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Characteristic	All sources	Source of payment for health care							
		Out of pocket				Private insurance ¹			
		1987	1997	2000	2008	1987	1997	2000	2008
		Percent distribution							
All ages	100.0	24.8	19.4	19.4	16.7	36.6	40.3	40.3	41.1
Under 65 years:									
Total	100.0	26.2	21.1	20.3	17.7	46.6	53.1	52.5	53.9
Under 6 years	100.0	18.5	14.2	10.3	7.3	39.5	49.3	51.2	37.2
6–17 years	100.0	35.7	29.0	27.7	23.2	47.3	53.2	48.8	48.8
18–44 years	100.0	27.4	21.1	19.9	19.4	46.8	52.9	51.2	55.7
45–64 years	100.0	24.0	20.1	20.2	16.8	47.8	53.6	54.5	55.5
Sex									
Male	100.0	24.5	21.3	18.1	17.1	44.6	50.3	52.2	52.5
Female	100.0	27.5	21.0	22.1	18.1	48.1	55.1	52.7	54.9
Hispanic origin and race ²									
Hispanic or Latino	100.0	22.0	18.8	20.5	15.1	36.1	42.3	45.8	39.0
Not Hispanic or Latino:									
White	100.0	28.2	21.8	21.7	18.9	50.1	55.8	55.1	57.7
Black or African American	100.0	15.5	17.1	11.8	11.6	30.0	42.3	40.5	39.0
Asian ³	100.0	...	...	...	24.1	...	...	...	60.1
American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, Other Pacific Islander, and Multiple Race ³	100.0	27.2	21.2	17.0	12.0	46.7	45.2	51.2	48.0
Insurance status									
Any private insurance ⁴	100.0	29.0	21.6	21.2	18.9	60.0	67.6	70.2	74.0
Public insurance only ⁵	100.0	8.9	10.6	9.8	6.6	...	...	...	...
Uninsured all year ⁶	100.0	40.6	41.3	40.4	46.0	...	...	...	...
65 years and over	100.0	22.0	16.3	17.5	14.6	15.8	16.5	14.9	14.1
Sex									
Male	100.0	21.7	14.2	14.2	13.6	17.6	20.1	16.8	15.9
Female	100.0	22.2	18.1	20.2	15.3	14.4	13.2	13.3	12.7
Hispanic origin and race ²									
Hispanic or Latino	100.0	*13.5	13.6	13.9	8.9	*4.7	5.9	8.4	*12.3
Not Hispanic or Latino:									
White	100.0	23.7	17.0	18.3	15.8	16.7	17.9	15.2	14.8
Black or African American	100.0	11.2	11.4	13.6	8.4	*11.9	8.8	9.3	9.2
Asian ³	100.0	...	...	...	16.6	...	...	...	10.9
American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, Other Pacific Islander, and Multiple Race ³	100.0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Insurance status									
Medicare only	100.0	29.8	19.8	22.2	16.9	...	...	...	...
Medicare and private insurance	100.0	23.4	17.3	17.0	16.2	18.9	25.7	25.3	28.9
Medicare and other public coverage	100.0	*6.2	5.2	9.1	4.2

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	Public sources ⁷				Other ⁸			
	1987	1997	2000	2008	1987	1997	2000	2008
	Percent distribution							
All ages	34.1	34.4	35.4	37.2	4.5	5.9	5.0	5.0
Under 65 years:								
Total	21.3	18.1	21.3	22.9	6.0	7.7	6.0	5.6
Under 6 years	35.8	25.4	33.6	47.7	6.2	11.2	4.9	*7.8
6–17 years	11.8	14.1	20.1	25.8	5.2	3.7	3.4	2.1
18–44 years	19.4	15.7	21.1	18.9	6.4	10.3	7.8	6.1
45–64 years	22.4	20.3	20.2	22.2	5.8	6.0	5.2	5.5
Sex								
Male	23.9	19.5	23.5	23.7	7.1	8.9	6.3	6.7
Female	19.2	17.0	19.5	22.3	5.2	6.8	5.7	4.7
Hispanic origin and race ²								
Hispanic or Latino	35.8	28.9	27.5	33.0	6.0	10.0	6.2	9.4
Not Hispanic or Latino:								
White	15.9	15.3	18.0	19.1	5.8	7.1	5.2	4.4
Black or African American	47.2	30.7	38.8	40.2	7.3	9.9	8.8	9.2
Asian ³ . . . . .	...	...	...	11.8	...	...	...	4.0
American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, Other Pacific Islander, and Multiple Race ³	21.0	23.7	19.0	30.1	5.1	9.9	*12.8	*10.0
Insurance status								
Any private insurance ⁴	6.2	6.6	5.3	4.8	4.8	4.2	3.3	2.4
Public insurance only ⁵	87.2	80.7	84.4	86.4	3.9	8.7	5.8	7.0
Uninsured all year ⁶	28.6	7.5	*21.2	*9.5	30.9	51.1	38.4	44.5
65 years and over	60.8	64.8	64.7	67.5	1.5	2.5	2.9	3.8
Sex								
Male	58.8	63.4	66.9	67.2	*1.9	2.3	2.2	3.3
Female	62.3	65.9	63.0	67.8	1.1	2.7	3.5	4.2
Hispanic origin and race ²								
Hispanic or Latino	80.2	77.8	75.6	76.1	*1.6	*2.7	*2.2	2.7
Not Hispanic or Latino:								
White	58.0	62.6	64.1	65.4	1.6	2.5	2.4	3.9
Black or African American	76.3	77.6	68.3	77.7	0.6	2.2	*8.9	*4.7
Asian ³ . . . . .	...	...	...	70.9	...	...	...	*1.5
American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, Other Pacific Islander, and Multiple Race ³	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Insurance status								
Medicare only	68.8	72.4	72.2	74.5	1.4	7.7	5.7	8.6
Medicare and private insurance	56.1	56.3	57.1	54.7	1.6	0.6	*0.6	*0.3
Medicare and other public coverage	92.9	92.7	87.3	93.4	1.0	*2.1	*3.6	*2.0

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. . . Category not applicable.

* Estimates are considered unreliable. Data preceded by an asterisk have a relative standard error equal to or greater than 30%. Data not shown if based on fewer than 100 sample cases.

¹Private insurance includes any type of private insurance payments reported for people with private health insurance coverage during the year.

²Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Starting with 2002 data, Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS) respondents were allowed to report multiple races and these persons are included in the American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, Other Pacific Islander, and Multiple Race category. As a result, there is a slight increase in percentage of persons classified in this category in 2002 compared with prior years.

³Starting with 2002 data, MEPS respondents were allowed to report as non-Hispanic Asian-only. Prior to 2002, Asian respondents were reported with the American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, Other Pacific Islander, and Multiple Race category.

⁴Includes individuals with insurance that provided coverage for hospital and physician care at any time during the year, other than Medicare, Medicaid, or other public coverage for hospital or physician services.

⁵Includes individuals who were not covered by private insurance at any time during the year but were covered by Medicare, Medicaid, other public coverage for hospital or physician services, and/or CHAMPUS/CHAMPVA (TRICARE) at any point during the year.

⁶Includes individuals not covered by either private or public insurance throughout the entire year or period of eligibility for the survey. However, some expenses for the uninsured were paid by sources that were not defined as health insurance coverage, such as the Department of Veterans Affairs, community and neighborhood clinics, the Indian Health Service, state and local health departments, state programs other than Medicaid, Workers' Compensation, and other unclassified sources (e.g., automobile, home, or liability insurance). Individuals with Indian Health Service coverage only are considered uninsured.

⁷Public sources include payments made by Medicare, Medicaid, the Department of Veterans Affairs, other federal sources (e.g., Indian Health Service, military treatment facilities, and other care provided by the federal government), CHAMPUS/CHAMPVA (TRICARE), and various state and local sources (e.g., community and neighborhood clinics, state and local health departments, and state programs other than Medicaid).

⁸Other sources includes Workers' Compensation, unclassified sources (automobile, home, or liability insurance, and other miscellaneous or unknown sources), Medicaid payments reported for people who were not enrolled in the program at any time during the year, and any type of private insurance payments reported for people without private health insurance coverage during the year.

NOTES: 1987 estimates are based on the National Medical Expenditure Survey (NMES); estimates for other years are based on the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS). Because expenditures in NMES were based primarily on charges and those for MEPS were based on payments, NMES data were adjusted to be more comparable to MEPS using estimated charge to payment ratios for 1987. Overall, this resulted in an approximate 11% reduction from the unadjusted 1987 NMES expenditure estimates. For a detailed explanation of this adjustment, see Zuvekas S, Cohen J. A guide to comparing health care expenditures in the 1996 MEPS to the 1987 NMES. *Inquiry* 2002;39(1):76–86. Percents sum to 100 across sources within years. See [Appendix I, Medical Expenditure Panel Survey \(MEPS\)](#). Data for additional years are available. See [Appendix III](#).

SOURCE: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Center for Financing, Access, and Cost Trends. 1987 National Medical Expenditure Survey and 1996–2008 Medical Expenditure Panel Surveys. See [Appendix I, Medical Expenditure Panel Survey \(MEPS\)](#).