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- In 2009, the percentage uninsured at the time of interview was 15.4% (95% confidence interval = 14.79%-15.96%), which was higher than, but not significantly different from, the 2008 estimate of 14.7%.
- The annual percentage uninsured at the time of interview ranged from 14.2% in 1999 and 2005 to 15.4% in 1997 and 2009.



Table 1.1a. Number of persons without health insurance coverage at the time of interview, by age group: United States, 1997-2009

Year	Number in millions: all ages	Number in millions: under 65 years	Number in millions: 18-64 years	Number in millions: under 18 years
1997	41.0	40.7	30.8	9.9
1998	39.3	39.0	30.0	9.1
1999	38.7	38.3	29.8	8.5
2000	41.3	40.8	32.0	8.9
2001	40.2	39.8	31.9	7.9
2002	41.5	41.1	33.5	7.6
2003	43.6	43.2	35.9	7.3
2004 (Method 1 ¹)	42.5	42.0	35.0	7.0
2004 (Method 2 ¹)	42.1	41.7	34.9	6.8
2005	41.2	41.0	34.4	6.5
2006	43.6	43.3	36.5	6.8
2007	43.1	42.8	36.3	6.5
2008	43.8	43.6	37.1	6.6
2009	46.3	46.0	40.0	6.1

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Table 1.1b. Percentage of persons without health insurance coverage at the time of interview, by age group: United States, 1997-2009

Year	Percent (95% confidence interval): all ages	Crude percent (95% confidence interval): under 65 years	Age-adjusted percent (95% confidence interval): under 65 years	Percent (95% confidence interval): 18-64 years	Percent (95% confidence interval): under 18 years
	15.4	17.4	17.2	18.9	13.9
1997	(15.0-15.8)	(16.9-17.9)	(16.8-17.7)	(18.4-19.4)	(13.2-14.6)
	14.6	16.5	16.4	18.2	12.7
1998	(14.1-15.1)	(16.0-17.0)	(15.9-16.9)	(17.7-18.7)	(12.0-13.4)
	14.2	16.0	16.0	17.8	11.8
1999	(13.8-14.6)	(15.5-16.5)	(15.5-16.5)	(17.3-18.3)	(11.2-12.4)
	14.9	16.8	16.8	18.7	12.3
2000	(14.5-15.3)	(16.3-17.2)	(16.3-17.3)	(18.1-19.2)	(11.7-12.9)
	14.3	16.2	16.2	18.3	11.0
2001	(13.8-14.8)	(15.7-16.7)	(15.7-16.7)	(17.8-18.8)	(10.3-11.7)
	14.7	16.5	16.6	19.1	10.5
2002	(14.3-15.1)	(16.0-16.9)	(16.1-17.1)	(18.6-19.6)	(9.9-11.1)
	15.2	17.2	17.3	20.1	10.1
2003	(14.8-15.7)	(16.6-17.7)	(16.8-17.8)	(19.5-20.6)	(9.4-10.7)
2004	14.7	16.6	16.7	19.4	9.6
(Method 1 ¹)	(14.3-15.2)	(16.1-17.0)	(16.3-17.2)	(18.9-19.9)	(9.0-10.2)
2004	14.6	16.4	16.6	19.3	9.4
(Method 2 ¹)	(14.2-15.0)	(16.0-16.9)	(16.2-17.1)	(18.8-19.8)	(8.8-10.0)
,	14.2	16.0	16.2	18.9	8.9
2005	(13.75-14.58)	(15.53-16.46)	(15.72-16.65)	(18.34-19.38)	(8.34-9.49)
	14.8	16.8	17.0	19.8	9.3
2006	(14.34-15.34)	(16.21-17.33)	(16.44-17.57)	(19.12-20.42)	(8.60-9.92)
	14.5	16.4	16.6	19.4	8.9
2007	(13.93-15.08)	(15.76-17.05)	(15.95-17.28)	(18.68-20.09)	(8.10-9.66)
	14.7	16.7	16.9	19.7	8.9
2008	(14.04-15.27)	(15.96-17.36)	(16.24-17.63)	(18.95-20.51)	(8.04-9.73)
	15.4	17.5	17.7	21.1	8.2
2009	(14.79-15.96)	(16.80-18.12)	(17.08-18.42)	(20.38-21.83)	(7.39-8.97)

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- In 2009, the percentage uninsured at the time of interview was 17.5% (46.0 million) for persons under age 65 years, 21.1% (40.0 million) for persons aged 18-64, and 8.2% (6.1 million) for children under age 18.
- For children under age 18 years, the percentage uninsured at the time of interview decreased from 13.9% in 1997 to 8.2% in 2009.
- There has been an overall increasing trend in the percentage of adults aged 18-64 years who lacked coverage at the time of interview between 1997 (18.9%) and 2009 (21.1%).



Table 1.2a. Percentage of persons under age 65 years with public health plan coverage, by age group: United States, 1997-2009

Year	Percent (95% confidence interval): under 65 years	Percent (95% confidence interval): 18-64 years	Percent (95% confidence interval): under 18 years
	13.6	10.2	21.4
1997	(13.1-14.1)	(9.8-10.6)	(20.5-22.4)
	12.7	9.5	20.0
1998	(12.2-13.2)	(9.1-9.9)	(19.0-20.9)
	12.4	9.0	20.4
1999	(12.0-12.9)	(8.6-9.3)	(19.5-21.4)
	12.9	9.1	22.0
2000	(12.4-13.4)	(8.7-9.4)	(21.0-23.0)
	13.6	9.4	23.6
2001	(13.1-14.1)	(9.0-9.8)	(22.6-24.5)
	15.2	10.3	27.1
2002	(14.6-15.8)	(9.9-10.7)	(26.0-28.2)
	16.0	10.9	28.6
2003	(15.4-16.6)	(10.4-11.4)	(27.4-29.7)
2004	16.1	11.1	28.5
(Method 1 ¹)	(15.6-16.7)	(10.6-11.5)	(27.5-29.6)
2004	16.2	11.1	28.7
(Method 2 ¹)	(15.7-16.8)	(10.7-11.6)	(27.7-29.8)
	16.8	11.5	29.9
2005	(16.26-17.38)	(11.12-11.98)	(28.80-30.99)
	18.1	12.4	32.3
2006	(17.40-18.77)	(11.89-12.92)	(30.94-33.64)
	18.1	12.3	32.7
2007	(17.35-18.90)	(11.72-12.95)	(31.22-34.25)
	19.3	13.4	34.2
2008	(18.45-20.09)	(12.71-14.02)	(32.70-35.78)
	21.0	14.4	37.7
2009	(20.22-21.76)	(13.84-15.05)	(36.23-39.19)

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NOTES: "Public health plan coverage" includes Medicare (disability), Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), state-sponsored or other government-sponsored health plan, and military plans. 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 0.1-0.3 percentage points of those based on the editing procedures used for the final data files. Occasionally, due to decisions made for the final data editing and weighting, estimates based on preliminary editing procedures may differ by more than 0.3 percentage points. The analyses excluded persons with unknown health insurance status (about 1% of respondents each year). Beginning with the 2003 data, 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 Early Release" for more details.



Table 1.2b. Percentage of persons under age 65 years with private health insurance coverage, by age group: United States, 1997-2009

Year	Percent (95% confidence interval): under 65 years	Percent (95% confidence interval): 18-64 years	Percent (95% confidence interval): under 18 years
	70.8	72.8	66.2
1997	(70.1-71.5)	(72.2-73.4)	(65.1-67.3)
	72.0	73.5	68.5
1998	(71.3-72.7)	(72.9-74.1)	(67.4-69.5)
	73.1	74.7	69.1
1999	(72.3-73.8)	(74.1-75.4)	(68.0-70.2)
	71.8	73.8	67.1
2000	(71.1-72.5)	(73.2-74.4)	(66.1-68.2)
	71.6	73.7	66.7
2001	(70.9-72.3)	(73.1-74.4)	(65.6-67.8)
	69.8	72.3	63.9
2002	(69.0-70.6)	(71.6-72.9)	(62.7-65.1)
	68.2	70.6	62.6
2003	(67.5-69.0)	(69.9-71.3)	(61.4-63.8)
2004	68.6	70.9	63.1
(Method 1 ¹)	(67.9-69.4)	(70.2-71.6)	(61.9-64.3)
2004			
(Method 2 ¹)			
	68.4	70.9	62.4
2005	(67.66-69.20)	(70.18-71.58)	(61.18-63.54)
	66.5	69.2	59.7
2006	(65.54-67.41)	(68.33-70.02)	(58.32-61.14)
	66.8	69.6	59.9
2007	(65.76-67.85)	(68.64-70.47)	(58.25-61.48)
	65.4	68.1	58.3
2008	(64.21-66.49)	(67.10-69.20)	(56.61-59.91)
-	62.9	65.8	55.7
2009	(61.86-63.99)	(64.83-66.69)	(54.02-57.38)
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NOTES: "Private health insurance" excludes plans that paid for only one type of service, such as accidents or dental care. 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 0.1-0.3 percentage points of those based on the editing procedures used for the final data files. Occasionally, due to decisions made for the final data editing and weighting, estimates based on preliminary editing procedures may differ by more than 0.3 percentage points. The analyses excluded persons with unknown health insurance status (about 1% of respondents each year). Beginning with the 2003 data, 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 Early Release" for more details.

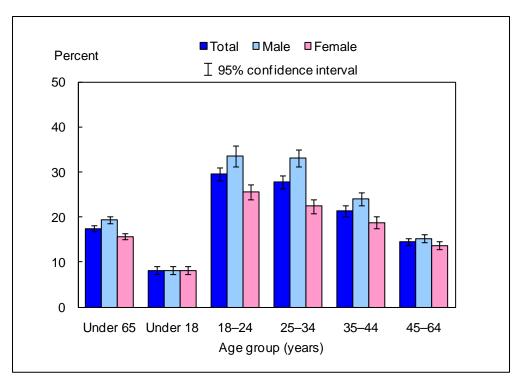
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- In 2009, 21.0% of persons under age 65 years were covered by public health plans, and 62.9% were covered by private health plans.
- Public coverage rates among both children and adults aged 18-64 years were higher in 2009 than in 1997. However, the increase among adults was small compared with the increase among children.
- Private health care coverage rates among both children and adults aged 18-64 years were lower in 2009 than in 1997.



Figure 1.2. Percentage of persons under age 65 years without health insurance coverage at the time of interview, by age group and sex: United States, 2009

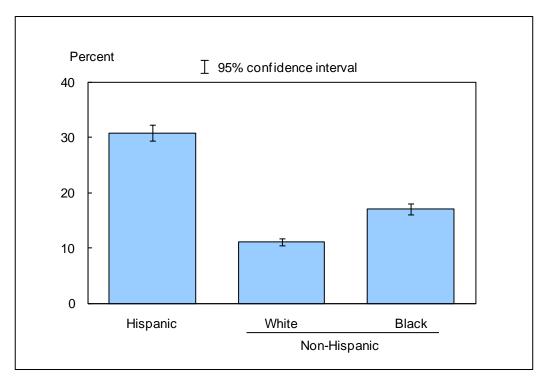


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- For both sexes under age 65 years, the percentage uninsured at the time of interview was highest among persons aged 18-24 (29.6%) and 25-34 (27.7%) and lowest among persons under age 18 (8.2%), followed by those aged 45-64 (14.5%). Starting at age 18, younger adults were more likely than older adults to lack health insurance coverage.
- Among adults in the age groups 18-24 years, 25-34 years, 35-44 years, and 45-64 years, men were more likely than women to lack health insurance coverage at the time of interview.



Figure 1.3. Age-sex-adjusted percentage of persons of all ages without health insurance coverage at the time of interview, by race/ethnicity: United States, 2009



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- After adjustment for age and sex, the percentage uninsured at the time of interview was 30.7% for Hispanic persons, 11.1% for non-Hispanic white persons, and 17.0% for non-Hispanic black persons.
- Hispanic persons were the most likely to be uninsured at the time of interview, followed by non-Hispanic black persons and non-Hispanic white persons.



Data tables for Figures 1.1-1.3:

Data table for Figure 1.1. Percentage of persons of all ages without health insurance coverage at the time of interview: United States, 1997-2009

Year	Percent	95% confidence interval
1997	15.4	15.0-15.8
1998	14.6	14.1-15.1
1999	14.2	13.8-14.6
2000	14.9	14.5-15.3
2001	14.3	13.8-14.8
2002	14.7	14.3-15.1
2003	15.2	14.8-15.7
2004 (Method 1 ¹)	14.7	14.3-15.2
2004 (Method 2 ¹)	14.6	14.2-15.0
2005	14.2	13.75-14.58
2006	14.8	14.34-15.34
2007	14.5	13.93-15.08
2008	14.7	14.04-15.27
2009	15.4	14.79-15.96

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Data table for Figure 1.2. Percentage of persons under age 65 years without health insurance coverage at the time of interview, by age group and sex: United States, 2009

Age and sex	Percent	95% confidence interval
Under 18 years, total	8.2	7.39-8.97
Under 18 years, male	8.2	7.33-9.07
Under 18 years, female	8.2	7.27-9.05
18-24 years, total	29.6	28.07-31.06
18-24 years, male	33.5	31.23-35.79
18-24 years, female	25.6	23.95-27.22
25-34 years, total	27.7	26.31-29.19
25-34 years, male	33.1	31.17-35.01
25-34 years, female	22.4	20.88-23.99
35-44 years, total	21.4	20.24-22.47
35-44 years, male	24.0	22.53-25.39
35-44 years, female	18.8	17.55-20.08
45-64 years, total	14.5	13.68-15.27
45-64 years, male	15.3	14.31-16.26
45-64 years, female	13.7	12.86-14.56
Under 65 years (crude ¹), total	17.5	16.80-18.12
Under 65 years (crude ¹), male	19.3	18.54-20.10
Under 65 years (crude ¹), female	15.6	14.95-16.28
Under 65 years (age-adjusted ²), total	17.7	17.08-18.42
Under 65 years (age-adjusted²), male	19.8	18.98-20.53
Under 65 years (age-adjusted ²), female	15.8	15.08-16.45

¹Crude estimates are presented in the figure.

²Estimates for this *Healthy People 2010* Leading Health Indicator are age adjusted using the projected 2000 U.S. population as the standard population and using four age groups: under 18 years, 18-44 years, 45-64 years, and 65 years and over.



Data table for Figure 1.3. Age-sex-adjusted percentage of persons of all ages without health insurance coverage at the time of interview, by race/ethnicity: United States, 2009

Race/ethnicity	Age-sex-adjusted ¹ percent (95% confidence interval)	Age-adjusted ² percent (95% confidence interval)
Hispanic or Latino	30.7 (29.29-32.20)	30.4 (28.91-31.80)
Not Hispanic or Latino, single race, white	11.1 (10.48-11.63)	11.6 (11.01-12.21)
Not Hispanic or Latino, single race, black	17.0 (16.00-18.08)	17.1 (16.02-18.10)

¹Age-sex-adjusted estimates are presented in the figure. Estimates are age-sex adjusted using the projected 2000 U.S. population as the standard population and using three age groups: under 18 years, 18-64 years, and 65 years and over. ²Estimates for this *Healthy People 2010* Leading Health Indicator are age adjusted using the projected 2000 U.S. population as the standard population and using four age groups: under 18 years, 18-44 years, 45-64 years, and 65 years and over.