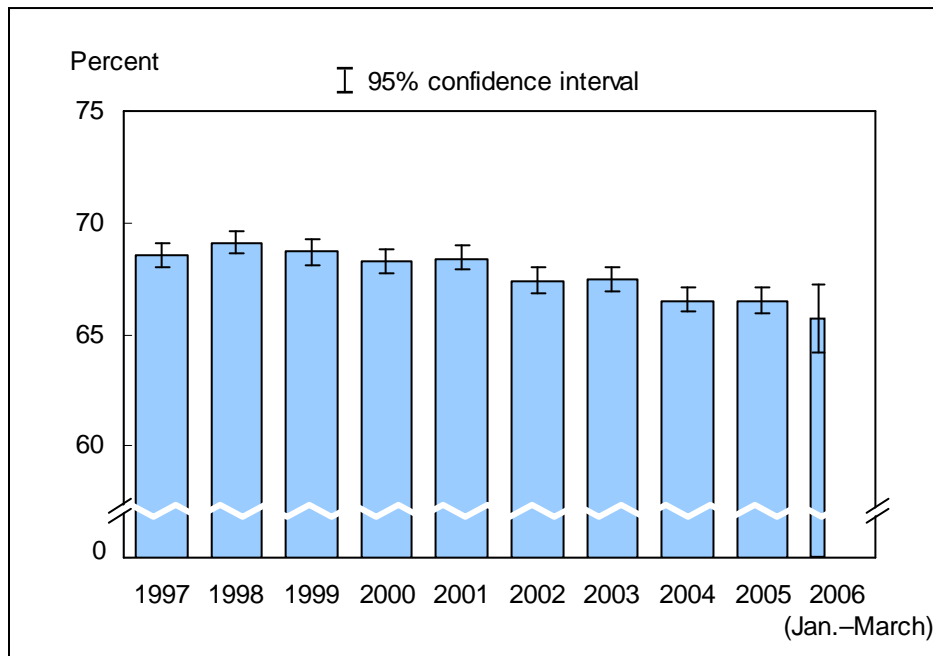


Figure 11.1. Percentage of persons of all ages who had excellent or very good health: United States, 1997–March 2006

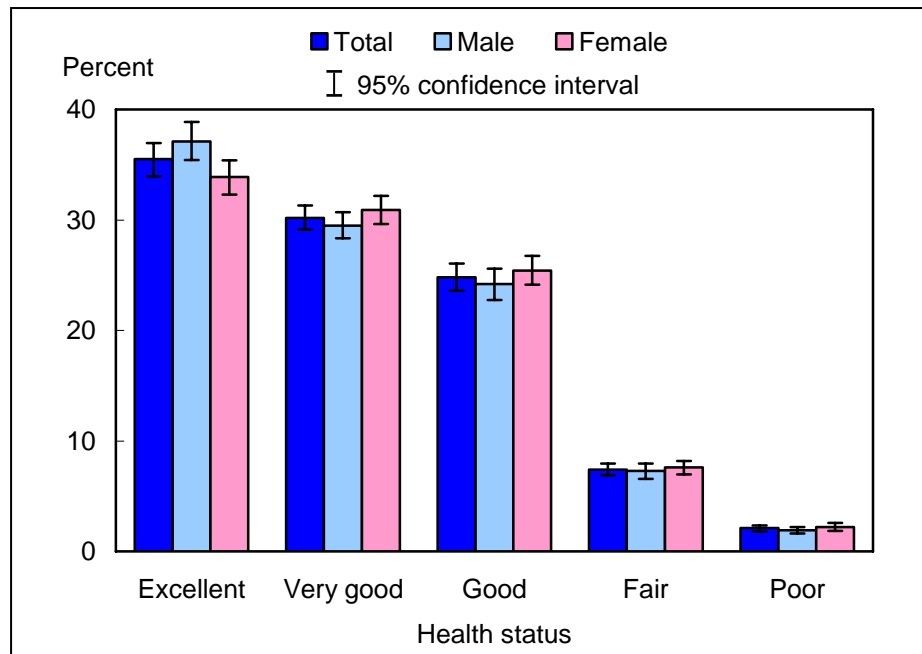


NOTES: Health status data were obtained by asking respondents to assess their own health and that of family members living in the same household as excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor. The analyses excluded persons with unknown health status (about 0.5% of respondents each year). Beginning with the 2003 data, the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) transitioned to weights derived from the 2000 census. In this Early Release, estimates for 2000–2002 were recalculated using weights derived from the 2000 census. See “About This Release” and Table III in the Appendix for more details.

DATA SOURCE: Family Core component of the 1997–2006 NHIS. The estimate for 2006 was based on data collected from January through March. Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population.

- In early 2006, the percentage of persons who had excellent or very good health was 65.7% (95% confidence interval = 64.18–67.22%), which was not significantly different from the 2005 estimate of 66.5%.
- From 1997 through 2001, the percentage of persons who had excellent or very good health remained similar: 68.5% in 1997, 69.1% in 1998, 68.7% in 1999, 68.3% in 2000, and 68.4% in 2001. The estimates decreased from 2001 to early 2006 (65.7%).

Figure 11.2. Percent distribution of respondent-assessed health status, by sex for all ages: United States, January–March 2006



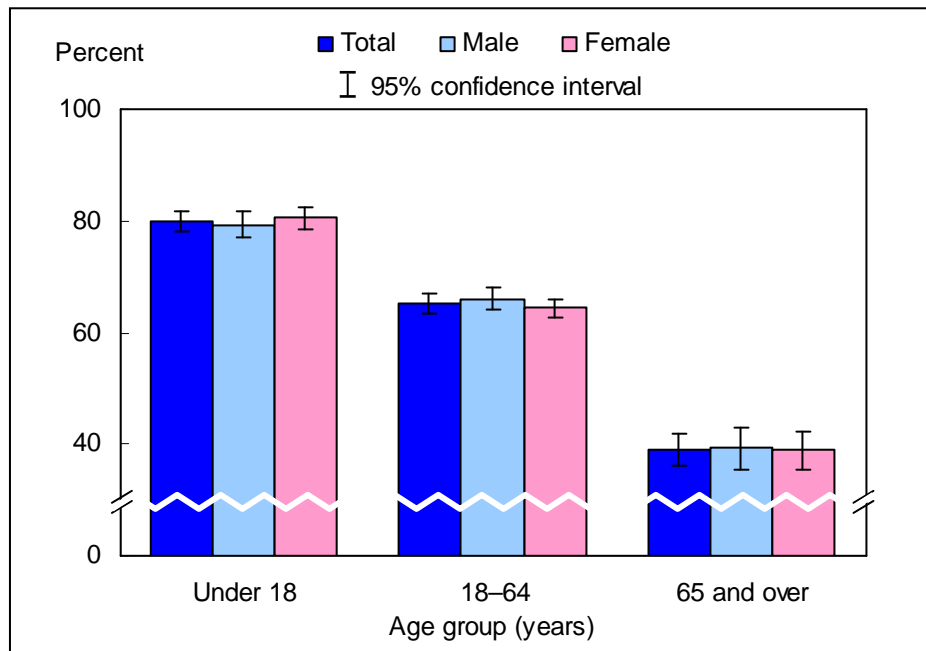
NOTES: Health status data were obtained by asking respondents to assess their own health and that of family members living in the same household as excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor. The analyses excluded 63 persons (0.3%) with unknown health status.

DATA SOURCE: Based on data collected from January through March in the Family Core component of the 2006 National Health Interview Survey. Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population.

- For both sexes combined, most persons' health was either excellent (35.5%) or very good (30.2%). A smaller percentage of persons had good health (24.8%). Fewer persons had fair (7.4%) or poor (2.1%) health.

- Compared with males, females were less likely to have excellent health.

Figure 11.3. Percentage of persons of all ages who had excellent or very good health, by age group and sex: United States, January–March 2006



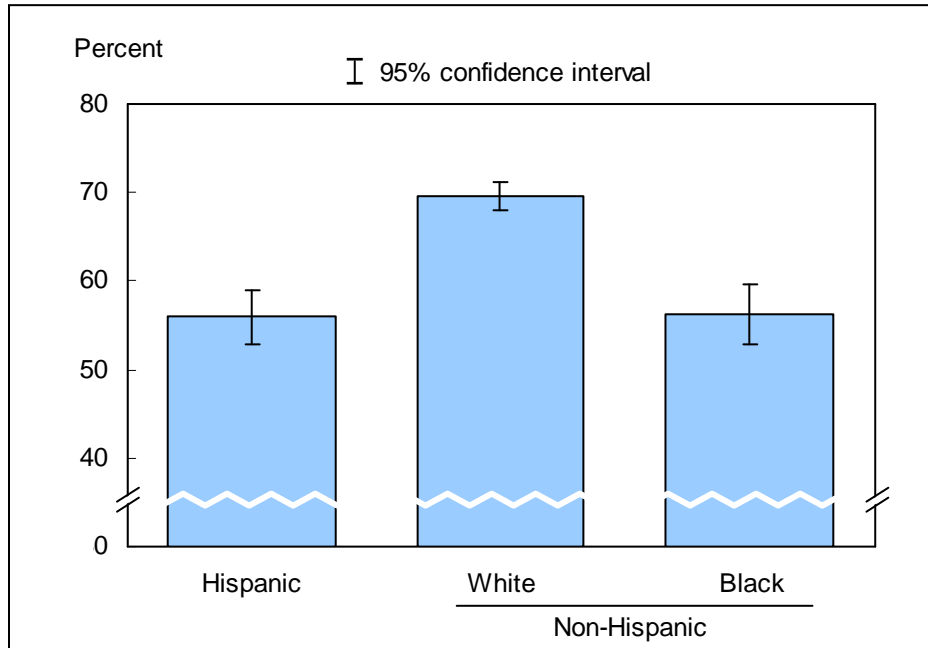
NOTES: Health status data were obtained by asking respondents to assess their own health and that of family members living in the same household as excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor. The analyses excluded 63 persons (0.3%) with unknown health status.

DATA SOURCE: Based on data collected from January through March in the Family Core component of the 2006 National Health Interview Survey. Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population.

■ For both sexes combined, the percentage of persons with excellent or very good health decreased with age: 79.9% for those under 18 years, 65.2% for those aged 18–64 years, and 39.0% for those aged 65 years and over.

■ For all three age groups, there was no significant difference between females and males in the percentage of persons who had excellent or very good health.

Figure 11.4. Age-sex-adjusted percentage of persons of all ages who had excellent or very good health, by race/ethnicity: United States, January–March 2006



NOTES: Health status data were obtained by asking respondents to assess their own health and that of family members living in the same household as excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor. The analyses excluded 63 persons (0.3%) with unknown health status. Estimates are age-sex adjusted using the projected 2000 U.S. population as the 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 2006 National Health Interview Survey. Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population.

- After adjusting for age and sex, the percentage of persons who had excellent or very good health was 56.0% for Hispanic persons, 69.6% for non-Hispanic white persons, and 56.2% for non-Hispanic black persons.
- The health of Hispanic persons and non-Hispanic black persons was less likely to be excellent or very good than that of non-Hispanic white persons.

Data tables for figures 11.1–11.4:

Data table for figure 11.1. Percentage of persons of all ages who had excellent or very good health: United States, 1997–March 2006

Year	Percent	95% confidence interval
1997	68.5	68.0-69.1
1998	69.1	68.6-69.6
1999	68.7	68.1-69.3
2000	68.3	67.7-68.8
2001	68.4	67.9-69.0
2002	67.4	66.8-68.0
2003	67.5	66.9-68.0
2004	66.5	66.0-67.1
2005	66.5	65.98-67.11
January–March 2006	65.7	64.18-67.22

NOTES: Beginning with the 2003 data, the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) transitioned to weights derived from the 2000 census. In this Early Release, estimates for 2000–2002 were recalculated using weights derived from the 2000 census. See “About This Release” and Table III in the Appendix for more details.

DATA SOURCE: NHIS, 1997–March 2006. Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population.

Data table for figure 11.2. Percent distribution of respondent-assessed health status, by sex for all ages: United States, January–March 2006

Health status and sex	Percent	95% confidence interval
Excellent		
Total	35.5	33.96-36.97
Male	37.1	35.42-38.87
Female	33.9	32.31-35.40
Very good		
Total	30.2	29.16-31.31
Male	29.5	28.35-30.71
Female	30.9	29.64-32.19
Good		
Total	24.8	23.58-26.05
Male	24.2	22.76-25.58
Female	25.4	24.14-26.73
Fair		
Total	7.4	6.89-7.97
Male	7.3	6.57-7.95
Female	7.6	6.97-8.20
Poor		
Total	2.1	1.80-2.33
Male	1.9	1.61-2.19
Female	2.2	1.86-2.57

DATA SOURCE: National Health Interview Survey, 2006. Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population.

Data table for figure 11.3. Percentage of persons of all ages who had excellent or very good health, by age group and sex: United States, January–March 2006

Age and sex	Percent	95% confidence interval
Under 18 years		
Total	79.9	78.07-81.66
Male	79.3	77.02-81.58
Female	80.5	78.50-82.40
18–64 years		
Total	65.2	63.52-66.84
Male	66.0	64.04-67.98
Female	64.4	62.65-66.09
65 years and over		
Total	39.0	36.18-41.80
Male	39.2	35.50-42.81
Female	38.9	35.59-42.14
All ages: crude¹		
Total	65.7	64.18-67.22
Male	66.7	64.93-68.42
Female	64.8	63.23-66.31
All ages: age-adjusted²		
Total	65.7	64.17-67.13
Male	66.0	64.33-67.75
Female	65.3	63.80-66.79

¹Crude estimates are presented in the figure.

²Estimates are age adjusted using the projected 2000 U.S. population as the standard population using three age groups: under 18 years, 18–64 years, and 65 years and over.

DATA SOURCE: National Health Interview Survey, 2006. Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population.

Data table for figure 11.4. Age-sex-adjusted percentage of persons of all ages who had excellent or very good health, by race/ethnicity: United States, January–March 2006

Race/ethnicity	Percent ¹	95% confidence interval
Hispanic or Latino	56.0	52.88-59.04
Not Hispanic or Latino:		
White, single race	69.6	68.03-71.16
Black, single race	56.2	52.77-59.54

¹Estimates are age-sex adjusted using the projected 2000 U.S. population as the standard population using three age groups: under 18 years, 18–64 years, and 65 years and over.

DATA SOURCE: National Health Interview Survey, 2006. Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population.