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## NCHS Releases First Quarter 2009 Health Insurance Numbers

From January through March 2009, 44.9 million people of all ages, 14.9% of the population, were uninsured at the time of interview. In addition, 57.7 million people (19.2%) had been uninsured for at least part of the year prior to the interview, and 32.1 million (10.7%) had been uninsured for more than a year at the time of the interview.

For more results from the first quarter of 2009, including insurance coverage by selected demographics and private versus public coverage estimates, visit the report at

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhis/earlyrelease/insur200909.htm>.

For an **up-to-date release schedule** and more reports, visit

[http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/calendar/2009\\_schedule.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/calendar/2009_schedule.htm).



## Focus: Injury

*All data presented are most recent available.*

- ◆ In 2006, over 42 million visits to the emergency room were related to an injury, poisoning, or adverse effects of medical or surgical treatment. Women accounted for about 20 million of those visits, and men for about 22 million ([National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey](#), 2006).
- ◆ About 3 million hospitalizations out of 35 million were due to an injury or poisoning episode in 2006 ([National Hospital Discharge Survey](#), 2006).
- ◆ The rate of injury in the United States has decreased from 128.4 per 1,000 population in 1997 to 116.6 in 2007 ([National Health Interview Survey](#)).
- ◆ The fifth leading cause of death in the United States is accidents. The state with the highest rate of death from accidents is New Mexico, and the state with the lowest rate of death from accidents is New York ([National Vital Statistics System](#), 2006).
- ◆ From 1999 to 2006, the number of fatal poisonings involving opioid painkillers more than tripled from 4,000 to 13,800 deaths ([Data Brief #22](#)).
- ◆ In 2006, the rate of poisoning deaths involving opioid painkillers was higher for person 35-54 years of age than for those in other age groups, higher for men than for women, and higher for the non-Hispanic white population than for the Hispanic or non-Hispanic black population ([Data Brief #22](#)).
- ◆ The four leading external causes of medically consulted injury episodes in 2008 were falls (12.8 million episodes), transportation (4.2 million), overexertion (4.1 million), and being struck by a person or an object (3.7 million) ([National Health Interview Survey](#), 2008).
- ◆ About 8.2 million medically consulted injury and poisoning episodes occurred while engaging in nonsport leisure activities, 5.5 million occurred while participating in sports, and 4.0 million occurred while working at a paid job ([National Health Interview Survey](#), 2008).
- ◆ In 2008, nearly one-half of the 33.3 million medically consulted injury and poisoning episodes occurred in or around the home, with 8.3 million episodes occurring inside and 5.9 million occurring outside the home ([National Health Interview Survey](#), 2008).



For more information on injury, visit:  
<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/injury.htm>.