

**Table 127 (page 1 of 3). Private health insurance coverage among persons under 65 years of age, according to selected characteristics: United States, selected years 1984–2001**

[Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population]

<i>Characteristic</i>	<i>1984</i>	<i>1989</i>	<i>1995</i>	<i>1996</i>	<i>1997<sup>1</sup></i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2001</i>
	Number in millions								
Total <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	157.5	162.7	164.2	165.6	165.8	170.8	174.3	173.0	174.1
	Percent of population								
Total, age adjusted <sup>2,3</sup> . . . . .	77.1	76.2	71.6	71.5	70.9	72.3	72.9	71.7	71.5
Total, crude <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	76.8	75.9	71.3	71.2	70.7	72.1	72.8	71.7	71.5
Age									
Under 18 years . . . . .	72.6	71.8	65.2	66.2	66.1	68.4	68.8	67.0	66.7
Under 6 years . . . . .	68.1	67.9	59.5	60.8	61.3	64.7	64.7	63.1	63.4
6–17 years . . . . .	74.9	74.0	68.3	68.9	68.5	70.2	70.9	68.9	68.3
18–44 years . . . . .	76.5	75.5	70.9	70.5	69.4	71.1	72.0	70.9	70.6
18–24 years . . . . .	67.4	64.5	60.8	60.3	59.3	61.5	63.2	60.9	60.9
25–34 years . . . . .	77.4	75.9	70.1	69.4	68.1	70.6	71.2	70.6	70.8
35–44 years . . . . .	83.9	82.7	77.7	77.4	76.4	76.9	77.9	77.1	76.3
45–64 years . . . . .	83.3	82.5	80.1	79.4	79.0	79.0	79.3	78.7	78.6
45–54 years . . . . .	83.3	83.4	80.9	80.4	80.4	80.0	80.4	80.0	79.4
55–64 years . . . . .	83.3	81.6	79.0	78.0	76.9	77.3	77.7	76.6	77.3
Sex <sup>3</sup>									
Male . . . . .	77.7	76.5	72.1	71.9	71.2	72.5	73.0	72.1	71.7
Female . . . . .	76.5	75.9	71.1	71.1	70.6	72.1	72.8	71.4	71.3
Race <sup>3,4</sup>									
White only . . . . .	80.1	79.3	74.7	74.5	74.3	75.9	76.8	75.8	75.2
Black or African American only . . . . .	59.2	58.7	54.9	55.9	56.1	55.9	58.1	56.9	57.4
American Indian and Alaska Native only . . . . .	#	#	#	#	#	#	41.3	44.2	49.4
Asian only . . . . .	70.9	71.6	68.4	68.3	68.2	72.2	73.2	71.9	72.1
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander only . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	*	*	*
2 or more races . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	63.5	63.1	62.6
Hispanic origin and race <sup>3,4</sup>									
Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	57.1	53.2	48.0	48.2	47.9	49.9	50.3	49.0	47.6
Mexican . . . . .	54.9	48.5	44.3	44.3	43.9	45.6	48.0	46.6	45.0
Puerto Rican . . . . .	51.0	46.8	48.9	52.4	48.2	52.7	51.4	52.6	51.5
Cuban . . . . .	72.1	70.0	63.4	65.6	70.7	71.7	71.4	63.6	66.1
Other Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	62.0	62.4	52.9	53.2	51.2	52.8	53.4	51.6	50.5
Not Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	78.9	78.6	74.6	74.6	74.1	75.5	76.3	75.1	75.2
White only . . . . .	82.4	82.5	78.6	78.6	78.0	79.6	80.3	79.3	79.2
Black or African American only . . . . .	59.4	58.8	55.3	56.3	56.3	56.1	58.2	57.0	57.6
Age and percent of poverty level <sup>5</sup>									
All ages: <sup>3</sup>									
Below 100 percent . . . . .	33.0	27.5	23.0	21.8	23.4	24.1	26.1	25.8	25.6
100–149 percent . . . . .	61.8	54.2	47.9	46.6	42.0	43.3	40.1	39.5	39.6
150–199 percent . . . . .	77.2	70.6	65.2	65.8	63.6	61.4	59.4	58.4	57.0
200 percent or more . . . . .	91.6	91.0	88.4	88.4	87.6	88.3	88.7	87.2	87.1
Under 18 years:									
Below 100 percent . . . . .	28.7	22.3	16.9	17.0	17.3	18.9	19.5	18.9	16.7
100–149 percent . . . . .	66.2	59.6	48.5	48.5	42.5	45.8	40.4	37.9	39.4
150–199 percent . . . . .	80.9	75.9	67.4	72.1	66.8	66.5	61.6	59.8	56.9
200 percent or more . . . . .	92.3	92.7	89.5	89.8	88.9	89.9	90.4	88.0	88.4
Geographic region <sup>3</sup>									
Northeast . . . . .	80.7	82.1	75.5	75.4	74.3	76.4	77.1	76.5	76.5
Midwest . . . . .	80.9	81.7	77.5	78.7	77.3	79.1	80.2	78.9	78.1
South . . . . .	74.5	71.7	67.1	66.5	67.5	67.8	68.0	67.0	66.3
West . . . . .	72.3	71.8	68.1	67.7	65.8	67.8	68.9	67.1	68.6
Location of residence <sup>3</sup>									
Within MSA <sup>6</sup> . . . . .	77.8	76.8	72.5	72.9	71.5	73.2	74.3	72.7	72.6
Outside MSA <sup>6</sup> . . . . .	75.5	74.0	68.1	66.3	68.5	68.9	67.8	67.7	66.9

See footnotes at end of table.

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Characteristic	Private insurance obtained through workplace <sup>7</sup>								
	1984	1989	1995	1996	1997 <sup>1</sup>	1998	1999	2000	2001
	Number in millions								
Total <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	141.8	146.3	150.7	151.1	155.6	159.3	162.6	161.6	163.1
	Percent of population								
Total, age adjusted <sup>2,3</sup> . . . . .	69.2	68.4	65.6	65.2	66.5	67.4	68.1	67.0	67.0
Total, crude <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	69.1	68.3	65.4	65.0	66.3	67.3	68.0	67.0	67.0
Age									
Under 18 years . . . . .	66.5	65.8	60.4	60.8	62.7	64.1	64.6	63.1	63.2
Under 6 years . . . . .	62.1	62.3	55.1	56.2	58.2	60.9	60.8	59.2	59.6
6–17 years . . . . .	68.7	67.7	63.3	63.2	64.9	65.7	66.5	65.0	64.9
18–44 years . . . . .	69.6	68.4	65.3	64.6	65.5	66.5	67.7	66.5	66.3
18–24 years . . . . .	58.7	55.3	53.5	52.2	54.7	55.7	57.8	55.5	55.8
25–34 years . . . . .	71.2	69.5	65.0	64.3	64.5	66.7	67.2	66.6	66.7
35–44 years . . . . .	77.4	76.2	72.7	71.9	72.6	72.5	73.8	72.8	72.2
45–64 years . . . . .	71.8	71.6	72.2	71.4	72.6	72.7	72.7	72.5	72.5
45–54 years . . . . .	74.6	74.4	74.7	73.9	75.4	75.1	75.1	75.3	74.5
55–64 years . . . . .	69.0	68.3	68.4	67.5	68.3	69.1	69.2	68.1	69.4
Sex <sup>3</sup>									
Male . . . . .	70.1	68.9	66.3	65.7	66.9	67.6	68.1	67.4	67.1
Female . . . . .	68.4	67.9	65.0	64.7	66.1	67.2	68.0	66.6	66.8
Race <sup>3,4</sup>									
White only . . . . .	72.0	71.2	68.5	67.8	69.6	70.8	71.6	70.8	70.3
Black or African American only . . . . .	53.3	53.6	51.1	52.7	53.9	53.2	55.4	54.1	55.1
American Indian and Alaska Native only . . . . .	#	#	#	#	#	#	38.4	42.0	47.3
Asian only . . . . .	64.4	60.2	59.8	59.4	61.7	63.8	65.3	64.9	65.7
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander only . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	*	*	*
2 or more races . . . . .	---	---	---	---	---	---	59.9	61.2	58.6
Hispanic origin and race <sup>3,4</sup>									
Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	52.9	48.6	44.6	44.4	45.1	46.8	47.3	46.1	45.0
Mexican . . . . .	51.7	45.6	42.3	41.3	42.1	43.4	45.4	44.3	43.1
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Cuban . . . . .	57.6	56.3	53.8	54.7	58.1	60.3	63.7	53.5	56.7
Other Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	57.7	55.7	47.7	48.2	48.2	49.4	50.0	48.0	48.0
Not Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	70.7	70.5	68.3	67.9	69.4	70.3	71.1	70.1	70.4
White only . . . . .	74.0	74.0	72.1	71.5	73.1	74.2	74.8	73.9	74.0
Black or African American only . . . . .	53.4	53.7	51.5	53.1	54.1	53.4	55.5	54.2	55.3
Age and percent of poverty level <sup>5</sup>									
All ages: <sup>3</sup>									
Below 100 percent . . . . .	23.8	19.7	17.6	16.7	19.9	19.8	22.2	21.2	22.0
100–149 percent . . . . .	51.1	45.0	41.7	40.4	37.3	38.5	35.9	35.0	35.0
150–199 percent . . . . .	68.6	61.9	58.6	58.9	59.0	55.7	53.9	53.6	52.3
200 percent or more . . . . .	85.0	83.9	82.4	81.8	83.6	83.7	84.5	83.1	82.9
Under 18 years:									
Below 100 percent . . . . .	23.2	17.5	13.6	13.9	15.5	16.5	16.7	15.9	14.8
100–149 percent . . . . .	58.3	52.5	43.6	43.0	38.9	41.8	37.4	34.8	35.9
150–199 percent . . . . .	75.8	70.1	61.8	66.8	63.8	62.1	57.2	56.4	53.9
200 percent or more . . . . .	86.9	86.7	84.4	83.6	85.5	85.3	86.5	84.3	84.7

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	1984	1989	1995	1996	1997 <sup>1</sup>	1998	1999	2000	2001
Geographic region <sup>3</sup>									
	Percent of population								
Northeast . . . . .	74.1	75.1	69.9	69.1	71.0	73.0	73.5	72.2	73.0
Midwest . . . . .	72.1	73.4	71.4	72.5	72.6	73.7	75.4	74.7	73.7
South . . . . .	66.2	63.8	62.0	60.8	63.0	63.3	63.7	62.4	61.8
West . . . . .	64.9	64.2	60.8	60.1	60.9	61.6	61.9	61.1	62.8
Location of residence <sup>3</sup>									
Within MSA <sup>6</sup> . . . . .	71.0	69.8	66.9	66.9	67.4	68.5	69.6	68.1	68.3
Outside MSA <sup>6</sup> . . . . .	65.3	63.5	60.8	58.9	62.8	63.0	62.0	62.3	61.6

#Estimates calculated upon request.

\* Estimates are considered unreliable. Data not shown have a relative standard error of greater than 30 percent.

-- Data not available.

<sup>1</sup>In 1997 the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) was redesigned, including changes to the questions on health insurance coverage. See Appendix I, National Health Interview Survey and Appendix II, Health insurance coverage.

<sup>2</sup>Includes all other races not shown separately and unknown poverty level.

<sup>3</sup>Estimates are for persons under 65 years of age and are age adjusted to the year 2000 standard using three age groups: under 18 years, 18–44 years, and 45–64 years. See Appendix II, Age adjustment.

<sup>4</sup>The race groups, white, black, American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN), Asian, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, and 2 or more races, include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Starting with data year 1999 race-specific estimates are tabulated according to 1997 Standards for Federal data on Race and Ethnicity and are not strictly comparable with estimates for earlier years. The five single race categories plus multiple race categories shown in the table conform to 1997 Standards. The 1999 and later race-specific estimates are for persons who reported only one racial group; the category “2 or more races” includes persons who reported more than one racial group. Prior to data year 1999, data were tabulated according to 1977 Standards with four racial groups and the category “Asian only” included Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander. Estimates for single race categories prior to 1999 included persons who reported one race or, if they reported more than one race, identified one race as best representing their race. The effect of the 1997 Standard on the 1999 estimates can be seen by comparing 1999 data tabulated according to the two Standards: Age-adjusted estimates based on the 1977 Standards of the percent with private health insurance are: 0.1 percentage points lower for the white group; 0.1 percentage points higher for the black group; 0.9 percentage points lower for the Asian and Pacific Islander group; and 0.2 percentage points higher for the AI/AN group than estimates based on the 1997 Standards. See Appendix II, Race.

<sup>5</sup>Missing family income data were imputed for 15–17 percent of the sample under 65 years of age in 1994–96. Percent of poverty level was unknown for 19 percent of sample persons under 65 in 1997, 24 percent in 1998, 27 percent in 1999, and 26 percent in 2000 and 2001. See Appendix II, Family income; Poverty level.

<sup>6</sup>MSA is metropolitan statistical area.

<sup>7</sup>Private insurance originally obtained through a present or former employer or union. Starting in 1997 also includes private insurance obtained through workplace, self-employment, or professional association.

SOURCES: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey, health insurance supplements (1984, 1989, 1994–1996). Starting in 1997 data are from the family core questionnaires.