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Characteristic	Delayed or did not get needed medical care due to cost ¹				Did not get needed prescription drugs due to cost ²				Did not get needed dental care due to cost ³			
	1997	2002	2010	2012	1997	2002	2010	2012	1997	2002	2010	2012
	Percent											
Total ⁴	8.3	7.6	10.9	9.6	4.8	6.0	8.3	6.8	8.6	8.6	13.5	11.5
Age												
Under 19 years	4.5	4.0	4.5	3.4	2.1	2.7	2.8	2.2	6.0	5.9	6.6	5.6
Under 18 years	4.4	4.0	4.4	3.2	2.2	2.6	2.7	2.2	6.0	5.9	6.6	5.5
Under 6 years	3.3	3.5	3.7	2.3	1.6	2.0	2.5	2.0	3.9	3.1	3.9	2.8
6–17 years	4.9	4.2	4.8	3.6	2.4	2.9	2.8	2.3	6.8	6.8	7.5	6.4
18–64 years	10.7	9.7	14.7	13.3	6.3	7.6	11.2	9.4	10.6	10.4	17.3	14.8
18–44 years	11.0	9.9	14.5	12.7	6.9	7.7	11.2	9.0	11.7	11.5	17.9	15.4
18–24 years	10.2	9.6	13.5	10.4	6.7	7.5	9.7	7.1	11.6	11.7	17.4	13.1
25–34 years	11.4	10.1	15.3	13.7	6.9	8.0	12.0	9.8	12.3	12.1	18.3	17.4
35–44 years	11.0	9.9	14.4	13.4	7.1	7.4	11.3	9.7	11.2	10.7	17.8	15.1
19–25 years	11.1	10.5	14.8	11.5	7.7	8.1	10.9	7.9	13.1	12.9	18.9	14.1
45–64 years	10.1	9.4	14.9	14.0	5.1	7.4	11.3	9.8	8.4	8.7	16.5	13.9
45–54 years	10.6	9.8	15.0	14.6	5.6	7.6	11.5	10.7	9.4	9.5	17.8	15.1
55–64 years	9.3	8.9	14.6	13.3	4.2	7.1	11.0	8.8	7.0	7.5	14.9	12.6
65 years and over	4.6	4.2	5.0	4.1	2.8	5.0	4.7	3.4	3.5	4.0	6.9	6.1
65–74 years	5.0	5.0	6.3	5.3	3.4	6.3	6.3	4.6	4.2	4.5	9.0	7.7
75 years and over	4.1	3.4	3.4	2.6	2.0	3.5	2.8	1.9	2.6	3.3	4.3	4.0
18–64 years												
Sex												
Male	9.3	8.8	13.5	12.1	5.1	6.0	8.8	7.5	8.8	9.2	15.2	12.6
Female	12.0	10.6	15.7	14.3	7.4	9.1	13.5	11.1	12.4	11.6	19.4	16.9
Race ⁵												
White only	10.8	9.6	14.5	13.3	5.9	7.2	10.8	9.0	10.6	10.0	17.1	14.6
Black or African American only	10.8	11.3	17.4	14.8	9.5	10.6	15.6	13.2	10.8	12.4	20.7	17.0
American Indian or Alaska Native only	14.5	13.8	*15.7	13.2	*10.1	*14.1	18.6	*8.1	18.8	17.3	23.1	14.8
Asian only	6.3	4.6	8.0	6.9	*2.8	*2.6	4.2	4.5	7.8	7.4	8.7	10.7
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander only	---	*	*	*	---	*	*	*	---	*	*	*
2 or more races	---	16.5	24.0	21.3	---	14.9	16.6	12.5	---	19.0	25.6	21.0
Hispanic origin and race ⁵												
Hispanic or Latino	10.5	9.5	15.4	14.8	6.7	7.9	13.0	11.5	11.5	11.1	21.6	18.3
Mexican	9.7	9.0	15.6	14.6	6.5	8.3	13.5	11.8	11.3	11.9	22.0	18.6
Not Hispanic or Latino	10.7	9.8	14.5	12.9	6.3	7.5	10.9	8.9	10.5	10.3	16.6	14.1
White only	10.9	9.7	14.3	13.0	5.9	7.1	10.3	8.4	10.5	10.0	16.2	13.7
Black or African American only	10.8	11.3	17.5	14.8	9.5	10.7	15.6	13.2	10.8	12.4	20.8	17.0
Education ⁶												
No high school diploma or GED	16.2	14.6	20.6	20.0	11.5	12.9	18.1	16.6	14.5	15.8	26.3	23.7
High school diploma or GED	11.1	11.0	16.1	14.9	7.0	8.9	13.8	10.9	11.4	11.5	20.1	17.0
Some college or more	9.2	8.3	13.4	12.2	4.3	5.7	9.2	7.9	8.8	8.3	14.4	12.6
Percent of poverty level ⁷												
Below 100%	19.6	16.9	23.4	22.4	14.8	15.8	21.5	19.4	19.4	20.1	30.4	26.9
100%–199%	17.9	17.2	24.0	22.3	11.6	14.2	18.4	15.7	18.3	17.7	29.2	25.3
200%–399%	10.5	10.4	15.2	13.2	5.5	7.7	11.4	8.4	10.2	11.1	17.3	13.8
400% or more	4.6	4.4	6.8	5.3	1.7	2.7	3.9	2.9	4.5	4.4	7.0	5.5

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Characteristic	Delayed or did not get needed medical care due to cost ¹				Did not get needed prescription drugs due to cost ²				Did not get needed dental care due to cost ³			
	1997	2002	2010	2012	1997	2002	2010	2012	1997	2002	2010	2012
Hispanic origin and race and percent of poverty level ^{5,7}												
Percent												
Hispanic or Latino:												
Below 100%	14.6	13.5	19.0	19.7	10.6	12.5	18.9	17.1	16.1	17.9	30.5	25.4
100%–199%	12.2	11.1	18.6	17.3	8.1	9.6	14.7	12.9	13.5	12.4	25.2	22.5
200%–399%	8.0	8.0	13.9	12.5	4.4	7.0	11.5	9.3	9.2	9.8	18.1	14.2
400% or more	5.1	5.5	7.7	6.8	*	*2.5	4.6	3.6	4.5	4.8	9.1	6.3
Not Hispanic or Latino:												
White only:												
Below 100%	24.3	18.8	26.1	25.2	17.3	17.2	24.6	21.5	23.4	21.0	31.8	28.6
100%–199%	20.9	20.4	27.6	26.5	12.4	15.9	19.9	16.8	20.6	20.3	31.7	27.3
200%–399%	11.4	11.3	16.0	14.0	5.4	8.0	11.3	8.1	10.6	11.6	18.0	14.2
400% or more	4.6	4.3	6.9	5.3	1.7	2.5	3.8	2.9	4.5	4.2	6.9	5.5
Black or African American only:												
Below 100%	16.1	17.8	24.4	22.1	14.9	18.2	21.1	20.1	14.8	21.4	29.7	25.1
100%–199%	14.3	15.1	22.9	20.3	13.9	14.6	21.3	20.0	16.4	15.1	28.2	24.6
200%–399%	8.8	9.5	14.6	11.4	7.0	7.5	13.7	9.2	8.6	9.4	16.1	12.7
400% or more	4.6	5.4	8.1	5.5	*2.9	5.2	5.6	4.3	4.3	6.6	9.1	6.6
Health insurance status at the time of interview ⁸												
Insured	6.8	5.9	9.1	8.1	3.7	4.8	7.3	6.1	7.2	6.7	11.8	10.2
Private	6.0	5.1	8.2	7.1	2.9	3.7	6.0	4.5	6.2	5.5	9.2	7.4
Medicaid	11.9	11.3	12.5	11.6	11.1	12.0	13.5	12.5	14.8	17.1	24.2	22.8
Uninsured	27.6	26.1	34.5	33.4	18.0	20.1	25.7	22.1	26.1	26.9	37.7	32.8
Health insurance status prior to interview ⁸												
Insured continuously all 12 months	5.5	4.8	7.6	6.6	2.8	3.9	6.2	5.0	6.0	5.7	10.5	8.6
Uninsured for any period up to 12 months	28.7	28.1	35.1	33.0	17.7	20.6	25.1	22.4	25.2	25.6	33.6	32.6
Uninsured more than 12 months	30.6	29.1	35.9	34.7	18.9	21.0	26.2	22.4	28.0	29.3	39.4	34.2
Percent of poverty level and health insurance status prior to interview ^{7,8}												
Below 100%:												
Insured continuously all 12 months	9.4	7.7	10.1	10.2	8.1	8.4	11.4	10.6	10.7	10.7	20.7	17.5
Uninsured for any period up to 12 months	31.9	29.2	36.7	35.1	25.5	27.1	35.7	29.9	31.6	32.9	39.0	37.0
Uninsured more than 12 months	32.4	31.2	38.5	38.1	21.6	25.7	31.5	30.3	29.4	33.3	42.3	39.4
100%–199%:												
Insured continuously all 12 months	9.5	9.1	12.5	11.9	6.0	8.3	11.9	10.7	11.0	11.2	19.7	16.6
Uninsured for any period up to 12 months	33.6	32.3	38.5	38.7	20.5	25.4	26.5	23.7	28.2	26.9	38.9	37.9
Uninsured more than 12 months	30.0	29.7	37.4	35.0	19.5	22.0	26.1	21.2	29.3	28.7	40.7	35.6
200%–399%:												
Insured continuously all 12 months	6.1	5.6	9.5	7.6	2.9	4.5	7.4	5.2	6.8	6.7	11.6	9.1
Uninsured for any period up to 12 months	27.1	28.3	33.7	31.9	14.0	19.3	23.2	19.7	21.6	24.9	32.5	30.6
Uninsured more than 12 months	31.3	27.8	32.4	32.0	17.3	17.7	23.7	17.1	26.5	27.9	36.1	27.5
400% or more:												
Insured continuously all 12 months	3.1	2.8	4.6	3.6	0.8	1.7	2.9	2.0	3.1	2.9	5.2	4.0
Uninsured for any period up to 12 months	20.8	22.3	30.7	23.7	10.7	12.4	14.0	14.4	19.3	19.2	21.6	21.0
Uninsured more than 12 months	25.5	26.3	31.8	30.1	13.5	15.7	16.3	*15.2	23.6	25.3	34.6	30.6

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Disability measure ⁹												
Percent												
Any basic actions difficulty or complex activity limitation	23.3	23.1	28.9	27.9	14.8	17.7	22.6	20.5	19.8	19.8	28.8	26.7
Any basic actions difficulty	24.2	24.0	28.9	29.3	15.3	17.9	23.3	21.0	20.1	19.9	29.2	27.2
Any complex activity limitation	25.7	26.1	30.8	29.0	19.4	22.5	27.3	25.3	23.2	22.5	33.7	30.8
No disability	9.0	8.0	13.2	12.0	3.4	4.3	7.0	5.4	7.5	7.4	13.1	10.5
Geographic region												
Northeast	8.8	8.0	10.2	9.9	4.9	5.6	7.7	7.4	8.9	9.2	12.9	10.2
Midwest	10.5	9.0	14.8	13.5	5.9	7.0	11.6	9.1	9.7	9.8	16.0	13.8
South	11.8	11.2	16.5	14.3	7.3	9.6	13.5	10.7	10.9	10.8	19.6	15.3
West	10.8	9.6	15.1	14.1	6.3	6.5	10.0	9.1	13.1	11.7	18.4	18.5
Location of residence												
Within MSA ¹⁰	10.2	9.1	14.2	12.9	5.9	7.0	10.8	9.0	10.0	9.8	17.0	14.6
Outside MSA ¹⁰	12.5	12.2	17.4	15.3	7.9	9.7	13.6	11.1	12.9	12.8	19.1	15.7

* 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%.

--- Data not available.

¹Based on persons responding to the questions, “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?”

²Based 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?”

³Based 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?”

⁴Includes all other races not shown separately, unknown health insurance status, unknown education level, 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](#).

⁶Estimates are for persons aged 25–64. GED is General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma. See [Appendix II, Education](#).

⁷Percent 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](#).

⁸For information on the health insurance categories, see [Appendix II, Health insurance coverage](#).

⁹Any 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](#).

¹⁰MSA 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 the Excel spreadsheet on the *Health, United States* website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm>.

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, family core, sample child, and sample adult questionnaires. See [Appendix I, National Health Interview Survey \(NHIS\)](#).