

Table 56. Respondent-assessed health status, by selected characteristics: United States, selected years 1991-2011

(Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population)

Characteristic	1991 ¹	1995 ¹	1997	2000	2005	2009	2010	2011
Percent of persons with fair or poor health ²								
All ages, age-adjusted ^{3,4}	10.4	10.6	9.2	9.0	9.2	9.4	9.6	9.8
All ages, crude ⁴	10.0	10.1	8.9	8.9	9.3	9.9	10.1	10.4
Age								
Under 18 years.....	2.6	2.6	2.1	1.7	1.8	1.8	2.0	2.0
Under 6 years.....	2.7	2.7	1.9	1.5	1.6	1.3	1.8	1.5
6-17 years.....	2.6	2.5	2.1	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.2
18-44 years.....	6.1	6.6	5.3	5.1	5.5	6.3	6.3	6.5
18-24 years.....	4.8	4.5	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.9	4.2
25-44 years.....	6.4	7.2	5.9	5.7	6.3	7.2	7.2	7.3
45-54 years.....	13.4	13.4	11.7	11.9	11.6	13.1	13.3	14.1
55-64 years.....	20.7	21.4	18.2	17.9	18.3	19.1	19.4	19.1
65 years and over.....	29.0	28.3	26.7	26.9	26.6	24.0	24.4	24.7
65-74 years.....	26.0	25.6	23.1	22.5	23.4	19.9	21.2	21.5
75 years and over.....	33.6	32.2	31.5	32.1	30.2	28.9	28.3	28.6
Sex ³								
Male.....	10.0	10.1	8.8	8.8	8.8	9.1	9.2	9.4
Female.....	10.8	11.1	9.7	9.3	9.5	9.7	10.0	10.1
Race ^{3,5}								
White only.....	9.6	9.7	8.3	8.2	8.6	8.7	8.8	9.0
Black or African American only.....	16.8	17.2	15.8	14.6	14.3	14.2	14.9	15.0
American Indian or Alaska Native only....	18.3	18.7	17.3	17.2	13.2	16.3	17.8	14.4
Asian only.....	7.8	9.3	7.8	7.4	6.8	8.4	8.1	8.7
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander only.....	---	---	---	*	*	*	*	*
2 or more races.....	---	---	---	16.2	14.5	15.3	15.6	14.2
Black or African American; White.....	---	---	---	*14.5	8.3	18.0	*16.7	16.7
American Indian or Alaska Native; White.....	---	---	---	18.7	17.2	15.2	19.0	16.5
Hispanic origin and race ^{3,5}								
Hispanic or Latino.....	15.6	15.1	13.0	12.8	13.3	13.3	13.1	13.2
Mexican.....	17.0	16.7	13.1	12.8	14.3	13.7	13.7	14.0
Not Hispanic or Latino.....	10.0	10.1	8.9	8.7	8.7	8.9	9.2	9.4
White only.....	9.1	9.1	8.0	7.9	8.0	8.0	8.2	8.4
Black or African American only.....	16.8	17.3	15.8	14.6	14.4	14.2	14.9	15.0
Percent of poverty level ^{3,6}								

Below 100%.....	22.8	23.7	20.8	19.6	20.4	21.8	20.9	21.5
100%-199%.....	14.7	15.5	13.9	14.1	14.4	14.9	15.2	15.0
200%-399%.....	7.9	7.9	8.2	8.4	8.3	8.6	8.3	8.7
400% or more.....	4.9	4.7	4.1	4.5	4.7	4.3	4.3	4.3

Hispanic origin and race and
percent of poverty level^{3,5,6}

Hispanic or Latino:

Below 100%.....	23.6	22.7	19.9	18.7	20.2	22.1	19.2	21.0
100%-199%.....	18.0	16.9	13.5	15.3	15.3	16.2	15.6	14.4
200%-399%.....	10.3	10.1	10.0	10.3	10.3	9.7	10.3	10.8
400% or more.....	6.6	4.0	5.7	5.5	7.6	5.6	6.4	5.0

Not Hispanic or Latino:

White only:

Below 100%.....	21.9	22.8	19.7	18.8	20.1	20.5	20.9	21.2
100%-199%.....	14.0	14.8	13.3	13.4	13.8	14.6	14.8	15.0
200%-399%.....	7.5	7.3	7.7	7.9	7.9	8.1	7.7	8.1
400% or more.....	4.7	4.6	3.9	4.2	4.3	4.0	4.0	4.1

Black or African American only:

Below 100%.....	25.8	27.7	25.3	23.8	23.3	25.2	23.9	24.7
100%-199%.....	17.0	19.3	19.2	18.2	17.6	16.6	18.3	18.5
200%-399%.....	12.0	11.4	12.2	11.7	11.2	11.0	11.2	10.7
400% or more.....	5.9	6.5	6.1	7.3	7.1	5.9	6.8	6.9

Disability measure among adults
18 years and over^{3,7}

Any basic actions difficulty or complex activity limitation.....	---	---	27.0	27.6	28.5	30.3	28.7	30.1
Any basic actions difficulty.....	---	---	27.3	27.7	29.1	30.9	28.9	30.6
Any complex activity limitation.....	---	---	42.9	45.6	46.3	48.8	46.0	48.3
No disability.....	---	---	3.4	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.6

Geographic region³

Northeast.....	8.3	9.1	8.0	7.6	7.5	8.4	7.9	8.4
Midwest.....	9.1	9.7	8.1	8.0	8.3	8.6	9.0	8.8
South.....	13.1	12.3	10.8	10.7	11.0	10.9	11.1	11.2
West.....	9.7	10.1	8.8	8.8	8.6	8.8	9.2	9.5

Location of residence³

Within MSA ⁸	9.9	10.1	8.7	8.5	8.7	9.1	9.2	9.4
Outside MSA ⁸	11.9	12.6	11.1	11.1	11.2	11.2	11.9	11.7

---Data not available.

*Estimates are considered unreliable.

Data preceded by an asterisk have a relative standard error (RSE) of 20%-30%.

Data not shown have an RSE greater than 30%.

¹Data prior to 1997 are not strictly comparable with data for later years due to the 1997 questionnaire redesign. See Appendix I, National Health Interview Survey (NHIS).

²See Appendix II, Health status, respondent-assessed.

³Estimates are age-adjusted to the year 2000 standard population using six age groups: under 18 years, 18-44 years, 45-54 years, 55-64 years, 65-74 years, and 75 years and over. The disability measure is age-adjusted using the five adult age groups. See Appendix II, Age adjustment.

⁴Includes all other races not shown separately and unknown disability status.

⁵The race groups, white, black, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian or 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 1999 data, race-specific estimates are tabulated according to the 1997 *Revisions to the Standards for the Classification of 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 the 1997 Standards. Starting with 1999 data, 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 1999, data were tabulated according to the 1977 Standards with four racial groups and the Asian only category included Native Hawaiian or 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.

Starting with 2003 data, race responses of other race and unspecified multiple race were treated as missing, and then race was imputed if these were the only race responses.

Almost all persons with a race response of other race were of Hispanic origin.

See Appendix II, Hispanic origin; Race.

⁶Percent of poverty level is based on family income and family size and composition using U.S. Census Bureau poverty thresholds.

Missing family income data were imputed for 1991 and beyond.

See Appendix II, Family income; Poverty; Table VI.

⁷Any basic actions difficulty or complex activity limitation is defined as having one or more of the following limitations or difficulties: movement difficulty, emotional difficulty, sensory (seeing or hearing) difficulty, cognitive difficulty, self-care (activities of daily living or instrumental activities of daily living) limitation, social limitation, or work limitation.

For more information, see Appendix II, Basic actions difficulty; Complex activity limitation. Starting with 2007 data, the hearing question, a component of the basic actions difficulty measure, was revised.

Consequently, data prior to 2007 are not comparable with data for 2007 and beyond. For more information on the impact of the revised hearing question, see Appendix II, Hearing trouble.

⁸MSA is metropolitan statistical area. Starting with 2006 data, MSA status is determined using 2000 census data and the 2000 standards for defining MSAs. For data prior to 2006, see Appendix II, Metropolitan statistical area (MSA) for the applicable standards.

NOTES: Standard errors for selected years are available in the spreadsheet version of this table.

Available from: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm>.

Data for additional years are available. See Appendix III.

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS,

National Health Interview Survey, family core and sample adult questionnaire.

See Appendix I, National Health Interview Survey (NHIS).

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