

**Table 79. Reduced access to medical care, prescription drugs, and dental care during the past 12 months due to cost, by selected characteristics: United States, selected years 1997-2011**

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

Characteristic	Did not get or delayed medical care due to cost <sup>1</sup>			Did not get prescription drugs due to cost <sup>2</sup>			Did not get dental care due to cost <sup>3</sup>		
	1997	2010	2011	1997	2010	2011	1997	2010	2011
	Percent								
Total <sup>4</sup> .....	8.3	10.9	10.3	4.8	8.3	7.7	8.6	13.5	12.9
Age									
Under 19 years.....	4.5	4.5	4.0	2.1	2.8	2.4	6.0	6.6	6.2
Under 18 years.....	4.4	4.4	3.8	2.2	2.7	2.3	6.0	6.6	6.1
Under 6 years.....	3.3	3.7	2.9	1.6	2.5	1.4	3.9	3.9	3.9
6-17 years.....	4.9	4.8	4.2	2.4	2.8	2.7	6.8	7.5	6.9
18-64 years.....	10.7	14.7	14.0	6.3	11.2	10.5	10.6	17.3	16.4
18-44 years.....	11.0	14.5	13.6	6.9	11.2	10.3	11.7	17.9	16.7
18-24 years.....	10.2	13.5	11.8	6.7	9.7	7.6	11.6	17.4	13.3
25-34 years.....	11.4	15.3	15.1	6.9	12.0	11.7	12.3	18.3	18.5
35-44 years.....	11.0	14.4	13.5	7.1	11.3	10.9	11.2	17.8	17.3
19-25 years.....	11.1	14.8	13.2	7.7	10.9	8.3	13.1	18.9	14.7
45-64 years.....	10.1	14.9	14.4	5.1	11.3	10.8	8.4	16.5	16.1
45-54 years.....	10.6	15.0	15.6	5.6	11.5	11.6	9.4	17.8	17.4
55-64 years.....	9.3	14.6	13.1	4.2	11.0	9.8	7.0	14.9	14.6
65 years and over.....	4.6	5.0	4.6	2.8	4.7	4.3	3.5	6.9	7.0
65-74 years.....	5.0	6.3	5.8	3.4	6.3	5.7	4.2	9.0	9.0
75 years and over.....	4.1	3.4	3.1	2.0	2.8	2.6	2.6	4.3	4.5
18-64 years									
Sex									
Male.....	9.3	13.5	12.9	5.1	8.8	8.7	8.8	15.2	14.5
Female.....	12.0	15.7	15.0	7.4	13.5	12.3	12.4	19.4	18.3
Race <sup>5</sup>									
White only.....	10.8	14.5	13.9	5.9	10.8	10.2	10.6	17.1	16.4
Black or African American only.....	10.8	17.4	15.4	9.5	15.6	13.7	10.8	20.7	18.3
American Indian or Alaska Native only.....	14.5	*15.7	16.4	*10.1	18.6	11.0	18.8	23.1	17.2
Asian only.....	6.3	8.0	8.9	*2.8	4.2	5.1	7.8	8.7	9.9
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander only.....	---	*	*	---	*	*	---	*	*
2 or more races.....	---	24.0	20.0	---	16.6	14.7	---	25.6	22.5
Hispanic origin and race <sup>5</sup>									
Hispanic or Latino.....	10.5	15.4	15.8	6.7	13.0	12.5	11.5	21.6	21.1
Mexican.....	9.7	15.6	15.4	6.5	13.5	12.1	11.3	22.0	21.6
Not Hispanic or Latino.....	10.7	14.5	13.6	6.3	10.9	10.1	10.5	16.6	15.6
White only.....	10.9	14.3	13.6	5.9	10.3	9.7	10.5	16.2	15.4
Black or African American only.....	10.8	17.5	15.3	9.5	15.6	13.8	10.8	20.8	18.2
Education <sup>6</sup>									

No high school diploma or GED.....	16.2	20.6	20.2	11.5	18.1	18.3	14.5	26.3	26.2
High school diploma or GED.....	11.1	16.1	16.4	7.0	13.8	13.1	11.4	20.1	19.8
Some college or more.....	9.2	13.4	12.5	4.3	9.2	8.8	8.8	14.4	14.0

Percent of poverty level<sup>7</sup>

Below 100%.....	19.6	23.4	24.1	14.8	21.5	20.2	19.4	30.4	29.4
100%-199%.....	17.9	24.0	23.5	11.6	18.4	17.9	18.3	29.2	28.6
200%-399%.....	10.5	15.2	14.2	5.5	11.4	10.6	10.2	17.3	15.8
400% or more.....	4.6	6.8	5.5	1.7	3.9	3.2	4.5	7.0	6.2

Hispanic origin and race and percent of poverty level<sup>5,7</sup>

Hispanic or Latino:									
Below 100%.....	14.6	19.0	22.3	10.6	18.9	18.0	16.1	30.5	32.2
100%-199%.....	12.2	18.6	18.3	8.1	14.7	14.6	13.5	25.2	27.7
200%-399%.....	8.0	13.9	13.4	4.4	11.5	11.3	9.2	18.1	13.6
400% or more.....	5.1	7.7	6.2	*	4.6	*3.1	4.5	9.1	6.3

Not Hispanic or Latino:

White only:

Below 100%.....	24.3	26.1	27.2	17.3	24.6	21.4	23.4	31.8	29.5
100%-199%.....	20.9	27.6	27.6	12.4	19.9	20.1	20.6	31.7	31.3
200%-399%.....	11.4	16.0	14.7	5.4	11.3	10.6	10.6	18.0	16.9
400% or more.....	4.6	6.9	5.5	1.7	3.8	3.3	4.5	6.9	6.3

Black or African American only:

Below 100%.....	16.1	24.4	22.6	14.9	21.1	22.6	14.8	29.7	28.8
100%-199%.....	14.3	22.9	20.7	13.9	21.3	17.2	16.4	28.2	24.4
200%-399%.....	8.8	14.6	12.8	7.0	13.7	11.6	8.6	16.1	14.3
400% or more.....	4.6	8.1	5.4	*2.9	5.6	*3.9	4.3	9.1	5.8

Health insurance status at the time of interview<sup>8</sup>

Insured.....	6.8	9.1	8.5	3.7	7.3	6.9	7.2	11.8	11.1
Private.....	6.0	8.2	7.4	2.9	6.0	5.3	6.2	9.2	8.3
Medicaid.....	11.9	12.5	12.7	11.1	13.5	13.7	14.8	24.2	22.8
Uninsured.....	27.6	34.5	34.8	18.0	25.7	24.2	26.1	37.7	36.6

Health insurance status prior to interview<sup>8</sup>

Insured continuously all 12 months.....	5.5	7.6	6.9	2.8	6.2	5.9	6.0	10.5	10.0
Uninsured for any period up to 12 months.....	28.7	35.1	34.4	17.7	25.1	23.0	25.2	33.6	31.5
Uninsured more than 12 months.....	30.6	35.9	36.2	18.9	26.2	24.7	28.0	39.4	37.8

Percent of poverty level and health insurance status prior to interview<sup>7,8</sup>

Below 100%:									
Insured continuously all 12 months.....	9.4	10.1	10.8	8.1	11.4	11.0	10.7	20.7	18.9
Uninsured for any period up to 12 months...	31.9	36.7	39.7	25.5	35.7	32.1	31.6	39.0	38.9
Uninsured more than 12 months.....	32.4	38.5	40.9	21.6	31.5	30.9	29.4	42.3	43.2

100%-199%:									
Insured continuously all 12 months.....	9.5	12.5	12.6	6.0	11.9	12.3	11.0	19.7	20.2
Uninsured for any period up to 12 months...	33.6	38.5	37.9	20.5	26.5	25.5	28.2	38.9	35.8
Uninsured more than 12 months.....	30.0	37.4	37.0	19.5	26.1	23.9	29.3	40.7	40.0

200%-399%:

Insured continuously all 12 months.....	6.1	9.5	8.3	2.9	7.4	7.2	6.8	11.6	11.0
Uninsured for any period up to 12 months...	27.1	33.7	31.7	14.0	23.2	19.2	21.6	32.5	27.2
Uninsured more than 12 months.....	31.3	32.4	32.8	17.3	23.7	21.6	26.5	36.1	31.3
400% or more:									
Insured continuously all 12 months.....	3.1	4.6	3.7	0.8	2.9	2.3	3.1	5.2	4.6
Uninsured for any period up to 12 months...	20.8	30.7	27.1	10.7	14.0	14.1	19.3	21.6	22.3
Uninsured more than 12 months.....	25.5	31.8	27.6	13.5	16.3	16.0	23.6	34.6	29.8
Disability measure <sup>9</sup>									
Any basic actions difficulty or complex activity limitation.....	23.3	28.9	28.5	14.8	22.6	22.6	19.8	28.8	29.6
Any basic actions difficulty.....	24.2	28.9	30.1	15.3	23.3	23.2	20.1	29.2	30.2
Any complex activity limitation.....	25.7	30.8	29.4	19.4	27.3	27.8	23.2	33.7	34.5
No disability.....	9.0	13.2	12.3	3.4	7.0	6.0	7.5	13.1	11.5
Geographic region									
Northeast.....	8.8	10.2	9.9	4.9	7.7	7.9	8.9	12.9	11.8
Midwest.....	10.5	14.8	13.7	5.9	11.6	9.5	9.7	16.0	14.3
South.....	11.8	16.5	15.3	7.3	13.5	12.2	10.9	19.6	17.9
West.....	10.8	15.1	15.3	6.3	10.0	10.8	13.1	18.4	19.7
Location of residence									
Within MSA <sup>10</sup> .....	10.2	14.2	13.7	5.9	10.8	10.2	10.0	17.0	16.3
Outside MSA <sup>10</sup> .....	12.5	17.4	15.6	7.9	13.6	12.3	12.9	19.1	17.4

\*Estimates are considered unreliable. Data preceded by an asterisk have a relative standard error (RSE) of 20%-30%. Data not shown have an RSE of greater than 30%.

--Data not available.

<sup>1</sup>Based on persons responding to the question, "During the past 12 months was there any time when person needed medical care but did not get it because person couldn't afford it?" and "During the past 12 months has medical care been delayed because of worry about the cost?"

<sup>2</sup>Based on persons responding to the question, "During the past 12 months was there any time when person needed prescription medicine but didn't get it because person couldn't afford it?"

<sup>3</sup>Based on persons responding to the question, "During the past 12 months was there any time when person needed dental care (including checkups) but didn't get it because person couldn't afford it?"

<sup>4</sup>Includes all other races not shown separately, unknown health insurance status, unknown education level, and unknown disability status.

<sup>5</sup>The 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.

<sup>6</sup>Estimates are for persons 25-64 years of age.

GED is General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma. See Appendix II, Education.

<sup>7</sup>Percent 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 1997 and beyond.

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

<sup>8</sup>For information on the health insurance categories see Appendix II, Health insurance coverage.

<sup>9</sup>Any 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.

<sup>10</sup>MSA 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 and additional data 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, sample child, and sample adult questionnaires. See Appendix I, National Health Interview Survey (NHIS).

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