons have incomes of $100 \%$ to less than $200 \%$ of the poverty threshold. "Not poor" persons have incomes of $200 \%$ of the poverty threshold or greater. The estimates for those respondents with unknown poverty status ( $19.1 \%$ in $1997,23.6 \%$ in $1998,26.4 \%$ in $1999,27.0 \%$ in $2000,27.1 \%$ in $2001,28.1 \%$ in 2002 , and $29.0 \%$ in the first quarter 2003) are not shown in the table. Please visit www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis.htm for more information on the unknown income and poverty status categories.
${ }^{2}$ The category "private health insurance" excludes plans that paid for only one type of service such as accidents or dental care. A small number of persons were covered by both public and private plans, and thus were included in both categories. The analysis excluded persons with unknown health insurance status (about $1 \%$ of respondents). The data on health insurance status were edited using an automated system based on logic checks and keyword searches. For comparability, the estimates for all years were created using these same procedures. The resulting estimates of health insurance coverage are generally within 0.1 percentage point of those based on the editing procedures used for the final data files.

NOTES: Beginning with the 2003 data, the National Health Interview Survey transitioned to weights derived from the 2000 census. This Early Release also recalculated the estimates using weights derived from the 2000 census for the 2000-2002 National Health Interview Surveys. See appendix tables in this release for more details.

DATA SOURCE: Family Core component of the 1997-2003 National Health Interview Survey. The estimate for 2003 was based on data collected from January through March.

- In early 2003, 14.9\% of poor children and $41.9 \%$ of near poor children were covered by private health insurance at the time of interview.
- The estimates of private coverage decreased over time from 1999 through early 2003. A significant decrease in the estimate of private coverage was also noticed among children who were not poor.

From 1997 through early 2003, a decreasing trend in the estimate of private health insurance coverage was also noticed among adults aged 18-64 years who were near poor.

Figure 1.2. Percent of persons under age 65 years without health insurance coverage, by age group and sex: United States, January-March 2003


NOTES: A person was defined as uninsured if he or she did not have any private health insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), State-sponsored or other government-sponsored health plan, or military plan at the time of the interview. A person was also defined as uninsured if he or she had only Indian Health Service coverage or had only a private plan that paid for one type of service such as accidents or dental care. The analysis excluded 260 ( $1.3 \%$ ) persons with unknown health insurance status. The data on health insurance status were edited using an automated system based on logic checks and keyword searches. The resulting estimates of persons not having health insurance coverage are generally 0.1 percentage point lower than those based on the editing procedures used for the final data files.

DATA SOURCE: Based on data collected from January through March in the Family Core component of the 2003 National Health Interview Survey.

- For both sexes combined, the percent of uninsured persons was highest among persons aged 18-24 years (29.7\%) and lowest among persons under age 18 years ( $9.1 \%$ ) and at ages 45-64 years (13.0\%). Starting at age 18 years, younger adults were more likely than older adults to lack health insurance coverage.

Among adults in age groups 18-24 years, 25-34 years, and 35-44 years, men were more likely than women to lack health insurance coverage.

Figure 1.3. Age-sex-adjusted percent of persons of all ages without health insurance coverage, by race/ethnicity: United States, January-March 2003


NOTES: A person was defined as uninsured if he or she did not have any private health insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), State-sponsored or other government-sponsored health plan, or military plan at the time of the interview. A person was also defined as uninsured if he or she had only Indian Health Service coverage or had only a private plan that paid for one type of service such as accidents or dental care. The analysis excluded 273 (1.2\%) persons with unknown health insurance status. The data on health insurance status were edited using an automated system based on logic checks and keyword searches. The resulting estimates of persons not having health insurance coverage are generally 0.1 percentage point lower than those based on the editing procedures used for the final data files. Estimates are age-sex-adjusted to the year 2000 projected U.S. standard population using three age groups: under 18 years, 18-64 years, and 65 years and over.

DATA SOURCE: Based on data collected from January through March in the Family Core component of the 2003 National Health Interview Survey.

- After adjusting for age and sex, the percent of uninsured persons was 31.4\% for Hispanic persons, 10.0\% for non-Hispanic white persons, and $18.4 \%$ for nonHispanic black persons.

Hispanic persons were most likely to be uninsured, followed by nonHispanic black persons and nonHispanic white persons.

## Data tables for figures 1.1-1.3:

Data table for figure 1.1. Percent of persons of all ages without health insurance coverage: United States, 1997-2003

| Year | Percent | 95\% confidence interval |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1 9 9 7}$ | 15.4 | $15.0-15.8$ |
| $\mathbf{1 9 9 8}$ | 14.6 | $14.1-15.1$ |
| $\mathbf{1 9 9 9}$ | 14.2 | $13.8-14.6$ |
| $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ | 14.9 | $14.5-15.3$ |
| $\mathbf{2 0 0 1}$ | 14.3 | $13.8-14.8$ |
| $\mathbf{2 0 0 2}$ (January-March) | 14.7 | $14.3-15.1$ |
| $\mathbf{2 0 0 3}$ ( | 14.4 | $13.6-15.3$ |

Data table for figure 1.2. Percent of persons under age 65 years without health insurance coverage, by age group and sex: United States, JanuaryMarch 2003

| Age and sex | Percent | 95\% confidence interval |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Under 18 years <br> Total <br> Men <br> Women | $\begin{aligned} & 9.1 \\ & 8.7 \\ & 9.6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7.9-10.4 \\ & 7.3-10.2 \\ & 8.2-11.0 \end{aligned}$ |
|  $\mathbf{1 8}-\mathbf{2 4}$ years <br> Total  <br> Men  <br> Women  <br>  $25-34$ years | $\begin{aligned} & 29.7 \\ & 33.7 \\ & 25.6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 26.9-32.4 \\ & 29.8-37.6 \\ & 22.5-28.8 \end{aligned}$ |
|  $\mathbf{2 5 - 3 4}$ years <br> Total  <br> Men  <br> Women  <br>   | $\begin{aligned} & 24.3 \\ & 27.3 \\ & 21.3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 22.2-26.3 \\ & 24.6-29.9 \\ & 19.1-23.6 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
|  $\mathbf{3 5 - 4 4}$ years <br> Total  <br> Men  <br> Women  | $\begin{aligned} & 17.4 \\ & 20.1 \\ & 14.9 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 15.8-19.1 \\ & 17.9-22.3 \\ & 13.0-16.8 \end{aligned}$ |
|  45-64 years <br> Total  <br> Men  <br> Women  <br>   | $\begin{aligned} & 13.0 \\ & 12.7 \\ & 13.3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 11.7-14.3 \\ & 11.2-14.2 \\ & 11.8-14.7 \end{aligned}$ |
|  Age adjusted ${ }^{\mathbf{1}}$ <br> Total  <br> Men  <br> Women  | $\begin{aligned} & 16.3 \\ & 17.5 \\ & 15.1 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 15.4-17.3 \\ & 16.4-18.6 \\ & 14.1-16.2 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |

[^1]Data table for figure 1.3. Age- sex- adjusted percent of persons of all ages without health insurance coverage, by race/ethnicity: United States, January-March 2003

|  | Percent (95\% confidence interval) |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Race/ethnicity | Age-sex-adjusted $^{\mathbf{1}}$ | Age adjusted $^{\mathbf{2}}$ |
| Hispanic or Latino | $31.4(29.0-33.8)$ | $33.8(31.2-36.3)$ |
| Not Hispanic or Latino |  |  |
| White, single race | $10.0(9.2-10.8)$ | $11.5(10.6-12.5)$ |
| Black, single race | $18.4(16.1-20.6)$ | $20.4(17.9-22.9)$ |

${ }^{1}$ Estimates are for persons of all ages and are age-sex-adjusted to the year 2000 projected U.S. standard population using three age groups: under 18 years, $18-64$ years, and 65 years and over.
${ }^{2}$ Estimates for this Healthy People 2010 leading health indicator are for persons under 65 years and are age-adjusted to the year 2000 projected U.S. standard population using three age groups: under 18 years, 18-44 years, and 45-64 years.


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ Poverty status is based on family income and family size using the U.S. Census Bureau's poverty thresholds. "Poor" persons are defined as those below the poverty threshold. "Near poor" persons have incomes of $100 \%$ to less than $200 \%$ of the poverty threshold. "Not poor" persons have incomes of $200 \%$ of the poverty threshold or greater. The estimates for those respondents with unknown poverty status $(19.1 \%$ in $1997,23.6 \%$ in $1998,26.4 \%$ in $1999,27.0 \%$ in $2000,27.1 \%$ in $2001,28.1 \%$ in 2002 , and $29.0 \%$ in the first quarter 2003) are not shown in the table. Please visit www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis.htm for more information on the unknown income and poverty status categories.
    ${ }^{2}$ A person was defined as uninsured if he or she did not have any private health insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), State-sponsored or other government-sponsored health plan, or military plan at the time of the interview. A person was also defined as uninsured if he or she had only Indian Health Service coverage or had only a private plan that paid for one type of service such as accidents or dental care. The analysis excluded persons with unknown health insurance status (about $1 \%$ of respondents). The data on health insurance status were edited using an automated system based on logic checks and keyword searches. For comparability, the estimates for all years were created using these same procedures. The resulting estimates of health insurance coverage are generally within 0.1 percentage point of those based on the editing procedures used for the final data files.

[^1]:    ${ }^{1}$ Estimates for this Healthy People 2010 leading health indicator are for persons under 65 years and are age adjusted to the year 2000 projected U.S. standard population using three age groups: under 18 years, 18-44 years, and 45-64 years.

